LeMoyne Group Holds Supper Meet

Rochester Club of Le Moyne College, Syracuse, held its third monthly supper-meeting at the Villa Restaurant in that city last week. Present were Father Roth, moderator; president, Ruth McEvoy, and Claire Aman and Kevin Mahoney.

Miss McEvoy announced plans for two get-togethers during the holiday vacation. One, a New Year's Eve Party for couples, and a bowling or toboggan party on Wednesday, Dec. 29.

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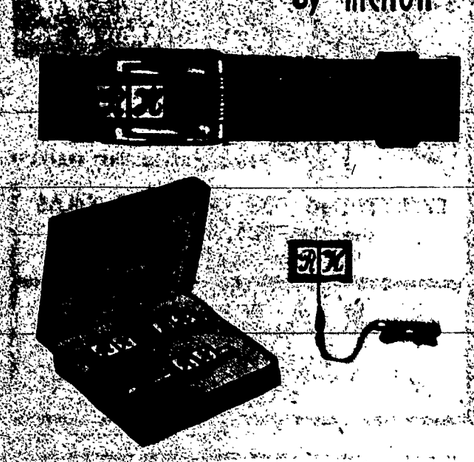
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Women's Choral Club Lists Yule Program

The Women's Choral Club, under the direction of Marie Keber Burbank will present a program of Christmas music Sunday evening, Dec. 19 at the Auditorium Theatre.

Featured on the program will be "Psalm 99" written and composed by the noted Belgium composer, Mr. Flor Peeters.

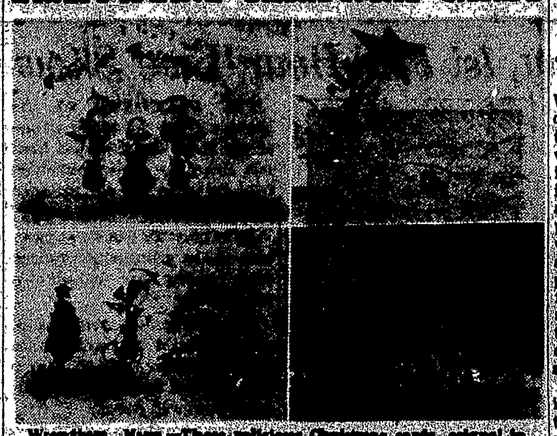
Mr. Peeters is organist at the Cathedral of Malline, Belgium, also director and professor of organ at the Royal Flemish Conservatory in Antwerp and is one of the leading composers of Belgium. He has made several tours in the United States and on one occasion gave a concert on the organ at St Mary's Church, Rochester.

The Choral Club consists of a group of women including teachers, nurses, housewives, business women as well as high school and college graduates. Mrs. Alice Seibold is president.

Cardinal Presides

Lisbon, Portugal — (NC) — Some 15,000 children dedicated themselves to Our Lady as the Marian Year came to a close in Portugal. Cardinal Goncalves Cerejeira, Patriarch of Lisbon, presided at the ceremony.

TRAPPISTINE CHRISTMAS CARDS



Wrentham, Mass.—These religious Christmas cards, original in design and brilliantly painted by hand, were made by cloistered Trappistine nuns at Mt. St. Mary's Abbey here in their new specialty, to "Keep Christ in Christmas." The cards depict "Little Angels" in the religious dress of the order, the female counterpart of the Trappist monks who have many American establishments. The Abbey here is the only Trappistine community in America. Notable in the series is a Nativity scene of the Holy Family with the Blessed Virgin Mary wearing a cowl, a part of the Cisterian choir habit, and St. Joseph dressed in the robes of a lay Trappist Brother. Other scenes show the angelic figures performing the work of the nuns in choirs, on the monastery farm and in various monastic chores. (ENS Photo)

WHAT'S DOING AT THE DALY'S

Christmas Giving

By Mary Tinky Daly

"What to get for Sister" is a perennial question at our house—and at yours, no doubt. When you think of 10 or 12 Sisters living together in their convent, each a teacher of 50 or so children and even half them others deciding in desperation that "a nice box of candy" is as far as her imagination will stretch this year . . . well, that's an awful lot of candy!

Mary Daly

"What would you like to get for Christmas, Sister?" was asked of a Sister on a TV program recently and Sister sold. Candy was mentioned, but some other things, too. So, for those of you who didn't happen to see the program, I'll pass along some of the suggestions: nice writing paper (white, of course), black gloves, stockings (not too heavy), an umbrella, books (spiritual reading) and—here Sister's eyes brightened—"How we do love to get things to fix up the classroom—fancy poster paper, stars, silver and gold paint—all the things we can use for the children all year long!"

Another item, one of which probably few of us think, is that Sisters can receive a dollar or a few dollars in money to use as an offering to have a Mass said for Dad and Mother on their anniversary, and on all sorts of occasions. And for the joy of giving! Of course, Sisters take the vow of poverty, but with the permission of their religious superior they can make use of such things as "extras."

AS FOR OTHERS, gifts with the spirit of Christmas inherent in them . . .

For Dad, especially a dad who does a good bit of traveling, there is a new missal in four slim volumes, rather than the thick, Biblish one that makes such a bump in his coat pocket. There's a rosary that stays linked even though he's "hard on rosaries."

For Mother, there are lovely madonnas suitable for any room—perhaps she'd like one in the kitchen where she spends a lot of time. And for new mothers, there is the lovely Family Book of Life for keeping a record of all the great spiritual occasions to take place in the years to come; or a "starter" set for the Christmas Crib; or a framed house blessing.

For daughters and goddaughters, sons and god sons: a framed picture of a patron saint. You can do this yourself with a holy picture plus a ten-cent-store frame. Patron saint medals; holy water fonts suitable for their own rooms; a St. Christopher medal for the old jalopy that's being assembled in the garage down the street. Strong chains for their medals—silver, please, so their necks won't turn green.

For relatives and friends who "have everything" subscriptions to some of the excellent Catholic magazines; a subscription to the home diocesan paper for those away from home; the Christian Life Calendar (Bruce, Milwaukee) with every day marked in a liturgical way—parts of the Mass designated, color of vestments, patron saint and the most delightful little comments pointedly applicable, often chuckle-provoking.

THEN THERE are those precious and so very Christian gifts not purchasable in any religious goods store or anywhere else—the gifts of service. Top's amongst these, of course, are spiritual bouquets—the finest gift one human being can give to another.

And letters—newsy, friendly letters to those who are lonely. An afternoon outing for someone who is housebound most of the time. One, two or three "promissory notes" for evening baby sitting. An afternoon a month reading to one whose eyes aren't as keen as they once were. A homemade baking of cookies or rolls to a busy home maker so that she can have a little party. A morning or all day of "send all the children to our house" so that painting or some other ambitious project can be undertaken.

Queer how that afternoon TV program—watching Sister—got us all to thinking of gifts a bit out of the ordinary. If any of these suggestions can help any of you—well, perhaps that's a gift too. For some of these tips were gifts from friends. And I know they'll help the folks at our house.

BE PREPARED

It's much better to look ahead and prepare than it is to look back and regret.

AMONG WOMEN

Ways Of Peace

By Mary Lennon Snyder

In the excerpts from Bishop Wright's address which I am quoting today we find some thought provoking material. After having stated that a Catholic peace is found where there is a "climate of peace arising from the very soil of the towns and cities" the speaker continued:

Mrs. Snyder

"That brings us next to knowing that the concept of peace that this climate of peace has is not necessarily one with dominant characteristics of his prosperity or material well-being. Some of us have more means now than when were more poor—and some of us have secured increased possessions to worry about.

And thus, on the individual level again, we are carried over into the organized social community, to the moral person that is the organized social community.

"THAT IS THE reason why we Americans must at all costs resist any efforts by anyone to sell us the idea that the concept of peace involves the guaranteeing of what is called in a very fancy cliche sometimes, "The American Way of Life." For the American Way of Life may not be, in every respect, God's way. It may not in every respect be a peaceful way. It may not in very respect deserve peace.

"The essential question is how well human values will survive. And we could ask that of the American way in that form. For the American way is featuring here a very soft way. To be sure, it leaves us fundamentally free to live Christian lives, but there are many aspects of the industrial and the business civilizaton which makes it difficult to lead Christian lives, even though you are free to do so yourselves.

"OUR LIBERTY, therefore, is incomplete, and in some ways it is a dangerously incomplete limited thing; where color is concerned, it is dangerously limited, and also in the matter of certain aspects of civil corruption. But still it does include liberty. But it is a liberty about which we can be very cynical."

"We American Catholics, particularly those with certain national backgrounds, have a great lesson to learn from our Holy Father the Pope. He listens to every formula for peace. People go in convention to the Eternal City to whom he must necessarily listen. He receives them. Here is what he said recently, for example:

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"YOU SEE, he heard them. He didn't say that he agreed with them. But he congratulated them. He didn't say that they had the answer.

"Until we have an answer, we must listen earnestly, eagerly, open-mindedly, generous-heartedly, to every formula that takes any measure of offering peace, and eventually it will help us to realize an honest peace, and we must be ready to work to formulate the peace as we are ready to contribute both in money and blood for the prosecution of the way which otherwise is inevitable."

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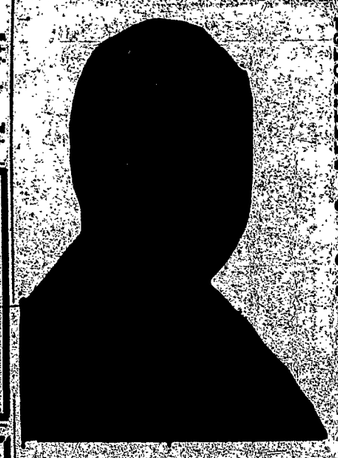
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