

AMONG WOMEN

'Woman Of The Year'

By Mary Lennon Snyder

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At this time of the year in many communities it has become increasingly popular to elect a Woman of the Year. In most instances, the award goes to some fine woman who has been a long and well for her community and we are glad to see her service recognized.



Mrs. Snyder

However, I am frequently haunted by the rhetorical question of Lowell.

"He sings to the wide world And she to her nest; To the nice ear of nature Which song is the best?"

To those of more recent schooling who have not done the intensive study of "The Vision of Sir Launfal" which we of the progressive education era did, perhaps I should explain that as Lowell used the word "nice"

modifying "real" it means "finely attuned".

Without poetic rhetorical questions I should like to nominate several of my acquaintances for "Woman of the Year". My first choice today goes to "The Cheerful Mother". Logically one would expect the word "Mother" to postulate cheerfulness so that in the best of situations, "cheerful mother" would be a tautological expression.

WHAT HAPPIER thought could one cherish than the knowledge that as a parent we are co-creators with Almighty God, dynamic factors in His Divine Scheme, yet how many mothers carry themselves like victims and in the best feminine tradition to relatives and friends of the hardships of raising a family. Granted there are hardships but we think there is a particular heroism in presenting a cheerful face to the world in spite of these.

One example of the cheerful mother is a woman who telephoned me during the past week regarding some committee work. She called to report that she had done her assigned work and in the best feminine tradition we made it an excuse to exchange a little conversation.

Our conversation developed the fact that my friend was Dutch in a kindergarten operetta. She was planning to make the costume, but before that she must design a pattern. It seems that the pattern books display patterns for Pilgrim costumes but no Dutch girls, so we considered

wherein one resembles the other and decided that with a little ingenuity a Pilgrim costume pattern could be converted into a Dutch doll, which incidentally if I remember my American history at all was just what the Pilgrims were trying to avoid.

SIMULTANEOUSLY with the kindergarten operetta costume preparations and kindergarten graduation preparations there is a child who will be making her First Holy Communion this month and will also need special attention and preparation.

There was no complaining in all this just a cheerful anticipation. Finally my friend mentioned she had taken a Third Grade child to the Isolation Department of one of our local hospitals where the child had been admitted as a Scarlet Fever patient.

As a good mother she was concerned but as an intelligent individual she knew that modern medicine would do her child more good than vocalizing of her anxieties to every hearer.

So today my nominee for the Woman of the Year is the Cheerful Mother who in addition to accepting the joys and responsibilities in following God's Divine Plan sees in all things God's love for her and for her children, strong in that confidence, is not disturbed by passing worries.



IN REHEARSAL for a concert on Tuesday, May 8 by young musicians of Blessed Sacrament and St. Ambrose Schools are parents and children shown above. In several selections, parents will join the youngsters under student conductors. In photo above are (from left front row: Russell Blow, Mrs. Mary Voytash and Joan Voytash; back row: Suzanne Blow, Helen Louise Conway, Alice Marie Conway and Mrs. William Conway. (Thomas Casey Photo)

Parents, Young Musicians Join For 'Family Concert'

A unique event in the field of music in the Rochester area will take place in Blessed Sacrament School Auditorium on Tuesday, May 8 at 8 p.m.

A student orchestra, composed of pupils from Blessed Sacrament and St. Ambrose Schools, will join parents and older members of their families in a Family Concert.

Orchestra is under the direction of Sister Helen Anne, S.S.J. Student conductors for the concert will be Barbara Burbank and Monica Weiss.

The young musicians will play some selections by themselves and then both groups will combine. Program will include Scene and Dance from "Swan Lake" "Voices of Spring" by Strauss. Ballet by Tchaikowski and SMALLER ENSEMBLES will include "Violin Sonata in D Major" by Tartini, played by William Conway and his two daughters, Alice and Helen Conway.

Russell and Suzanne Blow, accompanied by Mary Alice Leumeyer, will play the Minuetto movement of "Trio" by Misk. "Country Dance" a cello solo by Earnshaw will be offered by Joan Voytash, accompanied by her mother, Mrs. Mary Voytash.

Other members of the orchestra are: Mr. Fred Bradley, Douglas Bradley, Pete Chrysofides, Edna Chrysofides, Mr. and Mrs. Armand Palfard, Teresa Palfard, Helen Palfard, Bernadette Zicari.

Bishop To Speak At Nurses' Dinner

Geneva — Annual Mother and Daughter Banquet of Geneva Catholic Nurses will be held at 6:30 p. m. Wednesday, May 9, in the Chequer's Restaurant, Rochester.

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