

SARAH CHILD All In The Family



We, needing somewhat more room than we now have, have been house hunting.

Basically, my husband and I agree on the whole project. The house must be larger than we have, the lot if possible must have trees and most important of all, the location must be safe for the children.

After that we tend to disagree. The head of the house, looking at the situation from the economic standpoint, does not think we should limit ourselves to one area. Finding the

best house for the least money in an area similar to where we now live and the same distance from work will suit him just fine.

I am harder to please. I want to stay within a two or three mile radius from where we are now.

We have lived in our present house for five years and to say I am fond of it and the neighborhood is an understatement. To stay here and build on is not economically feasible, a builder friend has told us. But, if I cannot stay here then I do not want to move too far away.

I like seeing familiar faces at the grocery and at church. We think the children's school is first rate and the pediatrician is but a mile or two down the road—a handy thing when you must rush to the office for a couple of stitches in a child's face on a Sunday morning as we did couple of weeks ago.

There are other considerations. The process of putting roots down appeals to me at this stage. It is good to belong and to feel you are among friends.

As a child I moved twice with my family. I have changed schools, colleges, jobs and cities. Moving can be a good mental challenge. It teaches people to adjust, to be receptive, to learn and to meet new people. Staying in one place can also be a challenge. Secure in certain areas of the mind, one can expand to encompass new situations, learn new attitudes, grow in different directions.

In this mobile society we live in, no friend need ever be out of one's touch completely or permanently. Still, how pleasant it is to step out one's door and know a friend of long standing is but a quick "you hoo" across the yards.

There is, I know, something to be said for both sides. If it is pleasant to be among friends, it is also well to remember that unless we had made certain moves in the first place we never would have got those friends.

And thus the debate goes on.



**Mrs. Newland
Palmyra Speaker**

Mrs. Mary Reed Newland, internationally known religious educator, lecturer and author, will speak at St. Ann's hall, Palmyra, Sunday, March 5. Mrs. Newland's books on educating children have been translated into more than 14 languages. Her latest is "Youth—What Happened?" The donations to the Palmyra event will go to St. Ann's education program.

Mental Health Commentary

By the DE PAUL CLINIC

Q. My 13 year old daughter has run away three times this summer for 3 or 4 days at a time. She has begun to be truant from school and is out late at night without permission. I have done everything I know. I'm frightened and need help. What can I do?

A. You have a problem, perhaps a very serious one! I would suggest the following steps:

- Get an appointment with your Catchment Area's Children and Youth Clinic or, if you prefer, a private psychiatrist who deals with problems of teenagers. If your child is in a Catholic school, you can use The DePaul Clinic.

- You and your husband should discuss the problem directly with the worker assigned to you.

- An appointment will doubtlessly be suggested for your daughter to be seen for evaluation. Make every effort to have that appointment kept.

- Based on her mental state and your ability to cope with her and the problems she presents, a plan will be worked out.

Questions on children's mental health should be mailed to: Mental Health Commentary, Courier-Journal, 67 Chestnut St., Rochester, 14604.

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Abortion and Public Morality

Can we legislate morality?

Yes! We do so all the time, in laws forbidding murder, theft, assault, and many other immoral acts. A society which refused to legislate morality would soon find itself in chaos or barbarism. In particular, a society which refused to protect innocent life would have betrayed the fundamental purpose for its very existence. Moral considerations are the basis of any just law.

Morality and Religion are not the same. Morality is the body of obligations recognized through the use of reason. Moral obligations may be taught by religion, but they are not religious obligations in the strict sense of referring to Revelation.

In a pluralistic society, what we should not legislate is the religious teaching of any one religion or sect — for instance, dietary practices. But anti-abortion legislation is not in this category. Abortion is not a crime against any specific religion but a crime against humanity in destroying innocent life.

It is as concerned human persons, not as members of any religious group, that we call abortion inhuman. So no one should apologize for his moral conviction that abortion is a crime. And no one should be intimidated into silence, for laws against abortion are no more an imposition of one's private morality than are laws against criminal assault or child beating.

Public morality, not private, determines each citizen's duties to society. Abortion is not a personal choice involving private, sexual morality, but rather a matter of serious, public, life-or-death morality demanding legal regulation.

Conscience may not be entrusted with protecting life. For conscience may go unheeded; it may be poorly informed. It makes judgments based on facts but cannot determine the facts. Science, not conscience, determines that the unborn child is a human being.

Morally committed persons should not accept the argument that they should not act on their convictions. This false unjust argument strikes directly

at those who are most concerned with preserving human values in society. It is an insidious attempt to disenfranchise those morally concerned with people who must express their opinions unless we are to descend to a philosophy of law that cannot recognize any natural rights in man.

Prepared by the Rochester Right to Life Committee.

Coed Tennis

Mrs. Ann Nealon, former individual and doubles champion of Rochester, will be teaching tennis at the CYO.

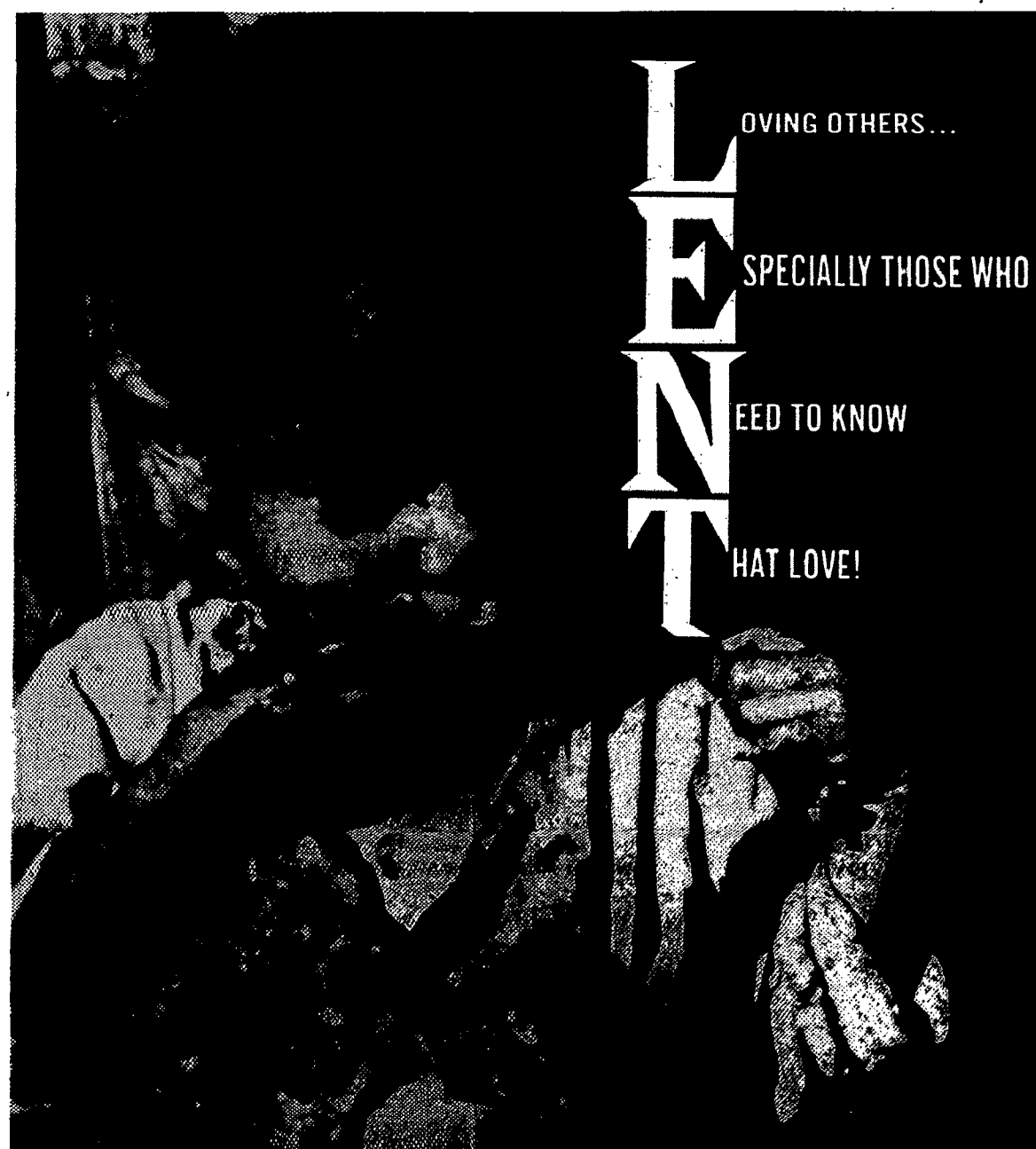
The coed classes will consist of six one hour sessions and class size will be limited to 12.

The sessions begin Wednesday, March 8 and continue through April 12 with classes at 6 and 7 p.m.

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