

SARAH CHILD

## All In The Family



This is a saga of a fire hydrant. I am relating it only because somewhere in the midst I feel certain there is a moral hidden. As of this telling, however, it still remains to be discovered.

The story began the day I came to inspect the partially completed structure known as our new house and attached garage. "Look," I said in great wonder, "we are the only ones who will have a driveway with a fire hydrant in the middle."

The head of the household soothed me, pointing out that the geniuses who plan these things would angle the driveway away from the superb yellow monument.

Unsatisfied, I nevertheless held my peace until the day I saw them roughing out the driveway. With only the slightest bit of panic in my voice I called the builder's representative.

He laughed jovially when I explained the fire hydrant and the driveway were now separated by three inches of dirt and advised me to brush up on my driving skills. He would, he said, tell the fellow who supervised all the earth moving machinery to do what he could.

"No," he said, "there was absolutely nothing that could be done about moving the hydrant. The water company, absolutely never ever, moved them."

Early the next day on a hunch I drove to our lot and found the driveway under construction. The supervisor had had no word from the builder's representative, he said, but he would angle the driveway as best he could. The "best" proved to be an additional 9 inches. This still left the hydrant in direct line from the garage. Should anyone know the

hydrant was there and that the driveway was angled near the street, the driver could avoid the water authority's property.

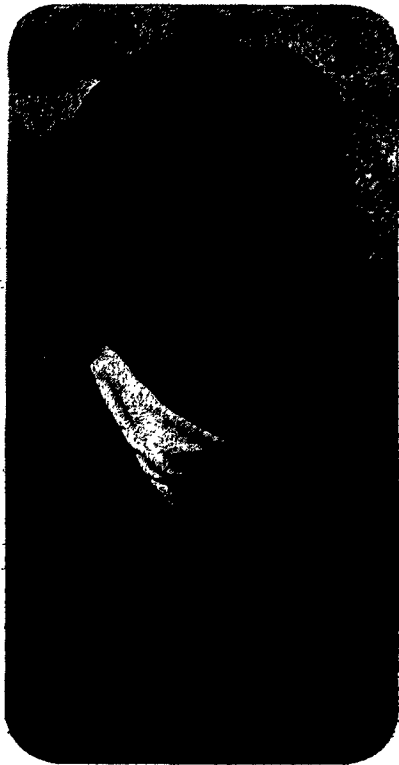
On the day we closed and took possession of the new house, the garage and driveway, and became foster parents to the hydrant, I mentioned it to the gathering which happened to include three lawyers.

After laughing uproariously (one actually got tears in his eyes) the three all concurred that we had no legal recourse. After all, ours was a pie-shaped lot and strange things happen on pie-shaped lots.

Our own lawyer advised we put metal stakes around the hydrant, the builders' lawyer advised I take driving lessons and the bank's lawyer smiled his "Young Associate" smile he'd been practicing and without missing a beat went back to describing how he kept in such perfect physical condition.

We moved into the house and I went carefully up and down the drive. So did my husband. The yellow fire hydrant remained smug and yellow. A friend who had been helping with the children was not so fortunate. Approximately 20 hours after we moved in, she took the car on an errand and returned in 30 seconds shaken and chagrined. She and the fire hydrant had met and she had two small holes in the door and fender to prove it. Our slanted, angled, hydrant-decorated driveway had done her in.

Any day now I'm going to laugh along with the builder's rep and the driveway foreman and the legal trio. I've a feeling there's just no limit on the humor that's going to evolve from our own personal hydrant.



SISTER BARBARA

## Sister Barbara Professes Vows

Sister Barbara Brairton of the Sisters of Mercy at Erie, Pa., will make her profession of final vows Saturday, Aug. 26 at 11 a.m. in St. Vincent De Paul's Church, Churchville.

Father Louis Hohman, pastor of St. Vincent De Paul, will celebrate the Mass of profession with Father Paul Wohlrab, pastor of Our Lady of Good Counsel Parish.

Following the Mass, a reception will be held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Brairton of Pebble Beach Road, Lakeville.

Sister Barbara entered the order in 1965 following her graduation from Mercyhurst College, Erie, where she received her B.A. degree in English. In May of this year she received her M.A. degree in College Student Personnel and Counseling from John Carroll University in Cleveland, O. Sister Barbara is presently assigned as financial aid director at Mercyhurst College.

Sister has also worked as counselor at Camp Stella Maris. She is a 1962 graduate of Mercy High School.

## Smuggling of Arms to IRA Assailed

Atlantic City, N.J. (RNS) — A bishop who is clergy consultant to the Catholic Daughters of America and the organization's national regent agreed here in deploring the smuggling of arms into Northern Ireland by Irish-Americans seeking to aid the Irish Republican Army (IRA).

"They are doing a grave disservice to the cause of peace in Ireland," said Bishop Bernard J. Flanagan of Worcester, Mass. "The United States government should do everything possible to halt it. Their actions certainly are not the answers to the problems of Ireland."

Miss Mary C. Kanane, the national regent who is also a judge in Union County, N.J., said the bishop had expressed her point of view.

Some 1,100 delegates attended the five-day convention of the Catholic Daughters. They represented a national membership of 200,000.

Bishop Flanagan and Miss Kanane also emphasized the continuing opposition of the CDA to abortion.

## CHRISTMAS SEALS

Christmas Seal subscribers provided \$24,000 for the University of Rochester pulmonary unit, to coordinate education programs in the field of respiratory diseases. The contribution was reported by the Finger Lakes Area Tuberculosis and Respiratory Disease Association.

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## Mental Health Commentary

By THE DE PAUL CLINIC

Dear R. L.:

Thank you for your comments regarding the column on Earl Carson's autobiography, "Born That Way."

You asked how a book written in 1947 can relate to today. Do the Torah, the Bible, Shakespeare and the other classics of literature depicting the human experience have reference to 20th Century man?

When his mother criticized Carlton's earliest hand use because he "stole", she may have realized what you may not accept — that the handicapped child is first a child who must be taught right from wrong. Your concern about discouraging him from further activity can be interpreted as considering the handicap first.

Carlson's mother, at least in my interpretation of what he wrote, did not deny the reality of his handicap as you suggested. It seemed to me that she and other people in his life did what you suggested, that is, taught him how "to work for what he could accomplish in the circumstances in which he found himself." Carlson seems to have done that. So have many other handicapped people. The column suggested that each of us should "Make the most of our potential to mature."

You are right that Carlson did not seem to deny being handicapped. He stood up as a cerebral palsied person and was one of those who dared to face the world and accept its challenges. By so doing, he and others like him, have done much to change the general attitude towards visibly physically handicapped people.

Dear Mrs. S.:

A regular boarding school placement for boys with the kind of problem in adjusting to adolescence your letter suggests your son may have usually does not work out, in my experience. They can "turn off" more or get back home by being troublesome.

A safer placement would be one for boys of his age with adjustment problems where the program can be adapted to the boy and professional help is available to adjust to the crises that may arise.

In either case, I would suggest professional counseling before you take either giant step. I realize the time is short.

Good luck!

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