

SARAH CHILD.
**All In
The Family**



You've probably heard that the service organizations which sell other people's cast off furniture are in terrible trouble because of the ubiquitous garage sale.

After this last weekend I can testify that it is absolutely true.

I visited an old haunt of mine — a place where 10 years ago as a bachelor girl I found mind-boggling bargains — only to discover that the situation is dire indeed.

Once, the entire third floor in the five-story building was given over to tremendous junk.

"That's it," said the girl when I inquired and she pointed to a corner on the first floor where reposed such horrible, unimaginative pieces as rusty metal lawn chairs, a broken down potty chair and the ever-present dining buffet.

"Is the price firm?" I asked a woman in the office and mentioned a clothes tree that leaned slightly to the right.

I knew the answer before she opened her mouth. Not only was \$10 the price she was going to get for that artifact but the intimation in the curl of her lip was clear: I had a lot of nerve trying to dicker with her.

Shamed, I moved away thinking with regret of the old man who used to hold sway on the third floor amidst the dusty delights and terrible treasures.

Stooped, in his mid-seventies, the Dickensian caretaker never did more than grunt but it was sufficient to carry on the bargaining process.

I had found some wonderful buys on that third floor, including the furnishings for my first apartment — a wicker couch, \$5, a chest of drawers, \$10, and a kitchen table and two chairs, \$5.

Some of my more memorable buys we still have in our home, some my sister possesses.

One was a brass studded luggage rack, another a dainty rocker that soothed my first niece when she was teething. A tall, narrow bookcase, beautifully made, and a foot stool of several different kinds of wood were others.

"Before we left I found a small maple bookshelf marked \$1.80.

"The wood at the lumberyard would cost this much," I said to my husband only somewhat defensively.

"I feel unclean," he retorted, his romanticism deserting him completely as it always does when I maneuver him within 50 feet of one of these places.

I couldn't blame him much. Something has been lost in this particular kind of hunting for "found things". It is not only the atmosphere and the attitude of the workers or even the scarcity of items.

What with the popularity of garage sales and the knowledge that it is now considered proper to hunt junk, a great deal of the fun has gone out of rag picking. I think I need a new hobby.

**Myths Seen
Perpetuated
By Schools**

More than 150 women heard last week why some critics call today's schools "the new church."

The Rev. Lawrence Witmer, co-ordinator of Genesee Ecumenical Ministries' urban education team, conducted a short seminar as part of Church Women United's well attended 13th annual legislative institute Feb. 2 at the Lutheran Church of the Incarnate Word.

"Critics say that schools today do what the church traditionally has done in society — they perpetuate myths about the reality of our society," Mr. Witmer said.

The problem, according to the Community Minister of Monroe Baptist Association, is that myths are reinforced throughout childhood, passed on through generations, and taken as truth.

The myth schools perpetuate is, "if you study hard and get a good education, you will get ahead."

"It is not necessarily true," the clergyman pointed out. "Success in our society means wealth, not personal growth or happiness, and schools haven't taught people to deal with not succeeding."

The purpose of GEM's education seminars, the lecturer explained, is to make people more aware of the real purpose for which education exists and more conscious of the relation between their own values and those taught in schools.

The failure of today's schools, Mr. Witmer said, does not concern money or boards of education. It lies in the failure of people to think purposefully about education.

Deaths

Sr. Vincentine

Mass of the Resurrection for Sister Vincentine Broderick of the Sisters of St. Joseph was celebrated at the Motherhouse on Monday, Feb. 5.

Bishop John McCafferty was celebrant, with Fathers Charles Connell, Daniel Wheeland, Thomas Wheeland, William Gordnier, and Joseph Reinhart assisting.

Sister Vincentine had been a teacher in Catholic schools for more than 45 years. Her last assignment was at Nazareth Academy, 1952-64. Earlier she had been a member of the faculty of Notre Dame High School in Elmira, and of DeSales High School in Geneva. She was also the director of the Sisters in the Mission at Selma, Alabama, 1946-52.

Born in Lyons, Sister Vincentine entered the Sisters of St. Joseph in 1915. She later earned her baccalaureate and master degree at St. Bonaventure University.

Florence Tuite

Mass of the Resurrection was offered at St. Augustine's Church last Saturday for Florence A. Tuite of Chili Avenue, who died Feb. 7, 1973.

Mrs. Tuite was a member of the Rosary Society at St. Augustine's.

She is survived by her husband, James F. Tuite; a daughter, Mrs. David Barrett of Satellite Beach, Fla.; two sons, John, of Rochester, and Paul, of Elmira; a sister, Mrs. Helen Fales; a brother, Alexander Burke of Tarpon Springs, Fla.; 17 grandchildren and several nieces and nephews.

**Study Summons Priests
'Away from Individualism'**

Washington, D.C. (RNS) — A "working paper" on the Catholic priesthood has urged that the spiritual renewal of the American priestly life be based on Christian "interaction" found in the mutual service and communal life of the primitive, apostolic Church.

Among the 10 "concrete proposals" for initiating such interaction are participation by priests in the Charismatic Renewal, "fraternities" of priests, Scripture encounters, prayer groups and a "day in the desert" experience, in the form of days or hours spent alone and "lived solely for Christ."

"To this kind of renewal through interaction we invite brother-bishops and brother-priests, so that he who has begun the good work in you will carry it through to completion, right up to the day of Christ Jesus," the document declared.

Released here by the U.S. Catholic bishops "to call all priests to face the challenge of the world," the 70-page document entitled "Spiritual Renewal of the American Priesthood," complements a four-year study of the priesthood under the direction of the Ad Hoc Committee for Priestly Life and Ministry, chaired by Archbishop Philip M. Hannan of New Orleans.

The document expressed the need for "helping the American priest of the seventies interpret his life in terms of the death and resurrection of Jesus... where he experiences the death of Jesus at work in his life and how he experiences the life of Jesus coming to full growth in him and his people."

The authors said they were not presenting a "prefabricated" plan for spirituality and a "pious exhortation" to holiness but "wish to take a long look at the priest's life with its problems and hopes, its dangers and opportunities."

The study is divided into five chapters. The first deals with American culture and its relation to spirituality; the second delves into ministry and spirituality; the third explores spirituality and personal relationships; the fourth looks at discipleship, and the fifth examines personal integration and spirituality.

The study is addressed to bishops, major superiors, all diocesan and religious priests. The study's authors said the "experimental document is rooted in the experience of priests and aimed at enriching that experience in a practical way. It is grounded in the "how" rather than the "what" of priestly spirituality.

"In a sense," the authors said, "we are calling priests away from the rugged individualism that has characterized much of priestly spirituality in the recent past to a return to the spirit of the apostolic life of the primitive Church."

Citing the early Christian communities of apostolic times, the authors declared: "It seems obvious that their mutual service to each other and to the larger world beyond their own community, their shared prayer and the communal celebration of the Eucharist were the source of strength in their lives. This is what interaction means."

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