

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 break-down of family lines or communications in many cities.

COMMENTING ON this, Father Lucius Cervantes, SJ, 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.

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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 (CNC) — 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 of

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 simple 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.

1 — "Every parish should have a full Legion of Decency list. This list is published every two weeks by the National Office of the Legion, 403 Madison Ave., New York 22." He suggested it also be posted in schools.

2 — 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."

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 host for the program, to be heard at 7:35 p.m. over the Mutual Network.

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

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 recreating 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 Burnsides.

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

The story is a combination of shticks and gags that defies description or classification. The characters don't seem to be real people, yet they are so close to reality that they are the highest form of caricature.

The tall-out alibi 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 (Janet Henzelik) 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 stuffy bank representative who attempts to remove the boy as much as he

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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 Fronti's Restaurant.

This 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 Marino, 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 San Marino 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 Zoll and Mrs. Joseph Marino, both of Geneva, and Michael Newark.

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ROCKPORT — Adults and Adolescents should enjoy this Sunday's (Jan. 25) attraction at the Strand Theater, "THE GEISHA BOY."

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