



Parents Consider All Children

Small Lee Jeannette Ridley, just nine months old and blonde and smiling, soon will have a brother or sister.

Her mother, Mrs. Mary Ridley, of Plymouth, hopes the new arrival will be a big brother for Lee. But it really doesn't matter, she says, whether the family adds a boy or girl.

The important thing, for Mr. and Mrs. Richard Ridley, is that the best child in their family—and others to follow—will be of mixed racial parentage or full Negro or American Indian.

RICK AND MARY RIDLEY have told their case worker from the Wayne County Department of Social Services they would like a pre-school child answering that description.

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agency's finding the right child.

THE DECISION to adopt children and the decision to look for non-Caucasians came slowly—but definitely—with this serious young couple.

Rick, now 23 had supervisor of projection services at the University of Michigan Audiology Center, and Mary, 22, have known each other since they were sophomores in Plymouth High School, and they had talked about adoption even before marriage.

Not because there was any problem with having their own children.

"Lee's birth was a joyful experience," said her mother, who gave birth after working with the Lamaze Childbirth Preparation method. And she added:

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BUT FOR RICK AND MARY, it wasn't hard at all. "To us, parenthood is not

the biological aspect of bearing a child," Mary explained. "It's having kids in the house. We know there is a great need for homes for many children already born, and these kids are just as desirable as our own would be. They need a home, so we will be their parents."

IT WAS AFTER getting acquainted with the work of the Council on Adoptable Children and the Ridleys decided definitely to ask for a child who is not white.

"Little kids like her," she said with a gesture toward the smiling Lee Jeannette, "have adoptive parents standing in line waiting to take them home."

"But the Negro children, we learned through COAC, are lucky if they can be placed in foster homes. Not many Negro parents are adopting, and we've heard that agencies even have to refuse to accept Negro unwed mothers because of the difficulty with placement."

THE RIDLEYS first planned to adopt a baby as their second child, but decided on a pre-schooler after learning that they are often harder to place.

They want a youngster not yet in school because "we want the child to have a stable situation before being thrust into school life, and we feel acceptance by other children is greater in the lower grades."

WHILE WAITING for a new family member, Mary and Rick have been talking to Plymouth residents who have worked in the field of human relations and to their neighbors.

"The recommendation we've had is to go ahead and try it," said Mary. "And the neighbors have seemed most receptive. One lady on the street was so interested that I gave her name as a reference with the adoption agency."

MARY ALSO has become more and more involved in the Council on Adoptable Children, because she feels the work of the council is doing in finding homes for mixed parentage children is so important.

She also is continuing work toward a degree from Eastern Michigan University in English literature—she's now a senior—and plans to go on and get her master's degree and do research and teach in college after the kids are in school and settled.

Mary and Rick, who graduated from the University of Michigan last August, also are planning to have some foster children, Negroes or of mixed parentage.

"But I know what will happen," she said. "I want to adopt the ones we have as foster children."

How many do they intend to have in the family?

"Well, the number keeps going up," Mary said. "We really love children." ALL children.



MRS. RICHARD ALLEN COLE (Jacqueline Carol Helferich)

Cole-Helferich Vows Spoken

Jacqueline Carol Helferich and Richard Allen Cole exchanged marriage vows Friday, June 21, before the altar of St. Hugo of the Hills.

The Rev. Paul R. Bigley officiated in the double-ring ceremony.

The bride is the daughter of Mrs. Warren H. Williams, of Bloomfield Hills, and the bridegroom's parents are Mr. and Mrs. Merwyn Cole, of Clinton, Iowa.

GIVEN IN MARRIAGE by her step-father, Warren H. Williams, the bride wore a modified cage gown of pinkie d'esperte with venise lace bordering the neckline, sleeves, hem and waistline.

Her matching lace headpiece held a court veil of silk illusion, and she carried Catalpa orchids, white sweet-heart roses and staphanotis in a cascade arrangement.

Mrs. Michael Kreulwitz, of Flint, was matron of honor, and the bridesmaids were Mrs. Michael Marr, sister-in-law of the bride; Lorraine Williamson and Diane Cooley, of Farmington; Margaret Underwood, of Birmingham, and Mrs. Richard Barrett, of Flint.

Sharon Gardner, of Morton Grove, Ill., the bride's cousin, was junior bridesmaid.

ALL THE ATTENDANTS wore floor-length skimmer dresses of turquoise chiffon over lime stripe vestals held with jewel necklines. Their headpieces were camelot veils held

by small pill-boxes, and their flowers were bouquets of yellow sweetheart roses.

Andrew S. Ptak, of Flint, was best man, and the ushers were Richard Barrett, and William Bryant, of Flint; William Hickock, of Milford; Dean W. Bell, of Dearborn and Lawrence Siferd, of Defiance, O.

MOTHERS of the bridal pair carried out the color scheme in their attire. Mrs. Williams wore a floor-length turquoise silk worsted, skimmer with beaded neckline and sleeves, and Mrs. Cole's floor-length gown was lime green silk.

Dinner at the Oakland Hills Country Club followed the ceremony. The newlyweds then left for a Virgin Islands honeymoon. They will make their home in Kokomo, Ind., where the bridegroom is employed at the Detroit Division of General Motors Corp.

Hoffmans To Live In Detroit

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Hoffman, wed recently in Our Lady of Grace Church, Dearborn Heights, are making their home in Detroit.

The bride is the former Magdalene Chetcuti, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Chetcuti, of Dearborn Heights. Her husband's parents are Mr. and Mrs. Harold Hoffman, of Detroit.

YWCA Sets Driving Class

The Western Wayne County YWCA, at Monroe Blvd. and Michigan Ave., Dearborn, will hold a driver training class for teens from 15 to 17 years of age, beginning Monday, July 8 at 8:30 a.m.

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