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Talk It Over

Class Rings

By ANNE CULKIN

Dear Miss Culkin:

I am a junior in high school and have gone with a boy for six months. He is a senior. We like each other very much and agree on almost everything. But there is one thing we don't agree on, and it is becoming serious. In his school the boys don't get their class rings until about a month before they graduate.

In our school we get our rings when we are juniors. I got mine in October and love it, but he wants it to wear. It is a little big for my finger, but fits his little finger. He said that as soon as he gets his ring, he will give it to me. As much as I like him, I don't want to give him my ring.

I waited so long for it and feel so much like a senior when wearing it. Do you think I am selfish? If you don't, how can I convince him that as much as I like him, I like my ring too much to give it to him? How can I do this without getting him mad?

A Reader

Dear Reader:

Acquaint him with the facts that should convince him and, I hope, will not result in his getting "mad" at you. Simply tell him that you think it would be unfair to every girl in your school class as well as to yourself if you allowed him to wear a ring that represents love and loyalty of students and graduates to one particular school.

And that this particular school happens to be yours; not his, therefore, he hasn't any right to wear your school ring any more than you would have the right to wear his. A class ring was never meant to represent love between two persons, but rather love of a school.

Dear Miss Culkin:

If you are walking down the street with a girl and she speaks to another boy who passes whom you don't know, what do you do? Supposing you do know him, but don't like him, not even a little bit, then what do you do? Also if you are walking with two girls, do you still walk on the outside or do you walk between them?

Trying to Be Proper

Dear Trying:

You do what any gentleman does—you nod your head in recognition to the person who is a friend of the person you are walking with. If you are wearing a hat, you tip it.

When walking with two girls, you walk on the curb side just the same as you would if you were walking with one.

Dear Miss Culkin:

When I was a little girl, I started to call my mother by her first name. It has now become such a habit that it is hard for me to call her anything but Clarie, her first name. My friends, some of them not old, can't understand it. One told me that even her mother thinks it is awful. I love my mother just as much has she loves hers, even though I don't call her mother. Still I have been thinking about it a lot lately. What do you think?

C.W.

Dear C.W.:

I think you should call your mother by the most beautiful name in the world—MOTHER! There is no doubt in your mind how much you respect her, but other persons would be inclined not to recognize it as much as they would if you called her what all children call their mother.

Dear Miss Culkin:

I am a junior at college. Last week a general invitation was extended to all students to attend a lecture sponsored by the leading Women's Club of the city. Only about ten from our class attended, but each of us was shocked by the behavior of the women who attended the lecture.

All during the lecture there was audible whispering. I will admit that the gentleman who spoke was not too interesting, although his subject promised to be. He was a disappointment all right, but to me, not quite as disappointing as the ill manners of the women who sponsored the affair. I don't know if any of this guilty road your column, but because I'm hoping they do, I'm writing you for comment.

Shocked

Dear Shocked:

I've been shocked too many times by the same ill-bred behavior described in your letter. Not only shocked, but also convinced all over again that MONEY CAN'T BUY REFINEMENT! For it is not uncommon to find a group sponsoring, and in financial position to afford, a "cultural series," whose very members display such a true lack of culture that one with even a tinge of it is appalled.

Your concern, Shocked, for the poor manners of some individuals who attended the mentioned lecture indicates your consciousness of good taste. May it continue to grow, as it has strong chance of doing. You have planted the seed of good taste — something that those who whispered during the lecture apparently had not done!

Dear Miss Culkin:

What do you do if you are walking down the street and some boys driving by in a car start yelling and whistling at you? If you turn around to see if you know them and then find out you don't, you feel so funny. So, what do you do?

L.A.

Dear L.A.:

Don't give yourself cause to "feel funny." And this you won't do unless your eyes are directed toward the stupid-acting juveniles in an effort to learn their identity.

Dear Reader:

Once your have gained composure after learning FRUIT is planned for dessert, remember to cut the apples into pieces with the knife provided at your place for the purpose. One piece is eaten at a time.

Stems of grapes are removed from the mouth by the thumb and first finger.

Better World

Englewood — (NC) — "For a Better World" by Father Ricardo Lombardi, S.J., will be the spiritual conference released in January by the Conference-A-Month club here, according to Father Ronald Gray, O.Carm., director.

Plan Retreat League Mass

COMMITTEE MEMBERS make plans for the annual Layman's Retreat League Mass to be held at St. Francis Church, Auburn, Jan. 13 at 7:30 p.m., one of three such Masses to be held in the diocese. In photo are Rev. John Nacca, host pastor; Joseph W. Janasko, regional director of the Layman's Retreat League, chairman; (standing) Anthony Robliese, Anthony Catalfano, Carl DePalma and Jim Coppola. The Rt. Rev. Msgr. James D. Cuffney, Dean of the Cayuga Deanery will be celebrant of the Mass. (A.G. Tarby Photo)

Prize Winners

Bake Sale

It seems to be a project-filled schedule for members of the Alumnae Association of St. Agnes High School and their next challenge looms over the horizon of this weekend, on next Monday evening.

Aiming this time to replenish their treasury that they might continue a long and ambitious program, the officers of the Alumnae Association have arranged to have a Baked Goods Sale at St. Agnes High School next Monday immediately following the Mothers' Club meeting.

Chairman of this project is Mrs. Beverly Vassallo Clark of 111 Spruce Avenue. Members of the Alumnae Association wishing to contact Mrs. Clark please call ID 6-5300. All contributions from members of St. Agnes' Alumnae Association will be most welcome.

Varsity Players

Varsity players are made, not born. In Frost gym classes at St. Agnes High School, students find basketball is fun for all, and the cream of the crop cherishes future membership in the Varsity. That dream, for some, has just become reality.

Mrs. Lida Sutton, physical education instructor and moderator of the Girls Athletic Association, announced the names of members of this year's varsity basketball team at the completion of a strenuous series of games staged for tryouts. Each new member was presented with her identifying white uniform and red socks.

Proud wearers of these uniforms are seniors Jean Bolcko, Diane Ditrisco, Joyce Kicherer, Susan Lindsay, Susan McKay, Peggy Miller, Marjorie Ogila and Kathy Sayre.

Members from the junior class include Judy Amann, Linda Bleier, Mary Jane Keating, Judy Gray, Elizabeth McLaughlin, Donna Hall, Florence Mauro, Zivilda Vitkus and Kathy Ziebro.

During the next few months the St. Agnes team will play the varsity teams from Nazareth Academy, Our Lady of Mercy High School, Nazareth College, Academy of the Sacred Heart, DeSales High School of Geneva, De Sales High School of Lockport, Bishop Kearney and Cardinal Mooney High Schools. These games will take place both on the home court and on the courts of the various schools.

Simultaneously, an intense program of intramural basketball is scheduled. Twenty-two teams vie for top honors within the school. The winning team emerging from this series will challenge the varsity team on Sports Night.

Good Grooming

Everyone wishes to be attractive and girls are always eager

Attend Meet

Sister Marie Margaret, principal of St. Agnes High School, and Sister Dorothy Ellen, vice-principal, attended the Seventy-ninth Annual Meeting of the New York State Association of Secondary School Administrators last month in Syracuse.

In accordance with the theme "Developing a Dynamic Secondary School Curriculum," the opening session Sunday featured an address by Dr. Delmas F. Miller, director of West Virginia University High School on the topic "How Can the Principal Organize, Energize, and Guide His Staff for Curriculum Improvement." Later that evening, Carroll V. Newsom, vice-chairman of the Board, Prentice-Hall, Inc., spoke on "The Goals of Curriculum Improvement in the Secondary Schools."

[redacted] a selection of 17 work[redacted]aling with the improve[redacted] curriculum and with [redacted]ration staff relation[redacted]e Sisters attended work[redacted]entitled "Organizing Staff [redacted]s for Curriculum Im[redacted]ement," "Team Teaching and Curriculum Improvement," "Installation and Effective Utilization of Data Processing Equipment," and "How the Principal Can Help the Young Teacher to Succeed." These workshops were followed by clinic sessions.

Main speaker at the banquet meeting was Daniel Montenegro, specialist in International Affairs from the U.S. Department of State.

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