

### Making Marriage Click

## Use Your Leisure Wisely

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To be able to fill leisure time intelligently may be one of the last great products of civilization. For outside of religion what we learn about the use of leisure time is going to influence our lives more than anything else we learn.

Leisure time must not become a lost time. Like the food we eat we may not notice it, but it certainly affects us. When wise old sages retire it is rather like an auto re-tiring for a long mileage still ahead. It does not mean being shelved or put into a junk yard.



Monsignor DeBlanc

WHEN FOLKS rust out, it is mainly because they have never learned what to do with their free time.

It may all start with an incident as frequent and symbolic as the following: A boy and girl go to an everyday restaurant.

They sit down together.

He says to her: "What do you want?" She says, "oh! They both wait. He says to her, "Do you want anything to eat?" "Yes," she answers, "a hamburger and a coke."

They lapse into a silence so thick you could spread it on toast.

They gaze at each other. She powders her nose. He flicks out a cigarette, pounds it expertly and lights it.

SILENCE CAN, however, be good if it is creative and active. Sacred Scripture says, "Be still and see that I am God." Aristotle wrote that "leisure is the center point about which everything revolves."

The saints show us again and again that real closeness with God is attained only when God is sought out in silence and stillness.

It was because of leisurely contemplation that Chesterton could write in his Notebook, "Praised be to God for all the sides of life: for friends, lovers, art, literature, knowledge, humor, politics and for the little red cloud away there in the west."

Where will we learn what leisure is and how to use it if not at home? The art of communication is an important

element in the right use of leisure time. This also leads to friendship and to love.

We have a great deal of laughing, jostling, back-slapping in this country, but so little friendship, so — so very much — loneliness. Knowing how to communicate with others could give us the deep insights we need for friendship.

Anyone who has an awareness of the needs of others enjoys the most ennobling experience known to man, save that of divine grace. Again this can all best be taught at home. And parents do not need to be Doctors of Philosophy to do so.

They must first get the children into frequent contact with others their own age.

One of the many simple devices for this could be something as ordinary as teaching them the right use of cards. Maybe a simple game like Old Maid or Casino. They can also promote hobbies like photography, chess, phonograph records, stamp collecting, and so on. They can teach that music and art are a language — a wonderful language.

European immigrants to the states have recently amazed us. Though in their native lands they were simple plumbers or shoemakers, here they are among the first to buy opera tickets, to visit art exhibits and museums.

Wise parents had taught them to use leisure time as a means of becoming more aware of their own needs and the needs of others.

### School Conducts

#### Parents Retreats

South San Gabriel, Calif. — (NC) — Don Bosco Technical High School here has initiated one-day retreats for parents.

Mothers of 91 freshmen, half the class total, attended the first retreat. Fathers of freshmen are scheduled for the next retreat. Salesian Father Felix Penna said retreats would be held for parents of pupils in all classes.

## Post Office Pushes Fight Against Smut

Washington, D.C. — (RNS) — The Post Office Department will continue to deny mailing privileges to magazines which exploit obscenity. Abe McGregor, Goff's general counsel, said here.

Mr. Goff said that while recent U.S. Supreme Court decisions will handicap the department where nudist magazines and homosexual publications are concerned, he has received direct instructions from Postmaster General Arthur E. Summerfield to continue prosecuting "filth and smut."

THE DEPARTMENT will keep a close watch on nudist periodicals and will institute new proceedings to deny them use of the mails at any time that government attorneys "feel they can make a case that the publications are presenting sex in a manner 'appealing to prurient interest,' Mr. Goff said.

At the same time, Mr. Goff added, the department will make greater use of its second powerful weapon—denial of second class mail privilege to publications that do not meet "accepted community standards of decency."

Involved in the recent Supreme Court test was only the Post Office Department's right to refuse use of the mails to magazines, and the court's evident disagreement that the magazines were "obscene."

MAGAZINES MUST be approved for entry into second class in order to gain the advantage of subsidized mail rates. Publications denied second class entry must pay first class postage which greatly increases their circulation costs.

Postal officials for some time have been quietly turning down second class applications from ribald "men's magazines" and from some nudist periodicals. Thus far, no court tests have resulted, the publishers evidently feeling that they had little chance to persuade a federal court to force the Post Office to grant them second class privileges.

"We are not going to relax in our enforcement efforts wherever we feel that there is commercial exploitation of sex," Mr. Goff promised.

He added that "the support of church groups in our enforcement drive will be of great assistance."



### First Mass On Atomic Sub

New London, Conn. — (NC) — First Mass celebrated on a nuclear-powered submarine, while submerged, is offered by Father Donald F. Kelly, naval chaplain. The Mass was celebrated on the USS Seawolf, and attended by officers and enlisted men from the Naval Air Force, Quonset Point, R.I.; and the U.S. Naval Submarine Base, New London, Conn.

## Rockets Can Be Bombs, Chemists Warn Youths

Washington — (NC) — Amateur rocketeers have been warned here not to be carried away by their experiments, because these rockets could be bombs.

A joint statement signed by all nine faculty members of the departments of chemistry and chemical engineering of the Catholic University of America sounded a warning to youthful investigators in the field of science and to their teachers.

"IN RECENT weeks our attention has been caught by the occurrence of several tragic accidents involving youths who were attempting to build or launch home-made rockets," the statement said.

"As a group of professional chemists we believe it is in the public interest to bring to the attention of parents and even educators, where the latter are concerned, the extreme hazards involved in this type of experiment.

"Any mixture of substances which is usable as a rocket fuel is for that very reason also capable of being dangerously explosive.

"WHETHER A device will function as a rocket or become a bomb depends on a complicated and delicate balance of factors in the design of the container and the propellant. Amateurs do not usually have sufficient control or knowledge of the factors governing the rate of burning of the propellant to be reasonably confident that the proper balance has been achieved.

"We strongly urge parents whose youngsters are interested in this type of experiment to refuse to permit them to handle the fuel components or to attempt launching, except in the presence of and under the immediate supervision of an expert."

### Layman Writes

#### Meditation Book

Milwaukee — (NC) — An unusual meditation book in which Christ appears to be addressing the reader, showing him what it means to be "Christ's other self" in modern times, has just been published.

Written by Clarence J. Enzler of Bethesda, Md. former feature editor of the N.C.W.C. News Service, and now with the U.S. Department of Agriculture, the book, "My Other Self" is published by Bruce Publishing Company here.

### Daily Mass Calendar

Sunday, January 26 — Third Sunday after Epiphany (green), Gloria, 2nd prayer of St. Polycarp, Creed, Trinity Preface.

Monday, January 27 — St. John Chrysostom, bishop (white), Gloria, Creed.

Tuesday, January 28 — St. Peter Nolasco, confessor (white), Gloria, 2nd prayer of St. Agnes.

Wednesday, January 29 — St. Francis de Sales, bishop (white), Gloria, Creed.

Thursday, January 30 — St. Martina, martyr (red), Gloria, VR.

Friday, January 31 — St. John Bosco, confessor (white), Gloria.

Saturday, February 1 — St. Ignatius, martyr (red), Gloria; or First Saturday Mass in honor of the Immaculate Heart of Mary (white), Gloria, Creed at High Mass only. Preface of our Lady.

\* omitted at High Mass. VR Votive or Requiem permitted.

### BOOK SHELF

### Street Of Riches

Sr. Margaret Teresa, Nazareth College

"Street of Riches (Rue Deschambault)," a novel by Gabrielle Roy, Harcourt Brace '57, 216 pp. \$3.95. At all bookstores.

Canada's leading Catholic novelist turns in "Street of Riches" to the alluring and difficult terrain of her own childhood, and tries with honesty and artistry to recreate it. Memory has already transformed that world, she declares; now she transposes events, even transfigures them, she hopes. The result is not just her childhood, but childhood.

ALL THE DELIGHTFUL in consequence, the fine perceptions embodied each in some particular small, highly colored moment of time, the promise of mature charity or wisdom or courage flashing briefly in the midst of happy irresponsibility—all these are here, in the framework of Canadian provincial life.

What Undset did in "The Longest Years," Mickiewicz in "Pan Tadeusz," Dickens and Twain and many another, Gabrielle Roy has done in a way sure to please her three audiences, Canada, Paris, and the U.S.A.

Papa was a government agent in charge of those vexatious Russian settlers, the Dukhobors, likely at any time to burn up their houses and clothing in order to start again just as God put them into the world. He had some comfort-loving White Russian Ruthenians to offset them, thank goodness.

He was freed and enlarged in his distant work only to come home a weary, nervous night owl, given to essence-of-coffee while Maman, the darling, was com-

mitted to rising early, brewing an unspeakably watery coffee and yawning early from a day with eight children.

SO IT MIGHT be expected that Maman would on one grand unexpected occasion reach out for her unfinished young womanhood with all her social being and artistic powers, would make a neat sum of money and go a journey with little Christine (Gabrielle) to the world of cities—giving Papa a strong taste of his forgetfulness, visiting his relatives and hers. It is well told. So are the tales of the neighbors, the children (a chapter on "Blessed be my whooping-cough," "I did not open my eyes because what I had once beheld in those bent faces was too beautiful. . . . Had I even a right to survive all this happiness?" her first suitor Wilhelm with the lute teeth, her adventure in a Manitoba storm on the way to a dance, her first days teaching country school, the gradual growth of her vocation to writing.

It stops there, with the end of her provincial life. Her Oxford days and European adventure will no doubt make another kind of story. This one rests in the memory with Cathers' "Shadow on the Rock" and other accounts of hidden and unhurried childhood.

# Girls' and Teens OUTERWEAR CLEARANCE

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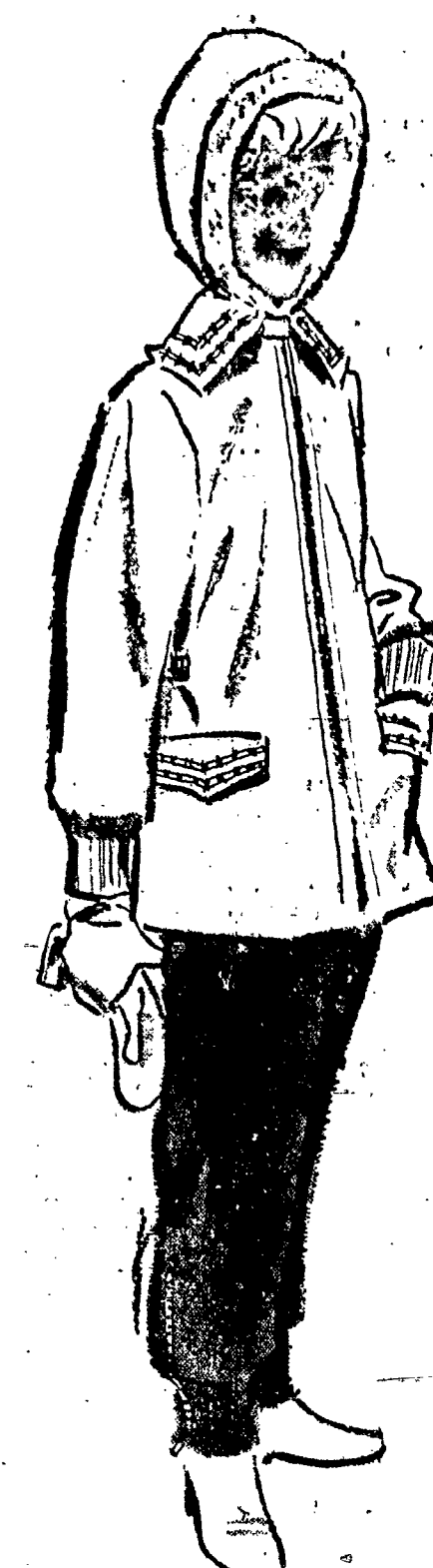
### Snowsuits & Jackets

sizes 7 to 14 were to \$19.95 **\$11**

### Jackets & Carcoats

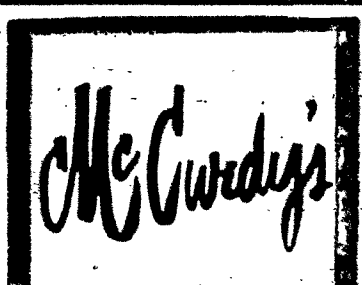
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