

At Our House Only Once A Year

By MARY TINLEY DALY

The school picnic is an occasion, all right! Altar boys, patrol boys, the choir and the eighth grade get their boat fare paid by the school — if they have attended the required number of sessions. No wonder the choir has sounded particularly tuneful the past few weeks!

Once on board the boat, the holiday began — Mamas relaxing after the up-early strenuousness of packing enormous lunch baskets; the children turning talents to "Cruising Down the River"; the kids eating candy bars and drinking pop; and the Sisters, behind the partial anonymity of sun glasses, enjoying a quiet chat of chewing gum and discreetly parking it on a back tooth when some of the children came up to talk.

After an hour-and-a-half cruise we landed at the amusement park and, like a quickly up-ended bottle of milk, the youngsters tore off the boat and toward the picnic grounds.

EVERYBODY spread bounteous lunches and the children ate as though there had been no candy bars, snatched sandwiches and pop on the boat.

When lunches had been sufficiently "anchored" to risk the "rides," everybody made a beeline for them. Stretch finally consented to try a stationary horse on the merry-go-round, hanging onto my neck for dear life. When the man came around he took only one ticket and grinned: "Way to see you ain't havin' no fun, lady." Next time around the course, Stretch felt like the rider of the Derby winner!

We mothers sauntered back to the picnic tables, knowing we'd see our young hopefuls soon because we had doled out only a limited amount of money. Sure enough... Markie had on a green sun-dress and her complexion matched it. "On I lie down!" she gasped, clutching her stomach. "Feel kinda funny." Only five minutes flat on the picnic bench and Markie departed, reportedly seen immediately afterwards on the caterpillar ride again, with his round-and-round, pitch-and-roll. Some people never learn!

WHILE we sat at the table, doling out money and advice periodically, we watched a barker at

the paddle-wheel nearby. Jodie Sullivan "stepped up" and won a huge yellow push bean on her second try. From then on our table attracted attention and was a come-one for the paddle wheel. "How cute!" beamed a young Sister. "Get him here!" she almost whispered, pointing to the paddle-wheel. A few minutes later Sister was leaning across the board eagerly. "It's just gotta come up this time," she breathed.

When we returned to our table after the baseball game we found four push teddy bears. "Oh, I'm sorry," said the young Sister, scooping them up in her arms. "I didn't mean to take up all your table but I was having a lucky streak and, as this gentleman says, it comes only once a year!"

Home again... Stretch fell into bed sans bath, sans supper and I'd have joined her, gladly. "Oh, boy, now for dinner!" chorused the other picnicers. Well, it comes only once a year!

Booklets Issued On Holy Year

Two foreign language editions — Polish and Italian — of the 36-page, two-color illustrated booklet, "Holy Year of Jubilee—1950," are to be published. It was announced today by Ray McCarthy of American Express-Catholic Travel League, national headquarters at 1841 Broadway, New York City.

Covered in the booklet are the principal intentions for the Holy Year 1950; the special prayer composed by Pope Pius XII, and data about the origin, significance and history of the Holy Year. Six months of research was entailed in compiling the booklet, which covers the Holy Year from its inception in the year 1300 to the present day.

The illustrations include those of the four major Basilicas—St. Peter's, St. Paul's Outside-the-Walls, St. John Lateran, and St. Maria Maggiore—which must be visited by pilgrims to Rome during the Holy Year, as proclaimed by Pope Pius XII. The informative booklet also outlines the prescribed prayers and conditions to be met by pilgrims wishing to gain the Golden or Jubilee Indulgence established more than 600 years ago by the special edict of Pope Boniface VIII.

Atonement Friars Elect New General

Garrison, N. Y. — (NC) — The Very Rev. Angelus F. Delahunt, S.A., a member of the Graymoor Fathers Mission Band of Washington, D.C., was elected Superior General of the Franciscan Friars of the Atonement at their general chapter here at Graymoor Monastery. It has been announced.

Delegates from various parts of the United States, Canada, Italy and Japan were in attendance at the chapter, which is held every six years for election of officers and legislating for the community. Father Delahunt succeeds the Very Rev. Raphael Francis Grande, S.A., who has been Father General since 1940 and now becomes the community's treasurer-general.

100,000 Rosaries Recited In One Day

Melbourne, Australia. — (NC) — An estimated 100,000 Rosaries were recited in one day at St. Francis Church here during round-the-clock services marking the anniversary of the first apparition of the Blessed Virgin at Fatima, Portugal. The Rosaries were offered by Catholics from all over the city in reparation for sins, for the conversion of Russia and for world peace.

Comics Show Up Failure of Home, Editor Claims

St. Louis, Mo. — (BNS) — The home, schools and churches are not up to their job when comic books are found in large numbers in any community, the Rev. Robert E. Southard, S.J., associate editor of the "Queen's Work," said the opening session of the Summer School of Catholic Action here. Addition to comic books and movies is a symptom of an empty home, the priest stated. "These comic books that are upped up by the publishers with crime and sex do not build up respect for parents, teachers, public leaders, property, money, morals and human life," he said.

"They merely bait a child's appetite for novelty, for results on authority and for unadvised knowledge and bodily

AT INDUSTRIAL INSTITUTES



Meeting in Washington for the annual Institute for Social Action Chairmen, sponsored by the N.C.W.C. Social Action Department and the Committee on Social Action of the National Council of Catholic Women are (left to right), Mrs. Gladys Dubois, Troy, N. Y., of the Amalgamated Clothing Workers of America; Irma Piepio, Administrative Assistant and Secretary, Committee on Social Action, N.C.W.C.; Mrs. Dorothy Keplinger, Painesville, Ohio, Treasurer, Social Action Committee, Cleveland N.C.C.W.; Miss Lorna E. Bessette, Field Secretary, Social Action Department, N.C.W.C.; Director of the two Industrial Institutes; and Miss Nevart Condon, Troy, N.Y., Amalgamated Clothing Workers of America.

Ways Catholics are, has warned Catholics that they cannot support candidates Archbishop Imanuel Pardo who in any way promoted the Bogota, Colombia's ranking prelate Bogota uprising of April 1948.

CUA Scientist Wins Patent Infringement Suit

Washington — (NC) — Prof. Louis H. Crook, head of the department of aeronautical engineering at the Catholic University of America since the department's establishment in 1933, has won a patent infringement suit against the Government that is expected to involve many millions of dollars.

The court of claims unanimously upheld Professor Crook's claim in the invention of an ignition smothering system used during the war in planes, tanks, command cars and other vehicles which made possible their reception and transmission of radio messages.

Professor Crook, who is 61, owns 25 per cent of the patent, which expired in 1944. The court ruled that his patent was valid and that the Government infringed it in using the shield from 1937 until 1944. It called an accounting to determine the exact amount owed by the Government. Some estimate this may be a minimum of \$5,000,000 in royalties.

The ruling is expected to lead to settlement of another suit by Professor Crook against the Bendix Aviation Corp. for \$21,000,000, also charging patent infringement.

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