

Deceased: father of Rev. Vincent Delavey, C.S.C.; father of Mr. J. Whalen; father of Bro...

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..Ronald, C.S.C.; cousin of Prof. Riley; uncle of Ed, Fitzpatrick. Injured, brother of Helen Shotkowski.

Sleeping Sickness: Wait Or Wake?



Brickhouse NoGutsky, Scapegoat of Notre Dame--the goat upon whose head are symbolically heaped the faults, weaknesses and inconsistencies of boys who aspire to be men.

Brick's big headache is his personality. Without probing radically into his "psychic entrails"--he's afflicted with S.L.P.Q. From the outside looks of him he's robust and tough. But on the inside he's soft, easygoing, easily worn-out. His prognosis? A prolonged convalescence. . . Medication? Heavy dosages of D & G--discipline and grace.

It's a man-sized job to get Brick to take any medicine. He's more like a Christian Scientist than a scientific Christian. His mind is like concrete--all mixed up and sets fast. Brickhouse, they call him. Because of a Spiritually Low Personality Quotient he's called NoGutsky.

A few weeks back the Padre gave him a whiff for his brain about the famous psychologist who made a prolonged study of personality problems. This doctor's research revealed that discipline emerged as the underlying factor in developing a wide-awake personality. The Master Psychologist of all times added the indispensable factor--divine grace. . . Characters who do what they please, as they please, when they please, usually have inferior personalities. Whereas those who do many things they do not like to do, and do them because they are right (and for God) develop higher personality quotients--P.Q.

Those who manifest low P.Q.'s are often tired, sluggish and don't feel like doing anything. The less they do, the less they feel like doing. Such personalities are inclined to sulk, lose their temper when things don't suit them, gripe, interrupt conversations, criticize authority, resent criticism of themselves, and, if they are S.L.P.Q., neglect the grace of God. . . Furthermore, those who work for their money rank higher than those who receive allowances. Gimme children tend to have a definitely lower P.Q.