

SARAH CHILD
**All In
The Family**



A headline in the Sunday paper caught my eye.

"Are men better decorators than women?" it asked in hopes of enticing readers into the body of the story.

I didn't bother to read it. I already knew. Unequivocally. At least at our house.

In this area of homemaking, although not in the pure sense of the word decorating, the honors go to my husband. There is a firmness of purpose, of decision about him that literally takes the breath away.

It supersedes flair, a sense of fashion and a feeling for fusty detail. Proclamations, not suggestions, are the rule. And vacillation is a dirty word.

Take, for example, my trip to the fabric store. I gave myself two hours in which to select slipcover material for the couch and chair in the family room.

Just before I left the house my husband called to say he had some extra time. Would I like some help with my selection?

We met at the store downtown and I began by telling the clerk

of my requirements. Extremely sturdy fabric, something that wouldn't show the dirt but still attractive and reasonably priced.

The clerk indicated two long tables of cloth. There must have been 30 bolts of material and I took a deep breath preparatory to starting the elimination process.

"Over here," my helpmeet called. "This one," he said, indicating a gold and green check. "You'll get tired of the blue and you don't want more flowers."

"Yeah," I said a little weakly.

Five minutes later we were out of the store. I had 1 hour and 55 minutes babysitting time left. But I'm mad about the gold and green check. I think.

I first learned of his talent for decision making sometime before we were married. It was my first visit to his furnished bachelor apartment, a third floor set-up on a formerly genteel street in the city.

Narrowly missing a hole in the hallway big enough to hide a raccoon, I turned toward the kitchen and was plunged into utter darkness. So what that it was high noon! "There's a window," he said proudly, "but it's behind the stove. The living room boasted a bare light bulb hanging from the ceiling and curtains that had the dust of 20 years clinging to them. The bedroom, akin in size to a small bowling alley, featured a bed, six chests of drawers, two desks and an imitation Chippendale sofa.

"Wonderful," I said shakily. "It was the first apartment I looked at," he grinned boyishly, "and I grabbed it."

In the following years he has honed and refined the trait of quick choice to an art.

We were selecting a house model in the tract. All caught up in the delicious quandry of debating advantages of the split level against the finer points of the colonial. I heard him say, "Take this one. It has the bigger bedrooms you said we needed."

Then it was Lot 13 or Lot 15. "Lot 15, of course," he said. A man with a grandmother named Gilligan who married a Fitzgerald does not knowingly tempt fate.

The quick-selection talent extends to other areas as well. During our courtship it took him only to the second date to declare his intentions (honorable). And last week we celebrated our ninth anniversary. Could be he has something.

**CITATION FOR
PROOF OF WILL**

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK by the Grace of God, Free and Independent.

To James A. Payne, address unknown, if he be living; and if he be dead, then to his distributees, legatees, devisees, heirs-at-law, next-of-kin, executors, administrators and assigns, if any there be, all of whose names, places of residence and post office addresses are unknown and cannot, after due diligence and diligent inquiry therefor be ascertained. Send Greeting:

You and each of you are hereby cited to show cause before our Surrogate of the County of Onondaga, New York, at the Surrogate's Court, of said County, held in the County Court House in the City of Syracuse, in said County, on the
13th DAY OF DECEMBER, 1972.

AT 9:30 O'CLOCK in the forenoon of that day, why the Will of Matie Steller dated July 6, 1966 should not be probated.

In Testimony Whereof, we have caused the seal of the Surrogate's Court of said County of Onondaga to be hereunto affixed.

Witness, HON. LAURENCE D. WOOD, Surrogate of said County, at the City of Syracuse, New York, the 26th day of October, 1972.

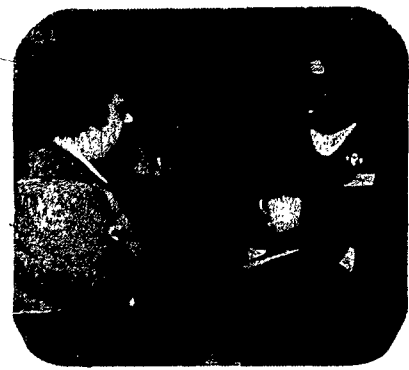
W. WINTERTON DAY, Chief Clerk of

the Surrogate's Court.
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Wednesday, November 22, 1972

'Hello Daily' Aids Elderly

Central Trust Company has initiated a new community service called "Hello Daily." The program will benefit those who



BOSCO HOUSE CHECK

Mrs. Norbert Robach presents a check for \$1,600 raised by Brethgivers to Sister Sheila Kennerson, right, director of Bosco House, the diocesan center for the religious education of the handicapped, at the Silver Tea, Sunday, Nov. 5.

live alone, particularly the elderly.

A system of telephone checks will be worked out between volunteers and registrants. The volunteer will periodically call the registrant to make sure that all is well with him. If there is no answer, the volunteer will contact a relative or neighbor to arrange a home visit.

The importance of this is demonstrated by incidents of home accidents that have resulted in death several days later. The theory is that if someone knows about the accident, needless death and suffering might be prevented.

In the Rochester area there are 99,000 citizens aged 60 and over. Central Trust hopes to encourage them to participate in "Hello Daily," free of charge, through paid ads in the local media and through senior citizens' associations

Mental Health Commentary

By THE DE PAUL CLINIC

The two-year-old is said to begin to form a concept of himself as an individual. This is the first identity crisis. Typically he becomes more assertive, more controlling, and more resistant to being controlled.

Alexander the Great is reported to have said that his two-year-old son was the most powerful person in the world since he, Alexander, ruled the world, his wife ruled him, and was in turn ruled by the infant.

This age has been variously called the age of resistance, the age of defiance and even the age of negativism. Anyone who has tried to dress a reluctant two-year-old in sleepers or a snowsuit knows the pattern. Suddenly the active, sturdy child becomes "Old Rubber Legs" as he passively resists the procedure.

School age children use this method of defense in many ways, both consciously and unconsciously. Sometimes the pattern is so entrenched that it is difficult to break.

For example, Johnny is told it is time to get up if he is to be ready when the school bus comes. He responds, "O.K., I'm getting up." A few minutes later, "Are you up?" A foot ducks from under the covers and the answer comes down the stairs. "Yes, I'm getting up." In another few minutes, the call to get up results in the other foot being exposed. He is, after all, getting up, but then again, he isn't. Passive resistance.

The child who uses this subtle way of resisting outside control may do so in his relationship with his teacher, who may be able to force him to sit in his seat and be quiet but cannot force him to learn. By resisting learning, he is not controlled and, in a sense, he is controlling. Because the pattern is worked out unconsciously, the child is unable to stop it even though it defeats his wish to succeed in competition. Outside the classroom, learning may be easy, especially about situations in which there is interest.

Treatment of the passively resisting child is difficult. The two-year-old tends to outgrow his passive and active resisting tendencies if handled judiciously. If not handled well, he may persist in the pattern when he is of school age when, though self defeating, it may become an insoluble problem because it is unconsciously motivated. Too often the habit aggravates parents and teachers and is dealt with by "standing over him" and other forms of pressure which, in turn, increase the child's defensiveness and his passive resistance.

Sometimes the only reasonable partial solution is to avoid pressurizing and taking advantage of the child's tendency to learn about that in which he has interest. Some of our more permissive schools have adopted this concept in an effort to help such children out of their self imposed learning problems.

How much better it would be if we could prevent this tendency from developing to a disabling degree in the first place.

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

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