

WHAT'S DOING AT THE DALYS' Little Acts Of Kindness

By Mary Tinley Daly

It's those completely unexpected acts of kindness that warm the cockles of the heart—to use an old expression. Somehow, we get used to kindness shown to the very old, the very young, the animals—to all the more-or-less helpless. But when contemporaries go out of their way to be thoughtful, that's something.



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For instance, the bus driver. Running to catch a bus, Markie twisted her ankle. "That must hurt, Sister," the driver said noticing the swelling. "Where do you live?" Markie told him, a block from the nearest bus stop. "You folks won't mind going out of the way to take this little lady home?" the driver asked his passengers. So the big bus drove up in front of our house and the driver carried Markie in.

"That's all right, lady," he brushed aside our thanks and with a wave of his hand was gone. THEN THERE WAS Ellen's recent sunburn that didn't respond to usual treatments and left her unable to put anything over her shoulders or to do anything but talk to friends over the phone. One such call brought an immediate visit from Molly Buckley, her cheeks pinker than ever from sunbathing. "Here's something I know will help you, Ellen," Molly said. "I stopped by the drug store and bought a fresh tube. Only hope it helps you as much as it did me."

It did—and the beyond-the-call-of-duty friendliness of Molly helped even more. There was the experience we had the other afternoon: George Burns called Lu, our young daughter-in-law, asking if she'd like him to take a picture of her and the baby to send to Johnny. Yes, you can imagine Lu's answer! SO, ALONG CAME George, armed with movie and still camera. As he was setting the camera we remembered the old-time business George and Lu and Johnny had built up during the Depression—making pictures of weddings, graduations,

dances, ordinations—anything. After graduation, George entered the Air Force, Johnny the Navy so their paths separated but friendship remained. The sequence that George and Lu worked up was a simple little story, but one that would be more thrilling to a homesome boy in Korea than the most glamorous Hollywood thriller. First there were stills of Lu and the baby. Then the movies, starting out with Lu dressing little Lu Anne in her frilliest yellow dress. Next, putting her in the baby carriage, wheeling the carriage down the familiar street.

Next scene, Lu picking up Lu Anne, coming up our front steps and all of us rushing out to greet the visitors, everybody reaching for the baby, Tarby jumping up to lick the baby's hand. Then a scene inside the house, with everybody gathered around the Star of the Show. No plot, no suspense, no Hollywood beauties—just the people that Johnny knows and loves and the new little daughter whom he has not as yet seen.

NEVER A WORD from George that this was taking up his entire free day, that he had had to drive many miles, that he had bought expensive film. "Hope Johnny likes it," was his only comment as we tried to thank him. Another of those unexpected acts of kindness came from friends whom we have known but a short time—the Longs, our next-door neighbors. They learned that the Head of the House has been having a painful time with an eye injury. They have noticed, of course, that we are terribly worried, that the Head of the House is suffering a great deal.

With true compassion, Peg Long asked her Sunday School class to pray, all together, for the recovery of her neighbor's eye. "Hope you don't mind," she asked when she told us about it. Mind prayers...? It's all the prayers—theirs and ours—we feel sure that resulted in the doctor's surprised verdict this morning: "The eye is 75 percent improved." We can't repay kindnesses such as these—all we can do is pay them along.

North American College To Be Dedicated In October

Rome—(RNS)—Some 40 American Catholic prelates and 200 clergymen, led by three cardinals, will come to Rome for the dedication of the new North American College on Oct. 14.

The Very Rev. Magr. Richard K. Burns, vice rector of the Nazareth College and native of Rochester, has relinquished a visit home this summer because of the many duties incurred by the opening of the new building. At present, three Seminarists of the Diocese of Rochester are studying at the North American College: David

Murphy, Auburn; Joseph J. Brennan, Rochester; and William Cosgrove, Hornell. Opening of the handsome \$4,000,000 structure on Janiculum Hill, overlooking St. Peter's Basilica and the Vatican, will be the realization of many years of planning by the American hierarchy. The new building will double

the capacity of the 83-year-old college, which has turned out more than 1,000 American priests, including some 40 bishops, nine archbishops and seven cardinals.

Among its distinguished alumni are Francis Cardinal Spellman, Archbishop of New York; Samuel Cardinal Stritch, Archbishop of Chicago, and Edward Cardinal Mooney, Archbishop of Detroit. All three will take part in the October dedication.

The North American College, founded in 1859, is a traditional seminary operated here by the American hierarchy for the training of American priests. Its seminarists are handpicked by the bishops of the American dioceses from which they are sent

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charitable, and not to educational institutions. He declared that to include educational institutions in the clause would require a further constitutional amendment.

Proposition Three, passed by a vote of 2,411,055 to 2,343,528, amended a section of the state taxation and revenue code. For its legality, it depended on the 1944 constitutional amendment.

In his statement, Mr. Pierce said the Board of Equalization had advised counties to begin exempting non-profit, private schools from taxation on the basis of a ruling by the state attorney general's office that the law was valid.

Los Angeles County, however, has continued to carry non-profit private schools on its tax rolls, pending the outcome of the Alameda County litigation.

The tax exemptions would amount to \$1,000,000 a year, 80 per cent to Catholic schools. There are 708 California schools affected, 473 Catholic and 235 non-Catholic.

ACCORDING TO testimony by Catholic witnesses at the trial of the suit the Catholic schools enroll 202,023 students and the non-Catholic schools 26,060. In the

fiscal year 1952-53 the Catholic schools paid \$90,763.11 in taxes and the other schools \$223,119.88, the testimony said.

Judge Wooley and Mosbacher said their decision had not considered the plaintiff's contention that Proposition Three, in granting the exemption, provided a "subsidy for religious indoctrination by the state."

During the 1952 campaign leading up to the adoption of Proposition Three, proponents asserted that California was the only state that failed, in some form or other, to exempt church schools from paying taxes.

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