

SARAH CHILD
All In
The Family



A friend whom I do not know very well but would like to know better suggests that perhaps I am becoming too women libberish.

She points out that in a recent column I wrote: to say a woman's happiest years are those when her children are very young is "ridiculous."

"It may be," I continued, "that this is true for women who are poorly educated, have no outside interests and do not consider themselves individuals. But for most of us the best time should be when we see our children as splendid adults having benefited from our nurture and care and are finally able to concentrate on our own growth and improvement."

Dear Peggy, I should have thought you would have seen through me. But since you didn't I had better explain.

Those calm, cool words above are the way I would like to be able to think and feel. I think and feel that way only when the two and five-year-old paint hieroglyphics on every bed sheet upstairs with their magic markers or when the seven-year-old leaves for school and I find a trail of clothes through eight rooms or when all three of them start a knock-down, drag-out fight and I'm on the phone to Peoria. Or like just now as I interrupted writing this to go investigate the complete silence in the kitchen and find the youngest making magnificent murals on the walls with chocolate syrup.

Underneath, Peggy, I am something else. I am the only Catholic Jewish Mother I know. Nobody's children are smarter, more beautiful or have more sparkling personalities than mine.

Mental Health Commentary

By THE DE PAUL CLINIC

In 1969, the Joint Commission on Mental Health of Children published the results of its three-year study giving a comprehensive review of the many factors that produce mental health problems and suggesting a broad approach to promoting good mental health and attacking its problems in the young.

The Group for the Advancement of Psychiatry (GAP), an independent association of about 200 psychiatrists formed an ad hoc committee to criticize the report.

The psychiatrists point out that though our society is sometimes described as "child-oriented", we have many "anti-child attitudes". For example, in the business of operating housing facilities, restaurants, shops and theaters, children often are regarded as obstacles. Even the National Institute of Mental Health gives a lesser commitment to the problems of children than to adults, though one third of the population consists of youngsters.

This GAP report describes the professional community as divided into opposing camps in several instances:

- The struggle between the "medical and non-medical models" for delivery of mental health services. This kind of interprofessional conflict can be counterproductive in the field of physical health as well as mental health.

- There are problems in coordinating efforts regarding prevention of mental health problems and treatment. The GAP report uses the example of the struggle between education and

When we brought our oldest home from the hospital I was already sadly counting: "Just 18 years and she'll be leaving us to go off to college."

I am an advocate of day care centers for children — other people's children, not my children.

We sent our second to nursery school which was against my better judgment. When I found him showering the baby in her playpen with mopbuckets of water from the bathroom I had to admit I wasn't entertaining enough.

The nursery school experience swayed me sufficiently to consider sending the youngest as soon as she, or maybe I, am old enough.

I think a night at home around the television with everybody is preferable to any party and when I hear of people who feed their children first and then dine later without any din I want to call the SPCC.

We just returned from a weekend with my sister and her husband and their brood of five including the newest model, a six-month-old dumpling. For two days now I've been dreaming of talcum powder and kissing him in that sweet spot below the jawline directly under the ear.

And, finally, Peggy, I must confess that the column you took exception to was a direct result of my last checkup. The doctor said I wasn't half as jumpy as I was two years ago when the kids were 1, 3 and 5 but wouldn't I like some tranquilizers anyway. I thanked him kindly, came home and sat down at the typewriter instead. It's the best therapy I know.

social psychologists, who deal with large populations and the clinical psychologists and psychiatrists who are more individual and small group oriented.

- There are differences among professionals who work primarily with children, those who work largely with adults and those committed to working with families. This fragmentation leads to too little attention being paid to parents and their function in the lives of their children.

- Psychiatrists and clinical psychologists compete in a variety of ways for a variety of reasons for leadership in the mental health field particularly regarding the methods of treatment and the administration and planning of service delivery systems.

- There has been little recognition of the mutual distrust between educators who tend to be moving in the direction of both prevention and management of mental health problems and therapists who may be more case oriented.

- There is a struggle within psychiatry itself between those emphasizing working with individual problems and those more interested in community approaches. Conflicts arise between training methods and also the better service delivery systems. Such conflicts breed defensiveness and a tendency to lose one's sense of self-criticism, and essential ingredients for good professionalism.

These criticisms leave one with a feeling of confusion, but, also, a hope that out of these struggles will come a new era of professionalism in mental health which will find solutions for the enormous task before us in this field.

Project TLC Asks for Help

By CHARLES RANDISI

The Office of Human Development in Corning is backing a new program designed to aid people in Corning who face the winter after the flood. Project TLC (Tender, Loving Care) realizes that the discouragement of Corning people at this time is increasing as the cold weather sets in and previously available volunteer help is dropping off.

A slide show has been made available to Catholic schools in Rochester. It stresses the situation of a particular Corning family and asks a class (or any other interested group) to "adopt" a family or elderly person for Project TLC.

Classes desiring to help will be matched up with specific flood victims and will be given a list of needed items, small things that are usually taken for granted — can openers, egg beaters, cooking utensils, waste baskets.

Hopefully, a delegation from the school will personally deliver the "care packages," it is also hoped that contact will be maintained through letters and visits throughout the coming year, making TLC more than a one-time operation.

Sister Terry Peters of the Corning Office of Human Development heads up TLC. "We have tried to steer away from Christmas baskets and Thanksgiving baskets," she said. "These people are not poverty cases."

She said that so far there has been a tremendous response from groups such as the Girl Scouts and grade schools in Rochester and around the diocese. Between 25 and 30 families in Corning are being aided by TLC. These are mainly people over 70 years old and families of six or more.

Questions, suggestions or problems can be referred to Sister Terry at the Office of Human Development, 607-936-3213 or 607-936-9458.

Slides can be obtained by contacting Sister Bridgid at St. Charles Borromeo School, Rochester, 663-5856, or Sister Ann Miller at St. John the Evangelist School, Rochester, 482-8281.

Golden Anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Schirmer of Barton St., Rochester, recently celebrated their Golden Wedding Anniversary.

An evening Mass was celebrated at St. Monica's Church followed by a dinner at the Party House, which was hosted by their family.

"MESSIAH" SLATED

Hornell — The Hornell Area Arts Council Community Chorus with the Hornell Symphony Orchestra will present Handel's "Messiah" Sunday, Dec. 3 at 8:15 p.m. at the Hornell Senior High School Auditorium. Dr. Melvin LeMon directs the Chorus.

CITATION FOR PROOF OF WILL

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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:

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13th DAY OF DECEMBER, 1972.

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