

### Children Who Wait

## Eddie Is Athletic, Agile

"Eddie is an athletic, rather agile, good looking 11-year-old of Puerto Rican extraction," the listing says.

Eddie is one of The Children Who Wait, waiting for the love and security a home of his own can bring.

The Children Who Wait are those whom adoption agencies consider "hard to place."

These children range in age from pre-school through early teens. Some are mentally, physically and/or emotionally handicapped. A few are siblings who should not be separated. Some are of racially mixed blood, others are of minority races.

They all share one thing in common: they are waiting for the love of an adoptive family, perhaps yours.



EDDIE

The Council of Adoptive Parents (CAP) has a book which

describes many of The Children Who Wait. The council's full statement on the youngster we are featuring this week reads:

"Eddie is an athletic, rather agile, good looking 11 year old of Puerto Rican extraction. Of traumatized background, he has nevertheless made a positive adjustment in the agency and is doing well in school.

"He is equipped with much energy and exhausts a good deal of it playing ball. While of pleasant disposition he is sensitive to slights and tends to be a sore loser.

"He urgently wants and needs the affection and security afforded by an adoptive family.

"He is in good physical health.

"He is been in therapy and this has had a beneficial effect in helping him deal with his past while enabling him to make a good adjustment in his current living situation."

If, perhaps, your heart goes out to Eddie you should know that adoptive patterns have changed radically in the past few years. Where once agencies were primarily concerned with the adoption of healthy white infants, the emphasis these days is on placing children like Eddie.

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 burdens, subsidies are available.

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

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

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



'Hugger' Wins Oppy

Mrs. Virginia Knecht, head nurse in the emergency room at St. Joseph's Hospital in Elmira takes the role of the waitress in the video production of "The Hug of Life, Heimlich Maneuver." Mrs. Knecht was last week the recipient of the hospital's Oppy award for "service to the hospital through employees, patients and community involvement above and beyond job expectations." She and her husband Stan are the parents of two children. She is a communicant at St. Mary Our Mother Church in Horseheads.

**ALL IN THE FAMILY**

**Sarah Child**

Well, I have lost the battle. The battle of the books that is. Resigning myself to the fact that modern shelving was not really designed for a large, unwieldy collection of tomes such as ours, I finally stripped our living room wall bare leaving behind several large holes in need of spackle and paint.

Now one set of wall standards, brackets and shelves adorns our older daughter's room and the other has gone to her brother for his cars, miniature totem pole, airplane and Dr. Seuss books.

Our books, my husband's and mine, have been transported upstairs in loads of five or six and placed shelter skelter all over the floor of the extra bedroom. It is enough to make me weep. I want my books around me, catalogued and arranged so as to be able to walk up to its resting place and put my finger immediately on the I want. As it is, I have been hunting this past week for a collection of best loves poems. It may still be in the basement along with boxes and boxes of books never unpacked. It may be in the mess on the bedroom floor, or under a lamp table in the family room, somebody's bedroom — maybe even in the garage for all I know. Obviously I will not find it until my need and wish for it have long since passed.

In our middleclass world,

neither we nor any of our friends are fortunate enough to give over a whole room to books.

But as a tourist of many a historical mansion I have duly noted the rooms designated as "the library" and made myself a promise. Someday we will have such a room even it is no more than seven by seven, the standard size of a jail cell, I believe.

When we were first married and had bought our first home we were lucky enough to find a jack of all trades who built us an entire wall of shelves and cabinets underneath for the incredible sum of \$86. The molding would cost more than that now if we were to have it duplicated. Unfortunately we moved after three years and have been pushing books from this space to that ever since.

There is, of course, a long term solution. We could save our money and have shelves built except that there is always something else we need worse and besides we can't really agree where to put them.

The immediate solution will have to be something less than architecturally satisfying — particularly since we are expecting six houseguests for a long weekend and need the floor room for sleeping bags, etc.

A couple of piles of bricks, some extra long lengths of stock pine and the books will be out of the way. Nobody will be able to find anything of course — not the first Agatha Christie to compare it with her last (she uses the same country house as a setting, I understand) nor the second volume of Eleanor Roosevelt's autobiography after rereading the first or Roget's Thesaurus or Bartlett's Quotations or any of a dozen other reference books. On the other hand no longer will they be slopping or spilling all over the living room adding to the chaos and for that I suppose I must be thankful.

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