

Dies in Canada - Montreal - (NC) - The Rev. Maxim Charles Platte, O.F.M., historian and writer, who has died here at the age of 83, was a resident member of the Academy of American Franciscan History in Washington, D. C., and had been visiting Canada to complete arrangements for publication of his latest book.

WHILE TIME was turning backward and I was having a wonderful time amid the memories of youth, Pat and Eileen came in from an afternoon in the back yard — blue jeans grimy and torn, shirts dirty and hair in bedraggled tangles.



What In the world, Mom? they asked. "Reliving the dear dead days beyond recall — or cleaning out the attic?"

At Our House
O Tempora, O Mores!
By MARY TINLEY DALY

A request from the editor of the college paper at my Alma Mater started a train of nostalgic memories. It also gave the younger members at our house a good laugh — and thinking that times haven't changed much. We studied and played and, well, we were just like you girls today.



The stockings, of course, were held up by round garters, then by the elastic in the bloomer legs — and HOPE. The making of many a basket was held up, too. In those days while the basket shooter hoisted up her stockings and both teams waited respectfully. After all, this sort of thing could happen to anyone.

WE DID GO ON — through pictures of knee-length, skirted bathing suits; ankle-length, completely shapeless evening gowns; hats covering forehead and ears; sharply pointed shoes; dresses heavy with beads and monkey fur. . . .

60 YEARS FOR SACRED HEART



Sixty years as a promoter of the League of the Sacred Heart, is commemorated by a plaque presented to Miss Fannie Hogan, at St. Patrick's Cathedral, New York, by Rev. Arthur E. McGrath, S.J. (left) National Director of the League. Looking on in the Rev. William T. Greene, Director of the League at the Cathedral. More than 46,000 Sacred Heart badges and Miraculous Medals were distributed by Miss Hogan to service men who visited the church during the war. (NC Photos).

Teen Talks
Pedestal Pushing
By NORMA DE PREZ

Many contend that the age of chivalry is dead, and, so too are the women who made it possible. But is it and are they? True, Sir Gallahads don't grow on trees and all the verdant hopes for a Walter Raleigh to come along, complete with mud puddle and doak, have gone up in smoke. But gals, if that age old respect for womanhood is slowly losing ground, who do we have to blame? Yes, let's face it, only ourselves.



Custom (and Norma DePrez costumes) have changed, but the basic things still remain. Our Valiant may have traded in his white steed for a jalopy or jeepster, and no matter how loud his sport coat, nor how noisy his Christmas tie, it is a far cry from a suit of shining armor.

WE MAY HAVE our ups and downs on it but only when our ups attain a greater permanence than our downs will that old fashioned respect return.

Women's Viewpoint
Jingle (Cash Register) Bells
MARIE WEIDMAN

They've started again. The merchants, under the happy aegis of Mr. Macy and Mr. Gimbel are busy whipping the populace into the feverish frenzy known popularly as the Christmas Spirit. One gets into this happy mood it appears, chiefly by purchasing quantities of

Is Christmas only a blue bauble hanging from a fir tree a milk jacket a radio person ally uttering phlegm puddles a champagne cocktail? Is it just a National Holiday? It shouldn't be for Catholics. To us it is the quiet joy of leading a good life deepened and enhanced by Christmas peace. The satisfaction of putting Christ first reduces the material to its proper position way down the line, next to Macy and Gimbel.

THESE ARE the dignified parchment greetings, to be completed with a flourish and a flourish from James Whitcomb Riley and the engraved sender's name. So in keeping with the way of the Reginald Van Snortis do everything, my dear! Well may be Let them have James Whitcomb Riley, but on Christmas even a Van Snort should recognize the birthday of Christ.

There will be the crowd that regards Christmas as an excuse for a bacchanalian revel, a time for office parties when elderly gentlemen waving mistletoe are permitted to smack soundly all the young lady typists.

IT IS WRONG to quote Christmas with receiving gifts in the minds of children. Obeyingly they sing their carols, patiently they hear out the wonderful Nativity tale, but secretly they know Christmas means only one thing, getting things. They're certain of this because they hear parents comparing and perhaps disparaging the family's holiday loot. Mom gave Uncle Looie a red plaid muffler of a hundred percent wool, and what did he give her? An old two-handled pickle fork, the Stingy et cetera.

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How about that evening you just wouldn't dare to be different and ignored the "no parking mix on necking" signs? How often have we changed our tune from "Some Day My Prince Will Come" to "Who's Afraid of the Big Bad Wolf" just to gain what we thought would be top rank on the box's hit parade?

AND HOW DOES the brigade of boys in bow ties, football sweaters, crew cuts and soiled saddle shoes feel about all this? Well frankly, girls, we have our knights in a gaze. For the most part they prefer the girl who has both feet on the ground, the one who leads with her head, not her heart. The gal who will not sacrifice an ideal for an idea, or the one who won't swap a principle for an invitation that reads "Let's Park" is the girl

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Suspends Jesuit Weekly Budapest — (NC) — The Hungarian government has ordered one month's suspension of the Jesuit weekly, *The Heart*, for publishing excerpts of a speech by His Eminence Joseph Cardinal Mindszenty, Primate of Hungary. The Ministry of Interior charged that the speech "disturbed the interior peace of the country" and endangered Hungary's "peaceful cooperation with the neighboring people."



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Offer Masses For Mother Seton Cause

EMMITSBURG, Md. (NC) — A Christmas novena of Masses will be offered in the Central House of the Eastern Province of the Daughters of Charity of St. Vincent de Paul here for the success of the cause of Mother Seton's canonization. The Rev. Salvator M. Burgio, C.M., vicar-general for Mother Seton's cause, has announced. The novena will begin on December 16 and end on December 24.

Bulletin on Home Economics Published

MILWAUKEE — (NC) — The first issue of a new Catholic publication has appeared here. It is the NCCEB BULLETIN, published by the National Catholic Council on Home Economics. Purpose of the organization, as reflected in the semiannual publication, is to safeguard and strengthen home and family life through education in the field of home economics.

General Slim Not a Catholic London — (NC) — General Sir William Slim, new Chief of the Imperial General Staff in succession to Field Marshal Lord Montgomery, is not a Catholic—but he was educated at a Catholic school. This is St. Philip's Grammar School, Edgbaston, Birmingham. Sir William visited the school recently and talked to the students.

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