

SARAH CHILD  
**All In  
The Family**



There is something to be said for moving. Not much, but something.

Other than the very real benefit of gaining more space, our pending move has forced evaluation of some treasures discovered over the years at the Salvation Army, relatives' attics and assorted garage sales.

Those who've never known the adventure of utilizing other people's castoffs may not realize the emotional factors involved in discarding such pieces. Each has a story surrounding its acquisition and each has a past.

It's tough, for instance, to throw out a chest that you discovered at midnight on a street corner in the city going home from a date.

The price, said the woman who lived in the tiny shack, was \$6. I got it home and with some help took off generations of grime and varnish. Years later a reputable antique dealer, from whom we'd bought another chest of drawers for 10 times the price of the first, delivered the purchase and spotted the chest in our daughter's bedroom.

"Nice job," he commented and told us the lovely markings that marched up and down the front of the drawers were a limed oak veneer.

One of the first buys I made at a thrift store was a round oak

table so solid as to defy description. I carried it home and up the stairs to my third floor garret apartment. The third floor stairs and my door were so narrow that only the 30 inch top would squeeze through. Two of the legs made it, the other two wouldn't. So I borrowed a saw and cut and cut until the table passed through. The tall table cut down has been used as a cocktail table, a lamp table and, in the last few years, as a play table for our children. It has been enameled black, pale blue, shoe-polish red, moss green and most recently brilliant blue. It cost \$2 and it is dearer to me than the fruitwood octagons that hold our lamps and for which we went into hock for six months. But I dare not tell my husband that for he knows how much I love good furniture and this quirk of mine really doesn't make a lot of sense.

Two tiny chairs I bought for nieces to use when they visited me are in the same category. They came from a school room, cost 50 cents each and are so sturdy I still marvel. The nieces are now 11 and 12 and even our first child has outgrown the chairs.

A tall, narrow bookcase, some cane seat chairs and a desk all have moved with me since before we were married. They seem a part of the family and as such will have to be moved too.

**Guild Show  
To Benefit  
Flood Victims**

The 21st Page One Show, sponsored annually by the Newspaper Guild of Rochester, will be a flood relief benefit this year, the guild has announced.

All profits from the show, Oct. 16 at the Flagship Rochester hotel, will be given to flood victims along the Southern Tier.

The executive committee of the guild, which is the labor union of newsroom employees of Rochester's two daily papers, the Democrat and Chronicle and the Times-Union, has appropriated \$2,000 in anticipated profit to be sent to flood victims immediately.

The money will go directly to families which were materially hurt by the Hurricane Agnes floods in late June.

Further profits from the show, a general spoof of the people and events the newsmen have covered over the year, will be given to the American Red Cross flood relief fund in October.

**Deaths**

**Sr. Frances,  
Of Pioneer  
Klem Family**

Mass of the Resurrection for Sister Frances Clare Klem of the Sisters of St. Joseph was celebrated at the Motherhouse on Thursday, July 27, 1972. She died July 24.

Father Leo Klem, CSB, celebrated with Fathers Frederick Walz, Raymond Schantz, CSSR, and Robert Klem, CSB, assisted by Father Joseph Reinhart.

Sister was a third generation descendent of John Klem, one of the pioneer Catholics in this area. It was in his home, on a ten-acre tract bounded by East Avenue, Meigs Street, Park Avenue and Goodman Street, that a Redemptorist priest celebrated one of the first masses in Rochester.

Sister Frances Clare was a music teacher in Catholic schools of the diocese for more than fifty years. She taught piano principally in the former St. Agnes Institute on East Main Street, Rochester, also in Mount Morris, in Geneva at St. Francis de Sale, and in Corning, retiring in 1961.

Born in Rochester, Sister Frances Clare entered the Sisters of St. Joseph from St. Joseph's parish in 1904. She has many relatives in the Rochester area.

**Mental Health Commentary**

By THE DE PAUL CLINIC

Contrary to the usual expectations, the younger the child, the more sensitive he is to his environment and the more prone he is to develop problems in personality maturation which may become the basis for psychiatric disturbances later on.

As far back as 1909, Czerny, a European pediatrician, wrote about the devastating effects on the physical and mental maturation of infants placed in foundling homes, where, he felt, they did not receive the kind of stimulation required for healthy growth and development.

In 1915, Harry Dwight Chapin, an American pediatrician, reported the results of his study in infants who had been placed in foundling homes in this country at an early age. He concluded that though an effort had been made to minimize cross infection and to provide an adequate diet for these children, they did not develop well physically nor mentally, did not resist infection well and frequently died before the age of 2 years. He felt that infants needed to be part of a family and concluded that the poorest family was better than the best foundling home for infants.

Many years later, Rene Spitz, a child psychiatrist, studied the effects of infants separated from their mothers at the age of 4 months and placed in a foundling type home where the physical care was good. He reported a shocking, destructive effect. These infants quickly became depressed, failed to gain weight, walked and talked at later ages than usual and, in later years, performed poorly in psychological tests when compared to infants who had remained with their mother during this period.

Today's pediatrician is very much aware of the importance of early care and, particularly, how poor infantile care can affect physical as well as psychological development and result in significant psychiatric problems.

Child psychiatrists for many years have been concerned about the psycho-social and personality defects that result from infantile neglect. Poorly cared for infants do not grow to their physical potential nor organize their intellectual potential for reasonable adequate achievement in our modern school systems. Ability to make social relationships is defective so that problems in relating to other people occur. This is carried into the school adjustment, work adjustment and, of course, marriage. These troubled people may have difficulty in the spiritual sphere as well.

There is no question that maldevelopment of the personality structure leads to difficulties in the first two years, may have a significant impact on later life and may make the difference between a reasonably happy, socially adequate, productive life or a tortuous one, full of emotional disturbance.

Perhaps the key to a happy infancy is in the physical and psychological readiness of the parents to care for the child. The expectant mother needs to care for her physical health, but, also, her mental health is of major consequence. Nothing should be too good for a pregnant woman or the mother of a young infant since so much of the new child's future depends upon his care, both physical and psychological.

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

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