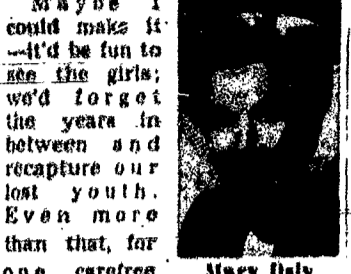


At Our House 'How Dear To My Heart'

By MARY TENLEY DALY

"Come back to reunion," said the notices sent out from the alumnae office, in the early spring. Can't possibly make it...



Mary Tenley Daly

"It'll be fun to see the old gang again," wrote one of the old gang. "I could make it—

Our own classmates—strangers? They weren't strangers long, though. Reminiscences flow and it was "an enchanted evening" with double-chins, gray hair, bifocals and dentures all forgotten.

NEXT DAY "Baccalaureate" we lined up in class groups. Why we looked exactly as we had always looked? How silly to think we'd changed. The senior class walked in first, perfectly drilled with that little half-step we used to know. And we alumnae—but we landed.

Seated in chapel, everything was as it had been on that long-ago Baccalaureate—that is, until I glanced across the aisle at the seniors, girls who are Pat's age. Scholarships caps sat jauntily on glossy, vibrant hair, glowers hung in graceful folds upon slender young figures.

The Mass began, then the splendid sermon, and a peculiar odor swept in: incense! The deacon had just incensed the altar. Odd sort of incense they use. Must get those blankets put away in—why, that was the smell! moth balls! Somebody hadn't aired her gown ahead of time.

Inconsiderate, I thought angrily why I'd aired mine days ago and drawn together the moth holes and inked in the battered edges of the cap.

Came the recessional; the seniors with that perfect half-step, then the alumnae. Al Donohue and I, partners, tried the half-step but we couldn't make it—and out rolled a half dozen moth-balls from the hem of my gown! The classmates smiled tolerantly, bless 'em!

All day the reminiscences continued, everybody fully reacquainted, with exterior changes completely forgotten. It seemed as though only the best qualities of these classmates survived. Then, of course, came the inevitable, "How many have you?"—and we were launched.

Snaphots were brought out. "This really doesn't do them justice." "She's coming here to school." "And young Tom won his letter for football." "She's going to be married in the fall." "I have a wonderful job." And so we talked, late into the night.

AND THEN commencement, and the commencement address. What you have learned here. Realize your responsibilities. Take your place in life. It might have been our own commencement, so many years ago. "Your place." It was satisfying to have found one's place. Why, and it was fun too. Why don't commencement speakers ever tell about the fun of finding one's place? The nuns among us had found their places, and the career girls, and the mothers

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Thousands of Canadians Have Enrolled in Marriage Course

Montreal.—(CIP)—Thirty-five thousand young Canadians have benefited from the "Marriage Preparation Courses" established five years ago under the auspices of the Young Christian Workers (Jocist) movement of Canada, according to the Rev. Albert Sanschagrin, O.M.I., who founded the courses and is now Vice-Provincial of the Oblate Fathers in Chile.

(Rochester Diocese has had a similar movement for the last two years under sponsorship of the Diocesan Council of Catholic Women. Rochester and Auburn have annual Pro-Cana conferences for pre-marriage couples, while many groups participate throughout the year in Cana conferences for newly-wedded couples.

During the past year, Father Sanschagrin declared, approximately 3,000 engaged couples have taken part in the oral courses, correspondence courses and special retreats organized by the Marriage Preparation Service.

... a place where you were doing what should be done. Blankets? Tomorrow, I'd wash all the blankets and put them away in moth balls—with the cap and gown.

After the exercises, the alumnae gathered briefly. "So nice to have seen you. I'm catching the next train." "Wonderful reunion, wasn't it? If I can catch the two o'clock plane home I'll be lucky."

"Be now! Tomorrow's another commencement. Eddie graduates from high school." I said goodbye to all the classmates within sight, could write to the others, and if I hurried I'd be home in time to make a chocolate cake for dinner.

Teen Talks Who's an Old Smoothie?

By NORMA DE PREZ

There you are, sitting on top of the world. The phone calls are all for you and every Friday night before and after exams means date time. You'll go through the parties and hope of commencement week with flying colors that is with every color except true blue.

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