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At Our House

Stop-Look-Listen

By MARY TINLEY DALY

Psychological Counseling of Adolescents was the formidable title of the workshop which was handed me as a newspaper assignment. The workshop, held recently at the great Catholic University of America in Washington, drew high school counselors from all over the country, ready to exchange experiences as well as to listen to qualified experts in the field.

How does one psychologically counsel teenagers, I wondered. Translate technical terminology into teenage talk so as really to counsel? Also, I wondered, could a parent understand enough of this to get a tip or so from the experts, make it a "do-it-yourself" sort of thing at some of the findings to other parents?

After a few sessions, I found the answer to be a definite "Yes." MATTER OF FACT, if parents, the God-ordained counselors of their own children, would but listen to the voice of conscience, exert patience and understanding, and draw upon their own experience, combined with some common sense, they would come up with many of the answers arrived at in this workshop.

Parents, somehow, do not dig deeply into this very important phase of their lives. We counsel spasmodically, often didactically, and all too often off the top of our heads. With adult concerns absorbing attention, needs of small children clamoring for notice, we parents sometimes dish our opinions, make snap judgments, without ever getting the real needs of our adolescents.

Entering the workshop as a reporter with—to quote a college phrase—a minor as a parent, I quickly found roles reversed. What these counselors had to say had more impact on parents than they possibly could have on the general press. Were we parents on the qui vive as to the inherent needs of our teenagers, the counselors' jobs would be far more effective. We would have "prepared the ground."

IN THE HOPE that the counselors are not looking over my shoulder, these are a few things I should like to pass on, as parent-reporter:

From Father John W. Staf-

ford, former head of the Department of Psychology at CU: "We must try not to forget that youth is a time for heroism... Youth becomes soft because successful middle-aged parents want it that way... Give youth a chance to be heroic; help it find ideals that are worth living for, worth living for intensely and even dangerously."

In his plea to the counselors not to "downgrade youth," Father Stafford urged that they recognize the enthusiasm of youth that work tirelessly for what they think is right; to encourage, not discourage them.

From Dr. Raymond J. Steimel, Interim Assistant Professor of Psychology at Catholic University and director of the workshop, came words of advice on "listening."

As a parent and not as a reporter, I became so absorbed in this that I forgot to take notes...

What sticks in my mind (not in my notebook) is that listening with an uncritical and open mind is of utmost importance. Given the confidence of an adolescent, you listen. You do not interject experiences from your past—no matter how parallel they may seem, they are outdated. You put forth no judgments. All you do is listen.

As an aside, Dr. Steimel cited a woman who advertised "Listen to your troubles for \$1 an hour." She turned her hearing aid down and "listened," collected her fee and her clients felt better.

AS PARENTS, if we need hearing aids, we had better keep them turned in, but during the session with teenagers, just keep ears, mind and understanding open, and mouth closed.

According to Dr. Steimel, the first attitude necessary for effective relationship is acceptance, a positive attitude. It regards the boy or girl as a person of worth, responsibility and dignity, regardless of what he may or may not have done. "It is characterized by a warm interest in the individual, by a sincere appreciation of the feelings and emotions involved in every circumstance, and a profound respect for the individual that goes beyond any prejudice or personal resentment... The fact that we accept the adolescent does not mean that we advocate, approve, or even sympathize with his behavior or plans, but that we simply recognize his right to run his own life."

This was a worth-while judgment!



Couple Wed In Lebanon

The marriage of Miss Josephine Sylvia Alongi and George B. Meegan, United States Marine Corps, was solemnized April 22, in St. Charles Chapel, Beirut, Lebanon.

Parents of the bridal couple are Mr. and Mrs. Gaspar J. Alongi of 14 Varina Lane and Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Meegan of Phoenix, Arizona.

Miss Shirley Brownlee of Beirut was maid of honor. The bridesmaid was Miss Nancy Newcomb of Kabul, Afghanistan. Andrew Laskowski was best man. Ushers were Robert Johnson and Hugh Phillip of Nicosia, Cyprus.

The bride is a graduate of Nazareth College. Corporal Meegan formally served with the American Embassy Marine Security Guards in Beirut, Lebanon.

High Mass At Sport Meet

Bridgeport—(RNS)—A Mass celebrated by Bishop Lawrence J. Shehan of Bridgeport at the Hedges Memorial Stadium here will be one of the highlights of the annual three-day track and field meet sponsored by the Slovak Catholic Sokol.

The sports events, beginning July 13, will take place on the campus of nearby Fairfield University, a Jesuit-conducted institution, where the competing athletes will attend Mass in the chapel each morning. The Slovak Catholic Sokol, with 52,000 members of Slovak descent, was founded at Passaic, N.J., in 1905 as a gymnastic and athletic organization.

Father Of 13 Heads TV Show

New YORK —(NC)— A prominent Catholic layman, whose appearance on the NBC radio network program, "Family Living '61" drew record mail response, has been named moderator of the show.

At the age of 40 he is the father of 13 children, seven of whom are altar boys and one of whom sings in the parish choir.

He is Henry B. King of Spring Lake, N.J., a businessman who is on the Catholic Family Life Committee in St. Catherine's parish, Spring Lake, and a leader in the Christian Family Movement and Cana Conferences.

KING REPLACES Arlene Francis as moderator of the twice-weekly radio program which has the cooperation of the United Community Funds and Councils of America and the National Social Welfare Assembly.

The program, which NBC says has an estimated listening audience of more than 37 million, is the winner of the Peabody Award and eight other citations.

King is president of the Quaker City Grocery Co. of Philadelphia, representing 800 retail food stores, and a member of the Archbishop's Committee of the laity in Philadelphia.

In a recent debate with Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt concerning "Lost Values in Family Life," King drew the largest mail response any guest on this program has ever had.

He was called back again for other programs and then was asked to replace Miss Francis while she is in Europe making a movie. The program is heard over 314 NBC radio stations, Sundays and Mondays.

Betrothed

Corning—The engagement of Sharon Smith and Thomas J. Harkenrider is announced by the bride-elect's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harold B. Smith of Painted Post Rd 1. Harkenrider's parent are Mr. and Mrs. Paul Harkenrider of Revville.

Talk It Over

Iced Drinks

By ANNE CULKIN

Dear Miss Culklin: If you are drinking iced tea and there is no saucer under the glass, where should you put the spoon? Dear Jane:

We both agree, don't we, that a saucer should be placed under the glass and this is the logical place to rest the spoon. If, however, the hostess fails to provide us with the necessary "equipment," she leaves us with very little choice. My suggestion would be to dry the spoon with your napkin and place it on the table. I don't think we need have fear that the napkin or the tablecloth will be of linen. The woman who would arrange this setting would not overlook the importance of placing a saucer under the glass.

Another alternative would be to remove the spoon and hold it in the left hand as you drink from the glass held in your hand.

Dear Miss Culklin: I have many books that I read in grade school. They are no longer used. Is it possible to send them to some Catholic school in another country? We all know that the Catholic Church is one of Communism's greatest enemies. Maybe this would be a means of fighting Communism. If you would give us an address of some school or organization, I'm sure many would send books.

Peoria Reader

I hope your letter will inspire others to the same action. Address your correspondence to: THE BOOK OF MISSION PROGRAM, C.S.M.C. North Center, 5100 Shattuc, Cincinnati 26, Ohio.

Dear Miss Culklin: My problem is that a boy I like calls me up at the last minute for a date. This I just simply refuse. Miss Culklin, I always refuse to date him and he gets mad and hangs up before I have a chance to explain that if he would call a couple of days ahead of time I would accept the date. Sometimes I think he calls me when he doesn't have anything better to do. May I have some advice on this please?

Dorothy

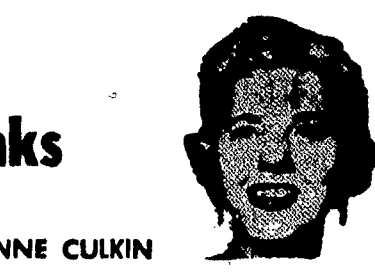
This boy has a lot of growing up to do. If you want to date him before he becomes a man, don't consider writing a note to him as being presumptuous. You might say something such as, Dear Jack, when you hang up I can't tell you and if you tear this up before reading it, you will never know that a few days' notice of your plans will not only assure you of a date, but will give me the added pleasure of looking forward to it.

I have a girlfriend who is always borrowing things from me. How can I ask her to give back the things she has borrowed from me without hurting her feelings? Dear Alice:

No person should hurt if you ask them to return what is legitimately yours. Tell this girl that you have a need to use one or two of the things she has borrowed. If she doesn't get the point, call her again in a day or two and ask for other things of yours.

Dear Miss Culklin: If one commits a mortal sin and afterwards makes a good Act of Contrition, is it necessary to confess this sin to a priest? Isn't the Lord the one who actually forgives his followers? Unsigned

You're right—it is the Lord who forgives his followers. But like everything else in this world, God Himself has chosen to act through men. Only certain men can fulfill cer-



tain tasks; for example, only a priest can change bread and wine into the Body and Blood of Christ.

In John (20:22) you will find the God-Man told his followers, "Whose sins you shall forgive, they are forgiven them... thus showing that the power to forgive sins is an essential power reserved to His priests. Our feelings are important, that is true, and our feelings may help us to achieve a sense of deeper contrition and a readiness to make complete reparation, but the act of absolution by which sins are forgiven is the means that God has said should be used ordinarily.

As for your second question concerning the seriousness of a sin in attending objectionable movies and theatres, the answer requires a detailed explanation. It is for this reason I suggest you discuss it with your confessor.

Dear Miss Culklin: I'm sixteen, nearly seventeen, and I'm a high-school junior. My parents don't drink and they say when I'm older I can decide about drinking myself. But in our class lots of the boys and girls drink on dates, and they say that a dry evening is something for the birds. One boy I went out with last week offered me a drink from a bottle. I said no, but he had one himself and said everyone was doing it. That's what I'm hearing everywhere. What do you think about this? Therese

Not much, believe me! Drinking and dating make a perilous combination, even for those of legal age. For teenagers? Who wants to play with dynamite? Certainly a girl of sixteen should never drink on a date and she should make this a rule... for all her teen years at least. There are too many girls, Therese, whose lives have been darkened because they ignored this rule. Let that high school crowd go merrily on its way. Tragedy in fatal accidents and tarnished reputations may be just around the next corner.

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Patriarch Visited

Vatican City — (NC) — The visit of a papal representative to Greek Orthodox Patriarch Athenagoras in Istanbul has been described here as a gesture of appreciation by Pope John XXIII.

The Vatican Press Office said that the Pope wanted to show appreciation for the respectful manner in which Patriarch Athenagoras received his announcement of the coming ecumenical council.

During the visit (June 20) Archbishop Giacomo Testa, former Apostolic Delegate in Turkey, gave the Patriarch various documents concerning the council in the Pope's name.

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Wedding Held

Corning—Miss Sharon Ann Magee of Corning became the bride of Michael F. Keefe of Elmira, last Saturday morning, July 1, 1961. The double ring ceremony was performed by the Rev. Alfred J. Horr.

A cousin of the bride, Charles Eisenrieth, gave her in marriage.

THE BRIDE is the daughter of Mrs. Erma Magee of 150 Sly Ave., and Stanley R. Magee of Las Vegas, Nev. Her husband is the son of John J. Keefe and the late Mrs. Keefe.

Miss Patricia Stewart of Corning was maid of honor. Miss Anne Lewis and Miss Barbara McClure were bridesmaids.

P. Anthony Bergan of Elmira was best man. Ushers were John J. Keefe 3rd, Joseph L. Keefe, both of Elmira, and Robert S. Magee of Corning.

'Traffic Boy' Trophy Given

Among awards presented at graduation exercises of St. Michael's School, Newark was the "Traffic Boy" Trophy. This was presented for the first time by the Rev. Joseph McDonnell, pastor to Philip Van Boxlaere.

THIS NEW AWARD given by Newark Masonic Lodge was given to the boy who "by outstanding cooperation and generosity of his time before and after school throughout the year, has shown the most dependability and wholehearted interest in the school safety program."

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PRIESTS We'd like to know how many of FATHER THEKKKARA'S orphans have gone into the seminary to study for the priesthood. The shortage of clergy is a major problem in a mission country like INDIA. Once God gives him the vocation, the lucky boy must study hard for years before he can be ordained. Many of the boys are too poor to pay their way, and the Bishops sometimes don't have the money with which to help. So the Bishops turn to us, sending us the names of seminary students who need sponsors. We, in turn, pass on those names to you. Here, for instance, are some of them: FAOUZI ATALLAH and KAMEL RAGHEB, students of ST. LEO THE GREAT SEMINARY in EGYPT; DANIELE DA ASMARA, MARCO DA AGAMEDO, CAMILLO DA ASMARA and ANDREA DA ADUA—all of these students at the SERAPHIC SEMINARY in ASMARA, ERITREA; and PETER LASCARI and PASQUALE FERRANTELLI, who are studying at the GREEK PONTIFICAL COLLEGE in ROME. What does it cost to educate one of these young men? Surprisingly, not very much. By pinching pennies we can do it for about \$100 a year—less than \$2 a week, or roughly the price of a pack of cigarettes a day. The complete seminary course takes six years—so the overall cost of the entire course, per student, is \$600. We wish there were some way to let everyone know the need. There must be thousands of people who would help. Perhaps you could manage to "adopt" a student for the priesthood. It would be for you a consoling thought—that you had left behind on earth, after your death, a priest who offered Mass each morning, forgave sins, and taught the word of God.

ABOUT YOUR WILL To make sure your wishes are respected after death, it's well to make a will. Perhaps you haven't much to leave... you want anyway to leave it wisely. Remember, you can still take part after your death in the work of the missions... You can train Priests, Sisters, build churches... You can still benefit in the prayers and sacrifices of the missionaries you help. In making your will, remember our legal title: CATHOLIC NEAR EAST WELFARE ASSOCIATION. Rest assured that what you need will not be spent foolishly. The dollars you give to God are not wasted. Near East Missions FRANCIS CARDINAL SPELMAN, President. 408 Lexington Ave., at 46th St., New York 17, N. Y.

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