

## A Visit Beats Many Letters

A shy little Greek teen-ager and her Plymouth foster parents got together this summer after three years of letter-arting. The Hadleys in the bloom to got together this summer after three years of letter-arting. The Hadleys alroom to got to together this summer after three years of letter-arting. The Hadleys alroom to got the got the

parent.

They planned a visit to Ekaterini as they saved for a trip to Europe, and chose a particular National Education Association tour because it had a free day and a half in Rome,

"WE HAD MADE arrangements with the Foster Parents group," Don said, "and they brought Exaterini and her uncle from the Village of Trikala to Athens.
"They stayed in an Athens home that plays host to Foster

home that plays host to Foster Parents Plan children quite of-ten--we were rather surprised to find that lots of other Americans have visited their children there."

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They were delighted to meet first-hand the little girl whose life has become so important to them, and Ekaterint, though extremely shy, seemed to enjoy the event that probably was the top excitement of her life so far. Invaluable in making the visit go well was a long-time friend of Dr. Had ley's, Herb Bensinger. Now working in Greece as a geological engineer, pensinger provided sight-seeing transportation and helged a Foster Parents representative with interpreting. with interpreting,

"I THINK Exaterini enjoyed seeing the Acropolis most," Bonnie Hadley recalled. "We couldn't stay there as long as we would have liked--so much to do in so short a time--but as we were leaving she kept





### m.m. memos

Sidewalk sales bring out the ridiculous in the bargain hunter.

I have several cases in point, and they all happened during the sales that sprout at this time of year all over Observerland.

There's the gentleman who always goes bare-headed, but he bought a \$10 hat because it was marked down to 50 cents. He still goes bare-headed, and the hat is parked on a shelf. But it was such a good bargain!

At the same booth, one wife couldn't resist the mark-downs but didn't know her husband's head size. She bought two hats. One perched on top of his head and the other sunk down over his ears. So then there was the problem of finding someone they'd fit to give them away.

My family is hardly immune to sidewalk-sale fever. One daughter won a big plush elephant on a solitary 10-cent contest ticket. It was the first thing she'd ever won in her life, and she was sky-high with delight.

But guess how many more tickets we bought before we acquired three more plush animals—donkey, of course, tiger and dog—for three more girls. Oh well, it was for a good cause.

The girls' mother also has the disease. I found a gorgeous leather handbag marked down so much I had to buy it. Now I need shoes and dress to go with it.

And one sidewalk shopper saved so much on clothing purchases that she had a real spree in the record store. "This is saving?" asked her family.

But it becomes worthwhile when you consider the case of the lady who tried on a \$55 dress in the spring. Lovely, but too expensive, she decided. In midsummer, it went down to \$33 and she tried it on again. Still didn't buy it.

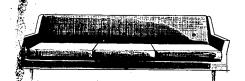
But it was her dress, and it waited for her. She got it for \$10 in the good old side-walk sales.



The Hadleys, who returned last week from their 41-aay tour, said they have found great satisfaction in their participation in the Foster Parents plan, It should be even greater, now that they know Ekaterini.

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