

'two children are company, three a crowd,' says doctor

By LOUISE CHASE

It's high time that more Americans adopted as their ideal the two-child family, a high official of the National Institute of Mental Health said recently.

Dr. E. James Lieberman, chief of the Center for Studies of Child and Family Mental Health, sharply challenged the still prevalent conviction that "You should have as many children as you can afford."

Dr. Lieberman told a meeting of the American Public Health Association that ability to pay may have little to do with ability to rear. Available research shows great psychological and physical advantages in a two-child family, he said.

Children of small lower class families have been found to score higher on intelligence tests than children from large middle class families.

Contrary to popular belief, Dr. Lieberman said, children from large families are less self-reliant and less mature than children from small families.

Studies at the National Institute of Mental Health show that second and later-born boys demand more attention as small children and, at birth, are less vigorous and responsible.

Children in large families often suffer from a sort of "maternal deprivation," the physician said, as a result of crowding, the rivalry of brothers and sisters, and the lamentable fact that the day's length

remains the same whether there are two or four children. With parental attention spread thin, intellectual and emotional development may suffer.

A Presidential Task Force on Manpower Conservation, Dr. Lieberman pointed out, discovered that a disproportionate number of young men rejected for mental reasons by Selective Service belong to large families: 70 percent to families with four or more children although only 33 percent of the country's families are that large.

Dr. Lieberman said young people usually begin conscientious birth control too late, sticking to a casual approach until after the birth of two or three children.

"Couples should learn and adopt effective family planning measures from the start of their relationship," he said. "It is more rational and responsible to have few or none than to have unwanted children. If conceiving babies were nearly as hard as rearing them well, small families would be more common."

The N.I.M.H. official advocated starting the educational process on family size with school children.

Any stigma associated with a very small family should be removed, he said, and students should be brought up to the attitude: "We want to raise two children well, with time left over for adult pursuits for both husband and wife."



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annual clubs' dance at Irem Saturday

Saturday evening Dallas Junior and Senior Womens Clubs will host its annual semi-formal dinner dance at Irem Temple Country Club.

A Dutch treat cocktail hour is scheduled for 6, with dinner served promptly at 7. Dancing will be to the music of Bobby Baird and his orchestra from 9-1 a.m.

Mrs. Philip Rocco, chairman from the Junior Club, and Mrs. Robert Maturi, of the Senior Club, have announced a capacity crowd is expected. Roast leg of lamb and pot roast of beef will be the two choices for the dinner.

Decorations under the direction of Mrs. Robert Marketta, Mrs. Jerry Paxton, Mrs. James B. Huston and Mrs. William Paulsen have been the "topic

of conversation" recently as the committees prepared to transform the Country Club into a "February Fantasy."

Mrs. Edward Kale also assisted the committees. Mrs. Walter Henricks and Mrs. L.E. Jordan are cochairmen. The following worked on the various committees: posters, Mrs. Thomas Benton and Mrs. Edward Ratcliffe; reservations, Mrs. Crozier Wileman, Mrs. Gus Shuleski, Mrs. Dwight Nunamacher and Mrs. Roy Stair; tickets, Mrs. Henry Harter and Mrs. Floyd Slocum; publicity, Mrs. Lewis Reese and Mrs. Joseph Shaver.

Mrs. Robert Stair is president of the Dollar Junior Womens Club and Mrs. Francis Williams of the Senior Womens Club. The public is welcome.

open house on Sunday for golden wedding

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur R. Dungey will observe their Golden Wedding three days early, on Sunday, Feb. 16, with an open house at their home at 138 Lake St., Dallas.

Friends will be welcome at any time during the afternoon.

Mr. Dungey, serving at Camp Lee, Va. during the First World War, and remaining at camp for some time after the close of hostilities, took a furlough in February of 1919, returned to Wilkes-Barre, and was married to Ruth Merical.

The ceremony was performed by Rev. A. P. Piper. Attendees were sister Jean Merical and Russell Strunk, now for many years Mr. and Mrs. Russell Strunk of Schuyler Avenue, Kingston.

Mrs. Dungey is daughter of the late John and Isabella Clark Merical. Her parents celebrated not only a Golden Wedding, but a 70th wedding anniversary.

Mr. Dungey was for 32 years tax collector of Dallas Borough.

The couple has one child, John Dungey, also of Lake

Street. There are two grandchildren. Carol is a kindergarten teacher in Dallas schools; Robert is now serving with the Navy in Puerto Rico.

Mrs. Dungey recalls with amusement that while she was still Ruth Merical, she visited her future husband at Camp Lee, and that immediately after she left Petersburg, the camp was placed off limits because of the flu epidemic. That was in September of 1918. Strict quarantine was im-

posed, and Camp Lee entertained no more visitors until the epidemic subsided.

Mr. Dungey is now confined to a wheel chair by arthritis. Son John, who lives on the floor below, is a wizard with wood, capable of laying a hardwood floor, building an upstairs balcony, making miniature furniture with meticulous detail, or turning out models of buildings for Lacey Atherton and Davis, architectural firm.

federated clubs plan luncheon April 16th

Members of the Executive Board and Presidents of the Luzerne County Federation of Women's Clubs convened recently at the Acme Auditorium, Gateway Shopping Center, Kingston. Mrs. John E. Hilsner presided.

Mr. Harry Russ Jr., Senior Psychologist at State Correctional Institute at Dallas, and also Psychological Consultant at Luzerne County Prison, was the guest speaker. Mr. Russ was recently designated by PFWC as Resource Person for Northeast District on Crime and Delinquency.

He spoke of the many problems presented by the rapid increasing crime rate both locally and in our nation and expressed concern about the effect the news media has on crime.

Mr. Russ discussed some of the potential contributors to crime and also mentioned many ways that interested citizens can help to curb the crime rate.

Club Sewing Contests will be held during February and early in March. First place winners will enter the Northeast District Contest.

Mrs. Harry Maxwell, Home Life Chairman, announced the district contest will be held at Bangor Area Joint Senior High School on March 8. Winners from the district will compete in the state contest.

In conjunction with the Sewing Contest, the Hallmark Contest, district competition, will be at Bangor High School on the same date. The Fine Arts Chairman requests that as soon as club judging is complete, district entry forms should be mailed directly to the Northeast District Art Contest Chairman.

The spring meeting of the Luzerne County Federation of Women's Clubs will be held at the Irem Temple Country Club on April 16. Hanover Township Junior Woman's Club will be the hostess club.

Legion auxiliary

American Legion Auxiliary Unit 672 will meet Feb. 20 at 8 p.m. at the Legion Home, Memorial Highway, Dallas.

Mr. Emerson Perrine, District Manager of Social Security in Wilkes-Barre, will present a film and discussion on Medicare. The public is invited.

Auxiliary members are reminded of a request for contributions of wool yarn or knit squares for lap robes for amputee veterans at Valley Forge. Such contributions should be brought to Thursday's meeting.

Hostesses will be Mesdames Harold Brobst, Edward Buckley and Herb Dreher.

to be honored

Peggy Caffrey, who lives for the school year with her aunt and uncle Mr. and Mrs. George Ruckno at Shrine Acres, is among the 52 College Misericordia students who will be honored at a tea Feb. 16, given by president of the college Sr. Miriam Teresa, RSM.

Miss Caffrey, Student Council president, is one of three senior students who have made the Dean's List for seven semesters. She comes from Adelphi, Md.

Catherine Schneider, of Shavertown, is also on the honors list.

Births

Rev. and Mrs. Robert Mocerri, 32 Carverton Rd., Trucksville, announce the birth of a 6 lb. 11 1/2 oz. son, Robert Douglas, on Feb. 3 in General Hospital. Mrs. Mocerri is the former Kathleen Leitton of Bethel, Conn. Rev. Mr. Mocerri is pastor of First Assembly of God Church, Trucksville.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Calkins, Metuchen, N.J., former residents of Jackson Street, Dallas, announce the birth of their sixth child, a son, Todd Charles, on Jan. 16, weighing 7 lbs. 15 ozs.

Their other children are Susan, Heidi, Keith, Sandra and Scott. Mrs. Calkins is the former Ann Hodges of London, England.

A girl, Millie Christine, was born Feb. 6 at Mercy Hospital to Mr. and Mrs. William Derhammer, RD 2 Dallas.

Another child, Eugene, will be two on Feb. 16.

Mrs. Derhammer is the former Millie Gordon, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Gordon, Pikes Creek.

Paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. William Derhammer, Beaumont.

pancakes

Men of the East Dallas United Methodist Church will hold their annual pancake supper on Feb. 15. Serving starts at 5 p.m. All the pancakes, eggs, sausage, home made pie and coffee you desire. Jay Bloomer is chairman.

Shavertown WSCS plans fashion show and tea

WSCS of Shavertown Methodist Church will sponsor a Fashion Show and Birthday Tea Monday, Feb. 24 in the social rooms at 8 p.m.

Mrs. Lee Eckert is general chairman. Mrs. Harry Davenport, cochairman. Models will be selected from membership in the organization. Fashions will be presented by Marian Saul.

at conference

The Rev. Howard G. Hartzell, 62 Elmcrest Drive, Dallas, attended the third annual weekend conference of alumni club officers at Bucknell University Feb. 7 and 8.

Rev. Hartzell is president of the Bucknell Alumni Club of Wilkes-Barre.

Included on the program were discussions of alumni club operations, objectives and program; a review of Bucknell's admissions process; and talks by Bucknell President Charles H. Watts and David Orr, assistant secretary of Dartmouth College.

Overseas Wives

Plans for an Overseas Wives Club for wives of servicemen serving around the globe will be made at an organizational meeting to be held Sunday evening, Feb. 16, at 8 o'clock at the Mary G. Stegmaier Memorial Chapter House of American Red Cross.

Mrs. Geraldine Williams and Mrs. Bonnie Space, whose husbands are currently serving in Vietnam, will direct the meeting. Wives of overseas servicemen are invited to attend.

Krupinskis vacation in Hawaii

Mr. and Mrs. Stephen R. Krupinski and their two children Gary and Kim Marie, Grandview Acres, Dallas, recently enjoyed a vacation in the Hawaiian Islands.

While on the island of Oahu, they were the guests of Adm. and Mrs. Fred Kirch, U.S.N.

Some of the highlights of their tour included Waikiki Beach, Punchbowl Crater, Pearl Harbor and the magnificent view from Nuuanu Pali.

Also visited were the islands of Kauai and Hawaii, Waimea Canyon and the Fern Grotto were especially beautiful on the island of Kouai.

Volcano Natural Park and the Black Sand Beach on Hawaii gave Kim and Gary, a look at one of the world's most active volcano areas.

Before returning home, the Krupinskis stopped in Los Angeles for a visit with Mr. and Mrs. Barney Rogers.

Mr. Krupinski then flew on to the San Francisco Bay area for a two week tour with the U.S. Navy.

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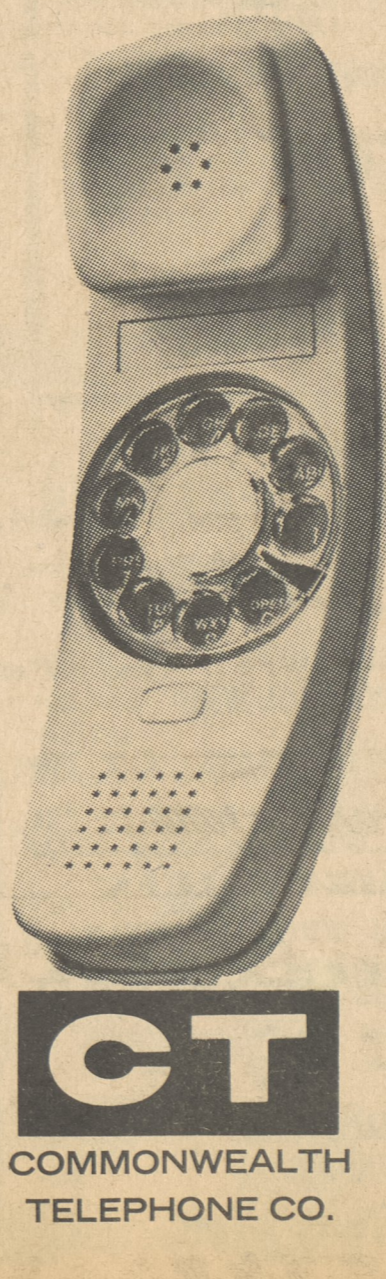
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