

Unfortunate Children

By ANGELO PATRI

REARISE of the way we have some unusual problems in the home where orphaned children are being reared. These difficulties are likely to be acute when the remaining parent remarries.

The child has been through trying conditions. He has lived with relatives or in rooming houses, he has traveled many miles, he has known fear and discomfort, even illness with little to lighten his affliction. Now he must adjust himself to new conditions. New people in his bewildering home makes demands upon those about him quite out of proportion to his needs. His presence in the newly established home is a threat to its endurance.

His mother and father too have been through trying days and nights as a known fear and loneliness and deep trouble as they see a son and daughter and long for peace and a respite from worry. They must instead a demanding orphaning child who disturbs the neighborhood with his tantrums. Small wonder that one of the other parent wishes he never had seen that child or that parent. What can be done?

Punishment will not cure this child. His experiences have conditioned him to anxiety. He fears he will be left without attention, will not be noticed so he exaggerates his state and makes violent gestures to remedy it. Spanking him only adds to his anxiety.

It is at all possible get someone outside the family to help the mother with him. Have him taken out into the fresh air for a walk or a way in the park or the fields. To him stories of happy children, so he can be happy vicariously and feel what happiness means. Teach him to use his hands. Catch and throw a ball. Knit horse reins, cut out pictures and paste them to trace a story book play with mud and paint, fetch and carry for the older people dress himself. Train him to use his body. Running, jumping climbing preferably in the open air.

Give this sort of child his meals before his elders are served and have him taken out of the house when they have their dinner, if possible. At all possible. That is where the helper comes in. A related teacher, a friendly grandmother—somebody who understands little children to befriend and recondition this one to a happy way.

What we are trying to do is to help this child think away from himself toward things outside himself and to trust to the goodness of people. He does not need a friend, and his parents need relief. The support of a home that will allow it to live is a most worthwhile job. Surely there is someone to help such fathers and mothers. The child is not hopeless. He needs assurance and understanding care.



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MISS ESTELLE BYRK WED IN EAST DERBY

DERBY, Sept. 17.—St. Michael's church, East Derby, was the scene yesterday of the wedding of Miss Estelle A. Byrk, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Byrk, of 36 Minerva street, to Peter Zavidniak, son of Mr. and Mrs. Emil Zavidniak, of 201 Kneen street, Shelton. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. Joseph W. Swatick, pastor.

Mrs. Sophie Kenny was matron of honor, and the other attendants were Mrs. Mary Widziewicz, a sister, and Miss Estelle Garbin. The bride wore a gown of white tulle, and the bridegroom wore a tuxedo. The wedding party included Miss Estelle Byrk, Miss Mary Ann Widziewicz, niece of the bride. The best man was Jack J. Kris and the ushers were Nicholas Zavidniak, a brother of the bridegroom and Steven Hudak.

A reception followed in Rapp's restaurant, Shelton after which Mr. and Mrs. Zavidniak left on a wedding trip. Mrs. Zavidniak is a graduate of the local high school while Mr. Zavidniak, a World War II veteran attended the Shelton schools, and is a senior at Colgate University, Hamilton, N. Y.

Court St. Cecilia, C.D.A. will sponsor a card and games party Tuesday in the Knights of Columbus hall, Stratford, at 8 p.m. The committee consists of Mrs. Ruth North, chairman, Mrs. Ethel Rothler, co-chairman, assisted by Mrs. Eleanor Johnson, Mrs. Josephine Johnson, Mrs. Kay Gerwin, Mrs. Bernice Small and Mrs. Elita Janetty. The public has been invited.

Influenza Still Evades Control

By HERMAN N. BUNDESEN, M.D.

UNDERSTANDING of epidemic influenza has grown apace during the past few years, but even so the disease still evades control.

Influenza is caused by a virus, and the two common strains of this tiny troublemaker have been isolated and identified as influenza A and influenza B. Fear of a disastrous outbreak, such as that experienced in 1918, spurred research during the late war, with the result that scientists learned something about when an epidemic of influenza might be expected to strike. It was determined that in the United States epidemics of influenza A have occurred at two- to three-year intervals, while those due to influenza B recurred in a four- to six-year pattern.

Not only this, but a vaccine for the prevention of influenza was produced. Containing both strains of the virus, it was thought that it would be effective against either and for a time it was.

Great strides

These were of great strides forward. With the means of predicting an epidemic and a method for immunizing against the disease, it seemed we had everything needed to check it.

And then suddenly, during the epidemics of 1948 and 1947, the vaccine seemed to lose its power to combat the virus. Usually, those who had been immunized fell ill with just as great frequency as those who had not.

A search for the cause of this unexpected failure of a vaccine, which had proved so valuable during the immediately preceding years, led to the conclusion that the virus strains had undergone some mysterious change. In some way not yet understood, the wily virus had been able to alter its constitution just enough to make it impervious to the antibodies built up in the blood by the vaccine.

Thus today, for all our research, we are not much further forward. Unless new strains of the virus can be isolated from cases in advance of future epidemics and incorporated in the vaccine, it cannot be expected to do much good in the way of prevention.

No Specific Treatment

Unfortunately, we have no specific treatment for influenza either. About all that can be done is to keep the patient in bed and give him plenty of fluids and quieting drugs. The breathing of medicated steam or vapor may also prove helpful.

On the other hand, the new wonder drugs such as penicillin and streptomycin and the older sulfonamide preparations do give us fine weapons against the dangerous complications of influenza caused by germs. These include infections of the sinuses and lungs.

It is not, however, advisable to give these drugs unless complications occur. To give them in every case may result in toxic reactions, and many persons become sensitive to the drugs. But when properly employed, the sulfonamide drugs and penicillin or streptomycin may be life-saving in the severely ill patient suffering from influenza and its complications.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Q.C.: Is it possible for a woman to have children M both fallopian tubes have been removed?

A: Answer: Pregnancy would not be possible in such cases.

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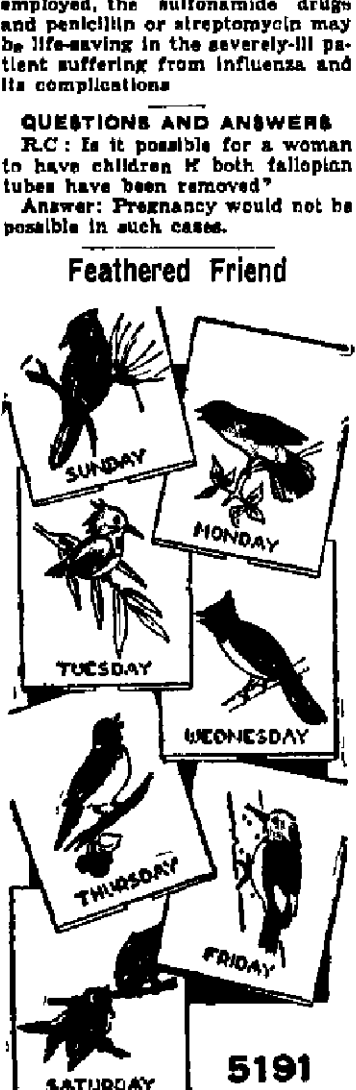
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