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Thru The Looking Glass

Children's Designer Speaks Her Mind

By LOUISE WILSON

Louise Wilson is heard twelve times weekly on Station WHAM: 9:10 and 9:25 A.M. Monday through Friday; 9:30 A.M. and 12:30 P.M. Saturday.

Helen Lee, who's been designing fashions for little ladies for a number of years, has had experience at home to guide her in designing. Her two daughters, born nine years apart, helped her with what she terms her own "good luck."

She admits she always knew enough not to dress them badly and not to put them into any mould which represented the way a child should look.

By her own admission, "I learned that children are extremely sensitive about themselves at a very early age. Jenny was a fat little girl. Lele on the other hand was a lovely little sprite. I made a point never to let them feel competitive. And I never, thank heaven, tried to make Jenny accept Lele's hand-me-downs."

How did she achieve such fair and just arrangement? By shopping separately. "I think it is a great mistake to do family shopping," Mrs. Lee surprised us by saying.

"Even if the children must be with their mother, she must concentrate on one at a time and insist that the others pay attention and learn as they watch their sister try on clothes."

"Then to bring home a profound bit of fashion-truth Helen Lee continued, "The real function of a mother is to instill into the child the rudiments of taste, a sense of proportion, coloring and individuality and at about seven, to let her begin to choose her own wardrobe. Shopping should be a shared treat with mother fading into the background the moment the child shows a sure judgment."

But isn't guidance extremely important, we wanted to know. Quick to answer in her soft, low voice, Helen Lee agreed. "Guidance is important of course but give in on play-clothes first."

"In cases where agreement doesn't come, take over firmly but gently — explaining why in every instance — why the fabric isn't suitable for her needs, the dress is for parties and she already has one she loves, or it will not combine well with her coat or it fits badly somewhere."

"When she sees herself, as she is likely to understand." Such a technique explained by this lovely young grandmother comes very well recommended. And well taken from a lady who's designed for

generations of very young ladies.

What are some of the problems mothers visit on their children, fashion-wise? Playing stage mother, is one of them, Mrs. Lee believes. Trying to fulfill her own dream for a stage career. What about the "mod" look seen in fashions for the very young? Quick to answer, she feels that the kooky look never was for a child's life any more than it was for adults.

It was for adolescents who had something to rebel against and proved their point in an offbeat, self-expressive way of dressing while in that age group. Helen Lee chalks it all up to self-experimentation which youth must have to grow. This was a comforting bit of philosophy and one hopefully and heartily wished for as a very temporary, passing phase.

To quote Helen Lee on the purely positive side, "America has many advantages and one of them is that good taste and the collector's instinct is no longer a sign of money. Today, taste parallels a person's level of education."

Children's clothes should reflect the degree of cultivation of the family. If the child is taught she will respect a beautiful, special dress. If she gets a compliment, it becomes sacred, a holy dress."

College Honors

Miss Jane Elizabeth Scholand, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Walter J. Scholand, 110 Suburban Court, Rochester, was elected president of the Student Organization at Cornell University-New York Hospital School of Nursing in New York City.

Parents' Weekend Set At Nazareth College

Nazareth College will welcome parents of students to the eighth annual Parents' Weekend, Nov. 4, 5 and 6th. Beginning with a Get-Acquainted Mixer at Irondequoit Country Club for parents only Friday evening, the program will continue Saturday afternoon, on the campus. The Junior Class will present a musical skit in the auditorium at 1:45 p.m., "Sounds of Nazareth", followed by a Coffee Hour.

At 2:45 faculty members will conduct an orientation program for parents of freshmen and at the same hour, parents of upperclassmen will attend a special program.

At 3:45 a varied program will be available, including the presentation of Albee's Sandbox, a recital by two members of the Music faculty, Mrs. Ross L. Mathews and Robert Hobsteter, a Speech Therapy demonstration and several student artists at work.

More than 1,200 parents and students will have dinner Saturday in the four college dining rooms. Sister Helen Daniel, Monsignor Shannon, Sister Catherine Louise and Sister Jo speakers at the dinners and music will be furnished by singing groups in each class.

The weekend will conclude Sunday with Mass in the Motherhouse Chapel for freshmen and seniors and in Alma Mater Chapel for the sophomores and juniors. Following the Mass, breakfast will be served for students and their parents in the college cafeteria and in the auditorium.

Officers of the Parents' Association, who planned the weekend, are Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Knauft, co-presidents; Dr. and Mrs. S. Griffo, co-



Mrs. James Cunningham — Miss Betty Jayne Culhane, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert T. Culhane, Gennis Dr., Penfield, and James T. Cunningham, son of Mrs. Harry Cunningham and the late Mr. Cunningham, Earl St., were married Oct. 22 in St. Monica Church, Rochester.

Mrs. Lenny O. Gebor — Miss Lorraine McKewon, daughter of Mrs. Patrick A. McKewon and the late Mr. McKewon, Winchester St., and Lenny O. Gebor, son of Mrs. Marion Gebor, Hampden Rd., were married Oct. 29 in Sacred Heart Cathedral, Rochester.

Mrs. Richard G. Thayer — Miss Lorraine Burge, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Burge, Mt. Read Blvd., and Richard G. Thayer, son of Mrs. Agnes Thayer, Avis St., were married Oct. 29 in St. Charles Borromeo Church, Rochester.

Mrs. Robert Enright — Miss Anna Marie DiGrazia, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Phillip DiGrazia, 29 Admiral Park, and Robert Carl Enright, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert J. Enright, 231 McNaughton St., were married Oct. 29 in Holy Rosary Church, Rochester.

Corning Panel Agrees:

Nuns are 'Human' First

"The role of the emerging Sister" was clearly evidenced by the four Sisters who participated in a panel discussion on this subject at the first meeting of the Saint Patrick's Parish Aides at the parish hall on Tuesday evening, Oct. 23.

The Sisters gave the 120 women in attendance a new insight into the vital role the Sisters play in the modern Church.

Sister Jonatha, a Sister of Mercy on the faculty of Notre Dame High School, Elmira, opened the discussion by developing the idea that Sisters are "human, women, Christian, and religious — in that order."

A fellow Sister of Mercy, Sister Maureen, also on the faculty of Notre Dame High School pointed out how the traditional threefold religious vow of poverty, chastity, and obedience, necessarily remains at the core

of the religious life even in the often skeptical modern world.

Sister William a Sister of St. Joseph and principal of St. Ambrose School in Rochester, strongly opposed the idea that a vocation to the sisterhood de-personalizes and defeminizes a woman. "Rather," she stated, "such a vocation affords the individual Sister a unique opportunity to place her personal faith and femininity totally at the service of Christ and her fellow men."

Sister Joan, who is working for her doctorate in biology at the University of Rochester and a member of the Sisters of St. Joseph described her personal experiences in five years on the campus of a secular university.

The next meeting is scheduled for Sunday evening, November 20th, when clergy of the Ecumenical Movement: What it is and where it is going."

Sociology Dept. Lists Lectures

The Sociology Department of Nazareth College has arranged a program of lectures on the various types of social work in the Rochester community.

Beginning with lectures during the past week by Dr. James Ashbrook (Colgate Rochester) and the Rev. William G. Charbonneau (Catholic Charities) on the Personal Relationship in Casework and Counseling and by John Thomas, Alcoholic Clinic at the Rochester State Hospital, the series will include Mrs. Trost, a school social worker on Group and Family Therapy and school Counseling (today); Mrs. Paul Hasen, the Southeast Community Service (Nov. 10); John Reagan, Association of Retarded Children (Nov. 11); Miss Mullen of the Child Guidance Clinic on Psychiatric Social Work (Nov. 17); and Kenneth Storaunt on Community Chest Agencies and a General Survey of the Social Work field (Nov. 18).

All lectures are scheduled at 2:30 p.m. in Smyth Hall.



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Mary Donahue Honored By Catholic Daughters

More than 100 Catholic Daughters honored Mrs. Mary M. Donahue of Brockport at a testimonial dinner at Villa Capri Party House in Clarkson, Oct. 23. Mrs. Donahue is now Vice State Regent of New York State Court, Catholic Daughters of America. She previously held the post of state secretary.

A member of the CDA for 42 years, she with a handful of other women started the Brockport Court, Our Lady's Nativity, in 1924.

In tribute to her long and faithful service, Father Edward J. Lintz, pastor of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary Church and Court chaplain said: "Whenever I need a job to be done I call on Mary and go back to sleep, assured it would be done."

Margaret McKenney, state regent acclaimed Mrs. Donahue not only as an esteemed Catholic Daughter, but also as a long time friend.

Monsignor George F. McKinney from Ostling state court chaplain, paid tribute to the honored guest and to the Catholic Daughters for their generous support of the Ostling Correctional Institute of which he is also chaplain.

Others voicing commendation

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of Mrs. Donahue were: State Monitor Rayola McLoughlin, Port Jervis; State Chairman of Vocations and Missions Mary K. Margraff, Elmira; District Deputy Mary Burke, Elmira; District Deputy Mary Murphy, Rochester, and Grand Regent Loretta West of Brockport Court.

The dinner was sponsored by "the home courts" of Brockport, Rochester, Attica, Medina, Albion and Batavia. Guests also attended from Elmira and Lima.

Marguerite L. Sullivan, Batavia, toastmaster, was also heard in original songs in honor of Mrs. Donahue and Margaret McKenney, Ruth Chapple, Batavia, accompanied.

Mrs. Donahue thanked Mrs. Mae Connors, Brockport, general chairman; Ellen Burke, Brockport, decoration chairman; Cecelia Leigh, Albion, favors; Mary Schrandt, Rochester, souvenirs; Marguerite L. Sullivan, Batavia, programs.

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