## Blanshardites Search In Vain

"answer" to the popular Thomas

Merton books. Certainly a curi

HE WAS BORN in the Middle God).

West in 1876, the son of a Cath-

olic mother from Ireland and a

-By Rev. John S. Kennedy-

pect to make prejudicial hay of he was offered a bishopric and

ous cryptic note is sounded in while in a sanitarium there, some of the preliminary adver came to the conclusion that the

will be tar more discomforted grasping truth. Since Catholithan comforted by I Was a cism is rational, he put is aside

Monk, which is decidedly not of as contrary to his own notion of

the Maria Monk sort. Nor can the indivisible identity of all that

in human reason; it was in con- form, the least reasoned state-

tempt of reason that John Tet- ment of truth, is faise and frus-

temer turned away from Catholi trating to the soul (if there be a

native Presbyterian father who THE BLANSHABDITES will

later became an enthusiastic search this volume in vain for

Catholic. A brother became a ammunition. Monastic living is,

diocesan priest. At 17 the author he says, immensely beneficial to

joined the Passionists, was pro- those who enter upon it and to

fessed at 20 and sent to Rome nothing insensate about either

He had a breakdown, went to

Switzeriand to recuperate, and,

human mind is a paitry thing,

indeed a "culprit," incapable of

soul), which should be free to

make immediate, superrational

contact with God (if there be a

was a brilliant achievement and

the invidious hopes of the hunt

There are, however, factual

errors. For example, it is un-

true that the Index applies

only to lay people; that the

new code of Canon Law was

not completed until "many

years" after the death of Plus

X; that Modernism was op-

posed for its newness (it was

opposed for its error); that a

ate is in any sense regarded as

a "lost soul," But the inaccu-

racies are trifling alongside the

cancerous fallacy of the book's

central thesis. That thesis, as

has been indicated, is the re-

It is only the so-called rational

ista who would maintain that

reason exhausts the knowable

The true mystic goes beyond rea-

son, not against it. The Catholic

philosopher and theologian is

sharply aware of the limitations

of reason. But he does not con-

clude that therefore reason is

worse than useless. Yet from

a noxious invention of that devil.

ish deceiver reason, whereas,

actually, human beings are sim-

ply parts or cells of a single, undifferentiated reality which, if

you like, you can call "God," al-

though "God' is but a meaning-

pudiation of reason.

contention.

s that leaves the povitil

ers of anti-Catholic calumnies

Perhaps those critics of the lat order throughout the world, Law John Tetterner is being Church whose vocal cords are a position requiring residence sturdier than their scrupies ex- in Home. At this time, he says, the work's circulation. Perhaps virtually promised the red hat. some imagine that here is an

Cabolle Casa dec Casa dec Casa dec Casa dec Casa dec tery, then is Moreover.

ie author flad some Fr. Kennedy

the book be tortured into a semblance of an "answer" to Mer. He did not turn to any form years back. As the events he lictiones all took place before ton. The only people who will be of Protestantism or to any other 1920. It is somewhat strange that pleased by it are those who have religion as, in his view, a relipublication takes place only abandoned every last jot of trust gion that has even the least outhurnously.

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did various sorts of pricetly work. In 1914, aged 88, he was appointed one of the four Constaltors General of the Passion-

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World War' II's "miracle giri," Patsi Li, 15-year-old Chinese, shown with Fr. Frederic P. Gehring, C. M., famed chaplain of Guadalcanal, and Miss Eleanor Bumgardner, of Washington, during a visit to N.C.W.C. headquarters in Washington. She stopped off fresh from a New York state summer camp, en route to school at the Walsingham Academy, Williamsburg, Va., and just can't wait for classes to reopen. Nearly dead from sabre wound, a girl of 4, she was found by Fr. Gehring on Guadacanai in 1942. He has fulfilled a long-time promise to bring her to school in the States. (NC Photos)

Weddings In Geneva

GIRUP-CAPOZZI for his theology course. Ordained the obedience it exacts or the at an unusually early age, he re- regimen it preacribes. The monks Church was the scene of the married Aug 25 in St. Francis de cleaning rooms, painting a bookturned to the United States to are supremely happy, practice a wedding of Miss Carmella Eliza Sales church, ist students. Then he was named of mankind. There is similar testion of Mr. and Mrs. Charles was organist. Girup of Chicago on Aug 25. Miss Tess Salone was maid of

> closed minds, are required to The ceremony was performed and Louise Nardozzi. search deeply practically every by the Rev Edward K Ball pasphase of human knowledge and tor Mrs Anito Kitcho was or experience; that Confession is a ganist Samuel Capozzi, brother blessing to humanity, and its of the bride, gave her in marseal is ever kept inviolate; that riage.

the Church always meets criti- Mrs Roseina Contino sister of clam fairly and aquarely; that the bride was her attendant St. Thomas brought human reas PFC. Carl Shannen of Harris son to its highest peak of burg, Pa was best man. achievement; that the settlement

of the Roman Question in 1929 MARINO-LIBERATORE Geneva Miss Olga Marie not a sell-out to Fascism. And so forth, again and again dashing Mrs Carmen Liberatore, 40 Pros pect Ave, and Avis Louis Ma

> less intellectual tag for the sin gle, indistinguishable totality of

he states that he stood alone traditional wedding march. had to rely only on himself In the guise of humility, he ure of reality, denying the "L" he blew up his own "I" to mon-

He says that perhaps his faith was lost because of the multiplicity of his duties and the consequent loss of time for prayer. But what strikes the reader is the stark absence of any indication of personal preoccupation with, and devotion to, Christ, Christ and the (cospels are alluded to only in the rather brief sections detailing his abandonment of reason and

first to last, this is the author's. ating is for those who puture the Church as the eremy of

THE AUTHOR ALSO insists understood The "L" he holds, is New York Knopf \$3.50

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rino, son of Mr and Mrs Patsy. Then began the fun of prepar-Goneva St. Francis de Sales Marion. 19 Burrall Ave, were ing for the returning travellers:

turned to the United States to are supremely happy, practice a weeding of Miss Carmella Eliza Sales that it.

become, for four years, a teacher shigh degree of virtue, are in beth Capozzi, daughter of Mrs. The ceremony was performed a surprise putting on fresh every respect wholesome, con Mary Capozzi, 1.22 N. Exchange by Rev. Edward K. Ball, pastor tribute mightily to the welfare St to PFC Glen Raymond Girup, of the church, Mrs. Anito Kitcho in three days every body was test students. Then he was named of mankind. There is similar test son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles was organist.

tional college in Rome, serving, Moreover, the author states PFC Girup is stationed at Samp honor. Bridesmaids were the Misses Helen Marino, Flo Erti Carol Ann Liberatore was

flower girl. Anthony Simeone was best man. Richard Presutti was ring

FLETCHER - PASSALACQUA Over remonsic everybody told the story of sumof white gladioli Aug. 18 for the even past adult bedtime, planning and Mrs Dominick Passalacqua, though, and by the time we got

St. Dunbar, West Va. To say "I" is, he avers, ludi pastor of the church. Mrs. Anita Sunday braeakfast, crous pride, although elsewhere Kitcho was organist, playing the All day Saturday went like a

Mrs Peter DeMattles, aunt of Family Lives' could accept as truth only "what the bride was matron of honor flowers and cooperation until we I really thought about reality and Miss Rose DeJohn, maid of practically fell over one another honor Bridesmalds were the with cooperating "Is this us? Misses Olympia De Matties, Pat winked as the hung up their washing and never sister, Miss Mona Passalacqua the most pieces In the afternoon Miss Joan Marie Petrosino was Elleen cleaned the dish cupboard, flower girl and Ronald De Matties. Markie made a double batch of cousin of the bride acted as ring cookies. Pat and Mary shined

> M Sgt Melvin H Kreuger was SUNDAY morning we all went heat man Ushers were SSft to Mass and Communion to-Charles Basehart and Samuel gether for a real thanksgiving. and Dominick Passalacqua, Jr., There was a quiet sense of joy both brothers of the bride.

DAVIE-CAMPBELL,

Campbell daughter of Mr and tomatoes with creamy gravy This is a sad stay but its Mrs William H. Campbell of plenty of coffee and cocoa The Gates Rd was united in mar told us all about Maine Johnny riage to Cpl C Eugene Davie and the Head of the House reson of Mr and Mrs George that there is no such thing as tomer. 281 pages. Illustrated, Davie, of Gorham, Aug. 22, in St. Stephen's Church here.

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WHAT'S DOING AT THE DALYS'

Full Circle Again

By MARY TINLEY DALY

"Some dishes!" Pat exclaim-

ed as we came in to clean up

the debria. "I'd forgotten how

many dishes you use for a

Markle and Mary said in uni-

"Dibs en not putting away!"

"Dibs on not drying!" Elleen

"Ha-I bet you did the work"

towel in Ginny's face. "When I

'We're down to four, so we're going out to eat!" Ginny call it discussion? from Pat's announced to our next door neighbor.

"Four what?" Carolyn Fallon asked. "Is there some- story one about a run in a pair thing I could lend you?" "Four people," Ginny explained. "We always go out

meal."

chiped in.

lot more'n you do!"

is the first time it has happened counted funny experiences and went next door to baby-sit, we in Ginny's lifetime dozens of different groupings.

So we ate out once and loved it—though Markie weighed the advantage of no dishes to wash against the disadvantage of "no seconds". That week of being down to four was peaceful, no denying it, and the work seemed cut to a minimum. Anyone who says that six children are no more work than one or two is either a paragon of virtue or she doesn't have six children.

THERE WAS less laundry, less cooking, less clutter, less noise. That blessed relief from noiseno conversations carried on from Mary said, flipping the wet dish one floor to another, no quarreling, only one radio on at a time. After a while though, especially when Markie and Ginny were out playing, the very quiet grew tiresome opressive somehow

case and making new curtains as rive, on Friday night

"I wasn't a bit homesick," Mary declared with a stranglehold hug, 'but, gee, it sure is fun to be home. Everything looks so different-and so good! Not a thing had been changed, but Mary went around the house fingering familiar objects, petting Tarby and marveiling at her growth.

Geneva Altar bouquets were mer adventures and we stayed up wedding of Miss Lillian Gloria a long sleep Saturday morning. assalacqua, daughter of Mr. Excitement was in the air, Liberatore, daughter of Mr and 213 N Genesee St, and Sgt. Car. downstairs the two temporarilylos E Fletcher, son of Mr and removed table leaves had been Mrs Hugh E. Fletcher, 407 20th replaced and the table set as for a party, best place mats, fresh The double ring ceremony was flowers, canteloupe with fluted performed in St Francis De edges at each place - the cantel-Sales by Rev Edward K. Ball, loupe that had been saved for

> movie short of 'How a Happy silver and cleaned the porch

that one cant put into words Sunday breakfast went on for more canteloupe sausage Geneva Miss Rosalle A waffles fried potatoes, fried girls sang their camp songs, Pat the telephone was tied up all afternoon with giggling confabs -and a religious program on the downstairs radio conflicted with a comedy program in Elleen's room and a swing session in

Mary's? There wasn't a drop of hot water left after all the shampos, white shoes dried on the window sills, young people trekked in and out all day, the supplies of ice cubes, lemons and cookies were exhausted. There was a -shall we attic room to Eileen's second

of nylons. After Pat, Johnny and Eileen left for the evening and Markie Johnny took our pictures in four remaining sat on the porch, drawing aweaters around our shoulders against the chill of the evening

> "Well-we're down to four again," Ginny suggested hope-

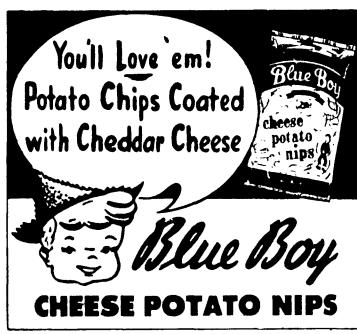
"Not really.' Mary said, rocking back and forth. 'And I think eight's better anyway, don't you?

'Full circle's better, no mat-"Well, I'm tired of doing all the ter what the number." We work around here," Ginny said. rocked in unison. 'Now you kids are back you can

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"At our age it would be hopeless to start again"-said a was your age I did a heck of a middle aged woman and her

husband swept out of the house Things were getting back to by the Kansas flood. They are living in a furnished room until ALLIN-ALL, that normalcy the Red Cross can help them felt good, sounded good. What if build a new home



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