

To White House

By MARY TINLEY DALY

Mothers and fathers of America, sincerely concerned over the welfare of their children, have been shocked at a recent publication of "lists." Unbeknownst to the teenagers, and slightly older, these "lists" of names and addresses have been sold at a price of \$2 for a 50-name list.

Most of these lists, arranged geographically, include names sold to buyers who think they are getting "party girls" and other categories.

At your house and at ours, come magazines with 350-page clip returns: "How to Overcome Teen-Age Acne," "How to Become Stronger."

The lure of a 5 cent stamp for such a return is almost irresistible. Our children, boys, send away for weights to lift; our children, girls, send postage to "do away with teenage skin problems," to "have dimples in your cheeks," to "grow two-inch eyelashes."

Their names and addresses are recorded.

Lists are exchanged. Before long, mail grows expansive, at your house and at ours. And what does that mail contain?

Take a look at it.

THE SENATE Juvenile Delinquency Subcommittee, under the chairmanship of Senator Thomas J. Dodd (D-Conn.), is planning to open hearings next month or in March on mail-order smut and the compilation and exchange of mailing lists that provide the market for dealers in pornography.

Asked how parents should deal with the problem in their own families, Senator Dodd tells readers of this column:

"There is not a more effective way for parents to thwart the mail-order business of the fifth and pornography peddlers than openly to discuss the problem with their children. This is the first line of defense in the tawdry attempt to twist, misinform and seduce the minds of the young.

"There is no question that in the normal family, parents are the final authority in these matters.

"A child's birthright entitles him to a set of standards of conduct no less than that of his parents, and as a part of his education he should be given that by his parents.

"THE LEGAL issues posed by the smut peddlers, and there are many, are now being examined by the Senate Juvenile Delinquency Subcommittee and I can assure you that they will be pressed to a final conclusion.

"I would offer advice on one phase of this problem that could be a great public service. That is, that parents whose juveniles have been approached by the smut peddlers take up the matter with the local postal authorities or law enforcement officials wherever and whenever possible."

In a prepared statement

along the same line, Postmaster General John A. Gronouski says:

"Informal notices in each of our 40,000 installations throughout America advise the public that objectionable mail may be returned to the Post Office, or turned over to a postal inspector for investigation.

"In our program of enforcing the obscenity laws we have the active cooperation of the Justice Department and numerous state and local law enforcement agencies.

"There is no question that pornography—the hard core prurient kind—does exist in considerable quantity.

"There is no doubt in our mind that the American public, through the Congress, has imposed upon the Post Office Department the obligation to control that traffic, and has provided it with adequate and satisfactory measures permitting such control—without censorship."

The Postmaster General explains that his department examines every case, then makes an administrative judgment as to the probability of a violation, using the Supreme Court's decision in the Roth Case as a guideline. The decision on obscenity, he maintains, must lie with the courts.

"When court action is undertaken," the Postmaster General says, "the determination is speedy and justice is exacted with a minimum of delay and red tape."

Arrests for violation have grown from 315 in 1959 to 895 last year; convictions, from 272 to 627 in the same period.

Reale Named To New Post

Geneva — Carmen Reale, 97 Genesee St., former chairman of the city planning board, has been named to the position of environmental health technician in the city public health department.

Reale was appointed to the position by Dr. M. Edgerton Deuel, city health officer and will begin work this week.

Reale was born in New York City, May 22, 1918. He attended school in Geneva and graduated from Geneva High School in 1936. He has been employed as general manager of James Reale and Sons Dry Cleaning and Tailoring for many years.

He is married to the former Rosemary Agnes Hanratta who is from Geneva. They have three children. Mrs. Rose (Carmen Roberta) Calabrese, James Hugh Reale and Kathleen Reale.

Fish Fry

Merimacs will enjoy a Fish Fry at Rochester German House, Gregory St., Friday, Feb. 5 at 6:30 p.m. Price is \$1.25 each.

GOD LOVE YOU

Most Reverend
Fulton J. Sheen

"Going to Mass" will not save us unless we "live out the Mass" in our lives. We are not spectators at Christ's sacramental death on the altar; we are actors. We do not watch Him die for the world's sin; we die with Him!

Oh! May the Holy Spirit teach us that the world is on our back as the Cross was on the back of Christ. Christ did not die for our parish or our diocese. He died for ALL mankind! Sin is not a private business. Absolution is not just a forgiveness of my sin and a restoration to the friendship of God. It is a restoration to God's community, to His Redeemed Society, in order that I may carry out Christ's work of redeeming the world's sin.

I, the contrite—how have I ever borne the world's evil except to condemn it? Did you ever lessen a leper's sores? Did you ever convert a sinner from the error of his ways, either here or in Africa? Did you ever educate a seminarian in Asia to win souls for Christ before their minds are enslaved by Marx? Did you ever make a Holy Hour in reparation for the Moslem expulsion of our missionaries from the Sudan? May the Holy Spirit inspire you to be truly "catholic." If you share these sentiments—are willing to do your part to walk into the Gethsemane of the world—let me hear from you with your offering for a Mass, or aims, or prayers or sacrifice for the world's evils.

GOD LOVE YOU to a personal tithe for \$15 "Three months ago I supposed a personal tax on myself, 'a-dime-a-day' Enclosed is the Mission's first quarterly payment—plus something extra!... to someone who read, and thought, and gave. \$250. After reading your column I had to send this sacrifice—to thank God for all that I have been given and at the same time give something to those who have nothing."... to a thoughtful baby-sitter for \$8 "I earned this baby-sitting for six healthy children. Please accept it for the sick and starving children of the world."

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Send for this column, six your sacrifices to it and mail it to Most Rev. Fulton J. Sheen, National Director of The Society for the Propagation of the Faith, 304 Fifth Avenue, New York, New York 10001, or to your Diocesan Director, Rev. John F. Duffy, 50 Chestnut Street, Rochester, New York 14604.



Surprise Party For Louise

Louise Wilson, Fashion Editor of the Courier Journal and Women's Editor of WHAM, was honored at a surprise birthday party last Saturday at Midtown Plaza. A host of friends and well-wishers were present for the occasion and presented Louise with many gifts.



'Fiddler', 'Becket' Win Catholic Theatre Awards

Washington, D.C. — (RNS) — The National Catholic Theatre Conference will present its 1964 Religious Drama Award to "Fiddler on the Roof" and its Religious Film Award to "Becket."

It was announced here by Sister Mary Immaculate, executive secretary-treasurer.

"Fiddler," a leading musical now on Broadway, is based on Russian-Jewish folk tales. It was written by Joseph Stein, directed by Jerome Robbins, and produced by Harold Prince. Comedian Zero Mostel stars.

"Becket," a Paramount picture based on the play of the same name by Jean Anouilh, was produced by Hal Wallis and stars Richard Burton and Peter O'Toole.

The conference also will give a special citation to "Hello, Dolly," starring Carol Channing, for exemplifying excitement and entertainment in the theater.

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Such singers as Beth Harmon (entertainer from La Galerie), The Second Fret Gathering (a group of 12 singers), and Al Moses (an Indian folk-singer) will be competing.

Phil Bracchi, night club and stage comedian from New York will act as master of ceremonies.

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Sue Warden Takes Open Skate Title

Sue Warden, 13-year old student at Good Counsel School, swept to her second straight speed skating championship in as many weeks to capture the Juvenile Girls Class in the U.S. Open Speed Skating Championships at Pittsfield, Mass. last weekend.

Sue swept all events in her class in one of the nation's top skating events. Top skaters from the United States and Canada participated. The previous week saw Sue skate to the Eastern States Championship at Saratoga, again sweeping all events in her class.

This weekend Sue and her coach, George Blackburn, will travel to the National Skating Championships in Minneapolis. Blackburn believes Sue is making a "tremendous effort" despite the fact that lack of snow and warm weather had seriously handicapped practice sessions until the past week.

Sue is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E.H. (Bus) Warden of Ravenwood Ave.

Rosemary Callipari of St. John's won the special midgot girls championship at Saratoga by winning the 220 and 330 yard events. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Callipari.

Open House

Ithaca — Ithaca Council No. 277, Knights of Columbus will hold an Open House, Thursday evening Jan. 28 at 8 p.m. in the Knights of Columbus Home for prospective members.

All phases of the works of the Knights of Columbus will be explained and Insurance Agent, George Kleeman, will be present to explain this feature of the Order.

A First Degree will be held in the Home Feb. 11 for a Class to be known as "The Joseph F. Lamb Memorial Degree."

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