

'The Children Who Wait'

Susan Seeks a Home

"Susan is a 9-year-old blonde with big, brown eyes and a spontaneous personality. She has been in a special home for children for three years and is in the Special Education Program.

"She is classified as an 'educable retarded child'. Susan is affectionate, loving and in need of a warm accepting family who will accept her for her own individual worth.

"She has a history of many foster home moves and deprivation from her biological mother. Susan seeks much attention and is emotionally immature due to early insecurities. She would respond to patient, sincere attention and love."

So reads the Council of Adoptive Parents' listing for Susan, a member of the group we call "The Children Who Wait."

These children range in age from pre-school through early teens. They may be from minority races or mixed racially. They may be a sibling group. They may be mentally, physically and/or emotionally handicapped.

They, however, have one thing in common, they need adoptive families to call their own.

The Courier-Journal weekly features children like Susan. She is one of more than 1000 registered with the New York State Adoption Exchange who are ready for adoptive placement.



SUSAN

In addition, Susan and more than 200 other children are listed in THE CAP BOOK, a photo listing service of the Council of Adoptive Parents of Rochester (CAP).

Adoptive patterns have changed in recent years. Once there were many healthy infants available for adoption. Today,

ringlets piled high in front and a peek-a-boo peasant blouse. I am not prepared to make that kind of commitment in order to take a walk.

Not all of the shoes featured wedge heels. I picked up a pair that seemed less bulky than those with which it shared the table.

I asked for size 8. A young man looked inside the too small shoe and assured me it was an eight. It won't fit, I told him. It's an eight he said and triumphantly shoved it on my foot. I tried walking but my toes were giving a good imitation of being put together with epoxy. He wrenched the shoe off, peered inside and smirked: "Sorry it's a six."

He brought out the size eight in the same style. I made the usual feeble joke as I tried on what looked and felt like the box the footwear was packed in. "Ha," said the sophisticate waiting on me, "Ya oughtta see the other ones." I didn't bother. Further masochism could wait for another day.

I needn't have waited. Each new shoe store, from elite bootery to discount department, re-enacted for me the same scenario. There were also some added fillips.

In one shop, a young girl clerk informed me we women would be wearing open toed sandals (wedged heel of course) in the snow this year. It was, she said, the fashion.

At another store I questioned the practicality of the crepe sole which seems to be affixed to every shoe this year. "They fall apart immediately," she told me with a straight face adding, "customers try to bring them back but we won't take them."

As the fall season drew closer I began to realize I was not about to find what I was looking for. There were some alternatives, none of them satisfactory: Sneakers, barefeet, the wedge minus the upswept hairdo. Or maybe I'll start frequenting those stores that sell to ladies over 65. My Gram has some very nice black shoes. They lace up the front, have a high but very serviceable heel and do incredible things for showing off a neat ankle.

however, a great emphasis is being placed on finding homes for children agencies once considered "hard to place."

Once adoptions were done by childless couples. Today, families with six and more children are adopting. Even singles are becoming adoptive parents.

Children are being placed across racial and religious lines; and to ease the financial burden of adoption financial subsidies are available.

What is being looked for is a loving, caring, adoptive home that can meet the needs of the child.

For general information about adoption contact:

Catholic Family Center, 546-7220; Monroe County Dept. of Social Services, 442-4000; Northaven, Inc., 266-4330; The Council of Adoptive Parents (CAP) 288-7989.

For further information about Susan, contact: THE CAP BOOK Office 436-5070.

DEY NAMED

Robert L. Dey has been named director for deferred giving and endowment of the United Community Chest of Greater Rochester.

Dey is a director of the Meadowbrook Neighborhood Association, secretary of the Brighton Chamber of Commerce and editor of the Brighton Rotary Club bulletin. He is active in the Rochester Sister City program, the Ad Club and served with the Greater Rochester Inter-governmental Panel.

CERAMICS COURSE

Aquinas Institute offers an evening course in ceramics for adults who wish to learn techniques of wheel-throwing and hand-building. No molds are used.

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Sarah Child

Three weeks ago I set out to buy a pair of shoes. One would have thought I was in search of a unicorn for all the success I have had.

I found shoes all right. At least that's what they call them. Any number of more suitable terms occur to me. Like houseboat, modular housing unit, tank. One pair even reminded me in a distant way of gargoyles on a gothic mansion.

I did not think my needs were so unusual. I wanted a pair of shoes I could walk in. I don't mean walk from the house to the car. I mean walk walk — like around our tract, or the mile for the round trip to the school or the three miles to the village and back.

For this kind of walking I determined I would need oxfords. A tie shoe would give more support. At the same time I wanted a little higher heel than usual. I am, as they say, short in the leg. A neat, slender shoe that would look fine with pants but would also look okay if I decided to throw on a skirt. A serviceable shoe yes. But I saw no reason I could not find something with a little style as well.

My first visit to a shoe store was an eyeopener. There on display were oxfords with wedges with three-inch, four-inch, even five-inch heels. I wanted a wedge shoe when I was five. My mother said no. That was more than 30 years ago. I don't want them any more. They remind me of Rita Hayworth and Betty Grable and all the other girls with upswept hairdoes. To wear wedgies with any elan you need blood red lipstick, lacquered

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