

PARENTS OF 20 BETTER MEAGER PLACE IN LIFE

Thrifty Couple Know What to Do With 20 Children in 26 Years of Married Life.

(Though some complain about the cost of rearing a single child, or maybe two, Earl and Ethel Esterly of Allentown, Pa., are the parents of 20, and they've managed to improve their once meager station in life. Their epic of maternity follows.)

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Allentown, Pa., Oct. 19—(U.P.)—Earl and Ethel Esterly who have for all practical purposes as many children as the old woman who lived in a shoe, know what to do with them.

The thrifty Pennsylvania Dutch couple are going to move into a 10-room house that has five bedrooms and in that veritable mansion continue rearing the 18 surviving children of 20 born to them in their 26 years of married life.

The newest — two-day old Timothy — never will know what a problem it is to fit 20 persons into a six-room house with seven beds, with no electricity, no plumbing, and "none of the conveniences."

The Esterlys had their 20 children and saved money while doing it. They sold their 900 chickens and the money plus their savings bought the new house.

Gets Electric Washer
Mrs. Esterly, 43, can hardly wait to leave the hospital to try out an electric washer. Heretofore she has washed the clothes of 20 by hand. And she has been doing her cooking over a coal stove and her mountains of mending by the light of a kerosene lamp.

Yet she can't see where having 20 children is any more trouble than having two. Nor can her husband, who is 44. Provided, of course, that you got through the lean years when the family income was \$60 a month and you come of large families which help out.

And provided you grow your own food, and the wife cans huge stores of vegetables and fruits every fall and makes all the children's clothes.

Earns \$30 a week
But the squeeze isn't so tight now. Esterly, a truck driver, earns \$30 a week. Five working children contribute \$10 a week each. "Things are pretty easy now," Mrs. Esterly said.

"I've always admired a big family. And it looks as if I admired myself right into one," she said. "But this time I don't think there will be any more."

Esterly agreed that there is a limit. But if the government would give a bonus for babies, he'd like to have 20 more.

Esterly was one of 14 children and figured out a long time ago that "the only way to get along with so many children is just to treat them all equal."

"When I give one a dime," he said, "they all get a dime, and when one goes to a movie, they all go."

For discipline, Esterly used the stand-in-the-corner-until-they-get-over-it method. He seldom spanks. If it's a worthwhile argument, the children fight it out among themselves.

Works Long Hours
Esterly "keeps busy" at home evenings and Sundays but Mrs. Esterly is on the go from five a. m. until the last Esterly has blown out his kerosene lamp and gone off to climb into one of the seven beds with one or two other Esterlys. She serves breakfast first to the working Esterlys. Then the eight school children get theirs and by that time "it's almost lunch time."

Between meals, she has endless larking.

The big meal is at night with all the Esterlys gathered around one table. There isn't room for all to sit and the little ones stand wedged in between the older children. Two loaves of bread disappear at every meal.

The Esterlys are proud that they've always found time and

Elks' Visitor



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money for the pleasant things like big Christmas trees and birthday parties and anniversaries.

"I can't wait to get home," Mrs. Esterly said. "I miss my man and he misses me."

Red Troops Reach Finn Nickel Mines

Stockholm, Oct. 19—(U.P.)—Reports from Helsinki said today that Russian troops had reached the Petsamo nickel mines and were engaging the Germans in heavy fighting near Kolsjoki in the center of the district.

The Germans obviously have decided to abandon all of north Finland and withdraw to Norway as fast as two remaining roads will permit, the reports said.

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