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WEE PALS

by Morrie Turner

DON'T YOU GUYS FEEL SILLY?
SUPPOSE EVERYBODY WENT AROUND DRESSED LIKE THAT...
...FIGHTING INTOLERANCE... WHAT KIND OF WORLD WOULD THIS BE?
A PRETTY GROOVY ONE!



Neumanns Mark Golden Wedding

Mr and Mrs. William Neumann of East Lake Road, Livonia, will be guests of their three children and 40 grand-children tomorrow night at a 50th wedding anniversary dinner in Foster's Inn, Avon.

This Sunday, Feb. 15, Mass will be celebrated for them at St. Joseph's Church, Livonia. They were married Feb. 11, 1920, in Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church, Rochester. Their children are Mrs. Joseph Wolter, Gerard and Clifford Neumann.

Mr. Neumann retired in 1957 after 30 years at Kodak.

NOTICE!

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MR. CLAM MAN'S

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254-7171

TEENAGERS WANT TO KNOW

By FATHER MARTIN

Dear Father,

I am a 16 year old boy. My father has been dead for 10 years. The problem is my mother. She is an alcoholic.

Everyone, including me, has tried to talk to her. But it has done no good. She will cry and say that we make that stuff up to make her life miserable. Then she threatens to do all kinds of awful things. She quits for three weeks, then starts in again.

Father, no matter what I say or do, I love my mother. She is all I have. I have been told (so has she) that someday it will kill her.

I am nervous. I have started smoking and walking the streets. It's awful coming home and always seeing her in a stupor.

A while back a friend of mine gave me some pills to keep me going. They made things look better for a while, but now I can't stop taking them.

I'm scared and depressed. I can't take this any longer. It's not easy being the oldest kid and watching your mother and family fall apart.

Don't tell me to pray. I prayed for five years. We can't talk to her. I hate to think what might happen. Talking made it worse. Why did God let this happen?

John

Dear John,

If you did not love your mother, you could not have written this letter. But I think you must realize that your mother also loves you. I'm sure this adds to her frustration — the guilt she feels because of love of her family. A person's will can become severely weakened by drinking and your mother's biggest problem is that she needs help and she is not seeking it consistently.

It is too much for a 16 year old boy to shoulder these problems that you speak of. You too must seek help. Perhaps your mother won't join Alcoholics Anonymous, but you should get in contact with them. I strongly recommend that you join Alateen, which is a part of the Family group program of Alcoholics Anonymous. By the title, you can see that the group is designed for teenagers. It will help you to understand the problems of alcoholics a little bit better.

John, you must also be honest about some of your own problems. No one should take pills without doctor's orders, much less a teenager.

pleasure. For instance, modesty deals, with such matters as dress, looks, touches, dances, reading, viewing TV, and movies, when these aspects of our conduct have some connection with sex.

Modesty is certainly a protection for purity. You can compare purity to a beautiful garden. Just as people often put a hedge or a fence around a garden to protect it from being trampled upon, so too must people be concerned with the hedge of modesty to protect the garden of their spiritual life.

Modesty protects not only us but others. An electric power plant will put up a high fence around any high voltage to protect people. In charity, we must be concerned with protecting other people. I think the subject of girls' dress will bring out this point. I've heard some boys issue strong complaints about the way some girls dress. They think some girls are being deliberately provocative at times in their dress, and the boys say this is very distracting to them and very tempting.

It's hard to give an exact definition of modesty and even if we did, the definition wouldn't apply to every situation. Some people are more sensitive than others. What bothers one person might not bother another person. We have to know ourselves well enough, our strong points and our weak points, so that we don't put ourselves into a position that might be dangerous to our spiritual well-being. And we must be sensitive to the feelings and weaknesses of others. We can't always espouse the philosophy, "that it doesn't bother me, so I think it's okay." I, personally, must always be concerned that I am not a source of severe temptation to others, and that I don't help lead others into sin.

So modesty has to do with proper behavior; it has to do with prudence; it has to do with protection; it has to do with reverence; and it has to do with respect for others. You might say modesty is the outer wall protecting the inner virtues. It's a safeguard. And it deals with the virtues of charity and humility. May God bless you.

Father Sams Given Guam Assignment

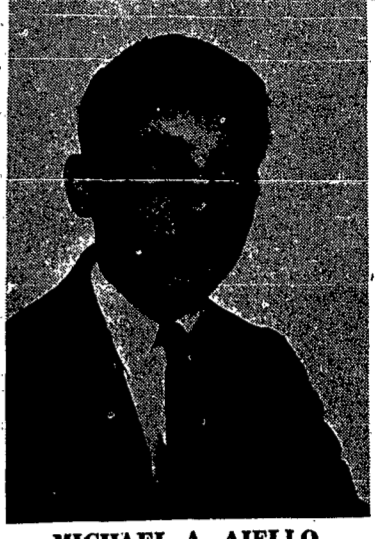
Assignment of the Rev. Ronald W. Sams, SJ, founding director of the Buffalo Jesuit Bureau, to a superior position in Guam was announced by Very Rev. Robert A. Mitchell, SJ, superior of the New York Province of the Society of Jesus.

Father Sams will become superior of St. Ignatius Residence in Guam effective August 1.

Jesuit Mission promotion in Rochester has been handled by Father Sams, especially the Jesuit Mission Benefit Dinner for the past four years.

Father Sams was on the first faculty of McQuaid Jesuit High School from 1954-1956. He will join in the missions two Rochester Jesuits in the Caroline Islands, Br. William Crommler, SJ and Rev. Mr. John Garvey, SJ, as well as former McQuaid faculty members Father Francis Staebel, SJ, Father William Suchan, SJ, Brother Joseph Griffin, SJ, and Brother Cyprian Moses, SJ.

Dean's List



Michael R. Aiello, a 1967 graduate of Bishop Kearney High School and a junior at Iona College, New Rochelle, last week was named to the dean's list at the college.

Michael was a member of the Bishop Kearney High School band and of the school's soccer team. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Michael A. Aiello, 163 Tamarack Drive, Irondequoit, parishioners of St. Salome's Church.

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God knows your sorrows and He has guaranteed His help. Trust in Him, do all you can, and that help will come.

Dear Father,

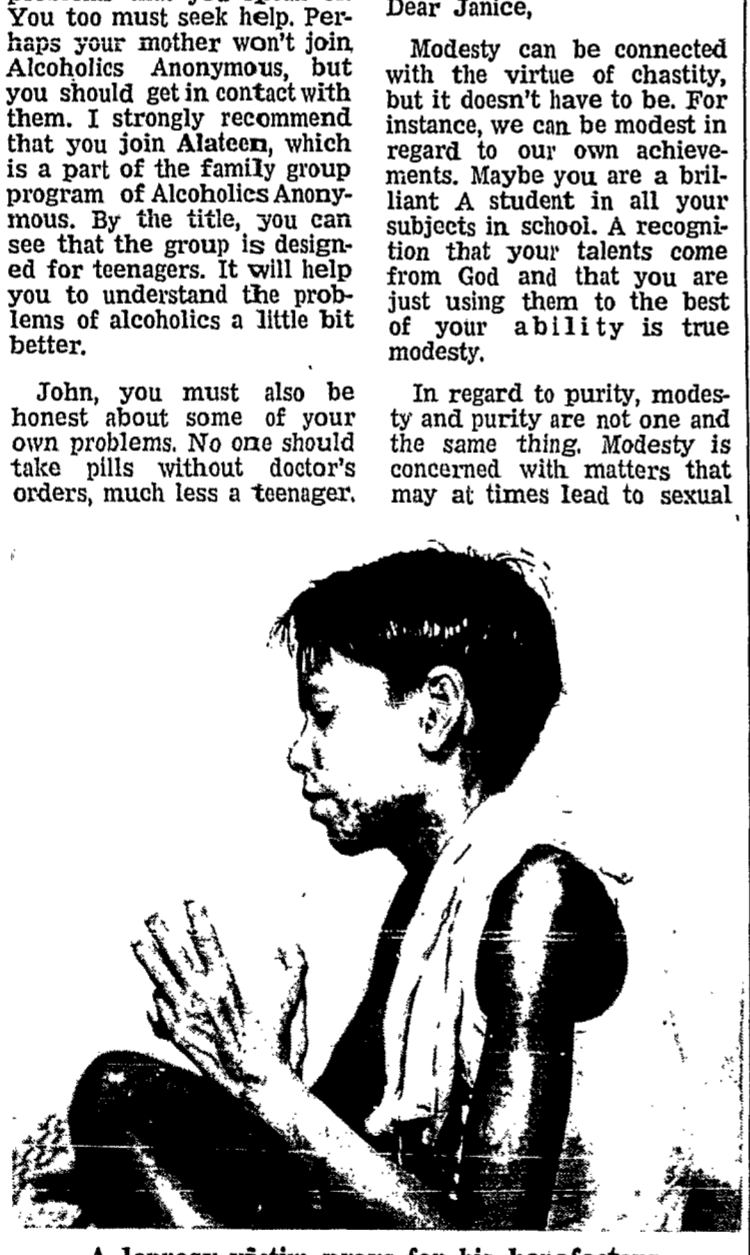
Just what is modesty? So often you hear the word and read it, but no one seems to tell you what it really is. It always seems to be connected with purity. Is there any difference?

Janice

Dear Janice,

Modesty can be connected with the virtue of chastity, but it doesn't have to be. For instance, we can be modest in regard to our own achievements. Maybe you are a brilliant A student in all your subjects in school. A recognition that your talents come from God and that you are just using them to the best of your ability is true modesty.

In regard to purity, modesty and purity are not one and the same thing. Modesty is concerned with matters that may at times lead to sexual



Expert on Leprosy To Speak Here

Although leprosy is not a major disease in the United States, there are estimated to be 20 million sufferers throughout the world in need of medical and rehabilitative assistance.

As part of the observance of World Leprosy Week in the Rochester area, Dr. Stanley G. Browne, of London, England, of the Leprosy Expert Committee, World Health Organization, will speak in Whipple Auditorium, Strong Memorial Hospital, at 4 p.m., Tuesday, Feb. 17.

Dr. Browne is one of the foremost authorities on leprosy. For many years, as a medical missionary in the Belgian Congo, he was principal of the School for Medical Assistants and Medical Director at the Yalisombo Leprosarium. He has conducted leprosy research in tropical climates and is a founder-member of the International Society of Tropical Dermatology.

Mayor Scores Divisiveness

Warning that forces of negativism at work in American cities can prevent solutions to the urban crisis, Mayor Stephen May of Rochester appealed Sunday for a "return to our tradition of civility dialogue." He said that "America today is a nation divided—and as a result, we are entering an ominous period for our system of government."

Addressing a Communion breakfast at Sacred Heart Cathedral, May urged Rochesterians "to emphasize the many things we have in common and not the relatively few things which momentarily drive us apart."

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(Catholic Press Features)

Kentfield, Cal. — Ma actors dream about becoming directors some day. A Brother Christopher made the former actor is director of Brothers' vocations for Dominican Order's West Coast Province.

Instead of selling varic products—as he did in a Ma TV commercials — Brother Christopher Eskell, O.P., selling the merits of the Holy life, a life he turned to after a successful career as an actor in commercial and on a variety of TV shows — from Phil Silvers' "You Never Get Rich" to "Yo Hit Parade" — and in a Ma touring musical production.

Billed as Kevin Kelly, 1 actor-singer was doing so well in his budding show business career until the Fall of 1961, when:

"One day I was singing in nightclub. The next day I was a Dominican."

As he tells hundreds of young men in his speaking engagements along the West Coast:

"There was no unholy love affair, nor was I disillusioned with the professional life. I was not running away from anything but I ran into something."

"I felt dissatisfied with myself. I didn't feel I was doing anything for my low man or for Christ. I decided there was something more to life. When you turn Christ at face value, you have to commit yourself in one way or another. I chose Dominican commitment."

Japanese Baptist

Wayne, Pa. — (INS)— Japanese people are, for most part, "religion-less — this-world oriented, pragmatic and matter-of-fact." An American Baptist leader of Japanese ancestry said here after returning from a visit to Japan.

Dr. Jitsuo Morikawa, secretary for evangelism planning the American Baptist Convention, reported on his two-week trip to the Central Baptist church here.

He said that while he always considered himself an American, he had looked forward "going home" for a time when he would be "part of the majority" rather than a "minority."

Dr. Morikawa said he experienced a "succession of shock and disappointments."

Instead of finding Tokyo Japanese city, he said, he covered a New York or Chicago I was met by people little different from Americans, dress, style of life, and rural modernity, and with the same urban crises of pollution, crowded streets, congested traffic, student revolts, youth rebellion, family disintegration, with the same and television in every home.

The churchman realized, told the Wayne congregat