Crying In The Dark

By EILEEN LEARY

Loneliness isn't being afraid
Of being outside the crowd,
It's being afraid of whispering
When you should talk aloud.
— Father Leary

"I am a bachelor and expect to remain one," a gentleman from California wrote to an editor of a magazine where there is a verbal controversy over the questions, "What good is a husband?" or "What good is a wife?" Because there are Catholic bachelors who echo this gentleman's sentiments, "I enjoy myself in my own way. What good is a wife?" I write a letter to whom it may concern. Dear Catholic Bachelor,

A young man is rarely lonely, a healthy man may not need the sympathy of a true companion. Bachelors possessing these traits today entrench themselves in penthouse and apartments and play Bluebeard in their own way. I mean you, Bachelor, who boasts that you are never seen with the same woman twice and that no matrimonial "knells" will over ring out for you. Why marry when all the time and the affection of the fair sex is yours for the asking not from one girl but from any one you choose to select? Why, girls even pay for escorts today. A popular man about town will never be lonely.

I know your answer and I know that there is a guide escort firm on Fifth Avenue where a girl may have an escort for the evening for [illegible] if he wears a business suit, $5 if he wears a dress suit and $10 if he spends much time with her. These escorts are graduates from Yale, Harvard and Princeton and recommended by the best clubs. On a college campus the idea has possibilities. In brazen New York City how it must frighten a lonely girl. She must pay for her escort if she wants one. Isn't it sad that girls do not try to find why the majority of bachelors shy from girl companionship? The national census figures disclose twice as many unmarried men as single women. In Massachusetts and Rhode Island the single women are in the majority but in the states of North and South Dakota there are ten men, single, to each unmarried girl. (Beware of a feminine exodus.)

In all seriousness, Bachelor, there is a stretch of years when loneliness is present unless some one grows old with you, some one really cares about you when you have the gout, hay fever, or the many ailments to which all mankind are prone as years go on. There is loneliness if you have missed it. Missed what, your query? Did you read the story about Peter who at fifty was a bachelor about town and laughing at his old college roommate's domesticity. Laughing until the day of the Big Game on the football field of his alma mater when he and Tom, the roommate, were at the same together. Tom's boy was in the line-up. A girl had once said to Peter, "Why did you miss it?" He did not understand. Here watching the game he knew what she meant. "A son you missed could grow up like Tom's kid. You never noticed it until it had a strangle hold on you. No carrying on anymore. He could see young Tom out there on the field plain enough but where was young Pete the other boy who should have been beside him?"

"What is the finest institution in the world? What is better than a republican form of government better than a monarchical form of government? better than secure investments at 6%? better than fame and popularity? The answer is one word—Marriage." William Lyons Phelps wrote these words in the beginning of his article, "Marriage is What You Make It." He also said, "And I will add that so far as my observation goes, old maids are happier than old bachelors. They have less freedom, but they need it less. They are more interesting to themselves and the average educated woman loves culture for its own sake more than the average man."

God knows best. Did He not say in the beginning, "It is not good for man to be alone: let us make a help like unto himself." During this century as during the sixteenth century the one hope of the world for family life is in the Catholic doctrine of the Sacrament of Matrimony. Unless man has a religious calling or a desire for continence or unsurmountable obstacles he can best climb to Heaven within the bonds of Holy Matrimony. The Council of Trent defined the Catholic doctrine on Matrimony. In part it reads, "But the grace which might perfect that natural love, and confirm that indissoluble union, and sanctify the married, Christ Himself, the institutor and perfector of the venerable Sacrament merited for us by His passion, as the Apostle Paul intimates, saying, 'Husbands love your wives as Christ also loved the Church and delivered himself up for it,' adding shortly after: 'This is a great Sacrament, but I speak in Christ and in the Church.'"

What good is a wife? All the good that God can give to a creature called woman is the answer for being a wife is one of the vocations of womankind. Your Mother was one, Bachelor, so was Mary, the wife of Joseph.

Geneva Deanery Activities

By HELEN P. MANEY

Successful Examination Record

Geneva Pupils of the seventh and eighth grades of St. Francis de Sales Grammer School set an enviable record the past week by all passing successfully their Regents examinations. Not only the students but their loyal teachers are to be congratulated for so excellent an achievement.

Sodality Organized

Geneva St. Stephen's Club sponsored a dinner on Thursday evening, Jan. 16, at the parish house for the young people of the parish. Following the dinner, a business meeting was held during which a Sodality was formed within the club, in union with the Sodality of St. Louis, Missouri. At an early date the various committees will be named and plans made for a number of social events.

Officers of the Sodality are elected as follows: President, Frank Gilbert; Vice President, Stephen Stapleton; Secretary, Miss Margaret Toombs. Council members are Mrs. Madeline Buckley, Miss Phyllis Cowan and William Sabin.

K. of C. Dinner Meeting

Geneva At the monthly dinner meeting of the Geneva Council of the Knights of Columbus held Monday evening, Jan. 27, at the K. of C. Home, the guests of honor and principal speakers were District Deputy John A. Doyle of Rochester, director of the Doyle Detective Bureau, and "Rabbit" Maranville, second baseman of the Boston Braves. Both are speakers widely known for their wit and humor. They were enthusiastically received. James E. Ninestine was chairman of events and John Driscoll was in charge of the entertainment program.

Senior Party Enjoyed

Geneva The Seniors of De Sales High School held a most enjoyable social Friday evening, Jan. 24, in St. Stephen's parish house on South Main Street. The house was prettily decorated in blue and gold, the school colors.

Geneva Plans are being projected in both St. Francis de Sales and St. Stephen's parishes for the active participation of their students in the approaching Students Catholic Press Crusade. At the Masses last Sunday announcements were made concerning the campaign but complete details will be given this Sunday.

Final Rites Held For Miss Wall Priest's Sister

Canandaigua — Funeral services for Miss Katherine A. Wall, sister of the Rev. Michael C. Wall, pastor of St. Mary's Church, Canandaigua, who died Friday, Jan. 24, were conducted Monday, Jan. 27.

Solemn requiem high Mass was celebrated by Father Wall, assisted by the Rt. Rev. Msgr. John Brophy as deacon and the Rt. Rev. Msgr. George V. Burns as subdeacon.

Other officers of the Mass were: Masters of ceremonies, the Rev. Raymond P. Nolan, assistant pastor, and the Rev. William Devereaux, former assistant pastor; acolytes, the Rev. Henry C. Manley and the Rev. Leo C. Mooney of Rochester; thurifer, Richard N. Reed of Canandaigua, a student in St. Andrew's Seminary.

The following priests of the diocese were present in the sanctuary: The Revs. John J. Ganey, Newark; Andrew Bissett, Lyons; G. Joseph O'Connell, Auburn; William J. Kelley, Stanley; James M. O'Brien, Clifton Springs; E. Joseph Esser, Victor; John E. Napier, Shortsville; John Duffy, Rochester; Hugh Crowley, Palmyra, and William H. McFadden, Geneva.

Bearers were John Gartland, Peter P. Turner, Hugh E. Smith, T. L. Brewer, Charles A. Midman and Thomas J. O'Sullivan.

Interment was in Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, Rochester.

Candlemas Day, St. Blase Feast To Be Observed

The Feast of the Purification of the Blessed Virgin Mary or Candlemas Day will be observed in all the churches of the diocese on Sunday, Feb. 2. The customary blessing of the throats will take place the following day, Feb. 3, feast of St. Blase.

One of the most beautiful feasts of the Church the Purification commemorates the day on which the Blessed Virgin complied with the Mosaic law which prescribed that a woman should present herself at the temple to be purified within a certain number of days after a child was born.

This feast is also known as Candlemas Day because on this day the Church blesses the candles to be borne in the procession and used throughout the year. The procession with lighted candles held on this day commemorates the entry of Christ, The Light of the World, into the Temple of Jerusalem.

[illegible] Bishop and martyr, devoted the early years of his life to [illegible] philosophy, afterwards [illegible] physician. While [illegible] in Armenia he [illegible] taken to prison [illegible] On his [illegible] throats.

Auburn Deanery News

START EVIDENCE BROADCASTS

Auburn—The first in a series of programs to be sponsored by the Catholic Evidence Guild of Auburn Council No. 207, Knights of Columbus, was broadcast over radio station WMBO from 6.45 until 7 o'clock Sunday evening. The first speaker to represent the Knights was Francis C. Cuddy, grand knight of the local council.

ENTERS LAW PRACTICE

Attorney Howard T. Manion has become associated with Recorder W. Frederick R. Davis in general law practice. Attorney Manion is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Michael Manion of 18 Cross Street. He is a graduate of St. Mary's School, Auburn Academic High School and Niagara University and Syracuse University Law School. While attending Niagara, Mr. Manion was editor of the Niagara Index.

SQUIRES WIN TWO

Auburn Basketeers wearing the colors of St. Alphonsus Church Columbian Squires Circle and coached by Peter Vicarelli scored two more victories this week. They trimmed the Mills Brothers of Seneca Falls, 24-22, and drubbed St. Francis d'Assisi Church quintet of the Catholic Church League, 37-22 in games played at St. Alphonsus Church Recreation Center, Wall Street.

PLAYERS SCORE HIT

Auburn The Little Theater Players, directed by Rev. Donald M. Cleary, assistant pastor of Holy Family Church, presented "The Whole Town's Talking," a three-act farce, Monday and Tuesday evenings, Jan. 27 and 28, before large audiences in the Holy Family Auditorium, North Street. There were 12 persons in the cast, all well-known to Auburnians for other presentations which the Little Theater organization have sponsored. They include Edward Hubbard, Jennie McLean, Almera Carroll, Howard Manion, Helen Beardsley, Delores Brown, John Welch, Betty Hart, De Lina Mahoney, Dorris Murray, Irene Kenny and Paul Landers.

The staff directing the play included Edward Hubbard, stage director; Francis Searing and Harold Brewster, assistants; and Andrew McLane, properties. The ushers were Helen Synnot, Marie Walker, Barbara Kimball, Marie Murphy, Rhea King, Mary McGrane, Mary Sargent, Esther McCarthy, Mary Jaeckle and Peggy Ryan.

WELCOME N. C. C. W.

Auburn—Delegations representing affiliated organizations in Auburn and throughout the diocese attended the quarterly meeting of the Rochester Diocesan Council, National Council of Catholic Women, conducted Wednesday at Hotel Osborne. The guest speakers were Miss Cecelia M. Yawman of Rochester, diocesan president of the N. C. C. W.; Rev. John M. Duffy of Rochester, superintendent of parochial schools in the Rochester Diocese; and Rev. Bartholomew L. Quirk, a native Auburnian and pastor of St. Patrick's Church, Seneca Falls. "Know Your Religion" was Father Duffy's topic, and Father Quirk talked on The Catholic Faith and the N. C. C. W. The Board of Directors met in the morning and the luncheon program was carried out in the afternoon. Assisting Mrs. Stuart Treat, president of the local unit of the N. C. C. W. were Mrs. Joseph L. Barr, Mrs. Harry Cunningham, Miss Irene Bersdorf, Mrs. James W. Ryan, Mrs. Fred Rissow, Mrs. M. [illegible] Graney, Mrs. Frank H. Steigerwald, Miss Elizabeth Harmon, Mrs. Leslie Reed, Mrs. David D. Hulbert and Mrs. Charles J. Schneider.

FOUR PRIESTS JOIN K. C.

Auburn Seven Auburnians including four priests were installed as first degree members of Auburn Council No. 207, Knights of Columbus, at ceremonies conducted Tuesday evening in the council chambers of the K. of C. Home under the direction of Grand Knight Francis C. Cuddy. The four priests who received the first degree were Rev. Robert H. Fennessy and Rev. J. J. O'Connell, assistant pastors at St. Mary's Church; Rev. Walter Fischer, assistant pastor at St. Alphonsus Church, and Rev. Michael Tydings, assistant pastor at St. Francis d'Assisi Church.

KEEP ALL-NIGHT VIGIL

Auburn Members of the Nocturnal Adoration Society kept their all-night vigil before the Blessed Sacrament in Holy Family Church, beginning at 10 o'clock Saturday evening and at 6 o'clock Sunday morning. All Roman Catholic men in the city have been invited to unite with the society. Very Rev. Dean John A. Conway, pastor of Holy Family Church and head of the Auburn deanery, received the new members.

ASSUMPTION HIGH WINS

Auburn Its defense shattered in the fourth and final period by a belated attack which clicked at times with machine like precision, Holy Family High School's varsity cagers bowed to Assumption High School of Syracuse, 14 to 24, Friday evening at Fulton Street Auditorium. The lineups were: Holy Family Hickey, Crowley, forwards; Poole, center; Leide, Oliver and Synnott, guards. Syracuse Assumption Scherr, Murphy, Kulas, forwards; Sellin, center; Matt and Reschake, guards.

HEADS HOSPITAL STAFF

Auburn Dr. William E. Walsh has been elected president of the Mercy Hospital staff. Others elected for the year are: Dr. L. B. Sisson, vice president; and Dr. O. E. Gemoll, secretary.

A large committee of 31 women of the parish are assisting

RETREAT JUBILEE SET

Ottawa—The silver jubilee of laymen's retreats in the Archdiocese of Ottawa will be marked by a Catholic Retreatants' Day to be held at Ottawa on May 24. This will be the thirteenth Retreatants' Day held in the Capital.

Crusaders All! . . .

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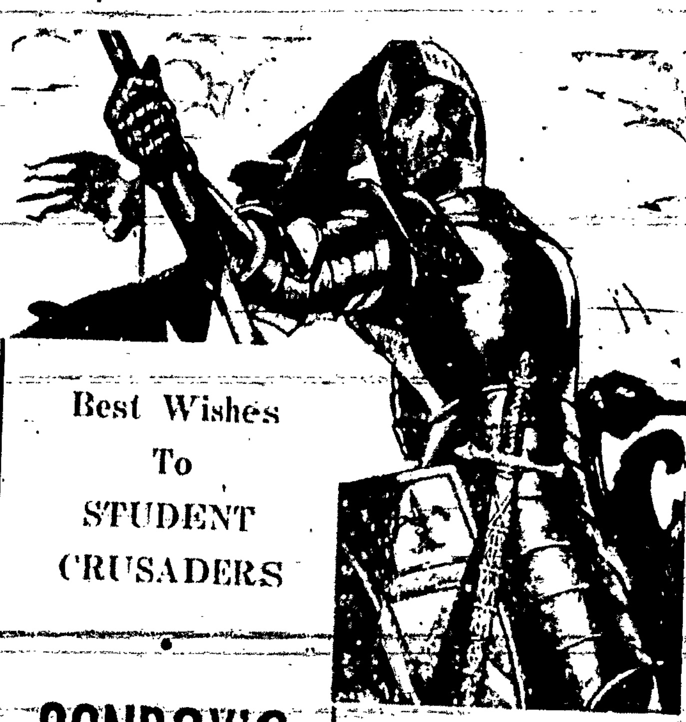

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