

Among Women Parents, Teachers Should Bridge Gap

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The Superintendent of Catholic Schools in the Archdiocese of Milwaukee, Monsignor Gobel, speaking in Chicago at the Midwest Regional meeting of the National Catholic Education Association said in regard to the parent-teacher relationship:

Many forward looking schools have inaugurated Parent-Teacher Conferences. If your school has done so, perhaps you can expand your program during the coming year. If no beginning has been made, there should be one.

It has been observed that some of these parent-teacher conferences have been a source of mutual irritation. . . . not only an opportunity to listen but to be heard. Their likes and dislikes and suggestions, criticisms and complaints should be accepted with courtesy. It is in this way that the gap that exists between the home and the school can be bridged.

"The day when parent participation was confined to social functions, bake sales and money raising is past. . . . Rather we must provide opportunities for the parents and teachers to meet—to hold meetings where both teachers and parents can sit down and learn about the school. They can talk together, work together, and live in harmony."

Parents have much to contribute to teachers and administrators for better understanding and consideration; and the teachers and principals can always remember that Our Blessed Lord had wonderful patience as He taught the heterogeneous disciples gathered around Him. He never said, "Come to me, all ye who will!"

A close cooperation between home and school with its resultant understanding and consideration develops a happy child with his life regulated in accord with Christian virtues.

A DP GETS NEEDED LIFT



Little Lewki Zbigniew, four-year-old Polish DP needed some help to get that cold drink of water at the pier, when he arrived in New York aboard the U. S. Navy Transport General Stewart. Miss Louise Kaciazak, War Relief Services N. Y. C. representative, is giving the extra lift. Lewki, with his parents were brought to America by War Relief Services National Catholic Welfare Conference. They will make their home in Franklin, New Jersey. (NC Photos)

WHAT'S DOING AT THE DALY'S

By MARY TINLEY DALY

Commemoration date. That's what we've been living through at our house. . . . With Pat and Johnny being graduated each from a different university, and Eileen from the eighth grade. . . . It seems as though life is on a festive note after another.

Enough religious training. Amen and so be it — and they went on to Catholic high schools. . . . Again a four year interim while Aunt Agnes turned more or less silently. . . . Once more graduations from high school and plans. . . . "Now surely they'd had all the Catholic training the Church could ask for," she said. "And you must be broadminded enough to send them to the best colleges."

Good Aunt Agnes and Her Graduation Plans

Later, Aunt Agnes was in on a quiet little get-together of some of the graduates. Her hearing isn't as good as it once was — but with the hearing aid pushed to its highest and her alert, birdlike movements, she got around and didn't miss a trick. . . . "YOU KNOW," she said later, "those young people are really — as the expression goes — 'on the ball' There they were, dancing and having a good time, but every now and then they'd talk about what was really important — and it had little to do with making money."

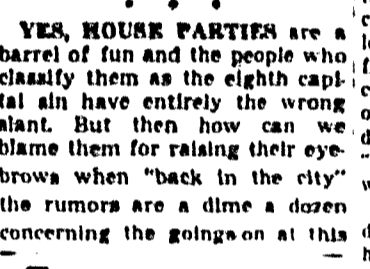
Youth Parade

A House Party Ball—Instead of a Brawl

By MARY SULLIVAN

"No more pencils, no more books and no more teachers' dirty looks." School's out, exams are over and now graduation itself is almost a thing of the past. . . . This calls for a real celebration and the only due celebration a bunch of kids can settle for is a house party — a rollicking fun-packed house party at some secluded spot where people won't complain about our songs, our laughter or the weird smelling fumes from our inexperienced kitchen staff.

In other words, it is possible for a house party, even a very quiet one to be talked about and end up with shady reputation. . . . Sometimes the talk is just unfounded gossip and that's unfortunate for a particular house party group. . . . There's only one way to beat the whole problem. That's by making sure that the conduct of the kids on your house party is completely moral and gossip-proof. Don't give people the chance to talk.



Mary Sullivan

Instead brush up on house party etiquette before you take off for the lake. . . . THE REASON most house parties go berserk nowadays is because somehow we have come to look at them as an escape hatch from everything civilized and conventional. We're free, on our own and things that we don't do at home become perfectly "legit" on a house party or so we imagine.

home, she wouldn't want, or be able to have four or five fellows sitting around her living room until the sun came up. . . . The shutters on the cottage don't make any difference, so let's get up enough courage and principle to shag them out but early. . . . OUR BATHS are all packed and we're off but before we leave let's just remember that we can have a ball without a brawl. Can't you have a lot of fun when you know you can tell others about your fun and not have to hush it up? (Concurs, here we come!)

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CAME THAT first summer and our first real fluff with Aunt Agnes. . . . Patricia and John have been with the religious song enough. Aunt Agnes said it's time to put them in really smart schools and I have it all planned. Made a down payment, in fact. . . . Pat, it seemed, was to go to Miss Somebody — or other's school and Johnny to a millitary academy, non-sectarian. "Sorry, Aunt Agnes," the head of the House said, "but we don't think they've had

"THINK OF the contacts they'll make," she said. "We are thinking of it," the Head of the House had said. "They'll be meeting Catholic students and while they're getting scholastic training it will be a Catholic environment." . . . We shared them with Aunt Agnes all we could, but after all we do believe that the richness of the Catholic faith should be learned right along to the utmost of the child's capacity as he grows in judgment and learning ability. . . . And now, here was Aunt Agnes attending two grad-

Finally came Eileen's graduation and again we were all there, including Aunt Agnes. . . . The Head of the House and I awaited Aunt Agnes' inevitable plan — to send Eileen to Miss Somebody — or — other's school. . . . "I do hope," Aunt Agnes said on our way home, "that you've entered Eileen in a Catholic high school!" . . . "One of the finest," we reassured her. "Three months ago we registered Eileen at Georgetown Visitation Convent. . . ."

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