

Table Manners

By ANNE CULKIN



Dear Miss Culklin: I have a friend I enjoy being with except when we have to eat together. I don't say that I have the best table manners, but I don't think I do anything that is disgusting. But this friend of mine does not even close her mouth when she is chewing food.

All the other girls who eat with her at noon, as I do, have noticed it, but not one of us seems to have the nerve to say anything to her about it. We don't want to hurt her. Yet, I definitely feel that someone should say something. If I ever get up the nerve to be the one, what should I say? Joyce

Dear Joyce: What you want to do is well intentioned, but, oh, it is difficult! Persons whom we do not ordinarily think of as being sensitive become hypersensitive on this point. There is one suggestion, however, that might well prove effective — at least it is worth a try!

Why don't you decide in advance to introduce the subject of table etiquette while you are all at the table. You might even deliberately hold your fork in correctly and then say, "Now look what I'm doing. Only yesterday I read an article on table manners and this is wrong!"

Then go on to mention other rules that you have read. You might even mention that the closing of the mouth when chewing food was given as one of the most important rules, because a person becomes positively revolting when she does not adhere to it.

The other girls who are equally interested in helping your friend, not hurting her, can mention what they have read about table manners. In this way the girl you are trying to be kind to will not think the remarks are being directed toward her. In fact, they won't be entirely. You said that your own table manners are not the best. This can be a wonderful means of improving them.

Dear Miss Culklin: There is a boy who has never asked me to any of his school dances. My family likes him and so do I. Do you think it would be all right for me to invite him to my senior prom? I know I buy the tickets, but do I also arrange for a "ride"? He does not have a car. Patricia

Dear Patricia: Of course it would be all right to invite him. The boy who is known to your family is usually a good choice.

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Basilian's First Mass Set Dec. 22

The Congregation of Saint Basil announces the ordination to the Sacred Priesthood of Rev. William A. Schreiner to be conferred by Coadjutor Archbishop Philip Francis Pocock of Toronto, on December 16, at St. Basil's Church, Toronto, Canada.

FATHER SCHREINER will offer his First Solemn Mass on Saturday, Dec. 22, at 11 a.m. in Sacred Heart Cathedral, 296 Flower City Park, Rochester, New York.

There will be a reception for the new priest Saturday afternoon at Aquinas Institute, 1127 Dewey Avenue, from three until five.

Father Schreiner, C.S.B., is the son of Mrs. Wilfred Schreiner and the late Wilfred Schreiner of 373 Knickerbocker Avenue. He attended Sacred Heart School, Aquinas Institute, St. Michael's College, has a B.A. from the University of Toronto, and a M.Ed. from the University of Rochester.

Children's Party Set

Elmira Council 229, Knights of Columbus, will hold its Children's Christmas Party, Sunday, Dec. 23, at 3 at Columbus Center.

Boys and girls, 12 and under, whose fathers are knights of Elmira Council will attend.

The annual New Year's Eve Dance for council members and their guests will be held Monday night, Dec. 31, from 10 to 2 at the Center.

Reservations for both events can be made at Columbus Center.

Elmira Council will hold a regular meeting Wednesday night, Dec. 19, at 8 at the Center.



Sale Held In Auburn

MERCY HOSPITAL AUXILIARY held a two day Christmas Wonderland Sale at Mercy Hospital Dec. 6 and 7. Pictured as they view a few of the articles offered for sale; left to right: Mrs. Herbert T. Anderson, president; Mrs. W. Parnell Moroney, co-chairman; Mrs. Robert A. Nelson, chairman; and Mrs. Stephen Karpinski, member of the committee.

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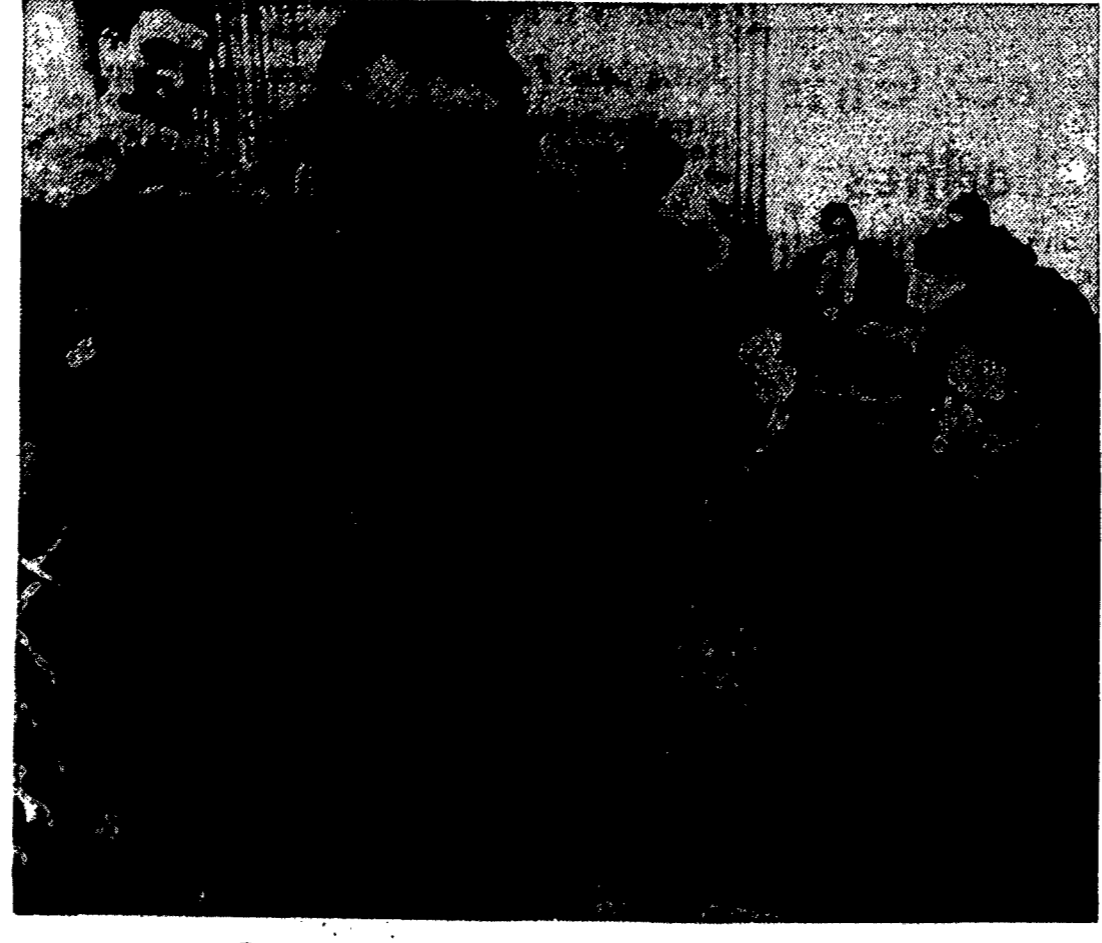
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Consolation in Sadness

Carmichaels, Pa. — (RNS) — A woman kisses the ring of Catholic Bishop John J. Wright of Pittsburgh as he comforts relatives of 37 miners trapped 650 feet underground by an explosion at Carmichaels, Pa. The blast occurred in the Robena 3 mine of the U.S. Steel Corporation. Rescue teams worked furiously to reach the trapped men but hope dimmed, as seven bodies were found. During one night of anxious waiting, Bishop Wright led relatives and friends of the miners in the Rosary. Carmichaels is close to the West Virginia border of Pennsylvania.

St. Gabriel Women

Hammondsport — Miss Helen Miller, president of St. Gabriel's Rosary Society, served as program chairman at the meeting this month.

She presented an illustrated account of her trip through England, France, Italy, Germany, and other European countries this past summer. In addition to colored slides, Miss Miller displayed items she had purchased in her travels.

During a brief business session, a report was presented on the recent rummage sale. Mrs. Frank Van Gelder was chairman.

Miss Miller and Mrs. Simon Gormley reported on the Bishop's Silver Jubilee luncheon which they attended in Rochester recently as representatives of the society.

Group voted to finance the annual parish children's Christmas party again this year. The party is sponsored by the Mothers' Circle.

Mrs. Walter Aber and Mrs. Bernice Gartland have care of the altars and sanctuary for the month.

Refreshments were served by Mrs. Leo Hemmer and Mrs. Jack McBride. The meeting was preceded by recitation of the rosary in the church, led by the Rev. Earl M. Tobin, pastor.

Doctors Decline To 'Play God'

Ann Arbor — (RNS) — The consensus of medical scientists at a seminar on birth defects here was that man is not ready to "play God" in the mercy killing of babies born with severe abnormalities.

Scientists and doctors, the seminar concluded, are not ready to take such authority since they do not have enough knowledge about human inheritance to set up rational standards.

Sponsored by the University of Michigan and the National Foundation, the seminar concerned itself with such eugenics problems as legally banning couples with serious inheritable disorders from having children, and with euthanasia, of mercy killing.

AT THE SAME time the participants noted that some states do have eugenics laws and that "passive" mercy killing was practiced to some degree by permitting or requiring the sterilization of the mentally retarded, the insane and the sexually perverted.

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