Her Whole Life Seems Spoiled — A Canadian film that has won high acclaim both in Europe and the United States is "The Feeling of Rejection". In a striking manner it shows how a sense of being "unwanted" in childhood can affect the entire life of an individual, and what modern psychiatry can do to relieve this condition.

The Girl Who Felt "Unwanted"

In "psychological" movies the plot generally leads back to some horrific incident in childhood which is stated to be the root cause of the mental illness.

This month in many Ontario counties people will have a chance to see a different type of psychological film, entitled, "The Feeling of Rejection". Produced by the National Film Board for the Mental Health Division of the Department of National Health and Welfare, "The Feeling of Rejection" is the story of Margaret, the elder of two children in an average Canadian family. Outwardly she appears to be quite normal: in work and home life she is quiet but competent.

But Margaret is not well. She is troubled by headaches, stomach upsets, dizzy spells and constant tiredness, and the most thorough medical examination fails to turn up any reason for them. So, in due course, she is referred to a psychiatrist.

Childhood Days

The psychiatrist has Margaret tell him about her past life. Leading back from the present into her childhood, you see on the screen the accumulation of incidents which have compounded to make Margaret what she is today.

Today you see a Margaret unable to face up to the normal competition of every-day ilfe. At home, for example, although she has planned to spend the evening at a movie, she gives in to her younger sister who refuses to share the housework when it interferes with her plans for entertainment. Again, at the office, she consents to work overtime on another girl's job although she wanted to leave early to go shopping. Next day, the shopping trip is a failure since she lets the salesgirl override her choice of dress. These submissions to other people give rise to weariness and recurrent headache, which she cannot understand.

The Model Child

Going back still further, the psychiatrist "digs out" incidents from her childhood which created in Margaret a crippling fear of failure, and the consequent fear of trying anything new. Her parents, through a fear of having the child injure herself, check many of her normal activities. Again, since her parents give most of their attention to the younger sister — Margaret feels she is unwanted. To get her parents' attention, she tries to show them her natural talents as they are expressed in such things as dancing. But she is told that "nice girls don't show off." Gradually Margaret learns that the only way to save herself from the frightening sense of being unwanted is to give in to all demands and to refrain from all activity to which others might object. She becomes the "model child".

Result of Psychiatry

Towards the end of the film, we see the positive side of modern psychiatry. Group therapy is applied to Margaret and a number of others suffering from similar handicaps. They are taught to face and examine their problems. At the end we see her beginning to break away from the habit of blind obedience that was so thoroughly established in her childhood and that had been at the root of her emotional troubles.

"The Feeling of Rejection" has already been shown in the United States and Europe. It received recognition last year at the Edinburgh Film Festival, the International Scientific Film Festival and the Cannes Film Festival in France, the International Conference of High School Teachers in Norway, and took a prize at the Chicago Film Festival a few months ago.

OUR FALL FAIRS ATTRACT GREAT ATTENTION. During the Autumn months last year a feature of these pages was a series of striking action pictures taken at various Fall Fairs held throughout the Province. At the Annual Convention of the Agricultural Societies of Ontario, held at the King Edward Hotel, Toronto, on February 11th, 12th and 13th, a display of the original photographs from which those pictures were made caused a great deal of favorable comment. It was even said that so many of those attending recognized themselves or friends in the photographs that the display frames were almost stripped before the Convention ended. Above is seen just one small corner of the exhibit. In the past few years more and more towns and villages are coming to recognize the immense value to a community of a good Fall Fair, and it is hoped that publicity of this sort will act as an encouragement to all who help carry on the good work.

Three Minutes of Fiction Fun

SHORT SHORT STORY

Birthday Gift

By MAUDE NORMAN

The sound of a ragman's horn came in the open window of the room, where, with housewifely zeal, Nancy Winters was busy with spring hou cleaning.

A gleam came into her eyes. She thought, "I'll give him that pile of magazines Ted has in the garage and all those pop bottles he is always promising to take away, but never does. I'm tired of having them around."

The ragman looked around hopefully as he loaded the bottles and magazines on his rickety old truck.

"Any olda clothes, Ma'am?" he asked. "A y old rubber or iron?"

"No, that's all . . . wait a minute." She darted into the garage, returning with a pair of old grey trousers. Here, you may as well take these, too."

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She gave her husband a particularly warm kiss when he came home that evening. "I'm almost dead," she sighed as they were eating dinner. "At first I thought I would open a can of soup or something easy to prepare, but then I remembered how nice you were, so I made you this meat pie and upside-down cake." Thus she tried to pave the way to tell him what she had done.

"It beats me why you have to kill yourself, trying to do everything in one day," Ted answered. "The house always looks all right to me without you having to tear it apart every so often. Thanks for the swell dinner, Honey. Guess I'll work on the car for awhile.

"That reminds me," she interrupted hastily. "A ragman came by today and I let him take those pop bottles and magazines out in the garage."

"You what!"

"And I let him take those dirty old pants out there too," she rushed on.

"You mean you gave those pants away!" Ted shouted. "Those pants had fifty dollars in the pocket."

"Ted! They didn't."

"They did unless you took it out. Did you?"

"Of course not. It never occurred to me . . . Oh, Ted! What have I done?"

"Gave away your birthday gift, that's all. I've been saving all year to buy that wrist watch you wanted. I thought I had found a safe hiding place in those pants. Perhaps we can get it back. Did you notice a name on the truck?"

Nancy shook her head despairingly. "There wasn't any name, but there was a phone number. I noticed that because it was the same number as our house. Main 1152."

"That's a lot of help. We can't look through th whole book."

"We could look under 'Junk Dealers'," she cried.

"Here it is," she exulted, after a few minutes' search. "Tony Rozalle, 1346 Clark Street."

1346 Clark Street was a shabby little house, whose back yard gave ample proof of its owner's occupation. An ancient, bent old lady answered the knock. She shook her head in response to their request to speak to Mr. Rozalle.

"The old lady doesn't speak or understand English." A dark-eyed boy came from the back of the house. "You wanta buy something, Mister, or have you got something you wanta sell?"

"Are you Mr. Rozalle's son?" Ted asked.

"Naw, I live next door, but I told Tony I'd take care of things till he came back.

"When will he be back?"

"Not for a couple of days, mister. His boy, who's in the air corps, was all busted up in an airplane crash. Tony and his wife wanted to go see him but they didn't have the money. Then today a rich lady gave Tony fifty bucks and they lit out as soon as he came home. That's what I call luck."

"Yes, it was fortunate." Ted avoided Nancy's eyes as he spoke. "I'm glad Mr. Rozalle and his wife were able to visit their son."

"Sure I can't do anything for you, mister?"

"Nothing, thank you. What we wanted to see about wasn't very important."

..Scouting.

Canada's Boy Scout membership now stands at an all-time high of 103,759. This is 5,282 more than last year.

The junior Scouts, known as the Wolf Cubs, showed the biggest increase in Canada last year, numbering 52,044 as against 47,800 the year before. Boy Scouts increased in numbers from 38,632 to 39,077.

Adult Scout Leaders increased from 8,491 to 8,954.

Of Canada's 2,319 active Scout groups 1,403 are sponsored directly by churches.

Affiliation of Canadian Boy Scout groups is as follows: Anglican, 418; Baptist, 80; Canadian Legion, 41; Community, 660; Handicapped, 8; Hebrew, 15; Latter Day Saints, 30; Lutheran, 13; Presbyterian, 112 Roman Catholic, 198; Salvation Army, 68; Service Clubs, 145; United Church, 398; Others, 133.

Registered Camps for Scout groups increased from 580 to 647, and unregistered camps from 21 to 46.

The number of boys attending Scout camps in 1947 increased by nearly 30 per cent from 14,753 to 21,039, which means that more than one in every five boys in Scouting in Canada last year went to camp.

Short-period camps for Scouts last year, and not included in other camping statistics, numbered 263 with 2,937 boys in attendance.

Quick Paint Job

Striking example of industrial progress may be found in modern methods of painting automobiles as contrasted with procedure years ago. Once upon a time—and not so many years ago at that—automobiles required as many as 13 coats of paint, and the job took from 12 days to six weeks to complete. Today's cars get three coats of hardy lacquer or enamel in less than an hour.

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