

ENGAGEMENT ANNOUNCED Mr. and Mrs. Harold Walker, McFarlin St., announced the engagement of their daughter, Dianne, to George Sawdye, son of Mr. and Mrs. Linus Sawdye, Sheppard Rd., Spencerport. An August wedding is planned.

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Miss Ruth Louise Ehmann, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Benedict A. Ehmann, Howard St., and Joseph Bonjorno, son of Mrs. Anthony Bonjorno, Devon Rd., and the late Mr. Bonjorno, were married Nov. 24 in St. Boniface Church, Rochester.

The Rev. Benedict A. Ehmann, pastor of St. Mary of the Lake Church, Watkins Glen, and brother of the bride, officiated at the nuptial ceremony.

Mrs. Bertrand D. Ehmann was matron of honor and Mrs. Robert W. DeJoy was bridesmaid.

Best man was Bertrand D. Ehmann, brother of the bride, and ushers were James J. Ehmann, brother of the bride, and Robert W. DeJoy.

Geneva Nurses List Christmas Dinner, Party

Geneva — Geneva Chapter, Catholic Nurses, will hold a Christmas dinner and party at 7 p. m. Wednesday, Dec. 5, at Sacone's, 93 Seneca St.

Miss Isabelle Simon is chairman of the event. Reservations will be accepted until Dec. 1. An entertainment program is being arranged for the occasion.

Members will bring articles of warm clothing suitable for a layette which will be presented for a needy infant. This is being done in honor of Christ's birthday. Nurses may also bring a gift to exchange.

Gyrating Howler 'A fast buck' adds up to over a half million in one year — a profitable 'fad.'



Terrorized Hungarian Children? No. Elvis Presley has just started his antics. A LIFE photographer has caught a glimpse of the Presley reaction in youngsters of a two-hour 'jam session' in Jacksonville. This is the 'impad' of Elvis Presley.

What Shall I Do Now?

Elvis Presley Craze Plagues Parents, Spoils Courier Writer's Holiday Dinner

By ROBERT SMETT Courier-Journal Staff Writer

Elvis Presley is a fad. Currently, he is a young singer whose voice has been accredited highly by such various show people as Ed Sullivan, Ring Crosby and Marguerite Piazza.

He has also been called "cheap," "tawdry" and "downright obscene."

The National Legion of Decency has given Presley's film, "Love Me Tender," a Class B (Objectable in Part for All) rating. Noted objection is "suggestive actions and salacious language."

Last week the Courier-Journal office was flooded by telephone calls asking the Legion of Decency to be shown at a first movie, "Love Me Tender," currently being shown at downtown Rochester movie house.

As rarely happens, the national office of the Legion in New York was tardy in forwarding the classification to our office. It did not arrive until Friday noon.

THIS WAS especially unfortunate since the Thanksgiving holidays were upon us. Twice during the traditional holiday dinner at our house and once during the traditional post-dinner nap, this writer was called to the telephone to be asked the classification of the Presley film. The callers who intruded on our holiday were not youngsters but mothers!

On Friday morning here at the Courier-Journal office, the phone calls continued incessantly. We are more than happy to give this service to our readers, but all we were able to say was that the classification on the Presley film had not yet been received from New York.

And the mothers were so upset by our lack of information. Most of them moaned: "What shall I do now? The children are home for the day. They want to go to the movies."

It seems to us that these apparently concerned parents might take a little initiative in matters as controversial in general as entertainment and controversial in particular as Presley.

Presley enjoys a rather dissipated look, blue jeans, long sideburns, a sometimes morose expression, a guitar. And here he gets the Presley rumpus. He does not simply stand in front of the milk and sing.

His body contortions or gyrations up to now have been exclusive to the burlesque runway or the dive-type nightclub. Because of this, even the press has stamped Presley with more than one severe epithet.

JACK GOULD summed it up in his New York Times column a few weeks ago when he said: "To resort to the world's oldest theatrical come-on just to make a fast buck... is cheap and tawdry stuff."

Monignor John S. Kennedy, editor of the Hartford Catholic Transcript, says that Presley's "one apparent accomplishment is in the line of leering, smirking, spastic suggestiveness."

Life magazine (Aug. 27) gives this reaction to Presley: "He does not just bounce to accent his heavy beat. He uses a bump and grind routine usually seen only in burlesque. His young audiences, unexposed to such goings-on, do not just shout their approval. They get set off by shock waves of hysteria, going into frenzies of screaming and wailing, winding up in tears."

In Miami, one newspaper columnist called Presley's performance "obscene" in Jacksonville. He was threatened with jail.

A review on "Love Me Tender" in a local daily reminds us of Alexander Pope's "damning with faint praise" line. Hamilton Allen writes in the Rochester Times-Union (Nov. 23): "Young Elvis does a pretty fair job in an undemanding role."

Allen further reported on "Love Me Tender": "Presley's noted gymnastic delivery is watered down by the ribbon dimensions of the Cinema-Scope screen, only a few scenes displaying the full-length gyrating Elvis and those necessarily are long shots."

The not-so-kind reviewer of the New York Daily News labeled "Love Me Tender" as "a horse opera with the heavens" and Presley as the film's "most nauseating" element.

THIS BLUNT condemnation of the alleged Presley art by critics who hardly can be called prudish is almost unanimous. So, naturally we are shocked when mothers ask us: Is it all right to send the kids to see "Love Me Tender"?

The Legion of Decency has condemned the Presley movie as "objectionable in part for all." But even if the film had been approved with an A-1 rating we still question the wisdom of exposing youngsters to an idol as questionable in his conduct as Mr. Presley.

We have seen hooded cobras that had their moments of apparent innocence but no parent in her right mind would give one as a pet to her youngsters.

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"Baking powder?" she asked, scanning the recipe. "What's baking powder?"

Good heavens! A girl 11 years old and not knowing what baking powder is! And Ginny, of all people, who has been around us as we've baked? Come to think of it, for quite some time now, all cakes have been mixes out of boxes, the biscuits have been from a mix — same thing for waffles, sponobread, cornbread, pancakes... and muffins!

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So we pointed out to Ginny the baking powder, explained its function, told her about all-purpose flour and all the rest.

Ginny set to work on the muffins. "Do not overbeat," she read the directions. "Means you put it on low speed on the mixer?" (Come to think of it, using an electric mixer isn't exactly doing it the primitive way.)

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Christmas Benefit Card Party Listed Parents Club of Most Precious Blood Parish will sponsor its annual Christmas card party on Saturday, Dec. 8 in the hall on Stenson St. Proceeds will go into the church Christmas fund to provide a Christmas party for children of the parish on Dec. 23.

The public is invited. Refreshments will be served at the card party. Table prizes will be awarded.

Hostesses for the card party will be Mesdames Alice Sidoti, chairman; Mary Del Gaioto, Mary Galletto, James Pillitore and Sally Cannioto.

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DOINGS AT THE DALY'S Novitiate Culinary

By Mary Tinley Daly

There are some little boys now in the 6th, 7th and 8th grades who, some years from now, will be spared indigestion pangs caused by "bride's biscuits" and the like, thanks to Girl Scout cooking badges currently being acquired by those brides-of-the-future.

Cooking for a husband is, of course, completely absent from the consciousness of the sixth-graders. Getting the cookery badge is the prime goal. First, they work their way through the first step: "Prepare cocoa with three kinds of milk and decide which kind you prefer" and "Prepare muffins."

The cocoa — all three versions of it — were accomplished during the week-end when Ginny's 3-year-old niece, Lu Anne was a willing consultant and taster.

Carefully Ginny leveled off the 4 tablespoons of cocoa, mixed it with a like amount of sugar and with a teaspoon of salt, cooked and stirred it before adding the milk. During Lu Anne's two-day visit, she and Ginny made their cocoa with fresh milk, then powdered, then evaporated.

"Mommy makes hot hot chocolate and cold hot chocolate for us," Lu Anne volunteered, "but all she does is put a spoonful of this (she'd spotted our instant mix) into a glass of milk. We don't have to wait like we do when Ginny makes it."

"Wait till she's a 'girl cop,'" Ginny laughed. "Then she'll find out that you gotta be scientific about these things — make 'em from scratch."

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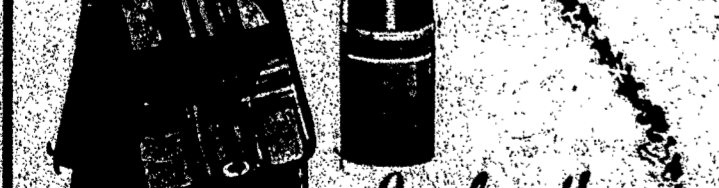
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Advent Wreath

By Mary Lennon Snyder

Since several people have called to ask for prayers to be recited when the Advent Wreath is displayed in the home, I shall supply them today.

On the Saturday evening before the First Sunday of Advent, the entire family should gather around the wreath for the blessing of the wreath by the father. The following formula may be used.

Father: Our help is in the name of the Lord. All: Who hath made heaven and earth.

Father: Let Us Pray, O God, by whose word all things are sanctified, pour forth thy blessing upon this wreath, and grant that we who use it may prepare our hearts for the coming of Christ and may receive through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen. THE WREATH is then sprinkled with Holy water.

During the first week of the four candles on the wreath is lighted by the youngest child and left burning during the evening meal. Prior to the lighting of the candle the following prayer is recited.

Father: O Lord, stir up Thy might, we beg Thee and come, that by Thy protection we may escape the dangers of our sins and saved by Thy deliverance, Through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen. During the second week the eldest child lights two candles which are allowed to burn as before. The prayer to be recited during the second week follows:

Father: O Lord, stir up Thy might, we beg Thee and come, and enlighten the darkness of our minds by the grace of Thy visitation, Through Christ our Lord.

Superiors Of Nuns Hear Cardinal At Conference

Chicago (NC) — "Scholarship dissociated from sanctity is sterile," Cardinal Stritch, Archbishop of Chicago, told nearly 250 superiors of nuns' congregations at their first conference here last Saturday.

Mother Mary Magdalene, mother general of the Sisters of Mercy in Rochester attended the conference.

The meeting was held at the request of the Sacred Congregation of the Affairs of Religious

IN HIS ADDRESS, Cardinal Stritch said: "In every one of your constitutions there is a first phrase and that is that your congregation exists for the sanctification of its members."

The Cardinal added it would be a mistake to think that religious do not have the obligation of guiding others to God. He stated: "We must remember this today: that scholarship itself is fine; scholarship in the Church is a great means for good, but scholarship when dissociated from sanctity is sterile in the Church."

When associated with sanctity it has the sort of thing that came into the life of St. Thomas, St. Bonaventure, St. Ambrose — the great fathers of the Church."

The conference was organized on a regional basis with a national executive committee as a unifying bond. Six regional groups were set up in the country, these will hold annual meetings, reporting procedures to the national committee. The national conference will be held every 5 years.

Mother Mary Mauries, mother general of the Sisters of Mercy of the Union from Bethesda, Md., was appointed chairman of the eastern regional group.

Rev. Mother Catherine, mother general of the Sisters of Charity spoke at the general meeting on "The Organization of Religious Throughout the World." Other speakers were Rev. Mother Mary Eucharista, C.S.J. of St. Louis and Rev. Mother Kathryn Marie, mother general of the Holy Cross Sisters.

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