

# Nazareth Senior Aspires To Woman Veterinary Role

By WALTER KOLESNIK

Most girls, at one time or another in their lives, pass through the stage when they think they want to be nurses or teachers or actresses. Not many, however, have the ambition to be veterinarians. Miss Virginia Eaton, senior in the Nazareth College Biology department, is an exception. She has this ambition and is working toward it with a determination to reach her goal. If her plans work out, she will someday be one of the few women veterinarians in the United States.

MISS EATON hopes to be admitted to a veterinary college after her graduation from Nazareth. If she is accepted, she will take a four-year course leading to the degree D.V.M., doctor of veterinary medicine. Then all she has to do is pass the New York State licensing board examination and she will be qualified to practice professionally.

When asked about her chances for acceptance, Miss Eaton pointed out that the Cornell veterinary college graduates one or two women a year. While the profession is open to members of her sex, she said they are not encouraged to enter it. Those who do, specialize in the care of small animals. This is what she expects to do.

Miss Eaton traces her interest in animals back to her childhood in Richmond, Va. At the age of 12, she was grooming, exercising and exhibiting show ponies for the Cloverleaf stables. A skilled equestrienne, she has given riding lessons at local country clubs.

TO PREPARE FOR her career, Miss Eaton is taking such courses as histology, comparative anatomy and micro-technique. Besides, according to Sister Francis Solano, head of the biology department, she is engaged in a practical research project pertaining to the development of a sturdier race of hamsters by inbreeding them with selection for size.

By mating them scientifically, she hopes to produce heterosis, or inbred vigor, in them. Her goal is to apply the process to Boston terriers which, she says, are becoming harder and harder to breed.

Miss Eaton began the project this fall with two hamsters, Annie and Pumpkin. To her embarrassment, Annie escaped from the laboratory last month and

was A.W.O.L. for a week—until she was found, by a maintenance man, in the elevator shaft.

MISS EATON became seriously interested in veterinary work as a freshman in the diocesan college for women. Assigned an oral report for speech class, she interviewed Dr. D. E. Bradley, a local woman veterinarian. She was pleased to learn how much better-regulated veterinary work was in New York state than in the South. The work began to sound appealing. It combined her interest in science with her love of animals.

The last three summers she worked for Dr. Bradley. Her work was mainly trimming and clipping. According to Miss Eaton the charge for this service to a dog is from \$5 to \$7.50.

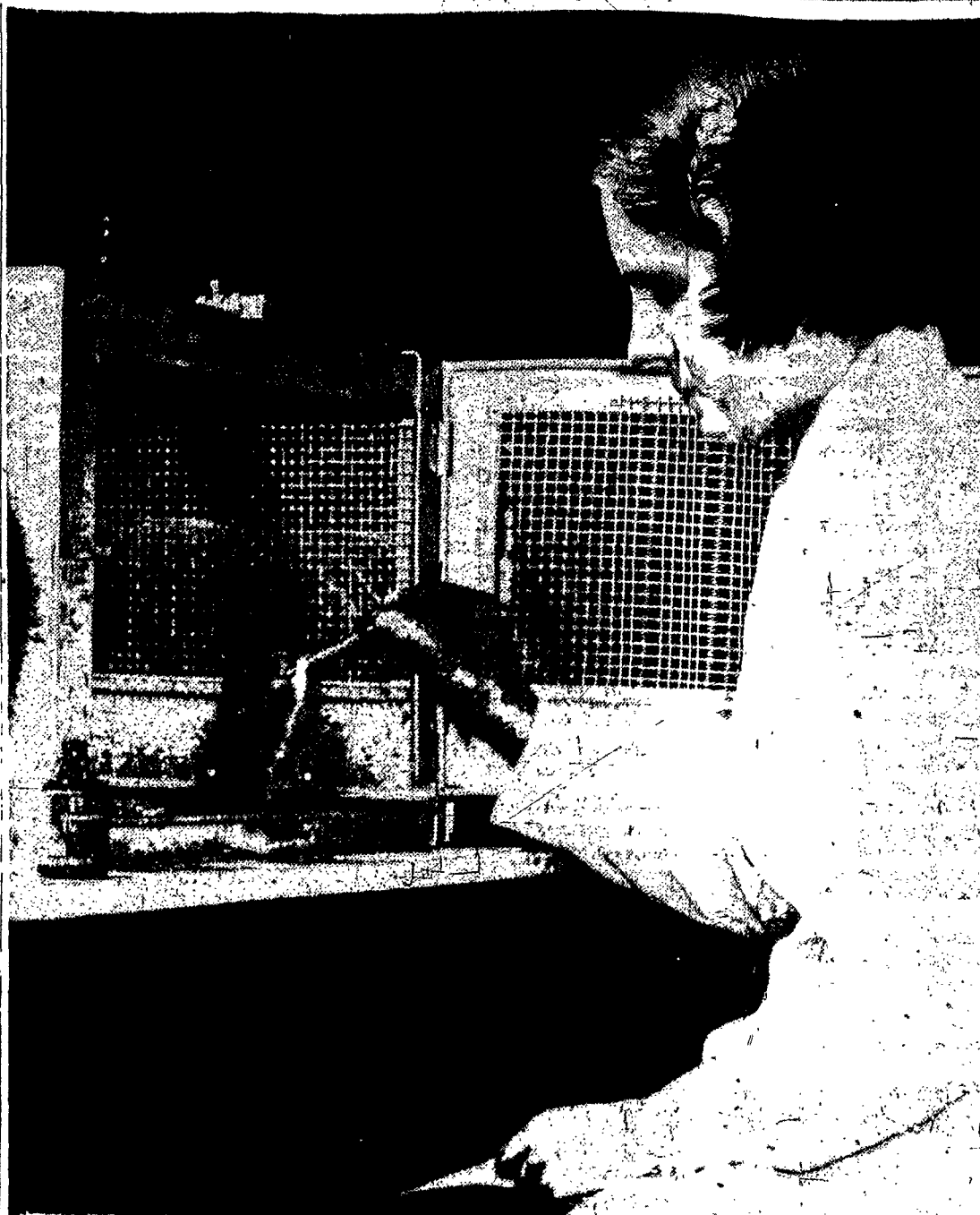
THE DAUGHTER of Mr. and Mrs. Roland G. Eaton, 453 Wellington Ave., Virginia was born in Miami, Fla. She was graduated from West High School, Rochester, and plans to practice in New York state, but still considers Richmond, Va., where she lived for a number of years, her home.

Among her more common duties as a veterinarian, Miss Eaton said, will be the treatment of dogs and cats for ailments as widespread with them as they are with human beings—colds or bronchitis. They too are given anti-biotic "wonder" drugs.

By the time she finishes veterinary college, she will have had the experience of caring for both large and small animal patients, under the guidance of an instructor, and will have performed surgery and autopsies.

## Press Secretary Episcopalian

In response to inquiries, NCWC News Service reports that James C. Hagerly, nominated by President Dwight D. Eisenhower to be his Press Secretary at the White House after January 20, is not a Catholic. In the current Who's Who in America, Mr. Hagerly lists himself as an Episcopalian.



EXPERIMENTS to train her in care of small animals are in the course for Virginia Eaton, a senior in Nazareth College Biology department. Above she is feeding a hamster in the college laboratory, part of her experiments. (Linn Duncan Photo.)

## French Workers Permitted Mass In Afternoon

Paris—(NC)—Mass may now be celebrated on certain week-day afternoons in France so that night and morning workers can receive Holy Communion more frequently.

Permission for the afternoon Masses was granted by the Sacred Congregation of the Holy Office at the request of the Assembly of French Cardinals and Archbishops. It was granted for a year on a trial basis. If the experiment is successful, permission will be renewed.

permission, the Assembly of Cardinals and Archbishops pointed out "the good results already obtained among the masses of workers by the celebration of afternoon Masses on Sundays and holy days of obligation in industrial centers."

They made their petition, the prelates stated, because they had received many requests from bishops in industrial areas and from working men themselves, many of whom are forced to work under conditions that tend to undermine their faith.

ATTERNOONS ON which Mass may be offered, the Holy Office decreed, are the first Friday of each month, the feast day of a church's patron saint, the feast days of confraternities and farmers' and laborers' organizations, days during which a parish is observing Perpetual Adoration, and all "holy days of precept" in France, "holy days of precept" are days that were once holy days of obligation but are no longer.

## St. Nicholas Or 'Santa Claus'

By JOSEPH PAPARA



he Christmas season is at hand and millions of boys and girls are undoubtedly wondering what "good old St. Nick" will do for them this year, with scarcely a thought on what they might do for him. But history records at least one good deed performed for St. Nicholas, though one has to turn back the pages a full nine centuries.

Behind this good and unique deed were the good citizens of Bari, Italy. In 1087, they gave St. Nicholas a final burial place in the crypt of a church bearing his name.

Nicholas, no legendary person, was an archbishop with an overwhelming sympathy for the poor and suffering and a soft, warm spot in his big heart for children. The wealth left to him by his rich parents, we are told, was used to ease misery wherever he found it. He was forever bringing gifts to good children, but to the naughty ones—and this might be just a legend—he used the birch switches carried for that purpose.

RECORDS in the Zion monastery at Myra, now in Turkey, show that Nicholas was born in the nearby town of Patara about 1,650 years ago, and that he was Archbishop of Myra at the time of his death, on December 6, 342, and was buried there.

Myra was devastated by the Saracens in their conquest of Asia Minor. The thought of so many sacred places resting in the hands of infidels must have tormented all fervent Christians; but the aroused citizens of Bari, on the Adriatic coast, launched upon a daring adventure. Merchants of the city outfitted a small fleet, normally used in trade with the Levant, and set sail for Myra.

A silently-operating landing party made its way ashore and, somehow, managed to rescue the bones of Saint Nicholas from the ruins of a temple. And back to the city of Bari, which made him also patron saint of girls.

Land, a violent storm threatened the ship, terrorizing the crew. But Nicholas prayed calmly and the storm subsided. Later, a sailor fell from a mast and, legend has it, the archbishop called him back to life.

Nicholas spent most of his life giving his love, sympathy and inheritance away. It was largely a one-way street. For the saint, in his great charities, came into conflict with high civil authorities. The had him thrown in jail when he opposed their mistreatment of the people and spoke out against them in his sermons.

AT CHRISTMAS it is well to think of this saint not just as "Santa Claus" the bringer of gifts, but as one whose donations to the poor inspire the true Christmas spirit. It is also nice to know that seven centuries after his death, those friendly people of Bari gave him an honored and peaceful resting place.

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## Vatican Publishes New Edition Of Roman Missal

Vatican City—(NC)—A new edition of the Missale Romanum—the Roman Missal—has been published by the Vatican Printing Office.

The first copy of the new edition was presented to Pope Pius XII by His Eminence Nicola Cardinal Canali and Msgr. Sergio Guerri, pro-president and secretary, respectively, of the Cardinalial Commission for the Temporal Administration of Vatican City.

The text of the rubrics and formulas remain unchanged in the new missal, with rare exceptions. However, the Psalms in preparation for the Mass of Thanksgiving, as well as those for the Requiem Mass, follow the new version.

## STILL TIME!

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From the poor of Jerusalem come urgent pleas for help at Christmas. There are hundreds of thousands of refugees, homeless on the fifth Christmas. Your stingless gift will bless them by His of love.

### WHITE CHRISTMAS!

Christmas will be white for our poor outcast lepers. But it will not be pretty white. Please do add a mite to our DAMIEN LEPER FUND for the many lepers we have at Green Gardens, Shertally, India. There the Assistant Sisters of Mary Immaculate and Father Joseph Thomas, the chaplain, hope to make these afflicted ones happy on the Lord's Birthday. We have not room for all of them.

Hundreds of NEEDIEST CASES at Christmas and just not enough funds to help them all—hundreds of orphans, poor, homeless. Please think of them.

### MARY AND GABRIEL

Two weeks more and we shall celebrate again the greatest day in human history, when the Good News of the Angel Gabriel to Our Lady came true—"That which shall be born of Thee will be our Emmanuel, God with us!" We have Sister Mary Gabriel, a novice with the Sisters of the Holy Heart of Jesus and Mary. Can you adopt her, giving \$200 over two years?

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### FATHER LEON'S CHILDREN

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