

Our Readers

By MARY TINLEY DALY

Since publication in this column, several weeks ago, of some of the problems facing single-parent families, many readers who are widowed or separated have written of their own first-hand experiences.

Excerpts from some of the letters would, we believe, be helpful to others in like predicaments — M.T.D.

Dear Mrs. Daly:

I was interested in your article last week when you wrote of

those I consider "the neglected Catholics," the widows and widowers left with a family to bring up and with their social status changed by death of the spouse. Also, and even more serious, are those who are affected, as so often happens today, by compulsory divorce due to lack of support or any of a number of legitimate reasons for separation.

Something should definitely be done for them. If anyone needs help they do.—M.K.

Dear Mary Daly:

When you mentioned attending a meeting of "one-parent families" I clipped the article — then promptly lost it! (Another symptom of my disorganization at the present time.)

My husband died quite suddenly six months ago at the age of 42. I am 35, the mother of four boys: 10, 8, 6, and 2 years of age. Tom's parents, and mine, have been very kind but they all live in a state far distant so that I feel quite "family-less" and with nobody to talk to.

I did remember that the meeting you attended was under Catholic auspices so for step 1, I went to our pastor. How glad I am that I took that first step! We had a nice visit and I feel more a part of the parish than ever before. He said that there is a group of one-parent families in our locality and a few days later I was introduced to it when Mrs. L., a woman some years older than I, came to call.

Mrs. L. told me she had been a widow for five years, but that's about all she did tell me at the time. She let me do the talking, bless her heart. (So many others have gone on and on about their own bereavement.)

Upshot was that I joined the group — about 40 of us — and I found that the loneliness and guilt feelings I had were not at all unusual. Without preaching, they helped me toward acceptance of God's will. They helped, too, especially Mrs. L. In some of the problems I had about the children — the 10-year-old feeling "left out" and "different" for instance.

I am still lonely, fearful of the future but I am very grateful to our pastor and to this group. Thank you.—F.A.A.

Dear Mrs. Daly:

I am one of the "separated" and I mean that in more ways than one.

Since my husband left us, the whole world seems to have turned its back. Ours was a stormy marriage and I was no doubt as much to blame as my husband. He was overly ambitious, to my way of thinking, devoting every waking moment to his profession and the associates connected with that profession. Well, now he has it, and we, on a full-time basis and we have nothing.

Friends, at least I thought they were friends, are always "too busy." I have the house, an adequate income and five children to rear as a One Parent Family.

From these, and other letters, we see evidence of very real, very human problems, with no pat answer to their solution. That "first step" mentioned by F.A.A., a call on the pastor, is perhaps as good a beginning as any.

As Post Cans groups (those concerned with one-parent families) are growing throughout the country, a special session is being arranged for them at the National Catholic Family Life Convention to be held in Washington, June 25-28. It is in charge of the Newark, N.J., widowed group, C.O.P.A., which expects to have literature available.



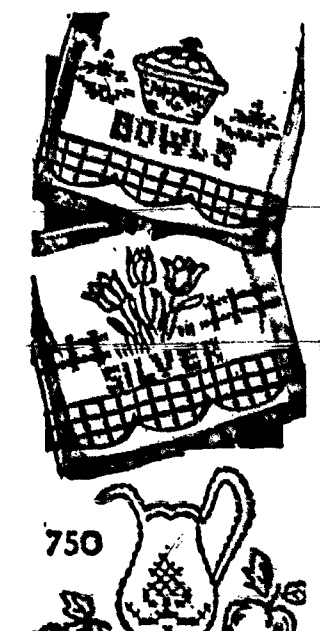
Mrs. Anthony Cappadonia

Wedding Held At Annunciation

Miss Kathy Ann Mancini, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dominic Mancini of Norran Dr., and Anthony J. Cappadonia, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Cappadonia of Blakelee St., were married June 13 at Annunciation Church, Monsignor Albert L. Simonetti officiated assisted by Rev. Richard Amico, cousin of the groom.

Miss Karen Ann Molinari was maid of honor and bridesmaids were Donna Mancini, Ann Cappadonia and Monica Alloro. Joseph Rellai was best man and ushers were Pat Farricone, Pat Proietti, Vince Caturel, Joseph Cappadonia and George Simons. Wayne Liberti was ring bearer.

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Thru The Looking Glass

For Dad

By LOUISE WILSON

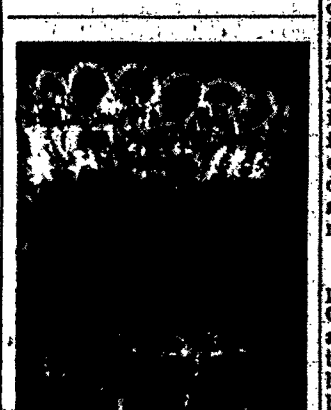
Louise Wilson is heard 11 times each week on WHAM: 9:10 Monday through Friday & 9:23-9:55 Monday through Saturday.

With Father's Day this coming Sunday, we made a small but very strong effort to look at what dear old dad would most like for his day.

Requests for dad's gifts included everything from a bird bath to "NO TIES, thank you." Ladies with gift lists in hand came up with everything from new slippers to fishing gear. Dorothy Morrison of New York City suggested an ever popular idea of Old Spice, a male favored fragrance of long standing. Ruth C. Dennis of Jasper, New York came right out and said, "What better way to crown dad King for a Day than with a sizzling steak?" she has some thing there!

All of which set us to thinking about the whole idea and we did a little researching on the subject and came up with a flood of information that may or may not be useful for filling lulls in conversations. An African Dinka tribesman considers the one "perfect" present from his son: the skin of the first lion the young man kills. It's not just what children give their sires but what fathers give to their children that varies in fascinating ways around the globe.

Tehambull boys of New Guinea



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Mean in rearing six motherless children. Thanks to her efforts, the holiday was first celebrated in 1910 in Spokane, Washington. From its modest beginnings, Father's Day has become a very important occasion to American families. The total gift bill is expected to exceed one billion dollars. Ties, despite what men say about ties selected by women, will likely lead the list.

Toliettes, especially scents of proven masculine appeal like Old Spice and York Town, are also big sellers. There will be the usual bathrobes, in all probability, and smoking jackets but few if any "longevity robes."

This was a favorite son-to-father gift in Old China where great age implied great prestige. A son would think of no better way to show respect for an elderly parent than by making him a present of a silken robe embroidered with the Chinese characters for "long life." The robe was considered most effective if sewn by a young person likely to live a long time.

There's one exotic custom pertaining to new fathers rather than old ones that American men might like to adopt. In many African and South American tribes, it's feared that father might endanger the health of his newborn child by sneezing in workday pursuits. Therefore, although many returns to her usual tasks almost as soon as the baby is born, Dad takes to his bed for days or even weeks and does ABSOLUTELY NOTHING.

This is one custom we hope never makes its way here to the United States or even in a small way starts to become a trend. Maybe that big sizzling steak for Father's Day is the best suggestion yet to forestall any such possibility!

Robert Hartman was best man for his brother and ushers were Gene Zielke, Theodore Hartman, Roger Ford, John Merklinger and Frank Jung. Robert Hartman Jr. was ring bearer.

Couple Wed At St. Francis

Miss Rosemarie Giannavola, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Giannavola of Whitney St. and Thomas G. Curtis, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Curtis of Anthony St., were married May 30 at St. Francis of Assisi Church. The Rev. Joseph Cirincione officiated.

Miss Gall Ernie was maid of honor and bridesmaids were the Misses An Giannavola, Joyce Ford, Patricia Manella, Lucille Giannavola and June. Felice Susan Acierino was flower girl.

James Curtis was best man and ushers were James Dalton, George Henon, William Sponer and August Giannavola. August Avangelista was ring bearer.

'Child's Play' Ballet Set

The premier of "Child's Play," a ballet based on a story written by Jerry Walker of New York City, formerly associated with Rochester Arena Players, will be presented Wednesday, June 24, in the Gaihan Club Auditorium. Choreography for the ballet was written by Miss Fawst Scheffel who will present her students in the annual dance program.

Featured roles will be danced by Katherine Butler, Margaret Strickman, M. J. Kalkreuth, Blum, Kathleen White, Elizabeth Boccacchi and Catherine Mercury, along with Miss Scheffel.

Miss Butler and Miss Brinkman are 1964 graduates of St. Ann's and Sacred Heart Schools, respectively. Supporting roles will be danced by Patricia Phalet, Deborah Dinicola and Rosemary Hoek.

Rehearsals with a Teddy Bear, featuring Nancy Blum, seven-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Blum; "Orchestra," a modern dance composition; "Alley Cat" and "Jazzville" will round out the program.

Corps de ballets include children from St. Helen, St. Flax St. Monica, Sacred Heart and St. Augustine Schools. Curtain time is 8:30 p.m. The public is invited.

C.D.A. Events

Court Our Lady of the Genade No. 1139, Catholic Daughters of America held its final meeting of the season Tuesday, June 9 with Miss Helen Sullivan, district deputy, installing the following officers for the year 1964-1965:

Rev. Robert MacNamara, Chaplain; Mrs. Mary Schrandt, grand regent; Mrs. Caroline Polizzi, Vice Grand Regent; Miss Ann Cayla, Proptress; Mrs. Constance Amatori, Lecturer; Mrs. Edwina Crosby, Historian; Mrs. JoAnn Viavettene, Financial Secretary; Miss Irene Martin, Treasurer; Mrs. Louise Green, Monitor; Mrs. Sadie Mile, Sentinel; Mrs. Thelma DePalma, Organizer; Trustees for three are Mrs. Laura Meloni and Mrs. Ann Cerniglio.

Susanne Atwood of St. Ann's school won first prize in Division I in the poetry contest sponsored by the court, and will be presented a check for \$25.00 for her poem.

Couple Wed At St. Ambrose

Miss Carolyn Cammarata, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Cammarata of Culver Pkwy., and Terence McMahon, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lee McMahon of Clay Ave., were married June 13 at St. Ambrose Church. The Rev. Joseph Daly officiated.

Miss Mary Grace Cammarata was maid of honor and bridesmaids were Miss Sharon Deoly and Miss Mary Ellen Murphy.

John Hint was best man and ushers were Gerald Budinski and Robert Ross. The bride is a graduate of Nazareth College and the groom, from St. John Fisher College.

3 All-Americans In One Parish

Dubuque, Iowa — (NC) — St. Columbkille's parish here boasts three members who achieved All-American ratings in sports during the last five months.

They are: Mike Reilly, 235-pound guard and linebacker of the University of Iowa football team, now headed for a pro career with the Chicago Bears; Pete Spoden, 6-6 basketball center at State College of Iowa, who gained Little College All-American distinction, and Jim Jacksonski, 6-4 basketball center of Washlet High, named on several All-American prep school teams.

All started their athletic careers playing with teams of the parish grade school.

Family Rosary Radio Program

Friday, June 19 — William Gmelin, St. Thomas the Apostle accompanied by Third Order of Mt. Carmel.

Saturday, June 20 — Walter O'Brien, St. Mary's — Gaston Dalgain.

Sunday, June 21 — Andrew Troit, Our Lady of Perpetual Help.

Monday, June 22 — Frank Liel, Our Lady of Good Counsel.

Tuesday, June 23 — Joseph Zamble, Most Precious Blood.

Wednesday, June 24 — A representative of St. Andrew's Holy Name Society. (Mass to be celebrated.)

Thursday, June 25 — Charles Long, Our Lady of Mercy accompanied by Rochester Products Division employees.

MRS. BERNARD HARTMAN Good Counsel Wedding Held

Miss Kathryn Hoyzack, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John C. Hoyzack, and Bernard P. Hartman, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank J. Hartman, were married June 13 at Our Lady of Good Counsel Church. Monsignor Leo Smith officiated.

Mrs. Gene Zielke was matron of honor and bridesmaids were Robert Hartman and the Misses Judith Hartman, Susanne Yax, Susan Murphy and Joanne Latoratore.

Robert Hartman was best man for his brother and ushers were Gene Zielke, Theodore Hartman, Roger Ford, John Merklinger and Frank Jung. Robert Hartman Jr. was ring bearer.

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