

AMONG WOMEN

Too Many Meetings?

By Mary Lennon Snyder

A friend of mine once remarked that her liberal arts education had brought her more pleasure after she had retired to homemaking than it had when she was a means to earn a livelihood. Certain it is that she thought "reflected in tranquility" are often enriched by one's knowledge of literature. This I found particularly true during the recent snow storm.

Browsing "Then we come each rebuff that turns earth's smoothness rough" came to mind during our recent storm-enforced inactivity. In the lull which developed because of the storm as I sat listening to the long list of cancellations broadcast daily, I was impressed by the number of meetings scheduled almost hourly in our various communities.

WHAT IMPRESSED me further was the realization that most of these meetings were of a serious nature. I didn't hear many frivolous activities mentioned. Adult education classes, museum classes, countless religious, civic, social service orientated groups are apparently meeting at all hours everywhere.

I did hear a few card parties, church suppers and fashion shows cancelled, but these obviously had been scheduled as money-making projects. Pleasure of those attending such affairs would be of equal or lesser importance to raising money for some worthy cause.

SO MUCH has been written about the intelligent use of leisure. My conclusions are that we certainly are using our leisure profitably for self improvement and for community betterment. But so much of this is done away from the home.

This, in itself, need not be bad, but the rash of cancellations would seem to indicate that recreational activities and character building pastimes all tend to be centrifugal forces pulling us away from the individual home.

Might we not compensate for this by returning from our various away-from-home activities resplendent to contribute to a stronger family life? The furniture re-finishing, to give a simple example, which we learn in adult education classes, might be the basis for a family project.

The point is that we should not use our time at home merely as a period of recuperation and rest before setting out to more meetings and more activities.

So the rebuff of the storm which surely turned life's smoothness rough may enable us to see it is not always the activity but the purpose to which it is put that determines its value.

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Doctor's Wife

Mother's Day Never Ends

By LARRY PATRICK

The human alarm goes off about 6 a.m.

That's the beginning of a normal day for Mrs. John P. Kelly. Her husband is an assistant resident in medicine at the Genesee Hospital. Her working day will finally end about midnight.

The human alarm in this case is her son, John P., Jr., aged seven months.

Much has been said and written about women that "their day's work is never done." This is doubly true in the case of Mrs. Kelly.

In most cases, wives can count on their husbands to help out — at least at night. Young Doctor Kelly, however, has hospital duties which keep him at work as much as four nights a week. Even the three nights home a week is cut down when he goes out on eye bank calls.

Naturally, this leaves Mrs. Kelly with most of the home responsibilities.

In addition to her son, Mrs. Kelly has a daughter, Ann Marie, who will be two in May. She also takes care of the two sons of Raymond Puff, whom they live with at 544 Campbell St.

The Kellys have been living with Mr. Puff and his two children for about one year. Mr. Puff, whose wife died of diabetes, asked them to live there so that his youngsters would have the proper care that only a woman can give.

FOLLOWING Johnny's awakening, Mrs. Kelly takes her youngest down to the kitchen, warms a bottle for him, and feeds him while she slips at a cup of coffee.

At about 6:45, Ann Marie is usually exclaiming her desire to get up and be fed. The two boys, Raymond Puff, aged 7, and his brother Tommy, aged 6, also display a big appetite about then.

"It's just fine if all they want is cereal and Ovaltine, but when the three, Ann Marie, Raymond and Tommy, want bacon and eggs it upsets the whole apple cart," Mrs. Kelly said. "It just takes so much extra time to prepare them — time that I usually don't have." This is probably the opinion of all mothers.

"About this time, my husband's alarm goes off and after a few shouts from me, he gets up, takes a shower and then comes down for breakfast," she added. "He leaves for the hospital about 8.

During this time, the two boys prepare themselves for school — they both attend Holy Family on Arnes St. "They do a good job in washing and dressing themselves. The only thing I have to do is tie their ties."

Then for the first time, she has a chance to sit down and have her own breakfast—usually coffee and toast. "I'm too busy to get anything else for myself," she related.

The washing goes in at 10:15, "or thereabouts." The rest of the morning is devoted to ironing, sewing or cleaning and feeding the two youngsters in between jobs.

"Before you know it it's 11:30 — time to get a hot lunch ready for all the kids. Tommy, who's in Kindergarten, comes home to stay at noon while Raymond eats his lunch and then goes back to Holy Family school, where he is in the first grade."

"In the afternoon, I start off by feeding Johnny, hearing Tommy's lesson and preparing Ann Marie for her nap. When Johnny gets all tired out, he gets his nap.

If she has time, Mrs. Kelly grabs a nap in the afternoon, mostly on doctor's orders. She is expecting her third child sometime this August.

AT THREE o'clock, the moun-



MOTHER'S HELPER, Anne Marie Kelly, not quite two, helps her mother sort clothes, prior to their being ironed. Mrs. Kelly is the wife of Dr. John P. Kelly, an assistant resident at Genesee Hospital.

tain erupts. Young Raymond comes from school. Ann Marie and Johnny wake up and Tommy, who plays by himself in the afternoon, joins in the mob in creating the children under-foot problem. Under whose foot? Mrs. Kelly's.

"The boys do help at supper time, though. They help me set the table so by the time Roy (Senior) comes home, dinner is all prepared."

After supper, the Kellys go into the living room and play with their youngsters until 7:30, when they prepare them for bed.

"We usually read to Ann Marie from those little picture books that are devoted to the lives of Christ and the Saints. Naturally, she doesn't understand too well, but my husband

Nazareth Alumnae Sets Annual Fund Drive

The Nazareth College Alumnae Association will hold its annual "loyalty fund drive," tomorrow and Sunday, March 1 and 2.

Mrs. Donald Hurley and Mrs. Edmund Schwab, co-chairmen of the drive, have announced that the goal for this year's drive is \$10,000. The money will go to the college's expansion program.

LOCAL WORKERS on the drive are Mrs. George Polrer, special gifts and Margaret Mary Donegan, publicity. The drive captains are the Mesdames Richard Hamlin, Richard Tschiderer, Harry Mylius, Edward Wolfon, Bernard Fenlon, Dorothy Forward, Fernando Dinardo, Herbert Maxwell, Kenneth Carroll, Edmund Bowman, Richard Cross, Francis Ferris, James Melville, James Scott, Joseph Fraver, Albert Burke, George Doebli, Norman Pfeiffer and the Mesdames Dolores Bartash, Margaret Dunlap, Mary Joan Fitzgerald, Janet Wing, Betty Crowley, Dorothy Dispenza, Martha Riley and Helena Donnelly.

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DOINGS AT THE DALY'S

By Mary Tinley Daly

"Togetherness," that word of Madison Avenue coinage, has for some time left us cold. Then it came under the collar.

When first banded about, we assumed the connotation as a closeness of family relationships. But when "togetherness" luncheons were held with prizes for the biggest sales records, and "togetherness" awards made for obvious publicity purposes, we had had it as far as "togetherness" went.

And then, late yesterday afternoon the distasteful word was sprung again, having filtered down from Madison Avenue to our house.

"Mom, for 'togetherness,' let's all watch the spectacular while we eat dinner, huh?" Ginny asked. "It cost a billion dollars to produce—or maybe it was only a million. Anyway, we all want to see it and it comes just at dinner time. This once, could we bring our diners into the living room and sit in front of the TV?"

Sunday dinner from trays—with each of us merely a pair of eyeballs?

The idea didn't appeal at all, and the Head of the House wasn't around to issue the final verdict.

"Please, Mom," one of the teenagers pleaded. "Daddy'll want to see it, too. It's one of those things we all ought to see."

DINNER WAS almost ready—and the rascals knew it. To have put it off for another hour would have ruined the long preparation. To eat from trays would have spoiled the effect of a beautiful platter of oven fried chicken with special sauce, plus the festive paprika decorations, and the spicy peaches as garnish. Yet to deny the chance to see the spectacular would have caused resentment.

And so we compromised — if

Marian Award Test Set For Catholic Girls

Examination for the Marian Award will be held for Camp Fire Girls, Girl Scouts and members of the Catholic Daughters' junior groups on April 20 and 27 in Columbus Civic Center according to Miss Mary Hinchey of Monroe Council of Catholic Women.

The award is made by the National Council of Catholic youth to a girl in the area who is outstanding in her religious activities. This nation-wide standard award is sponsored here by Monroe Council, The Rev. Eugene H. McFarland, diocesan director of youth said.

All candidates who have not yet done so must register with Miss Hinchey, 39 Vick Park B. chairman for Rochester, immediately. A total of 100 girls she said are preparing for the test who are not yet registered. Girls who are not in the Scouts or other groups are also eligible.

Plans are being made to present the awards May 13 in Sacred Heart Cathedral.

Berlin Church

Berlin — (NC) — A church, dedicated to 'Queen of Martyrs,' will be erected near Berlin's Ploetzensee jail where Catholics and other victims of the Nazi persecution were executed.

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The Head of the House arrived just as we were about to begin.

"TV in the dining room," he asked. "But I thought we'd agreed."

The setting down of the steaming platter of golden fried chicken, the piping hot bowls of vegetables coincided exactly with the fanfare of the grand opening of the spectacular.

So, heaven help us, the Head of the House held up the saying of grace for the "Now, presented for the first time on any screen."

"Pst, Mom," Markie stage-whispered. "Hunch over to this corner of the table. Your head's in the way."

A quick over-to-the-grandstand side of the table—already occupied by other lunchers over.

We became a full quota of eyeballs as the spectacular held our interest—even mine. Knives and forks were bled, food was consumed. That dinner might as well have been ham, or even peanut butter sandwiches. Why had we bothered with the fancy chicken? Not a word was spoken, save an occasional, "O-oo!"

Came the commercial. We all emerged momentarily from the enchantment, finding ourselves crowded together along one side of the table, for all the world like a row of benched baseball players.

"Another helping, anyone?" the Head of the House asked.

Plates were passed automatically. Everybody would have some more—but for the moment, they knew not what.

Again silence as the story proceeded. Appetites appeased somewhat, all sat and watched.

CAME THE FINALE. . . A

sigh went around the table. "Click it off," the Head of the House ordered. "This has been most unusual. Next spectacular, let your mother know ahead of time. She spent a lot of time on this dinner and you don't even know what you had. We've had no family conversation."

"I know!" Ginny ventured. "It was the best roast pork we've ever had!"

"See what I mean?" the Head of the House laughed.

Dessert was different. Though it was only jello and cookies, we all were a family again. A few comments on the spectacular—hold-over from our enraptured of a while ago. And then family talk.

Oh, well, perhaps a deviaton now—and then from the familiar family pattern is all right. Maybe it's even—ugh—"togetherness."

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