

DOINGS AT THE DALY'S

Movie-Mag Marriage

By Mary Tinley Daly

What do your teenagers and ours read? In school they read the finest. Outside recommended reading brings them into contact with splendid works -- by some standards considered "good" and under-standable. Yet in their recreational moments in the corner drugstore they pick up stepped-up versions of the same sort of thing we moomed over. "Real life" stories of movie stars' "Easy" reading? Of course just cooked-up publicity blurbs -- but with an insidious message. The "how-to-be beautiful" stuff is innocuous enough. But the personal lives of the glamorous ones -- that's where there is trouble.

The comics, upon which an effective wage is being waged, are bad enough. Superman wrapping himself in a cloak and jumping out of a window -- hazardous for a year-old. Equally hazardous for teenagers are the "intimate glimpses" of their silver-screen heroes and heroines.

TAKE AN "Easy" as this. I've never been able to consider marriage practical, writes a star embarking on marriage with her fourth husband. "I'm still enough of a child to believe it is the most exciting, romantic, loving-giving relationship. You can be practical about everything in the world but love."

That gets them, with just the modicum of truth that love is not too practical.

Asked whether this fourth marriage would last, La Glamour answered: "You can work out a long-range plan in business or anything else. Marriage is the only thing in life you can't plan on. You always hope it will last."

And we are supposed to impress on our children the permanence of marriage. The meat-and-potatoes kind of marriage they see in their own homes would look mighty uninteresting if they stopped to compare it with the she's-always-a-challenge and he'll always-be-a-playboy-at-heart type they read about.

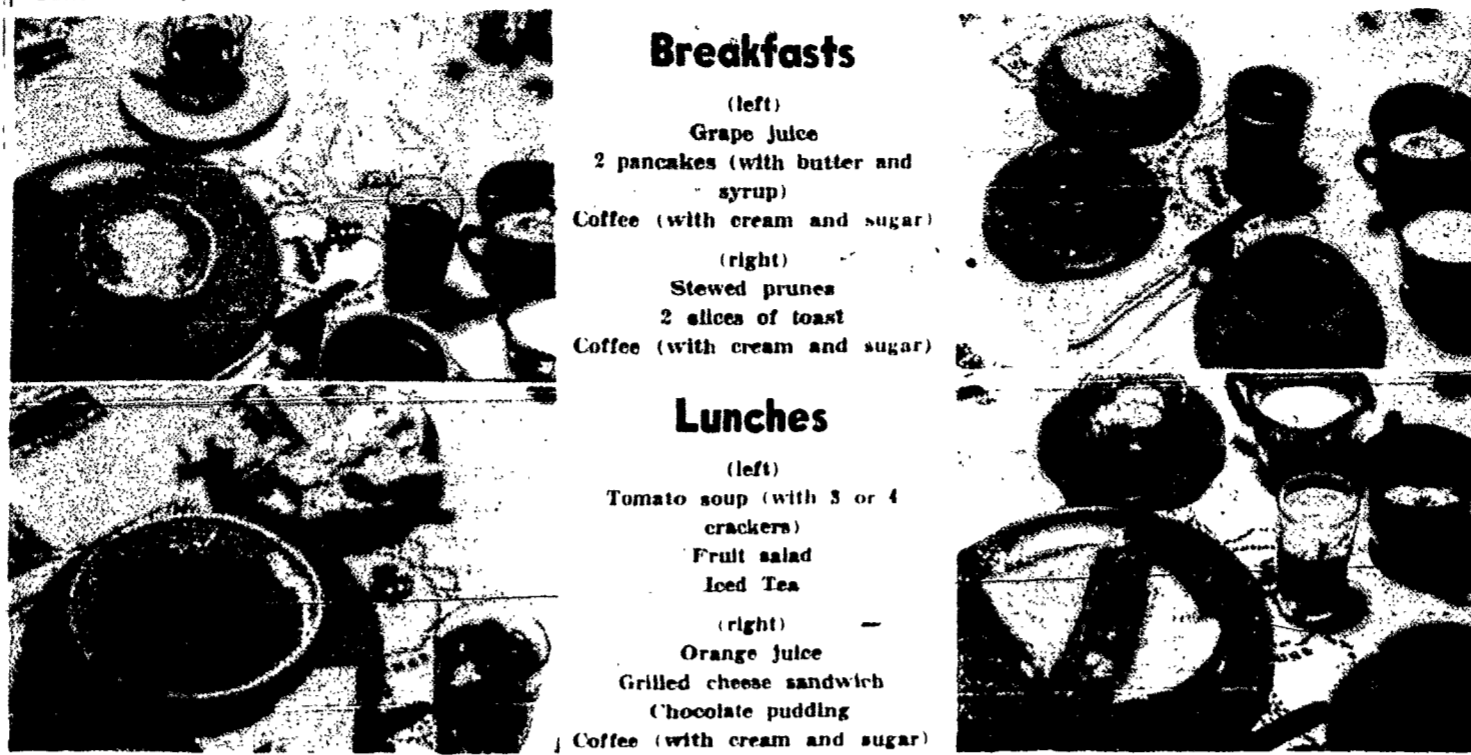
The very fact that they take for granted the marriages they know best, and can count on the security of a stable home and family relationship, is over half the battle. "Everlasting" this sort of thing is not wholesome reading. It has its effect.

AS OUR children grow more mature, they will, of course, be less and less impressed by the movie magazine versions of marriage. But, right now, when same people who on the eve of their matrimonial nuptials are trying to instill into their impressionable minds the beauty of the Sacrament of Matrimony and the necessity for its permanence, we're encountering a very heavily armed opposition in these clovingly sweet "Real Life Stories."

They are as much standard equipment in beauty parlors as the dryers -- and possibly they do little harm there -- or do they do harm wherever they are read?

How Much Can You Eat At Lenten Fast Meals?

Lenten Regulations allow one full meal each day and "two other meatless meals, sufficient to maintain strength." No exact limit is put on these meals, except that "together they should not equal another full meal." Meals which fulfill this spirit are pictured here. (Courtesy of The Catholic Standard.)



Breakfasts

- (left) Grape juice 2 pancakes (with butter and syrup) Coffee (with cream and sugar)
- (right) Stewed prunes 2 slices of toast Coffee (with cream and sugar)

Lunches

- (left) Tomato soup (with 3 or 4 crackers) Fruit salad Iced Tea
- (right) Orange juice Grilled cheese sandwich (Chocolate pudding) Coffee (with cream and sugar)

AMONG WOMEN

View On Parents' Night

By Mary Lennon Snyder

Parents' Night is a peculiar and wonderful aspect of American education which over the years has been privileged to see as a student, as a teacher, and now as a parent.



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But a delightful experience is awaiting for those parents who do attend the Parents' Night. The meeting of so many other parents, the inspection of the classroom and of the work on display, and most important of all, the conference with the teacher gives an intangible sense of belonging, of oneness with the other parents and the school which can not but figure in all future considerations of the school and the child.

As I mentioned earlier in this column, I have played a personal part in many Parents' Nights and in varying degrees can honestly say that I have profited by each experience. I have also attended some of these affairs as a guest speaker. One of the most delightful of this sort was a Father's Night where the sixth grade presented their work with a welcome whimsy.

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But to me the most interesting part of the display centered around an individual touch. Neatly taped to the back of each seat was a self portrait of the student who occupied the seat during the daytime class. Considerable personality was revealed in these representations and the teacher with whom I talked said that many of them were remarkable likenesses.

Those who did not have the creative ability or skill to reproduce a reasonable portrait of themselves had contented themselves by doing the best they could with the face and then spending a considerable time sketching in the clothing.

IN THAT particular classroom those parents who refused to attend Parents' Night as a silent protest against imagined wrongs or injustices of the school. This I believe is one of the greatest mistakes a parent can make: for he is, either deliberately, or subconsciously siding against authority and is supporting the child's maladjustment to the school -- whether it be open rebellion, frustration, or a persecution complex.

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should know that their failure to attend such functions is generally interpreted by the school as an indication of parental lack of concern over the school child's performance.

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St. Salome Scouts

Attend Breakfast

Girl Scouts and Brownies sponsored by the Mothers Club of St. Salome Parish held a Communion breakfast following the Mass at Mass March 18. The Rev. Edward J. Eschrich pastor, and the Rev. Vincent LeFrais, assistant, were guests.

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With due reverence, our Holy Father is a teen-age Pontiff. Seventeen years ago in March, he was elevated to the supreme dignity of Vicar of Christ -- representative of God here upon earth. In his recent Lenten Message, he emphasized the great importance of our American youth who by prayer and sacrifices have so valiantly supported the needy children of the world. Once again our Holy Father calls upon our youth to rally to the colors -- to the standard of the HOLY CHILD, in the Tekran, capital of Iran, the Sisters of St. Zita, are straining under the pressure of adversity. They must nourish and house countless poor little hapless innocent victims. \$5.00 will BUILD a much needed PHRANAGE. \$1.00 will FURNISH it. \$15 a month will maintain ONE ORPHAN. Teen-agers, you are Apostles; you are givers. Mobilize for the Christ Child! Teachers, Parents, Youth, and Young of Heart, please come to the aid of these abandoned suffering children. Redeem them as your LENTEN SACRIFICE.

HELP THE HOLY FATHER HELP OTHERS.

SORROWFUL MOTHER
"At the cross her station keeping; stood the mournful Mother weeping; close to Jesus to the last." Yes, the Sorrowful Mother was faithful and loving to the bitter end. How appropriate now, during this Holy Season of Lent, to place a STATUE of the SORROWFUL MOTHER in one of our poor Missions. \$10 will furnish one. Perhaps it will soothe the sword-like anguish, sorrow, or fear piercing some poor mother's broken heart.

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