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Helping to care for 1,000 Korean refugees daily at the Maryknoll Sisters clinic in Pusan, Korea is Sister Mary Magdalena, nee Catherine Urlacher, of Rochester, a nurse, and long in the Pacific missions.

Sister Mary Magdalena, formerly of Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish, Rochester, appears prominently in "Pacific Hopscotch," a recent Charles Scribner's Sons' publication.

The Rochester nun is working with six other Maryknoll Sisters and Sister Mary Mercy, the former Elizabeth Hirschbosch of Milwaukee, a physician.

THE HEARTBREAKING plight of the Korean refugees as realized by the Maryknoll sisters is told in a letter from Sister Mary Mercy to Maryknoll headquarters.

"There are 400 people out there," the letter said.

"The patients start lining up at 2 in the afternoon," the letter said, "prepared to sleep on the street all night and be in line in the morning to get into the dispensary. Your heart would break to see them. They are lined up from the foot of our stairway, all the way to the main street."

The American nuns form a medical team headed by two doctors and three nurses. They were among the first civilians allowed to re-enter Korea and since last March have been operating in make-shift quarters made partly from packing cases. The Sisters are assisted by several doctors and nurses from the Army hospital at Pusan.

"I have someone look over the crowd for me," Sister Mary Mercy's letter continues, "to see if there are any critically ill, but people like that do not hesitate to come right into the yard because they know they will be cared for. The very sick ones have some one else spend the night holding a place in line for them."

Non-Catholic GI In Korea Asks Nun's Aid

Appreciating the unselfish work of the Maryknoll Sisters at Pusan, Korea among whom is Sister Catherine Urlacher of Rochester, Private Frank Thomas Lane, a non-Catholic, has sent an appeal to a friend in Geneseo for assistance for the nuns.

The young soldier who is a chaplain's assistant has written to his Geneseo friend telling the story of the Sisters and of their caring for upwards of 1,000 persons a day.

"I think it would be wonderful and I'm sure God would bless you if you could interest people you know or even don't know to send something to the fine Sisters here," he writes. The address is Maryknoll Sisters, Pusan, Korea.

His friend, Miss Joanne D'Aprile, 939 West Lake Road, Geneseo, N. Y. is eager to help in the work collecting articles for the orphans and the sick in Pusan. She asks if anyone is sending such articles to get in touch with her or she will accept old clothes, medical supplies, toys and other articles for the Sisters.

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Mary Foy Wed To R. B. Lochner

The Rev Edward J. Foy, of Penn Yan officiated at the ceremony and celebrated the nuptial Mass at Holy Cross Church, Rochester, Saturday, Sept. 15, when his sister Mary Elizabeth Foy became the bride of Richard B Lochner.

The bride is the daughter of Mr and Mrs Charles E. Foy, of Lake Avenue, and Mr. Lochner is the son of Mrs. Bernard V. Lochner, Webster, and the late Mr Lochner.

Rita Foy was maid of honor, and Aileen Foy and Kathleen Foy were bridesmaids. All are sisters of the bride.

Claude H. Pensgen of Fairport was best man. Ushers were Robert C. Foy, brother of the bride, Gerald Lochner of Webster and Harry Erbland both cousins of the groom.

Following the ceremony a wedding breakfast was served at Crescent Beach Hotel. A reception was held at Lake Shore Country Club, after which the couple left for a motor trip to Florida. Upon their return they will reside in Webster.

A Tribute To Sr. Dosithea

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William F. McCarthy
Member of Aquinas Faculty

Ex-Student Here To Enter Carmel In California

MISS MARGUERITE GAUVIN

Miss Marguerite Clair Gauvin, daughter of Mr and Mrs. Leon G. Gauvin, 6538 Camella Ave., North Hollywood, Calif. and a former pupil in Sacred Heart Pro-Cathedral and St. Thomas Schools in Rochester will receive the habit of the cloistered Carmilite Nuns on Saturday, Sept 29 at Carmel of St Teresa, 215 E. Alhambra, Alhambra, Calif.

Archbishop J Francis A Mc Intyre, of Los Angeles, will preside.

Miss Gauvin also attended Los Angeles City College and held office in the Associated Women Students. She belongs to the Hostess Club Epsilon Sigma Pi and the Inter Club Council.

She was a member of the Religious Conference and the New man Club.

The young woman is the niece of Mother Clair Gauvin of the Convent of the Sacred Heart Halifax, Nova Scotia.

Balancing The Books

Lean Meat On Articulated Bones

By Rev. John S. Kennedy

Helen Caldwell Day was born black and is a born writer. Read her extraordinarily moving autobiography, **Color, Ebony,** and you will probably agree that it is among the most engrossing and inspiring life stories you have ever taken up. Its chief interest is in its account of the coming of faith and the Faith to an American Negro with a background hardly predisposing her to Catholicism. But only second to that is the fascination to be felt as a gifted and disciplined artist with words turns quite commonplace material into pages which pulse and enthrall from start to finish.

Fr Kennedy

Mrs Day's father was a learned man who held professorships in various colleges, her mother was a religious woman with no absolute certainty as to doctrine. The family was poor, and that in addition to their being colored made for a necessitous and distressful existence. Vividly indeed the 23-year-old author indicates what it means to feel the sting of discrimination for the first time, to become aware of the narrow and repressive boundaries arbitrarily set about one's existence because of an accident of pigmentation.

She was a spirited child, not taking docilely to the crippling limitations which race imposed on her. Always she boasted that she would go her own way, get her own way, do great things, defeat the taboos.

She had a religion of sorts, but this was ever shifting, and when finally she began college, it was diluted almost out of existence. During the war she went to New York to train as a cadet student nurse at Harlem Hospital. She was on the verge of discovering and embracing the true religion.

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THIS BEGAN by her observation of, and reflection on, life and death. Both were everyday occurrences in that, as in every hospital. Sometimes even in Catholic hospitals, one is shocked and puzzled by the breezy indifference to the meaning of both which seems to prevail, the perfunctory pseudo professional callousness in the face of tremendous and never staling mysteries. But here was a sketchily instructed girl, in a non-Catholic hospital, meditating as she went about her work.

In pediatrics and obstetrics classes she was taught that she must baptize all unbaptized infants of Catholic parents if the little ones were in danger of death. The first time she performed this, to her strange duty, she felt sad and bitter about the child's quick escape. But then, the rite over and the child gone to God, she felt "a fierce pride and joy . . . as if he were my own creation of joy."

It was then that I first began to realize that death need not be terrible at all but could be a bridge to Heaven, to God."

Her ideal was still a decent life, according to ethical principle, but without dogmatic and liturgical religion. Yet the longer she was in the hospital, the more she saw of the frailty and the desperate needs of unassisted human nature. And she perceived "how easily the laws we make for ourselves degenerate, noble though we may be, when we exclude God from them."

She had a few days of enforced leisure, during which she reviewed and summed up her life, and it was after this examination that she began to take instructions from a Catholic priest. When she was baptized she wondered whether the babies she had baptized hadn't done a great deal to bring her to the font of life.

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THERE FOLLOWED sad days, illness which cut short her hospital training, a marriage which turned out badly, difficulty in staying alive and making a living, a threat of polio hanging over her son. But it all deepened her appreciation of the Faith, the omnipertinent truth and power of which came home to her in adversity.

Later she joined the Catholic Worker group, of which she writes discerningly. She tells, too, of joining the variegated but uniformly delightful group at St. Michael's, an Oriental Catholic church in New York; of her mother's conversion; of an interracial group in Memphis which, on a solidly Catholic basis, appears to be doing something substantial and enduring toward bridging the wholly artificial and cruelly wounding gap between black and white.

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MRS. DAY'S BOOK is brief, but it is all lean meat on admirably articulated bones. As a story of conversion, it has its character. As a picture of the special and inimitably appealing melancholy fact of injustice to the Negro it is graphic without being sensational and it is constructive in its indication of how Catholicism can heal a scandalous sore.

As a rehearsal of the essentration of its meanings, a demtiale of our religion, an exploonstration of its workability, it is remarkable. An altogether exceptional work, this must be on your reading list for the fall and winter.

COLOR, EBONY, by Helen Caldwell Day 182 pages. New York Sheed and Ward. $2.25.

AMONG WOMEN

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Be Yourself

By MARY LENNON SNYDER

In my teaching days there used to be included in the English course of study an entertaining essay entitled "Every Man's Natural Desire to Be Somebody Else." I used to feel that the finer points of the wit and satire were lost on my teenage students because one needs a background of experience in everyday living to appreciate the truth of the author's observations.

Developing his thesis, after showing by concrete examples that each person has a natural desire to be somebody else the author remarks, "Education demands narrowing of attention in the interest of efficiency."

MY WORK with women in organizations frequently reminds me of this essay. So often I find each woman in an organization seems to want to be someone else. The past president, forgetting how delighted she was to be relieved of the responsibilities of her office, longs to retain the honors and distinction she enjoyed while president.

I have even known cases where a retiring president in handing over the reins of office has signified to her successor just what work she would like to continue doing.

My personal experience has been very fortunate. Mrs John J. O'Toole, whom I succeeded as Auburn Deanery President and Mrs Richard Lee Kalb whom I followed as Diocesan President are to me outstanding examples of what a past president should be. Each graciously promised me her prayers and support and even stepped back into the membership ready to serve whenever asked.

The other officers must be equally careful. No officer should or under a carefully written constitution legally could make independent decisions regarding organization policies. Each woman before agreeing to accept nomination to a given office should read carefully every word in the Constitution particularly those affecting her projected rights and duties.

THE OTHER POINT in the essay, the narrowing of interests for efficiency, contains good advice for every officer. If you are a secretary be a good one but don't think you carry the responsibility of the whole executive committee on your shoulders. If you are president remember that you are in office not to remake the organization according to your own ideas but to carry out the will of the members.

If each officer and member would remember to avoid the temptation of being someone else and do only the job assigned to her we could save time and energy for better purposes than untangling the tangled skeins of a mismanaged organization.

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