

Making Marriage Click

Laziness

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"My family has a high reputation among our friends and one of our daughters is a class leader. I have one child, however, who is lazy at home and at school. This is a mystery to us. It is more so since our servant has a child in the same school who leads the class and runs it at the bottom. Is there a cure for laziness?" Maria.

Before suggesting an answer, Maria, let's first explore and plough the ground a bit. There are some children who are lazy. The incidents that they will be slow. They walk, talk, and smile later than usual. Their IQ tests show that their mental age is inferior to their real age.

This kind of child actually does what he can but is limited. He is sometimes placed in a special class at school where everything taught is more concrete and direct. Some children, however, need to visit a doctor to have eyes, ears, and hearing checked. Adequate food, sleep, and outdoor exercises must also be studied.

Mainly, Maria, you are interested in the results in your child's character. Some youngsters will never be hustlers. Speed in their work cannot be insisted upon because they lack a certain something. The quality of work, however, can be emphasized. It is not wise to constantly remind them with a model who is beyond their reach; the image of a father or an older brother who is more than they can imitate.

If a child is slow, a small number of students in class and an experienced teacher can do the job. The child needs to be constantly stimulated. He requires immediate satisfaction from work. If he is a restless child and makes poor grades in school, it may be because he is simply inattentive. If he cannot be kept from moving incessantly at least his talking can be controlled.

The up and down grades in conduct should not alarm you. His failure, however, to progress intellectually should alert you. If he cannot control his actions, cannot concentrate, does not follow the class, then seek medical advice. Study the conflict; a child is experiencing. They can be many.

If a child does not get along with his parents, consciously or otherwise, he knows that failure in school is an easy and quick way to get revenge. It is his weapon. If he thinks his parents do not appreciate him sufficiently, he can punish them by failure in school work and at the same time punish himself because he was unable to keep their affection.

To punish him for school failure may be to aggravate

the situation more, for the child loses more and more self-confidence. A wise, informed, sympathetic teacher can enter the situation as an outside party and help correct this attitude of the child. Some parent-child conflicts are obvious if a separation or divorce has taken place, or if a parent dies and the child somehow feels responsible. "You will be the death of me," he remembers her saying.

The comparison in school work with others in the family is unwise. "At your age your sister already knew how to read." This approach rarely stimulates learning, rather it breeds discouragement.

A timid child usually has trouble at school because he hesitates to answer questions. He is afraid to be ridiculed and goes into his shell for protection and defense.

Do not force a child, Maria, to carry the weight of your ambitions. Relax and help him discover his own personal future rather than follow a traditional family ambition and high standard of achievement.

Charter Given Lourdes Club

Our Lady of Lourdes, Civics Club of St. Ambrose School this week received its official charter from the Commission on American Citizenship in Washington, D.C.

The Charter formally recognizes affiliation of the local unit with the national organization headquartered at the Catholic University of America. Pupils of Grades Six and Seven comprise the local Club membership.

THE OFFICERS of the newly organized Club are: George Scharr, president; Barbara Brown, vice-president; Mary Louise Rehbock, recording secretary; Sandra Saurin, corresponding secretary; Daniel Colby, treasurer; and Patrick France, sergeant-at-arms.

Toole-Lynch

Geneva — Miss Marguerite Therese Lynch, daughter of Mrs. Willis D. Lynch, of 32 N. Main St., and the late Willis D. Lynch, was married at 10 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 7, to Thomas Frederick Toole, son of Mr. and Mrs. John M. Toole, 173 Geneva St.

The Rev. Daniel W. Lynch, C.S.C., of Wilket Barre, Pa., brother of the bride, officiated at the ceremony and celebrated the nuptial Mass in St. Francis de Sales Roman Catholic Church.

Miss Mary Ellen Lynch was maid of honor for her sister. JOHN CROSTON of Rochester, cousin of the bridegroom, was best man. Ushers were Michael Dugan of Utica, a classmate of the bridegroom; and Gerald Reo, of Geneva.



Charred Ruins Of Cross

THIS IS China under Communism. "What has happened to the Christ Who once hung there, nobody knows." Rev. George S. Wood, diocesan director, Society for the Propagation of the Faith, 50 Chestnut St. said. "What you sacrifice to the Society for refugees from China in Hong Kong will be the measure and test of whether the Savior of the World is treasured in your heart."

Jesuits Plan Scot Province

Glasgow — (RNS) — A new Jesuits are working in Scotland, separate Scottish province for but there are three times as many elsewhere within the English province or its missions. The English province at present embraces England, Wales and Scotland.

Fear Blankets Africa, Ripe For Reds
Blood Oaths, Ritual Murder Spawned By Bigotry

San Francisco — (NC) — Under the blazing sun of black Africa, men live in a shadow of fear, a mission official reported here.

Msgr. Vincent J. McCarthy, archdiocesan director of the Society for the Propagation of the Faith, just returned from an inspection trip of the African missions, disclosed that:

1) A "blood oath" motivates fanatical African whites bent on carrying on unrelenting terror against native blacks in South Africa.

2) A superstition-spawned frenzy grips the biggest part of the native blacks and drives them to ritualistic riot and murder against all whites.

3) The Church is caught in the cross fire of a white racist terror, reminiscent of Nazi oppression, and surging black nationalism agitated by Moscow.

"The whole place is ripe for communism," said Msgr. McCarthy. "There are supposed to be something like 5,000 Africans in Moscow right now being trained for taking over the world."

Msgr. McCarthy said that American Catholics have no appreciation of the African situation.

"WE DON'T REALIZE how big Africa is, how far away it is, how modern it is," he said. "When we think of Africa, we think of bearded, naked savants from some movie like 'King Solomon's Mines.' This is a land of four-lane superhighways as well as elephant herds. People think Nairobi is a village of huts — in reality it

seeks to maintain white supremacy in a land where blacks number seven million and whites two million.

Msgr. McCarthy said that a secret society of whites known as the "Broederbond," and patterned after the Hitlerian super-race ideal, is central to the apartheid movement which

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