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WHAT'S DOING AT THE DALYS'

'Diamond Rings And All Such Things'

By MARY TINLEY DALY

Engagements seldom come as a complete surprise . . . But when it's definite, there is a certain element of surprise, especially when it's the first in the family -- the way Johnny's in our family.

Maybe the "first" has nothing to do with it either. For Lucille, Johnny's fiancee, is the fourth in her family to go through this experience, yet, Mr. and Mrs. Corbett were somewhat surprised when Johnny "spoke" to them. Tears came into Mrs. Corbett's eyes.

"Don't blame you, Mrs. Corbett," Johnny said. "Don't blame you a bit for feeling that way. Certainly Lucille could have done better!"

When the news was broken at our house there were various reactions all joyful.

"You're a lucky guy," the Head of the House said, shaking Johnny's hand. My own sentiments were the same—gratitude that this sweet girl is going to be one of us and a quick, silent prayer for their happiness.

"Say, Johnny, c'n I have your pennants?" Mary asked.

"Dibs on Johnny's room!" Eileen and Markie shouted together.

"I ought-a have it," Ginny put in her claim. "I'm the littlest."

From now on, we foresee that Johnny is to be courted, with his room as prize.

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"I KNEW IT a long time ago," Eileen boasted. "When he began taking out all the other girls' pictures and putting Lu's in the frames."

The Head of the House gave me the wink. That was our first intimation too. That and the telephone calls all made to just one number . . . and the conversations that took the "we turn: "We're going to a party . . . We have tickets for the season's plays . . ."

Soon Johnny became aware of carats that aren't vegetables and of silver. "This your pattern, Mom?" he asked, examining a spoon. "Real pretty."

Of course, he's been eating with that same silver all his life—even used to take those spoons out into the sandpile when he was a little fellow, and lost several.

The next phase was even more indicative: Johnny became interested in the family budget: "What does heat run you for an ordinary winter Dad?"

The Head of the House told him.

"Wow! And there's gas and electricity and phone . . ."

"And taxes and insurance and upkeep." The Head of the House spared none of the gruesome facts. "Add to that food, clothing, doctor and dentist bills."

"Don't forget miscellaneous," I reminded as the two heads—one red, the other now gray—bent over the year's household accounts.

"Hm-m," Johnny said, straightening his tie, running his hands through his hair. "Keeps you on the ball, doesn't it? Well, thanks, Dad. Got a date now."

Off he went with renewed assurance. Then we know it was real.

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SO WE weren't completely surprised when we heard the word officially and saw Lu's diamond ring. We were "only delighted" as our teen-agers say.

Next step, according to Emily Post, but most of all according to our own impulse a call on the Corbetts.

"Why couldn't they have waited for a night that wasn't all sleet and ice?" grumbled the Head of the House. "We'll catch our death going out."

"You've gone out in worse—and for less reason," I answered dragging rubber boots out of the hall closet. "After all, little enough is asked of the father of the groom."

"Guess you're right," he grinned. "Might as well work my way up from now on. I'll be father of the bride. Hope we'll be as lucky the next five times."

As we walked in the sleety night we held hands to help each other over the ice.

"God's been awfully good to this family," I said.

"You can say that again. Mrs. Mother-in-law-to-be!" the Head of the House agreed.

STUDENTS BUILD BLOOD BANK

Students of Catholic colleges throughout the United States are co-operating with the nation-wide blood donor drive. In this photo, taken at Rosary College, River Forest, Ill., a nurse from the Bloodmobile Unit gives three students a physical check-up, which is prerequisite for every blood donor. Chicago Daily News photo. (NC Photos)

British School Laws Seen Infringing On Parent Rights

London - (NC) -- The whole trend of educational legislation in Britain has tended to obscure the fundamental truth that the rights of the parents have always to be borne in mind, Bishop Joseph E. Rudderham of Clifton told a conference of British Catholic teachers.

THIS IS NOT a matter of party politics but common to all parties and to most, if not all, countries, he added. The basic assumption of educational legislation is that the ultimate authority in teaching matters is the state, he pointed out.

"The result has been that the parent has tended to be pushed into the background," the Bishop said. "The state, of course, has its own duties in the matter of the education of its citizens. It has its rights. But those rights are secondary to the rights of the parents except when those rights have been forfeited by the parents through their own neglect.

"EVEN WHEN the state provides and maintains schools and calls in the aid of teachers it does not and cannot rightfully disturb the true position of teachers as agents of the parents."

The teachers unanimously passed a resolution protesting the inclusion of details about a child's character on confidential employment folders. Such information often is not accurate and the whole idea is simply another case of bureaucracy, the resolution said.

Profession ceremonies for members of the Third Order of St. Dominic will highlight a Third Order meeting at 1:30 p. m. Sunday, Jan. 20, in the chapel of St. Agnes Institute, Main Street East at Prince Street.

The Rev. Raymond M. Kenny of St. Andrew's Seminary faculty, spiritual director of the Dominican Third Order, pointed out that the Order was founded "so that persons in all walks of life could find the means to satisfy their desire for a more perfect life.

"The Dominican way of life," he said, "is a means of personal sanctification. It is not to be taken lightly. Yet to anyone who sincerely wishes to attain Christian perfection, insofar as we frail mortals can achieve it, the Rule of the Third Order is not burdensome. On the contrary it is a joy and a means of great spiritual satisfaction."

East Rochester LCBA Officers Installed

Mrs. Julia Bleier was installed as president with her staff at a dinner and installation of officers of East Rochester Branch, L.C.B.A. of St. Jerome's Parish, East Rochester, at the Potter Memorial, Fairport, on Jan. 10.

Also seated were: Mrs. Dorothy O'Brien, vice president; Mrs. Rose Cannan, second vice president; Mrs. Anna Brusso, recorder; Mrs. Eva Joslin, financial secretary; and Mrs. Ruperta O'Brien, treasurer.

Hostesses were Dorothy O'Brien and Gladys Kreyer.

The branch will meet at the C.Y.A., East Rochester, on Thursday, Feb. 14, with Mrs. Elizabeth Kane as hostess.

INS AND OUTS

It is a well-known fact that the population of the U.S.S.R. is divided into three categories which today are almost equal in numbers: prisoners, ex-prisoners and future prisoners. Vladimir Petrov.

Canandaigua CDA To Greet New Members

Canandaigua — A reception of new members will take place at the March [illegible] meeting of Catholic Daughters of America, Court [illegible] was announced [illegible] meeting held in the K. of C. Hall. Miss M. Doris [illegible] grand regent presided.

Members heard letters of thanks read from the various organizations to which money had been sent at Christmas.

A vote of thanks to each member to bring a [illegible] of children's clothing to be sent to Korea for the Holy Fathers warehouse was voted in favorably.

The sum of $11 was collected for the Korean War Relief at the Christmas party and meeting, it was reported.

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AMONG WOMEN

Regrettable But True

By MARY LENNON SNYDER

All around us is the evidence of the damage, in some instances irreparable, which modern materialism and secularism have done to family life. Religion is the weapon which those who wish to battle the enemy must use, and today I should like to write on family religious practices.

No doubt it is in the Christmas season that family religious practices are most commonly used. Almost every Catholic home today has a Christmas shrine which features the Infant in His Crib.

However, I think it is lamentable that even in homes where there is the true spirit of Christmas, the joy at the arrival of the Infant Redeemer, that the season of Christmas is not more properly observe.

I suppose that the materialistic side of Christmas which has our merchants decorating their windows and displaying their wares late in November is the underlying cause of the lapse in many peoples' minds of the limits of the Christmas season.

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TO MANY Catholics, as well as to most of the pagans who see in Christmas another opportunity to forget their own purposelessness, the Christmas season starts sometime early in December and ends on December 26th. Not so in the Church Calendar. Christmas starts December 25th and reaches another high point on the Epiphany, or Manifestation, which commemorates on January 6 His acknowledgement by the Three Kings.

Actually the season continues in some respects until February 2 but for most of us the Christmas season might be said to be from Christmas until after Epiphany which in many places is still known as Little Christmas.

It used to be that the Christmas decorations which went up late Christmas Eve came down after Little Christmas. Now, trees are ablaze all over our city from mid-December, and on December 27 they are leaning disconsolately against incinerators waiting for final destruction, and the Crib, which has been up "long enough" is on the attic stairs waiting its return to another period of oblivion.

Some of this anticipation of the season by the general public is due to the aping of the commercialism down town, but some of it is also due to the laziness of modern housekeeping methods.

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IT IS SO much easier for the modern parents to get all the commotion out of the way long before the Christmas merriment, generally liquid, starts that the tree is up and lighted long in advance. The Crib is arranged and the house is celebrating Christmas when the Church is deep in Advent.

In 1952 let us try to keep more in tune with the seasons of the Church because in the words of the Bishops of the United States (Statement of 1948) "The home is the child's first school, in which he is taught to make the vision of Christian truth the inspiration of all living."

God's Shepherds

By J. BURNETT

While the world about them sleep
God's shepherds pray for all His sheep
While the folks about them toil
God's shepherds pray and till the soil
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