

Children Who Wait

"Vivacious" Joyce

"Meet Joyce. The foster parents who have had Joyce since age nine months, report no behavior problems. They are very devoted to her but are too old to adopt," the agency says.

Joyce is one of The Children Who Wait, the subjects of this continuing series, and she needs a home.

The Children Who Wait have various backgrounds, range in age from pre-school through early teens, some are from minority races or are mixed racially. Some are siblings; and some are mentally, physically and/or emotionally handicapped.

The Council of Adoptive Parents (CAP) listing says of her:

"Joyce, age 5 1/2, is a darling Negro girl with a vivacious personality. Joyce currently attends kindergarten and is relating well to her peers, teachers, and five siblings.

"Despite a mild susceptibility to bronchial congestion, Joyce is otherwise in good health and is able to function normally in all areas of her life with a little extra caution to minimize colds and congestion.

"The foster parents who have had Joyce since age nine months, report no behavior problems. They are very devoted to her but are too old to adopt.

"She has been tested to be below average mentally. She is polite and enjoyable in conversation."

Joyce is one of more than 1,000 children registered with the New York State Adoption Exchange who are waiting for adoptive placement.

In addition, Joyce and more than 200 other children are listed in THE CAP BOOK, a photo listing service of CAP.



Adoptive patterns have changed in recent years. Once there were many healthy infants available for adoption. Today, 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 sought are loving, caring, adoptive homes that can meet the needs of the child.

For general information about adoption, the following agencies should be contacted:

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

For further information about Joyce, THE CAP BOOK should be contacted at 436-5070.

Charity Ball To Benefit Two Hospitals

Elmira — The burn treatment program at St. Joseph's Hospital and the clinic for the newborn at Arnot Ogden Memorial Hospital will benefit from the Ladies of Charity Bicentennial Ball, scheduled for Nov. 15 at the downtown Holiday Inn.

Early reservations are recommended, in view of a limit of 150 couples. Mr. and Mrs. Donald Kalec and Mrs. Mary Ferguson are in charge, and tickets may be obtained through any member of the Ladies of Charity.

A social hour at 7 p.m. will precede dinner. Dancing will be from 10 until 1 a.m.

Problems of Adopted Topic of Workshop

"But You Don't Look Adopted," is a one-day discussion and workshop that will explore the identity problems adopted and foster children encounter in today's society.

It will be held Saturday, Oct. 18, from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., in Booth Auditorium, Graphic Arts Building, at Rochester Institute of Technology's Henrietta Campus.

Sponsored by RIT's College of Continuing Education and several area social agencies, the program is designed for adoptive families, foster families, agency personnel and others interested in the special problems of adoption and identity.

Dr. Dennis Boike, a Penfield marriage and family counselor, will lead a panel of adoptive parents, adoptees, educators and social workers. The panel will examine their personal experiences and provide realistic insights into the problems and possible solutions resulting from adoption.

Attendees will participate in workshops of their choice to investigate identity as defined by the law, by the community, by the family or by the child.

For further information, Prof. Roger Powell should be contacted at (716) 464-2219. Janet Switzer, (716) 464-2958, is in charge of registration.

COMMUNIVERSITY

Language courses, yoga, pottery and automobile repair are among the offerings of Communiversity, a free program associated with the Genesee Co-op at 713 Monroe. Study groups on social and community concerns also are forming. The Fall catalog is available at the co-op, where registration continues until Oct. 17. For further information: 461-2230.

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ALL IN THE FAMILY

Sarah Child

Last week a guideline for having a garage sale was outlined in this space. This week — instructions for attending one.

As with hosting a sale, the important thing is to do your own thing and have fun. But there is one important rule that must not be overlooked if you are to do any serious junking.

Under no circumstances take your husband along, unless he happens to be one of that rare breed, a junk hound himself. To appease him you can take him along when you are going to pick up only a book or two or an innocuous antique print, items which he finds semi-respectable.

There are a couple of good reasons for this, the chief one being that no matter how dependable a bread winner he is, he will view bringing used items into the home as a reflection on his ability to provide for his family.

Second, even if he has an eye for color, form, design above the ordinary, the chances are he can't see the possibilities, say, in a "dog" of a chair covered with six coats of paint and a broken rung which you see as a burnished, buffed, handsomely grained, graceful addition to the family room.

I lost out on a terrific army

supply bunk bed last week for this reason. I envisioned it in the upstairs rumpus room painted Aegean sea blue, a couple inches lopped off both end rails and topped with pineapple finials with lots of chintz throw pillows.

"Splendid," he said, the sarcasm so thick I could have smeared it on toast, "you buy those bunk beds, bring up the campaign chest from downstairs and I'll sit there and pretend I'm back in the army."

A lesser but almost as important rule is leaving your kids at home. If you bring them along you will not be exercising your Six Million Dollar Woman X-Ray vision to see the silk purse in the sow's ear. What you'll be doing is using all your energy to prevent them from buying a game called "Don't Spill the Beans" which is in mint condition, and which some other mother is selling for 25 cents because she can't stand the eight plastic coasters and 250 dry kidney beans which come with the set either.

Also remember that it's easy to use something for the purpose for which it was originally intended. It's much more creative to use it for something else and in the process amaze your children and astound your husband with your ingenuity. Of course you must be prepared for a few glaring mistakes which they will point out to every visitor. Don't be put off by this appalling lack of faith in you. Next week you'll come home with a multi-drawer little chest that will be just what your daughter needed to house her rock collection or your mate his 10 penny nails. And when you do they'll forget all about the chamber pot which still looks like a chamber pot even when filled with \$5 worth of philodendron and the divided soda pop crate you envisioned as a classy mug holder but which has ended up in the garage as a depot for spiders and other nameless bugs.

Are you getting enough to eat?



"SINCE I WAS IN BANGLADESH, I CAN'T LEAVE FOOD ON MY PLATE ANY MORE"... was the reaction of one concerned Christian who saw the misery and hunger that afflicts millions. Missionaries are there, trying to ease the hunger for food as well as the hunger for God. They bring help and hope to these "the least of Christ's brethren", but they can only bring what YOU make possible. Please share YOUR next meal with them, through the Society for the Propagation of the Faith.

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