

AMONG WOMEN Thirst For Knowledge

By Mary Lennon Snyder

A series of events, not too closely connected, have united to supply material for today's column. While reading John LaFarge's "The Manner of the Ordinary," I have been impressed by the influence which the writings of Father Faber had upon Father LaFarge as a young man.

Father LaFarge's mother was a convert who "thirsted for more knowledge in her new-found faith." In her search for knowledge Mrs. LaFarge accumulated a small library of Catholic writers among whom one of her favorite writers was Father Frederick Faber of the London Oratory, and she initiated me into his works in my childhood.

LATER ON in recounting the influences which lead him to believe he had a priestly vocation, Father LaFarge recalls: "Mother had purchased a complete set of the works of Father Faber which I read by the hour."

"The man's own personality attracted me. My grandmother Noona's patience with her continual headaches made me sympathize with Faber and admire his seeming cheerfulness under the same affliction. I learned from his books the grandeur and sweep of Catholic dogma."

"Three impressions were particularly lasting: a vivid picture of the immensity, grandeur and beauty of the transcendent God, the story of the Creator; the intense humanness of the God-Man, the mystery of the Incarnation, especially in the mysteries of Bethlehem; and third, Faber's shrewd psychological analysis of the worldly mind, of which I saw plenty around me."

Seton Groups In Action

40th BRANCH of Seton Workers of St. Mary's Hospital held its December meeting, Dec. 3 at the home of Mrs. James Chatterton of Edgemont Road.

9th BRANCH will be entertained at a Christmas Party by Mrs. George Poirier of Beekwith Terrace at her home, Dec. 11 at 8 p.m.

46th BRANCH will have its annual Christmas Party, Dec. 10 at 8:30 p.m. in the home of Mrs. Theodore Strang, Windsor Road.

33rd BRANCH will hold its Christmas party, Dec. 7 at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Thane, Luddington Dr.

DOINGS AT THE DALYS

By Mary Thelcy Daly

The green front door from the outside world into our hall is not exactly a revolving one, but for many years it has been admitting boys and girls, couples, and singles, many of them from the neighborhood.



Mary Daly

That's why, last week, we were taken aback when Markie told us that she wanted us every one of us—to be home Friday evening to meet her date.

"He's an older man," she said gravely, her eyes catching each of ours in turn. "He's a lawyer and almost 24."

"All of that?" The Head of the House asked as Markie's blue eyes came to him. "Well, we'll try to act our age. Want me to put on my evening clothes?"

"On, Daddy?" Markie exclaimed. "But I do wish you wouldn't wear two sport shirts—especially when one's striped and the other's checked. I want him to know how swell you are—how swell you all are!"

That had us.

COME FRIDAY, we were prepared for George. There was an early dinner—fish, of course—and dishes hustled away without a grumble. The girls took upon themselves the task of straightening the living room while Markie dressed. "The Head of the House took off the second sport shirt and checked one and shaved, all in the good cause."

Hmm-mm. "Smells fishy" we sniffed, coming downstairs complete in our most sophisticated black sheathe, 4-inch heels and pearl earrings. Bringing out the air freshener, we paraded through the room with a back-and-forth, up-and-down waxing of the bottle, its wick extended to the utmost.

"Hey, what you trying to do?" the Head of the House asked. "You look like a deacon incensing at High Mass."

"Fish," we commented succinctly, waving the bottle. "George can't let Markie down. Smell better!"

"Smelled all right before," he grumbled. "And for the life of me, I can't see why a man can't find the evening paper."

"Put away in the interest of orderliness," we said, giving one last wave of the air freshener. "Meanwhile you might look at TV?" "Daddy, not that, not a western!" Markie came into the room dressed in her new black velvet. "When George comes, you ought to be reading something kinda highbrow?"

A HALF HOUR went by. Ginny in a crisp green Girl Scout uniform waited. "If Mom doesn't drive me there pretty soon the meeting will be over!" Pat, and Mary also waited—did their dates. Finally, they left.

At 10 o'clock, Markie brought out the second—she checked—sport shirt and silently put it around the shoulders of the Head of the House.

"Warm up, Daddy," she said softly. "Let's turn on the lights."

The three of us sat in silence, pretending to be interested in left hooks, right jabs and wondering when the knockout blow would be struck.

A minor knockout blow had been struck at our house. As she watched TV, in the semi-darkness, Markie took off the earrings, then the necklace.

"Well," she said finally. "Guess I'll turn in. Thanks a million."

Each of us got a resounding kiss and a tight hug.

Nobody bless their hearts, mentioned the fiasco the next day and life went on in its accustomed Saturday pattern.

GROCERY SHOPPING was relegated to the evening when we went to the store in comfort.



Model Altar Piece

REPLICA of the altar in Rochester's Corpus Christi Church. In photo above, is work of parishioner William J. Beutner, 1103 East Main St. Three years in the making, the miniature altar.

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