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A Child by Any Other Name Wouldn't Turn Out the Same

Woman's intuition seems to be at its finest about the time she is selecting a name for the new baby. Otherwise how do you account for the fact that the name she selects usually fits the occupation her offspring will follow in later life? And let's face it, naming the baby is 50 per cent the mother's choice and 50 per cent the father's choice and 100 per cent his head in complete agreement.

The next time you happen to be in a garage take a sneaky look at the name on the mechanic's uni-

form. Chances are it will be Bill, Joe, Art or Al.

Why? Simply because all mechanics are named Bill, Joe, Art or Al.

Could you imagine seeing a name such as Kenneth, Wilbur or Harrison embroidered on the pocket of the shirt of the guy who is adjusting your brakes? Of course not, and neither will you find a name such as Ellsworth, Gregory or Irving.

IF A MOTHER wants to see her son climb really high on the business and social ladder she will instinctively name him something such as Worthington, Cunningham or Remington.

To make sure he doesn't wind up as a butler or a chauffeur she will tack on an initial in front of the name so that it will come out J. Worthington, H. Cunningham or K. Remington.

Men destined to become bank clerks or junior executives in an insurance company will be named Harold, Bruce or Roger. Those who become policemen are named Matt, Steve or Jack.

THE NAMING of female children works out much the same way. If you check the names on judges worn by waitresses you'll find they run along lines such as Flo, Irene, Marje or Mae. You'll rarely find a Priscilla, Janet or

Constance waiting on a table because girls with these names are dental technicians or medical secretaries.

Girls named Alice, Ethel or Gertrude become school teachers or librarians and are strict disciplinarians, the latter becoming particularly tough on overdue books.

Putting trick spelling into your daughter's name will probably head her straight to the entertainment world. Girls with names such as Cindy, Jayne, Patti, Gayle or Elythe will be found dancing in a night club or singing with a traveling band. Others become professional ice skaters or models.

THERE WAS A time when I could look at a youngster and tell you what occupation he would follow merely by checking his name. With the current popularity of nicknames I've had to give up this hobby because most of the kids don't know their real names.

Take my neighborhood, for example. There's Skipper, Chub, Beans and Chick. Across the street there's Skid, Chunkie, Buck and Gig.

One day I asked one of the fathers what his son's real name was. Much to my surprise the man shrugged his shoulders and said, "Darned if I know. We started calling him 'Punky' the day we brought him home from the hospital and he's gone by that name ever since. My wife doesn't remember his real name either, and the heck of it is the town hall burned down two years ago and all the records were destroyed. Whether we like it or not it looks like his name will be 'Punky' from here on in."

REMEMBER when a young son-in-law was expected to call his mother-in-law "Mother"? That practice went out years ago.

Now he calls her "Sandy," "Koochey" or "Rusty." Even her own kids and the grandchildren call her by one of these casual nicknames, and for some reason the modern grandmother seems to like it.

One thing which confuses me these days is when someone at the office tells me he can't go to the company picnic because he has to take Ginger and Rusty to the Doctor.

I never know whether he's taking his fresh setter pups to the veterinarian or he's taking his twin sons for pre-school vaccinations. The last time I thought I had it dotted out it developed that the guy was referring to his wife and mother-in-law.

What's in a name? Plenty! Ed says.

Review

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few reels Day chases Grant. Unavoidably reduced to pronouncing Grant's jealousy, and segged into it by Audrey Meadows. Day finally and fearfully speeds off to Al's Motel in a poultry delivery truck with the shock of unemployment comp.

AS THE inconsequential plot threads its thin way all the old rabbits come out of the hat checking on old chestnuts, but they prove to have stood the test of time. The dialogue is exceptionally clear and the situations, however

backneyed, are extremely funny. Casting and performance are excellent. The movie is not spectacular, however, and would probably have been just as good in black and white.

TO HEIGHTEN the "Prince vs. Goose Girl" effect, the sets alternate between a sort of ultimate luxury—Tyson's offices, Bermuda hotel—and a sort of shabby banality—poultry truck, automat and miserable motel.

The display of almost incredible wealth is reminiscent of many wish-fulfillment movies made during the Great Depression of the '30s, and recalls George Kaufman's famous wisecrack: "It just shows you what God could do if He had money."

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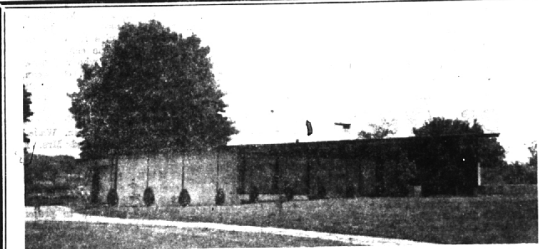


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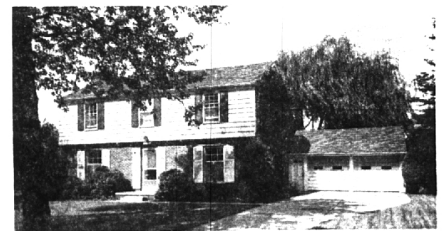
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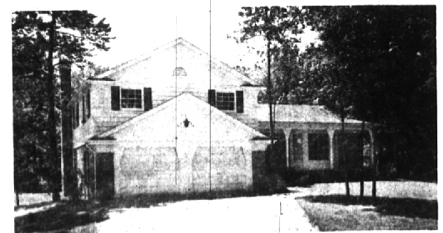
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