

Married Couples Set Day Of Recollection

A Day of Reflection for married couples will be sponsored by Nazareth College Alumnae at the college from noon until 5 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 16.

Participating will be married alumnae and their husbands with the Rev. William H. Shanon, college chaplain, conducting the conferences.

Nazareth college students will act as sitters on campus for any couples bringing their children. Reservations are being made with Mrs. Richard Hamlin, Genee, 077-7 or Mrs. Wilfred Duquette, Locust 3677.

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By Mary Tinley Daly



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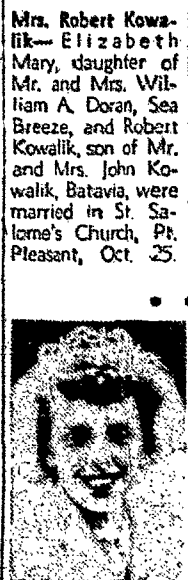
Christmas started today, as we mailed the first and most important present. — to Gerta, our "adopted" child in Germany. Gerta isn't really a child any more — she's a prematurely mature young woman of 18 in her first months of teaching. But to us she will always be our child — the grave-faced little girl we've known through correspondence. Gerta has "suffered many frightfulness" as she puts it, growing up in a country where war and bombings were every-day experiences, and where early malnutrition takes a lifelong toll. Since we have known Gerta, these past four years, things have not improved much for her or her family. They are still cold and hungry often, for wages are low, the price of food and clothing sky-high. Very often it is a question of warm clothing or something to eat. That's why occasional boxes of food and used clothing have really helped.

VERY OFTEN, when Gerta's letters of gratitude come, we can hardly see to read them. How, we wonder, with a mist before our eyes, can our out-of-date duels mean so much to anybody? For instance, there was that old green coat with the bishop sleeves... "Wear that thing again!" Pat had asked scornfully. "Why wouldn't be caught dead in it?" So we sent it to Gerta. And then the letter came from

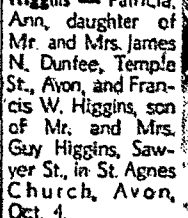
GERTA HAS given us far more than we ever could give to her. For she has been a living example of patience, resignation and honest-to-goodness pluck in the face of hardships we know only vicariously. Goodness knows, we're no one-man nor one-family Marshall Plan. But our family, multiplied by the thousands who have scattered across of European families to aid through this personal-contact friendly interchange of letters, can help in a small way to build a bridge of friendship across the Atlantic. We reach one family, you reach another.

Still there are thousands of families — also widows, catechists, priests trying valiantly to keep the faith alive — and all of them waiting for families, altar societies, sodalities to befriend them. These people have all been thoroughly investigated by competent authorities in their home localities and their names are listed with the National Council of Catholic Women, 1312 Massachusetts Ave., N.W., Washington 5, D.C.

Joined In Church Rites



Mrs. Robert Kowalik - Elizabeth Mary, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William A. Doran, Sea Breeze, and Robert Kowalik, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Kowalik, Batavia, were married in St. Thomas' Church, Pleasant, Oct. 25.



Mrs. Salvatore M. Latone - Dorothy, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Berklich, Gladstone St., and Salvatore M. Latone, Mullen Pl. were married in Immaculate Conception Church, Rochester, Oct. 18.



Mrs. Francis W. Higgins - Patricia Ann, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James N. Dunfee, Temple St., Avon, and Francis W. Higgins, son of Mr. and Mrs. Guy Higgins, Sawyer St., in St. Agnes Church, Avon, Oct. 4.

Deanery DCCW Chooses Officers

Rochester Deanery Council of Catholic Women will meet Tuesday Nov. 18 at 8:15 p.m. in Parlor A at Columbus Civic Center.

In addition to the reports of the chairmen of the Deanery committees, the business of the evening will include the election of a nominating committee to select a slate of officers for the Deanery for the year 1953.

Rev. Louis Hohmann, Moderator, will discuss the spiritual aspects of the work of the Council.

Hostesses for the social hour which follows the business meeting are the presidents of the following societies: St. Ambrose Rosary, Miss Marie McCann; St. Boniface Sacred Heart, Mrs. M. J. Kuebel; St. Charles Borromeo Rosary, Mrs. Raymond Blind.

'Betsy Ross' Dies In Washington

Washington — (NC) — Mrs. Georgette Higgins, often referred to as the "Betsy Ross of the Capitol," was buried here today in Mt. Olivet Cemetery following High Mass in St. Gabriel's Church. Mrs. Ross, who was 90 when she died, retired in 1945 after 28 years service as a seamstress for the U. S. Senate.

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Trappistine, Strictist Order, Wins Japanese Vocations

Makodeshi, Japan — (NC) — The strictest order of nuns in Japan, also has the largest number of native vocations. Of the 1,900 Japanese Sisters, 1,200 belong to the Trappistine order.

The other 1,700 are spread among some 60 other communities of nuns in Japan.

The Trappistine convent here has a particular fascination for the Japanese people. It has had about 50,000 visitors within the past six months, the nuns acknowledge. The convent is listed as among the sights of the city by the chamber of commerce. This is considered remarkable because visitors can see only the chapel and the grille separating the convent from the chapel. The nuns observe strict enclosure.

Materialism vs. God

By Mary L. Snyder

According to the program the subject to be discussed by the visiting educator was "The High School Graduate Looks Ahead."

The occasion was the evening when a club composed of college and university women graduates entertained the high school seniors.

THE PRACTICE is to bring into town an experienced educator to advise the young girls as to standards in choosing colleges.

FOLLOWING A CUSTOM developed long years ago when I was a student majoring in English, I outlined the speaker's talk. Structurally the speech was magnificent, point followed point, bolstered by subpoint in a manner that indicated the man had put time into the preparation of his remarks.

I say "time" and not "thought" because the material on which this polished composition was wasted was most discouraging. As I jotted down point after point I discovered that in essence the speaker was saying that the high school graduate should look ahead to the dollar sign.

AS HE LISTED bases for selection of a college or university he seemed to say to the young girls, "Choose the college where you will get the desired degree with the least outlay of money." As he considered possible professions, he seemed to consider one point, "What will pay the most?" Even when he mentioned the profession of teaching and he happened to be the president of a teachers' college, his main point was "There is, and will continue to be, such a population increase in the next few years that if you become a teacher you will be sure to have a position."

Pope Congratulates President-Elect

Augusta, Ga. — (RNS) — Pope Pius XII sent a congratulatory message to President-elect Dwight D. Eisenhower who is on vacation here.

The message said: "On the occasion of your election as President of the United States of America, we express to your Excellency our cordial felicitations invoking divine blessings on yourself, on your administration, and the American people."

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How much your dollar monthly will mean, if you join one of our Never Mission Clubs! You help outcast lepers by a mite for the DAMIEN KEFER FUND. You feed hungry orphans by joining the ORPHAN'S BREAD. You adorn God's humble houses by joining the MONICA GUILD, our Near East Altar Sodality. You give a child needed schooling by becoming a BASILIAN. You give our missions more priests by a dollar monthly for the CHRISTOSTOMOS. And dollar added to dollar in the CHAPEL-OF-THE-MONTH CLUB will help us to build a little chapel among God's poor.

MASSES AT HIS CRIB

The Patriarch of Jerusalem, Archbishop Albert Gori, will offer the special Pontifical Mass at Midnight in the Church of the Nativity at Bethlehem for all of the benefactors and friends of the Near East Missions, while altar-misericordias will offer ten special Masses during Christmas Day there. Do this out of gratitude for your Mass offerings during the year.

A SPECIAL APPEAL

From Archbishop Assaf, missionary leader in the desert wastes of Jordan, comes an urgent appeal for cassocks for his twenty-one priests. All these missionaries depend on us for their meagre living and the Archbishop is hopeful that kind Near East friends can give such one of them the long black cassock, their priestly garb. Each will cost \$25 and we shall be so proud if we can assure the Archbishop at these gifts before Christmas. You can gladden the heart of a humble priest by such a gift.

FOR OUR LADY'S FEAST

On November 21 we celebrate the day when Our Lady was presented in the Temple by St. Anne, her Mother. In the Near East our Sisters are presented by their parents to toll their lives long as Sisters of Our Lady's Rosary. We are still begging for good Near East benefactors to adopt one as a novice and pay the \$300 required for her two years' training. Can you be home - Our Lady?

OUR NEEDIEST CASES

Not even all their want ads of God can take care of our many neediest cases in Christmas. That is why we appreciate your **NEEDLESS GIFTS**—Use it where most needed. Father? "We have at many appeals for our foundlings, our orphans, our Sisters and priests that we do not have space to publish them all. Please do help us to help them."

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