At Our House®

Fly That Flag!

By MARY TINLEY DALY

It's a cheerful sight, that of the flag of the United States whipped by the breeze in front of house after house in cities and towns of America—cheerful and also significant.

Reminds us of a comment once made by Woodrow Wilson: "The flag is the embodiment, not of sentiment, but of history. It represents the experiences made by men and women, the experiences of those who do and live under that flag."

Now here we are, with Flag Day coming up again, 187 years since that June 14 when the first Continental Congress, meeting in Philadelphia, adopted the Stars and Stripes as the official flag of our country.

IT IS GOOD for children to learn at an early age the meaning of that flag, its symbolism as George Washington is said to have described it: "We take the stars from heaven, the red from our mother country, separating it by white stripes, thus showing that we have separated from her, and the white stripes shall go down to posterity representing liberty."

There is a feeling of pride and patriotism installed in even small children when father or mother hoists that banner briskly in the morning, lowers it ceremoniously at sundown and they can say, "We have the flag flying in front of our house!"

It's an occasion.

There are, of course, the designated days for flag-flying, for the rest of the year after Flag Day the following: Independence Day (July 4); Labor Day, first Monday in September; Constitution Day, Sept. 17; Columbus Day, Oct. 12, Navy Day, Oct. 27; Armistice Day, Nov. 11; Thanksgiving Day, fourth Thursday in November; and Christmas Day.

But there are also other celebration-days, family days such as birthdays, special anniversaries, arrival of a new baby, visit of a loved relative, when the gala flag-flying spirit may well find expression thus.

TIME WAS, not too long ago, when flags were quite expensive and it was quite a production to fly one—a pole had to be put in the ground and all the rest. Now, they can be bought in the supermarket and at almost any department store. With a holder that can be screwed onto a porch or an outside window sill, it is just a question of running it up. As to cost, the usual 3 x 5 cotton banner, with pole, ropes and standard runs about $4; moth-proofed woolens ones, with hand sewn stars come to about twice that amount, pole extra.

In recent years, many of the Nation's drycleaners, in cooperation with the American Legion, will dry-clean your flag free of charge between June 1 and 12, provided the owner promises to fly his flag on Flag Day.

Making flag-flying a part of the family tradition brings with it, of course, certain responsibilities. Symbol of the United States, it must be treated with the respect it deserves, so both parents and children should be aware of proper procedure in handling and displaying.

For instance, the flag should not be displayed on days when the weather is inclement; the flag should never touch anything beneath it, such as the ground, the floor, water, or merchandise. The flag should never be fastened, displayed, used, or stored in such a manner as will permit it to be easily torn, soiled, or damaged in any way. Finally when the flag is in such condition that it is no longer a fitting emblem for display, it should be destroyed in a dignified way, preferably by burning.

These "proper procedures" we have always found, delight children. They enjoy the responsibility of treating with respect something as meaningful as their country's flag. The little ones love to gather up the folds lovingly ("Mustn't ever let it touch the ground.")

Another intriguing, imagination-compelling rule is the "dire distress" one: "The flag should never be displayed with the union down save as a signal of dire distress."

"If the house catches fire could we fly the flag upside down?", one of ours asked: We said yes, but advised that a more practical solution would be to call the Fire Department.

Some patriotic leaflets along this line, splendid for children (and their elders) are readily available. Examples: "The Flag Code", 5c; "Our Flag" (beautiful color-illustrated booklet), 25c; "Our American Government", 25c; "Facts About the United States", 30c and many more.

These and lists of other titles may be secured by writing: Superintendent of Documents, Government Printing Office, Washington, D.C., 20402.

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And Another Dab of Paint There!

ART CLUB members at St. Ambrose School put finishing touches on their work. The group meets twice a week and pays a penny a week dues for their supplies. From left are Marianne Vick, Mary Cardella, Patty Leonard, Betsy Griswald, Debbie Perry, Bill Stephany, Beth McHugh and Sister Marcella, their instructor.

DeRitis - Bigler Wedding Held

Sodus—Church of the Epiphany, was the setting for the wedding of Miss Mary Ann Bigler of Sodus and Francis Paul DeRitis, son of Mrs. Vincent DeRitis of Rugby Ave., Rochester, and the late Mr. DeRitis. The Rev. William Lammers, rector, performed the nuptial Mass Saturday, June 6, and Roger L. Snyder, brother-in-law of the bride gave her in marriage.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Bigler of Sodus Point.

Miss Patricia Cown of Rochester was maid of honor attendent. David W. Kloser of Rochester was best man. Ushering the guests were David Devlin of Rochester and Cecil Rasbach, brother-in-law of the groom, of Webster.

Murphy Studio

Mrs. Frank DeRitis

Evils of Pornography Stressed On TV Show

"Pages of Death," a film giving graphic illustration of the evil that can befall youth exposed to salacious literature prevalent on newsstands today will be shown on WOKR Channel 13, Tuesday, June 16 at 9:30 a.m.

Produced by the Third Order of St. Francis, the film narrated by Tom Harmon was planned to reach everyone with the horror of pornography and its evil effects.

The movie is said based on a true life story of an 11-year-old girl whose death resulted from a youth "obsessed with an over-stimulated sex drive fed by obscene literature."

Showing of the film on television is a project of the Family Campaign for Decent Literature, organized with the approval of Bishop Kearney and sponsored by Rochester Area Knights of Columbus.

Leading figures in the campaign which has resulted in 35 engagements before more than 1,000 persons are a small businessman, a letter carrier, and a representative of Catholic Digest. They are urging volunteers to use moral persuasion rather than coercion in dealing with news outlets.

Section 484-H of the New York State Penal Code which relates to the sale of salacious literature to minors is their strong ally in the campaign.

Details of the campaign or use of the film at meetings may be arranged with John R. Ward, 1359 Genesee St., Rochester, N.Y. 14611.

To Be Wed

The engagement of Miss Joan Mary Quattrini and Francis Albert Pierri, both of Corning has been announced.

The prospective bride is the daughter of Mrs. Mildred Quattrini, 30 Wilson St., and the late August Quattrini.

Her fiance, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Pierri, 334 W. First St.

Boss Couple Notes Jubilee

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Boss of 597 Child St. are celebrating their golden wedding anniversary, this year. A Mass was offered in observance in Holy Apostles Church, June 2.

A reception was given in their honor Saturday, June 6 at Plante-ation Pines, Spencerport, by their children. They have two daughters, Mrs. Leo (Rita) Roach and Mrs. Therese Pierce; three sons, Clement and Ray of Spencerport and Arthur of Rochester and 23 grandchildren.

Family Rosary Radio Program

Friday, June 12, — Charles Baglio, Our Lady of Perpetual Help.

Saturday, June 13 — Donald Rimlinger, St. Bridget, East Bloomfield accompanied by St. Patrick's Fraternity, Third Order of St. Francis. (Mass to begin at 7 p.m.)

Sunday, June 14 — Joseph P. Capuana, Mother of Sorrows accompanied by Rochester Council, No. 178, Knights of Columbus.

Monday, June 15 — Walter Alderson, St. Joseph accompanied by Holy Name Society.

Tuesday, June 16 — Clarence Young, Holy Ghost, Coldwater.

Wednesday, June 17 — John C. Riesenberger, Our Lady of Lourdes.

Thursday, June 18 — A representative of St. George's Holy Name Society.

Seton Groups In Action

74TH BRANCH of Seton Workers of St. Mary's Hospital will be entertained by Miss Josephine Lombardo at her home, 189 Barry Road, Thursday evening, June 11.

45TH BRANCH meeting Monday, June 15 at home of Mrs. Thomas Hernon in Wiesner Rd. Work on projects for annual Seton Sale will continue.

12TH BRANCH meeting at home of Mrs. George Green of Seneca Parkway for lunch, June 11.

83RD BRANCH met for luncheon June 9 at home of Mrs. William Martin, 2022 Edgemere Dr.

63RD BRANCH to meet Thursday, June 11, 8:30 p.m. at the home of Mrs. Thomas Spiess, 188 Danforth Crescent.

73RD BRANCH was entertained by Mrs. Anthony Cerquone of Saratoga Avenue in her home, June 8.

40TH BRANCH annual picnic, Thursday, June 11 at Corbett's Glen. Mr. and Mrs. Howard Meath are in charge of arrangements.

19TH BRANCH members to be entertained by Mrs. Pat E. Provenzano of Seneca Parkway at a luncheon in her home, Thursday, June 18.

84TH BRANCH to be entertained at her home in Avon by Mrs. Theodore Zornow, Wednesday evening, June 17.

ENTERTAIN AT FAIR

Jeanne and Greg Hamlin, children of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Hamlin of Gravel Rd., W. Webster entertained at the World's Fair recently. Jeanne sang two solos accompanied on the piano by Dorothy Koster, a student at Nazareth College.

Dear Loretta Young

'Crab' at Home

By MISS LORETTA YOUNG

'Crab' in the House

Dear Miss Young:

Would you please print this in your column soon? I am in desperate of your advice. This problem concerns my lazy and inconsiderate husband.

Because he puts in his eight hours of work from Monday to Friday he somehow feels that the children (four of them) and I have to kiss his feet. He demands things of us while he relaxes every day of the week from the moment he steps into the house. So much has to be done around the house that it is slowly falling apart. My children and I are pleasant to him and all he does is crab—nothing ever pleases him. The children do their chores and I do much more than I already can take. I need your advice on who's duty it is to take care of repairs both in and out of the house. Also, why do men do this?

Disgusted

Dear "Disgusted":

There is a rather distasteful saying that goes "fish stinks from its head." If the head is bad, so goes the rest, and vice versa. Now . . . since the husband, by the natural law, is considered the "head of the home (and the wife the heart), it is obviously the duty of said husband as the head to set the standards of behavior for the family. If he is selfish, lazy, demanding, his family will tend to be the same way. Children learn best through example, and unfortunately, sometimes, so do wives.

He must begin to realize that as the boss, he is setting the hate pattern, not only for himself but for his entire family. And God help him if he doesn't catch on in time to repair the damage he has already done to his loved ones, not to mention the house he lives in.

It is a shame, too, because his home is supposed to be his castle and in every castle there is a king. A good king is a servant to his people, not a dictator. Long live a good king!

Stay Home, Young Girl

Dear Miss Young:

I would like to be able to act in movies someday. My trouble is this: I don't know how to get started. I'm fifteen and I want to go to New York as soon as I get the money and for certain reasons I can't wait until I'm older. I don't know what to do when I get there. Would you please answer these questions for me: Do I need an agent? If so, where do I get one? Do I have to have any special contacts? Do I have to be any certain age before I can act?

I'm willing to work as hard as is expected and I know that a lot of work is involved. Thank you very much for your time.

Star Struck

Dear "Star Struck":

There is no right age to start acting. You do not have to go to New York to study. Start right at home. Join the drama class at your own school and if there isn't one available, start one. Take diction, dancing, singing, public speaking—anything that will give you security in front of an audience.

If you are intended by God to be an actress in His plan of things, you will be an actress. You do your inch. He will do the rest. Your inch involves preparing yourself to be ready when the opportunity comes your way. Don't panic: at 15, you have plenty of time yet.

Beatle Fan

Dear Miss Young:

I would like to thank you for being one of the seemingly few adults, who doesn't condemn the Beatles. Parents seem to forget that they had so-called idols when they were young. I am thankful that my parents do not get mad at my sister and me for liking the Beatles. I believe that they are nice guys and that they like to have fun. Thank you again.

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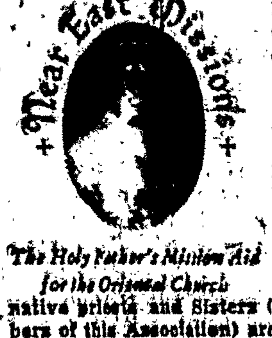

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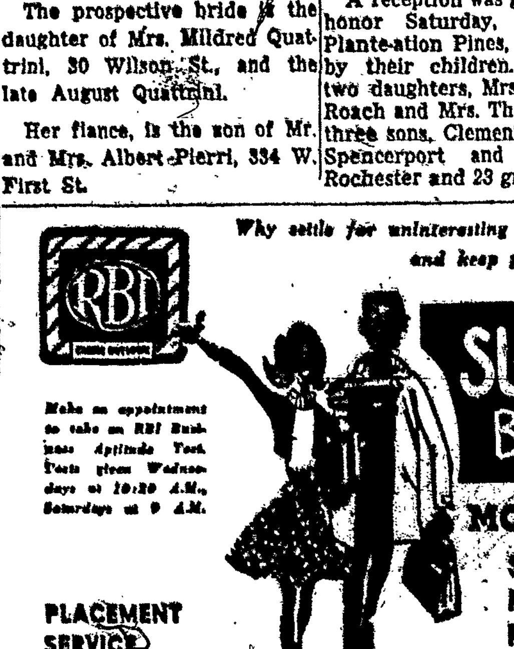

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