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Marriage Begins With Thanksgiving

From the 17th century onward the Armenians, ruthlessly oppressed by their Ottoman and Persian conquerors, began to cross the border and form colonies in Europe and Asia. In the 1890s, and more particularly in 1915 and 1916, those Armenians living in Turkey were banished from that country en masse. Over 1,500,000 of them were massacred, and over 600,000 were driven into the desert of Mesopotamia, where most of them perished. A small number found asylum abroad, while some 300,000 refugees found shelter in Russia.

Encyclopedia Britannica

By Alice Anne Conner
 Journal Ethnic Reporter

You would think, wouldn't you, that more than 60 years is long enough for wounds to heal, for memories to become fuzzy, for atrocities to be forgotten? What, after all, could something that happened so long ago, so far away, have to do with Terry Ann Hadjanian and her wedding last Saturday?

"Oh, just little things," Terry explained early last week as she took a break from her job as a continuity writer



at radio station WOKY. "For example, Leif (her husband) and I bought this little book for the wedding, where you write down all kinds of things you want to remember. It has space for the names of your ancestors in it, and Leif was able to go back, oh, I don't know how many generations. I could only go to my grandparents.

"I don't know anything else because most of the elderly people in Armenia were killed. My grandparents all came over to this country when they were just teenagers. They don't remember, or won't remember, things and people before then. I guess it is too painful for them."

Family's Rug Store

For Terry, who is 23, growing up meant taking hold of the reality of that "ian" at the end of her name. Her mother's side of the family opened an oriental rug store years ago and Terry's father and uncle run the same business today. She lives in a predominately Armenian American neighborhood near Lake Michigan in South Milwaukee. But here, let her tell you about it:

"A lot of Armenians put the customs by the wayside for one reason or another. In my case it was different. Going to church for example. There was never any question what we did on Sunday morning. No one ever even thought about not going to church.

"I'm superintendent of our Sunday School now and one morning a woman told me, 'Well, Lauri didn't want to come this morning.'

"Didn't want to come! What does she mean, didn't want to come? You come, that's all.

Attended Conferences

"My parents were very good to let me go away to Armenian youth conferences. I started going to them when I was 14. It was then I began to care more about learning who I was and where I came from. I began to notice that when I would stay in the homes of the friends I made on those trips, it would be just like my home. The rules were the same, the warmth, the loving, the caring.

"Not that I wasn't involved in activities at South Milwaukee High School. I was a member of the National Honor Society, editor of the yearbook, member of student council, all kinds of things. It seems to me I was always at school involved in something."

After you listen to Terry talk for a few minutes, the phrase "goody two shoes" is bound to pop into your head. And yes, she says, she has been accused of that more than once.

Rarely Dated

"I was one of those people who never really dated in high school. I wasn't the dumb blond type. I made good grades and I was involved in school activities. That was very hard for me to get through, but my parents helped me a lot. They gave me the courage to stay myself, to realize that I wouldn't be in high school for the rest of my life.

"I know this sounds kind of weird, but I almost feel like I grew up in a bubble, a protective bubble, and I have to tell you I'm glad. I was always happy. I didn't get into any trouble, and I can't describe how happy I am my family did that for me."

But what about now? How does someone who has lived in a protective bubble make a decision about marriage? How does she know she is doing the right thing?

Strength of Faith

"This is going to sound really corny, but honestly, I have a lot of strength and a lot of faith in myself. And I really believe that comes from my Christian background and my faith in God. It's something for me to hold onto, to look to for guidance.

"As far as marriage is concerned, that is kind of a surprise even to me. I mean, I always thought I'd marry an Armenian boy because of all the kids I hung around with when I was growing up here in South Milwaukee and at the conferences we attended. But until I met Leif, who is of Norwegian ancestry as the name might tell you, I hadn't found anyone who could be strong along with me. Someone who took the time to know what I was thinking and feeling about something and why I thought and felt that way.

"I think Leif and I have a very equal relationship and many of our problems have already been worked out. He has joined the Armenian church and accepts my relationship with my family. He understands their protectiveness of me, and he wants to make sure I go on being happy."

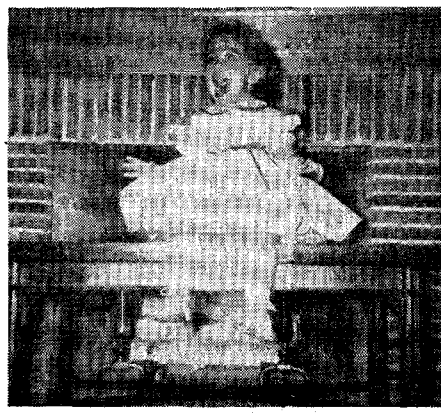
Archbishop Presides

So last Saturday afternoon Terry Ann Hadjanian became Terry Ann Peterson. Archbishop Tiran Nersoyan from New York presided at the ceremony at Holy Resurrection Armenian Church in South Milwaukee. Several hundred people gathered afterwards at the Ramada Inn on 13th St. for a reception that will be remembered for years.

She will work while her 24 year old husband finishes his music studies at the University of Wisconsin — Milwaukee. Then one of these days she wants to have children who will grow up as happy as she has.

"I guess the one thing that is always kept me from doing a lot of things that other kids do at one time or another, is what my grandmother and grandfather taught my mother and father and they, in turn, taught me.

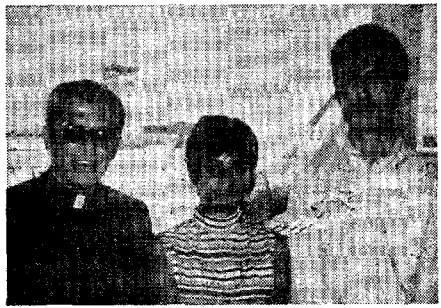
"When you're Armenian, and you do something wrong, something bad, it's not just you you're hurting. It's also your family. You bring shame to them and they have to live with it too. My family's been too good to me for me to do something like that."



"I know this is going to sound weird, but the way I grew up was like in a bubble. Everything was happy, my parents never spanked or hit me or my brother. There was such love."



"Going to Armenian school at church on Saturdays was something I always did as a child. I loved learning the language, the culture, the history. I still go today."



"My parents were very kind to let me go on those trips to be with other Armenian youths, like in Washington, D.C. It was about then that being Armenian really began to mean something to me. I had always had a sense of identity, but I began to feel it even more."



"Leif (Peterson) and I met while we were working in a factory during summers to help pay our way through college. He seemed to be drawn to my family and the closeness we had for one another right away."

Probed in Detroit

icers on the street by mid-mer and ordered that the iddates be pushed through police academy in eight eks rather than the usual

murder investigation has been stalled.

Interviews with officers showed that some felt they were poorly trained.

tate tests given recently licated that many of the w officers could not read ove grade school level.

Test Results Differ Young insists "that the sses are outstanding; on r tests, which are relevant, e recruits scored above %." The academy's July 29 aduating class scored an erage of 59% on state its, however.

According to police critics, ose low standings are re-cted in police performance.

ast week, for instance, a troit man crashed into a lity pole and died. The case s handled as an accident e responding officers, til doctors noticed the man d been shot four times.

fficers had failed to rch the car — supposedly outine matter in accidents and had not noticed the rder weapon, which was l in the car. The police also n take the name of a n who said he had seen the ident. Consequently, the

The Michigan Law Enforcement Officers Training Council, which administers the test flunked by the officers, will study Detroit's training practices. The findings will have no bearing on whether the students are accredited, because they already have been accepted by the city police academy.

Convicted in Local Courts

The following persons have been sentenced in Municipal, County or Circuit Courts here. Unless otherwise noted, the defendants pleaded guilty. Names and addresses are as listed in court records.

May 26, stole purse, two years' probation, first 90 days in County Jail; Circuit Judge Robert W. Landry.
POSSESSION OF MARIJUANA
 WITH INTENT TO DELIVER
 Bobby M. Lowe, 26, of 2409 W. Hopkins St., Dec. 7, 1976, 18 months' probation; Circuit Judge Harold Jackson.
DELIVERY OF MARIJUANA
 Clifton M. Neal, 23, of 2414 W. Lloyd St., two counts, March 11 and 19, 1975, each count, four years' probation to run concurrently, first 60 days in County Jail; Circuit Judge John McCormick.

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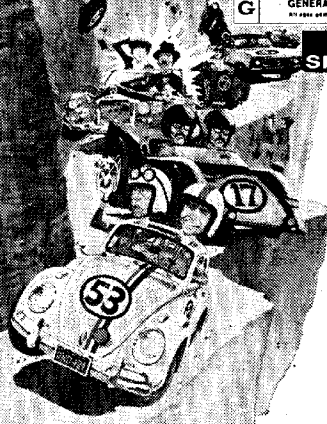
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Mrs. Grace Hadjinian
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Dear Mrs. Hadjinian:

We appreciate receiving your letter dated February 18, 1978, listing names and addresses of those who can help the Diocese in the new campaign for raising funds.

We were very happy to read about Terry and her wedding. This is a most significant time, not only for the young people embarking on a new life together, but for the parents as well, who are confronted with new life experiences, touched with the potential of great joy.

May God bless you all for your keen interest in the glory of His Church.

Prayerfully,

Archbishop Torkom Manoogian
Primate