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Beyond The Home

By MARY LENNON SNYDER

Last week in writing of the Fides Album publication, "Marriage" I mentioned some of the suggestions and thoughts found in this booklet. Today I should like to quote in part their remarks on the wedding ring.

"The ring need not be a costly platinum setting bristling with diamonds. A simple gold band carries the symbolism of this sacred tradition. Many couples now use wide gold bands carved with liturgical symbols. Such rings are a concrete testimony of the sacramental character of marriage."

I am told that in some parts of this country, notably the Middle West, that the custom of having a wedding ring carved with liturgical symbols is coming into use and that many of the rings, because of the prohibitive prices of jewelry and its accompanying tax, are being made of sterling silver—similar to those worn by some religious orders.

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IN A SECTION entitled "Beyond the Home" we read:

1. "How often do you hear the future brides say to their friends. 'The man I marry will belong to me, to me alone. There will be no going out with the boys.'"

2. After marriage they live isolated lives. Their horizon extends no further than the back fence.

3. "Every man has a place in society. He has duties toward his fellow man. It is normal and logical that he should be attracted to the extent of his capacities and his dynamism to exert an influence in his job, profession, trade union, precinct. This should create neither suspicion nor jealousy on the part of his wife.

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4. "IN EXCHANGE for sacrifices which are mutual, the wife should remain the stable element, the complement of the husband; she should rejoice to see her husband's personality develop and grow in stature and influence. Suspicion, jealousy, will look very selfish and unworthy. For the children, too, it is a great benefit to interest the family in the problems of the neighborhood, the parish, the community.

5. "The wife, too has a responsible role outside the home. Pope Pius XII has exhorted women to take a more active interest in political and economic matters. The great problems of our day do much to shape the family. Examples high rents, high prices, and poor housing. The peaceful, patient nature of woman is needed to bring about Christian solutions."

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Nazareth Musical Talents To Be Shown In Glee Club Concert, SRO Musical Comedy

By WALT KOLESNIK

It will be "Music, Music, Music" at Nazareth College next week when two annual events, which have been warmly received in the past, will be presented. They are the formal glee club concert and "Strictly Senatorial," the S.R.O. (Standing Room Only) musical comedy. Both are open to the public. Tickets will be on sale at the dooor preceding the performances.

The glee club concert will be given in the college auditorium on East Avenue Tuesday night, April 29, beginning at 8:15. Then more than 100 women, dressed in academic caps and gowns, will blend their voices in a program of light and serious music. The glee club is under the direction of J. Theodore Hollenbach.

MARY ANN WHITLEY and Anita Gullo, sopranos, and Joan Hentges at the piano will be featured soloists. Accompanists will be Patricia O'Brien, Gail Wilson, Rosemary Walker and Alice Bucholtz.

The program will include the following numbers by the glee club: "Cantate Domino," by Hassler; "Lift Thine Eyes," by Mendelssohn; "Ave Maria," by Somervell; "Holiday Song," by Schuman; "The Snow," by Elgar; "I Wonder When I Shall be Married," by Bartholomew; "Devotion," by Strauss; "Music When Soft Voices Die," by Herts; and "The Bells," by Montani.

Miss Whitley will sing Rossini's "Inflammatus et Accensus"; Miss Gullo will sing "Visi D'Arte," by Puccini. For her solo number, Miss Hentges has chosen Chopin's "Nocturne, Opus 15, Number 2."

Earlier this year the Glee club was heard in the Kleinhans Music Hall in Buffalo; the Syracuse Museum of Arts and Sciences, and in a number of other concerts in Rochester and New York State.

REHEARSING for the Nazareth Glee Club concert, Tuesday, April 29, at 8:15 p. m. at the college on East Ave. are: (first row) from left, Carol Haggerty and Mary Anne Whitley, soprano soloists; second row, Anita Gullo, of Newark, soloist, and Joan Hentges, pianist. (Courier Staff Photo)

THIS YEAR'S S.R.O. show, "Strictly Senatorial," will be given Friday and Saturday nights, May 2 and 3, in the college auditorium at 8:15. The plot of the musical-comedy concerns the adventures of a woman senator who runs for the Presidency of the United States and the complications which result when she falls in love with her opponent.

Elizabeth Hayes, junior, and Eileen Flanagan, sophomore are co-authors and directors of the production. Original music and lyrics for the show were composed by Jeanette Lortscher and Dolores Thomas. Freshmen Kathleen Nugent stars as the woman senator. She is supported by Katharine Sackett, Marcia Brown, Jeanne Marie Goodspeed, Mary Harris, Nathalie Stuart, Marilyn Beebe and Sheila Hickey.

Male roles are portrayed by James Aha, John Palvino, William Foley, John Fischette, Ronald Schoeberger and Ronald Boden.

Members of the singing chorus are Mary Creedon, Patricia Crilly, Theresa DiPaskuale, Maureen Donovan, Marguerite Falcone, Ann Grace, Anita Gullo, Carolyn Krebs, Betty Miller, June Murray, Mary Ellen O'Flynn, Barbara Scarsella, Mary Rita Taskette, Joanne Veal, Sue Withey and Joan Zugelder.

Members of the dancing chorus are Margaret M. Berry, Sue Deckop, Jeanne Drexilius, Anne Gormley, Joan Kinsky, Marie Livadas, Joan McCormack, Barbara Moore, Virginia Mullen, Veronica Savage and Joan Vignerl.

Others on the production staff are Joan Battaglia, stage manager; Nancy Wagner, scene designer; Suzanne Withey, Properties; Ann Braun, programs; Dorothy Rozzi, business manager; Marjorie Schutz, house manager; June Ruffino and Marilyn DiStasio, costumes.

The show is divided into two acts, with six scenes in addition to the opening chorus and finale. There are 10 song and six dance routines, including a solo, "A Woman in the White House," by Miss Nugent; a duet, "I Like Your Flowers," by Miss Sackett and Mr. Palvino; "This is the Day," and "Prices Must Come Down," by the dancing chorus.

Social Calendar

Friday, April 25

Card party, Nazareth Academy, 8 p. m.

Afternoon Dessert Bridge Luncheon, Catholic Women's Club, 1 p. m.

Wednesday, April 30

Fashion Show, Aquinas Mother's Club, Aquinas Auditorium, 8 p. m.

Tuesday, April 29

Fashion Show, Women's Sodality of the Immaculate Heart of Mary of St. Peter and Paul Church, parish hall, 8 p. m.

Card party, Our Lady of Mercy High School Class of 1956, Corpus Christi Hall.

Reporter Finds

Nuns' Up-To-Date' At Education Parley

By JACK HAYES

Kansas City, Mo. — (NC) — Nuns are really something!

I whizzed out to Kansas City from Washington, D. C., on a Trans World Airline Constellation to report on the National Catholic Educational Association convention here. One of my fellow passengers was Sister Mary Janet, of the Commission on American Citizenship at the Catholic University of America. She too was using the fastest type of transportation available.

FOR FOUR DAYS I covered the year's largest gathering of Catholic educators. Everywhere I ran into nuns.

They were on their feet at discussion meetings, forcefully making points on the newest educational techniques. They were at the hundreds of convention exhibit booths, checking the most modern educational equipment, ranging from new-fangled ventilating systems providing "yawn control" to the latest in scientific apparatus, motion picture projectors, and sound recording machines.

Bell hops and elevator operators stared at the unfamiliar garb of nun delegates at the convention, many of whom stayed at big downtown Kansas City hotels just like other convention participants. Nuns ate at hotel coffee shops and restaurants. They flagged down taxis, and had an edge on the priests and lay delegates at that—for the Kansas City cabbies were definitely partial to nuns.

I looked up His Holiness Pope Pius XII's address on the teaching Sisters given last September, and found this statement: "Today there are many teaching and nursing Sisters who, in the best sense of the word, are nearer to life than the average person in the world." After covering the four-day convention as a non-educator layman, I'll certainly agree to that.

WHEN THE convention was all over, a priest friend suggested I write my own chief impression of the convention. Editors are tired of stories reporting what this and that speaker had to say. They want something personal, a layman's slant on the whole thing, he said.

This is it.

"Everything's up to date in Kansas City."

But nothing was more up to date than the nuns here for the NCEA convention.

Ministers Oppose

Richmond, Va.—(RNS)—Opposition to "any official United States government representation at the Vatican" was voted here by the Richmond Protestant Ministerial Union.

Literature Crusade

St. John, N. B.—(NC)—Signalized by a pastoral letter issued by Bishop Patrick A. Bray, C.J.M., of St. John, a crusade for decent literature was launched throughout the Diocese of St. John.

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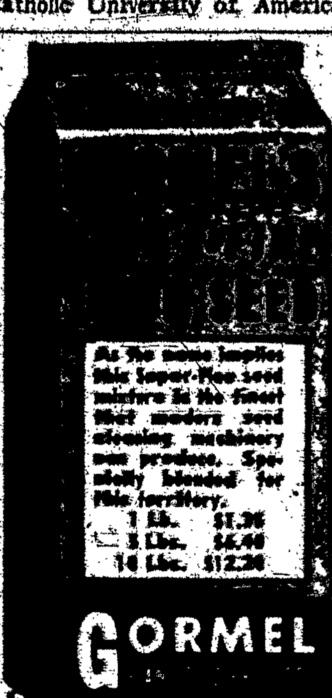

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