

Making Marriage Click

Fun Shared Is Doubled

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It was Father Daniel Lord who used to say that the most important period in everybody's life is the time when they are doing nothing, for it is generally this time which determines whether one is going to heaven or heading for the other place. The rest of the time people are so busy that they have no opportunity to get in the way of mischief.

The American man today lives in a system which is the most crushing that has ever been devised.

SOME ARE beginning to meet themselves coming back from meetings. Many now have meetings at breakfast—the only free hour left. Many are getting up in their sleep to attend meetings. Men go to work and struggle and struggle under pressure.

Our hearts naturally go out to them.



Monsignor DeBlanc

Have you ever tried to follow a good salesman? Sometimes at the end of the day a man like that might manage to sink into the quicksand of an easy chair and almost literally collapse. Some manage to park their brains in front of a TV but that is as far as they can go.

FAITHFUL mothers in their kitchens and keeping house are especially bound for heaven. They too are subjected to incessant, hammering noises. Never is there a moment when there is not something beating on their eardrums.

THE COMPETITION now for young people's leisure time is terrible. So many of them are fidgety acrobats, or contortionists. At a time when they should be stacking their minds with everything they will need in later years they are deeply absorbed in Lili Abner or Prince Valiant—that is, if they are reading at all.

Comics do not satisfy the child's mind. Another reason why parents should read to their youngsters.

Some schools now are teaching courses in the use of leisure time! St. Louis University has six courses on this subject. Most youngsters, however, will have to teach them their parents to teach them the value of leisure and that's the way it should be.

But if parents teach their youngsters they must first themselves enjoy life together. Joy shared is doubled, suffering shared is halved. When parents enjoy their leisure time together, the children will quickly join them.

It was not an uncommon youngster who complained: "Father, do you expect me to stay home in a house where mother and dad hardly ever talk, where when we talk nobody pays attention?"

After a man has been married a few years he hesitates to tell a funny story inside the family. He comes home with the most uproarious story and springs it on his wife. She barely looks at him except to ask, "Did you pay the doctor bill?" Whereupon the poor fellow goes in another room and almost shoots himself, or wishes he had before he told the story.

Naturally, the children will think, "Aw, gee, they don't love each other. They are bored with each other, what a home!" Home then should not be a feeling station, sleeping rooms, a postal address.

It is a place to exercise love, a place to have fun, a place for laughter together, but it will never be what it should be unless it starts with the parents.

Distresses sweetened by Heaven's interference, and by the affectionate wisdom of a true pastor; and comedy sweetened the same way.

This book goes off incoherent like a good umbrella, but almost at once shows up again, because it demands to be shared. Fray Chavez is writer, painter, ex-Army chaplain who was on Guam and in the Philippines, preacher of missions in Spanish and pastor of various Indian missions, and friends of that other conquistador of Southwestern character, Paul Horgan.

In fact, this little volume is dedicated to Paul Horgan: "This retablo for Pablo." (Paul Horgan is to have a countrywide hearing this month as Narrator for the four TV Catholics Hours on Rome.)

Very good reading. Even if oil-wells don't often gush up in a vacant lot owned by the parish, it's nice to know how it would feel.

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Economist

New President of the Catholic Economic Association, is Dr. Charles J. Walsh, associate professor of economics, Fordham University. Dr. Walsh has held numerous Government assignments including posts with the State Department, and the U.S. Information Agency.

Paulist Fathers Reelect Superior

New York — (NC) Father William A. Michell, C.S.P., was elected for a second term as Superior General of the Paulist Fathers in a general chapter held at the society headquarters here.

Father Michell, born in Canada and ordained to the priesthood in 1927, has served one term in the society's highest office, starting in 1952. His second term is for six years.

BOOK SHELF

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Mariological Society Officers

Dayton, Ohio—(NC)—New officers of the Mariological Society of America, meeting here are: Father Armand Robichaud, S.M., of Framingham, Mass., treasurer; Father Eamon Carroll, O. Carm., Washington, D.C., president; Father Walter J. Burghardt, S.J., Woodstock, Md., vice president and Father Juniper B. Carol, O.F.M., Paterson, N.J., secretary.

Negro Convert Joins State High Court

New York — (NC) — Supreme Court Justice Harold A. Stevens was formally inducted here as an associate justice of the New York State Appellate Division, First Department.

A convert to Catholicism, Justice Stevens is the first Negro in the state to hold such a high judicial office.

Justice Stevens said his mother and her father, a retired minister turned business man who schooled the future jurist in poetry, music, history and biography, were the two greatest influences in his life.

BORN 50 YEARS ago on a 1,000-acre farm owned by his father on Johns Island, S.C., across the bay from Charleston, Justice Stevens moved to Columbia with his mother and three older brothers after his father's death. He was only 3 at the time.

THE INDUCTION ceremony took place in the New York City home of Gov. Averell Harriman. Justice Stevens, with his wife looking on, received from the Governor his certificate of designation.

It marked another "first" in the already impressive list accumulated by the 59-year-old jurist. Graduated from Boston College law school, and he is the first negro named to the General Sessions and Supreme Court benches.

ASKED ABOUT his appointment to the Appellate Division, the second highest court in the state, ranking just below the Court of Appeals, Justice Stevens replied:

"There really isn't much reaction, unless it is a feeling of great gratitude—not for some-

town behind an automobile, shot down and mutilated.

"There was no voice of protest raised," Justice Stevens recalled. "Then I was inspired to study law—because it was our best bet to eliminate things like this."

Trying to eliminate such things has been a part of his life ever since.

IN 1938, two years after his graduation from law school and his decision to move to New York, Justice Stevens was married to the former Ella Myers, whom he had known since grade school days.

Since his conversion, Justice Stevens has been active in the lay work of his Church. Both Fordham University and Boston College have honored him with honorary doctorates of law for his interracial activities, and Pope Pius has presented him with the "Pro Ecclesia et Pontifice" medal.

The incident that turned him to the study of law occurred when he was a student at the Benedict (S.C.) College. A Negro woman and her two brothers accused of the murder of a sheriff were dragged from the county jail at Alken, towed through

Holy Father's Prayer For Catholic Teachers

Vatican City — (NC) — The following prayer was composed by Pope Pius XII for Catholic teachers:

WORD INCARNATE, TEACHER of teachers, Our most amiable Jesus, You who deigned to come into the world to show men the way to heaven with Your infinite wisdom and inexhaustible goodness, in Your kindness hear the humble supplications of those who following in Your footsteps, would be Catholic teachers worthy of the name, showing to souls the sure paths that lead to You and through You to eternal happiness.

Give us light, not only to avoid the snags and pitfalls of error, but also that we may penetrate truth, especially in those things where Your divine simplicity is reflected, so that we may acquire that light of clarity in which that which is the most essential becomes the most simple, and therefore the most adapted to the intelligence even of children.

Visit us with the help of Your creative spirit, so that we may be able to teach the doctrines of the Faith properly, as we have received the mandate to do.

GIVE US VIRTUE, THAT we may adapt ourselves to the yet immature minds of those who follow us, to encourage their fresh and beautiful energies, to understand their defects and to support their restlessness.

Give us the grace to make ourselves small without abandoning our position of duty, in imitation of You, O Lord, who made Yourself as one of us without leaving the most high throne of Your divinity.

But above all, fill us with Your spirit of love: love for You, only and good Master, that we may imitate ourselves in Your holy service; love for our profession, that we may see it as a most noble vocation and not as a common employment; love for our sanctification, as the principal source of our labor and our apostolate; love for truth, so that we may never deliberately depart from it; love for souls, which we must mold and model to the true and the good, love for our students, to make them exemplary citizens and faithful sons of the Church; love for our beloved youth and children, with true paternal feelings, more elevated, more conscious and more pure in its natural simplicity.

AND YOU, MOST HOLY MOTHER, under whose loving care the young Jesus grew in wisdom and grace, be our intercessor before your divine Son, and obtain for us the abundance of heavenly graces, to the end that our work may rebound to His honor and glory, who with the Father and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns for ever and ever. Amen.

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