

AMONG WOMEN

Happy Marriage Report

By Mary Lennon Snyder

Last week we reported on a study of happy marriages, made by two American sociologists.

Today I should like to continue with some of the findings. Many sociologists have been inclined to believe with the movement of the American population that there has been a breakdown of family lines of communication in many cities.

COMMENTING ON this, Father Lucius Cervantes, S.J. notes that contrary to this claim of sociologists, it was found that the "kindred" or the extended family system has not disappeared in the cities.

Fifty percent of the most intimate friends of the Boston families studied were relatives.

These friendships had lasted a long time, 70 percent of them for more than ten years. However, the farther one proceeded from the East coast to the more mobile West, the rate of relatives among close family friends decreased and at the same time the rate of desertion, divorce, and delinquency, and other colorations increased.

VIEWING THE financial aspects of family life, Father Cervantes comments: "The extreme income families have the most difficulty in rearing children successfully. This means that not only the poor families, with less than \$2,000 per year, have higher proportions with juvenile arrest records, but also the well-to-do families, with incomes of more than \$10,000 per year.

The lower income brackets have greater difficulties both because of their stum environment and the lack of control of their children due to the absence of working mothers.

The high income brackets have exceptional difficulties, because of the lack of control of their children through their own extra domestic activities and their children's continuous use of cars.

THE MOST RECENT arrivals to the city and those who move about and do not establish permanent homes and neighborhood relations have the most trouble with children and between husband and wife. If the new arrivals to cities make and keep friends who have come from the same region of origin, their difficulties diminish.

Although the difficulties arising from mixed marriages are too well known to be discussed here, the Zimmerman Cervantes study concludes that "the greater break-up of marriages between Catholics and non-Catholics is well known but it was discovered that such marriages not merely produce four times as many divorces and desertions, but the partners also have two or three times as many children with at least one arrest for delinquent acts."

They likewise have more trouble in keeping their children in the education system after 16 years of age.

The conclusion quoted last week really deserve re-statement. To those not yet married, Father Cervantes advises, "Marry your own." For those already married, "Protect your own by gathering about your family friends of similar backgrounds, interests and ideals."



Plan Alumnae Member Drive

MARLENE PHILLIPS and Mary Ellen Baker, standing-left talk over Our Lady of Mercy alumnae membership drive plans with Mary McLaughlin, Mrs. Margaret Stewart, seated, and Mrs. Frank Gottry, standing. The drive will be held from Feb. 2 through Feb. 27.

Official Rebukes

Pseudo-Intellectuals Who Scoff At Legion Of Decency

Los Angeles—(NC)—Pseudo-intellectuals who smile at the National Legion of Decency and look on it as applying only to women and children were rebuked here by the Legion's West Coast secretary.

Msgr. John Devlin, pastor of St. Victor's Church, Hollywood, told the Archdiocesan Council of Catholic Women here that:

"The Legion of Decency pledge is nothing more than a declaration of moral principle you and I make every time we go to confession and make an act of contrition."

"IT IMPLIES not only that you are sorry for your sins but that you will do all in your power to avoid the occasion of sin," Msgr. Devlin said. "No one can say that is censorship."

"It simply means an exercise of the principles of the natural law," he continued. "The natural law requires that you and I take great pains to avoid an occasion of sin."

"If you are a believer in God, not only a Catholic, whether you take the Legion of Decency pledge or not, you are still bound in conscience to avoid occasions of sin. That is the meaning of the Legion of Decency pledge."

MSGR. DEVLIN said that since movies affect the citizenry at large, citizens are bound to vigilance of the moral standards they are obliged to uphold.

He told the meeting that individual citizens and members of a parish could do something about evil films that might come to their neighborhood. He told parents especially to be watchful over what movies their children see.

The Legion of Decency official singled out foreign made films as chief offenders against moral standards.

He outlined a specific pattern of action for neighborhood and parish vigilance of movies.

"Every parish should have a full Legion of Decency list. This list is published every two weeks by the National Office of the Legion, 455 Madison Ave., New York 17. It suggested it also be posted in schools."

Parishioners, he said, should know who owns their neighborhood theaters.

"If a condemned movie comes to the theater, tell the owner carefully and definitely in a real spirit of moral consideration what you think of the picture," he said.

"If the theater is owned by a chain, write to the head of the chain."

IF THE PICTURE in question was made in Hollywood, Msgr. Devlin counseled writing to the producer, not to the stars, since "they are still only employees and, except for few exceptions, their word does not count."

Msgr. Devlin recommended writing in a style that would deserve attention and assured that "studios will take cognizance of a letter that is well written and constructive."

"They are not anxious to offend," he said, "because they are unwilling to lose your dollar at the box office."

Watching The Screen

Erratic Auntie

By RAY SMITH

"AUNTIE MAME," the hilarious celluloid version of Patrick Dennis' widely read, fun-filled novel, is the 30th anniversary present from Warner Brothers to the Palace Theater of Rochester.

With Rosalind Russell joyously re-creating her original Broadway role, "Auntie Mame" tickles the ribs at a fast pace. Most of Miss Russell's supporters are not well known to screen audiences, with the exception of Forrest Tucker, as her millionaire Dixie husband, Beauregard Jackson Burnside.

It's too bad the story didn't give Beauregard a bigger part. He is great.

The story is a combination of slapstick and satire that defies description or classification. These characters, and we DO mean "characters," do not seem to be real people, yet they are so close to reality that they are the highest form of caricature.

The all-out aim is for laughs and to this end even tragedy and pathos prompt giggles, chuckles, and roars.

The story starts with the placing of a wealthy orphan (Jan Handzlik) in the care of his equally wealthy aunt who, in most situations, displays the brain of a bird but always the heart of an elephant.

Fred Clark plays the sly bank representative who attempts to remove the boy as much as he

can from the cosmopolitan atmosphere and constant turmoil that surround Auntie Mame wherever she goes. Before and after Forrest Tucker conveniently falls to his death from the Matterhorn, assorted characters of various degrees of sanity wander through the fable, story, or call it what you want.

ADULTS, and ONLY adults will laugh and blush for 143 minutes as they try to keep up with Miss Russell's hijinks.

This reviewer noted one matter in poor taste. Although we are hearing "hell" and "damn" more in movies (I'm just stating the fact, not approval), I think Hollywood could very well leave such language out as they didn't do in this movie. There are enough laughs without trying to get them this way. "Auntie Mame" is one of the funniest comedies this reviewer has seen in many a moon.

"THE OLD MAN AND THE SEA" sails into the Paramount Theater this week as Ernest Hemingway's novelette unfolds in 86 minutes of film. With Spencer Tracy as the old fisherman, the producer has spared no effort or expense in faithfully transferring the virtually one-character tale to the screen medium.

The Cuban fisherman (Tracy) for the greater part of the film is alone on the ocean in his tiny sailboat, muttering to himself and stubbornly fighting a giant marlin, which he finally puts in, although savage sharks devour most of it before he reaches land again.

This FAMILY movie in WarnerColor last week was presented at the Catholic Award on the Brussels Film Festival. Gardy Feldt of Paris made the presentation. The movie tends to be a little slow in spots, but if the family plans a night at the theater, they will enjoy this solitary family picture this week in downtown Rochester.

EMILIA: Next Wednesday (Jan. 28) the stirring "THE INN OF THE SIXTH HAPPINESS" will come to the Emilia Theater. Don't let anybody in the family miss it.

BRACKPORT: Adults and adolescents should enjoy this Sunday's (Jan. 25) attraction at the Strand Theater, "THE GEISHA BOY."

Mercy Seniors To Present Smilin' Through

Play rehearsals have whirled into action at Our Lady of Mercy High School this week for the senior class presentation of "Smilin' Through on Friday and Saturday, Feb. 6 and 7.

Tryouts rewarded nine seniors with roles in this romantic comedy, according to Sister Mary

Elaine Klingler. Other parts are played by Mary Ellen Baker, Patrick Madigan, Jean Kearns, Joyce Fiano, Sharon Carey, Mary Mulligan, Janice Beagle and Linda Saperstein. Male parts are being filled by Mike Drons, Don McLean, Tom Connel, Doug Lowe, Dave Cook, Rip Brockmyre and Bob Bowen.



ELAINE KLINGLER, Plus, play director. In the lead role of Kathleen Durgannon is Elaine Klingler.

Names President

Geneva — Mrs. Joseph W. White, 488 S. Main St., a member of St. Stephens parish, was elected president of the Geneva General Hospital auxiliary at the annual meeting Jan. 10th.

The auxiliary is a group of 400 volunteer women whose purpose is to advance the welfare of the hospital through service to the hospital and its patients, interpretation of the hospital to the community and through income producing projects.

"They are not anxious to offend," he said, "because they are unwilling to lose your dollar at the box office."

Socialite Story On Family Theater

Hollywood, Calif. (NC) — The story of a socialite who wants her daughter to marry a wealthy man will be presented on the Family Theater radio program of Jan. 28.

Entitled "Clean, Crisp and Even," the story stars Jeff Chandler as narrator George Murphy will be host for the program, to be heard at 7:35 p.m. over the Mutual Network.

The program is carried on WMBO, 1340 on the dial, in Auburn.

Couple Mark Golden Wedding

Geneva—Fifty years of married life was celebrated by Mr. and Mrs. Dominick Venuti, 47 State St., at a family dinner Sunday at Front's Restaurant.

The couple were married 50 years ago Jan. 2, in St. Francis de Sales Church. Their celebration of the event this year included an anniversary Mass in the church.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Venuti were born in San Martino, Italy. They have lived in this country about 54 years. Mr. Venuti worked for many years at the American Can Co. He is 72 years old and Mrs. Venuti, 70.

Both are still active, according to family members. Venuti takes part in Holy Name Society and Sons of St. Martin activities while Mrs. Venuti attends meetings of the Rosary Society and St. Anthony's Club.

The couple have five children, Joseph, Venuti, and Josephine Venuti, both at home; Mrs. Albert Zeoli and Mrs. Joseph Marito, both of Geneva; and Michael, Newark.

Advertisement for SALVAGGIO'S LIQUOR STORE, located at 59 Front St., offering quality wines and liquors.

Advertisement for Andersens GINGER ALE, featuring a bottle image and text about its quality and variety of flavors.

Advertisement for LUSCHER'S 117 NORTH ST., featuring a ball and text about their products and services.

Advertisement for PARAMOUNT THEATRE NOW, featuring a movie poster for 'THE OLD MAN AND THE SEA' and listing cast members like Dana Andrews and Jane Powell.

Large advertisement for STANDARD DRY Topper Pilsener, featuring two bottles and the text 'STANDARD ROCHESTER Brewing Co., Inc. Rochester, N. Y.'

Advertisement for The Cinema Theatre of Distinction, located at Clinton Ave. S. Cor. S. Goodman.

Advertisement for PILGRIMAGES, featuring Rome Lourdes and Fatima, with details on travel services and prices.

Advertisement for ART HACK, Beverages, offering cut rate prices on imported beers and soft drinks.

Advertisement for Package Stores, offering legal beverages.

Advertisement for CRAMER'S LIQUOR STORE, located at 753 Genesee St. at Sawyer.

Advertisement for HENNER'S LIQUOR STORE, located at 554 Chili Ave. near Thurston.

Advertisement for WARNER'S LIQUOR STORE, located at Hinchey Road at Chili Ave.

Advertisement for Alex F. Moore, Wines & Liquors, located at 508 Stone Road.

Advertisement for SAM KROLL'S WOODCLIFF LIQUOR STORE, located at 2261 Clifford Ave. at Bulwer.

Advertisement for Open 'n' Midnight, featuring a bar and liquor store at 66 Chestnut St.

Advertisement for Hubbard, located at 286 Winton Road North.

Advertisement for Northgate Liquor Store, located at Charlotte.

Advertisement for Schwalb Liquor Store, located at 1829 Monroe Ave. at Brighton.

Advertisement for KEEP YOUR SPIRITS UP!, located at Town of Greece.

Advertisement for Female, located at Greenfield 3-9141.

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