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Will You Fill The Bill?

Recently in a social studies class at a certain Catholic school on the Pacific Coast the girls were asked to give a verbal sketch of "The Ideal Husband." Perhaps you would like to read a few of their papers.

Mary Ann's requirements: "My husband must be ambitious, but not overly so, that he places his work before the happiness and interests of his family. He must be religious, home-loving, considerate, and a good father--one the children may look up to with pride, reverence, and love.

"The man I marry must naturally be healthy, capable, and industrious; ever courteous, well-mannered, and intelligent (if possible, more so than I)."

For Jane Frances....."He need not be handsome, but he must have clean-cut features, and make a good appearance. I should prefer him with dark hair and dark eyes, and good teeth.

"He must be a man with the courage of his convictions. He must respect himself and those things which decent men stand for. He must be generous, industrious, and willing to support a family. He must, without a doubt, have a sense of humor. He must be courageous, and tolerant. This, I hope, will be my man."

And Genevieve specifies: "A sincere Catholic, one who has a deep regard for his religion. He must have a heart of perfect understanding; a man who is broad-minded, and finds it easy to forgive. He must respect me as well as respect himself. He must love children and appreciate music and art.

"He must have a sense of humor. By that I don't mean the type who enjoys poking fun at people and laughing at their embarrassment. He must be optimistic, see the joyous side of life, not the dark and gloomy.

"I don't want him secretive, but he must possess an open, loving heart. He should enjoy meeting people, and love his work, but his main interest, to which he must direct his thought and cares above all, must be--his home."

Finally, discreet Catherine wants..."Above all, a Catholic--not in name merely, but in matter. I don't care at all whether he is tall, dark and handsome. He must receive the Sacraments regularly and live up to Catholic viewpoints.

"He must be intelligent, not only in business, but in social affairs. He must be tolerant; if more men were, fewer homes would be broken up today. He must be generous, frank, courageous and sincere. He must have a sense of humor. Many small matters can be handled lightly if people have a sense of humor. He must have character. He must not drink to excess. He must read the best books and magazines and be able to discuss freely the events of interest. Maybe I am asking too much, but all of these things must be the makings of the man I would like to marry."

PEATEH: (Incessant) anniversary of Dr. Gallagher.