

ALL IN THE FAMILY



Sarah Child

Some people read tea leaves. I read tea bags. Tea bag tags that is.

Not much of a tea drinker during Summer months I upped my consumption once the snow and chilly winds commenced and quickly finished up the supply of bags on hand. At the supermarket my choice to replenish was dictated by the brand on sale.

Once I got the box home I discovered the red and white Salada package contained a bonus. No longer was a cup of tea simply a warm and soothing break. Now each cuppa, as they call it in those watery and shivering novels of the Maine lobstermen, dealt me a philosophical tidbit, succinct and usually of the homespun variety.

For example: "Opportunities like parking places, are plentiful for those who get there first."

Well that was inspiring. I drank, read on and learned that "Someone with a new idea is called eccentric until the idea succeeds."

A good many of the tags contained maxims of an economic bent: e.g., "One thing everyone understands about money matters is that it does" and "When your yearnings exceed your earnings you've got all the incentive you need." The

puns did tend to get a little out of hand as with "One way to keep your head above water is to avoid expensive dives."

But I forgave them as I kept imbibing and ran into such solid advice as "Freedom without purpose leads headlong into chaos" and "Life is short enough as it is without wasting time uselessly."

Every so often I'd run into a tag advertising the Bicentennial with the information Boston Tea Party 1773-1973 and American Revolution 1776-1976.

My nine-year-old wanted to know who was responsible for the tag messages. Somehow it seemed to take the charm out of the ritual to realize that a bunch of very highly paid advertising men were grinding out these clinkers. Instead we conjured up the vision of a little old man sitting in a cubbyhole office at the tea factory wearing a thinking hat and producing one gem every 33 minutes.

With this image solidly in mind I continued to drink and read. Before you let yourself go completely be sure you can get yourself back and read and drink. "Loneliness and solitude are quite different. One is defeat — the other victory."

And every time I pulled out a masterpiece a la "To err is human, but don't wear out the eraser before the pencil" I would become increasingly mindful that hot weather is only six months away and the switch back to Fresca is bound to be a letdown.

NEWARK MASS

Newark — More than 200 persons attended a Mass sponsored by the Right to Life Committee of Newark at St. Michael's Church, on Tuesday, Jan. 21. Father Joseph McDonnell was the celebrant of the liturgy which noted the second anniversary of the Supreme Court decision on abortion.

Cathedral Offers Adult Studies

Sacred Heart Cathedral's Spring adult education program, will introduce three new eight-week evening courses and a daytime Bible study class next week.

"The Middle Generation Stranded," which will deal with the needs of adult children of aging parents, will be given by the Family Service Association of Rochester on Tuesdays, starting Feb. 4, at 8 p.m. in the rectory hall.

"The Inner Journey," meant to help participants grow in self-understanding and in the understanding and practice of prayer, will be presented by Sister Anne Mary Dooley, SSJ, director of continuing education at St. Bernard's Seminary, on Wednesdays, beginning Feb. 5, at 8 p.m. in the Sacred Heart Convent.

"The Acts of the Apostles," the story of the Messianic community's growth after the Resurrection and Pentecost, will be taught by Father Sebastian Falcone, STL, academic dean of St. Bernard's Seminary, on Wednesdays, also beginning Feb. 5, at 8 p.m. in the rectory hall.

The daytime Bible study class, conducted by Sister Ann Habershaw, SSND, religious education coordinator at Sacred Heart, will be held on Tuesdays, beginning Feb. 4, from 1:30 to 2:30 in the convent.

Registration may be made in advance through Ted Lum, 647-1900, or at the first session of each class.

BIRTH RIGHT

Newark — A second meeting on establishing a Birth Right program in the area will be held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. James McHale of Burnham Ave., on Jan. 30, at 10 a.m. The meeting is open to the public.

TOWARD TOMORROW



Fr. Henry Atwell

When I was a lad in fifth grade back around 1931 at St. Ambrose School, Sister Mary Carmel organized a group to be altar boys. After the first lesson I was told I'd have to wait six months. I wasn't tall enough, nor husky enough, to reach up and carry the missal from one side of the altar to the other.

Thirty years later, the pope and the world's bishops at the Vatican Council decided they would simplify the church's rituals.

Now another ten years have gone by and the job has been completed and we need two big books instead of one for Mass. That's simplification? That's progress?

The American bishops at their recent meeting in Washington heard a 63-year-old pastor, Monsignor Arthur Sullivan, from East Greenwich, R.I., tell them the new liturgy is to a great extent "meaningless" to most of our people. He cited as an example the Nicene Creed with such phrases as "God from God, light from light."

"I don't think the people know what it means," he said.

He also told the bishops that people are confused because we still lump together church-rules with divine law and people get

very upset and excited about someone receiving Communion in the hand or a woman distributing Communion at Mass" but then these same people have no conscience problem in the way they treat other people the rest of the week.

Monsignor Sullivan said the present official church position about divorced Catholics is "unbelievable." He told the bishops we "could retain the ideal of indissolubility but recognize that some marriages break down, and offer some compassion when that occurs."

There used to be a commercial on radio and television which said: "We un-complicate things." What a pity that Church rules seem to do just the opposite. Jesus repeatedly scolded those people in his day who made religion so complicated.

Many Church rules and regulations have been changed over the years. Many changes have helped us get back to the simple, uncomplicated religion of Jesus. But many more changes still need to be made — and some of the changes already made need to be further changed.

One test we can put to every rule is this: "Would Jesus do it this way?" I'm sure he didn't need two big books for the Last Supper. I'm sure he would never turn anyone away who came to him seeking his strength and consolation.

FAIRPORT SCHOOL SETS OPEN HOUSE

St. John of Rochester School, 10 Wickford Way, Fairport, will hold open house Feb. 5 and 6, in celebration of Catholic Education Week. Visitors will be welcome between the hours of 8:15 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. A discussion for the information of newcomers to the parish is scheduled for 7 p.m. Monday, Feb. 3, in the school.

NURSING HOME?

No, I live at the Mariner House!

Mrs. Lena Burns
Resident of Mariner House



Willard "Bill" Knope, 68, president the past three years of the Senior Citizens Action Council of Monroe County, Inc., an organization of 30,000 senior citizens, and a member of The Mariner House's advisory board. Here's what Bill Knope says about The Mariner House:

"If The Mariner House wasn't a good proposition, I wouldn't be on its board, quite bluntly. Nobody's paying me, so I say what I think. And in my opinion, The Mariner House is doing a good job. I'm impressed with it."

"How did I get involved with The Mariner House? I was recommended to be on the advisory board. I've been associated with it since it started three years ago, and I never thought I'd be interested in senior citizens the way I am."

"You've got to realize one thing. The Mariner House isn't only for senior citizens, although many of its residents are elderly."

"And that brings up another point. I don't like the idea that because you're a senior citizen you're no longer useful. You are useful. When you attain the title of senior vice

president, it's a title you've worked for. It's the same with the senior citizen. A senior has worked for that title, he should be proud of it."

"It has a lot of advantages. It's in an ideal location for the senior citizen or adult who lives there—stores and transportation are readily available. You can step right out the front door, get a bus and go practically wherever you want. Churches and banks are nearby too..."

"Sometimes there's a problem with seniors living at a place where meals are not provided. Then they have to go out to eat, and many people in that case would rather forget it. So nutrition-wise, Mariner House is a good setup..."

"What if there were no Mariner House? What happens then? Many people would have no place to stay, or they'd have to live alone. That's why The Mariner House should be considered a public service. Who else has taken on a project that size, renovated an old hotel and made improvements throughout its entire residence program?"

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