

Africa Bishop Visits Canada
Ottawa (NC) — Bishop John Bokenfroh, O.M.I., of Kimberley, the diamond center of South Africa, is visiting Canada to enlist the aid of Sisters and priests for his missions and material help for his schools. He has traveled a long way from his home in St. Albert, Alberta, since he joined the Oblates as a young man some 40 years ago. He had served as assistant general of the Oblates in Rome for six years when he was consecrated Bishop of Kimberley.

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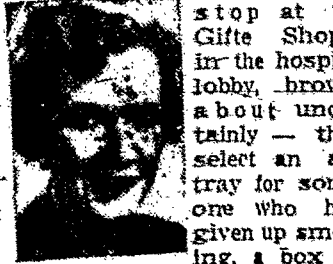
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DOINGS AT THE DALY'S

By Mary Tinley Daly
We've visited friends who were ill, pondered what to take as a token... With a minimum of foresight, we'd stop at the Gift Shoppe in the hospital lobby, browse a bit uncertainly—then select an ash tray for someone who had given up smoking, a box of candy for a patient with stomach trouble.



After such flascos, we settled for that whimsically imaginative standby, a cactus plant. In its green pot, it is to be found in any Gift Shoppe—porcelain Mexican girl, tangelo on one side, Mexican boy, waddling on the other. Between them, the cactus, the one thing we can't kill—and we thereby imply that our friend is equally brown-thumbed. Arriving in the sickroom, we find that our friend already has six such cacti—tama green pots with the Mexican couples—and now she has seven!

So, it occurred to us that readers who might be as lacking in ideas as ourselves might like to hear of gifts that do show thoughtfulness and imagination—the sort that have brought a wealth of solace, comfort and convenience to our Mary, flat-on-her-back, encased in “the summer sack” of plaster from here to there, but doing nicely, thank you. BEST OF ALL is the personal touch: visits, cards, notes and phone calls. Then the bed table loaned by Aunt Margaret: on four squat legs, its top flat for meals, tilted for reading or holding a mirror; the highly offer of Mrs. Philip Caulfield, a hospital bed no longer in use; “I'll send my boys right around to set it up!” The boxes of small gay note paper, some with a stamp on each envelope; The “reclining spectacles” loaned by Mr. Frank May; you put ‘em on, look straight ahead and, believe it or not, you are

Gifts For Those Who Are Ill

reading the book laid flat on your chest—a boon to incarcerated book-lovers.

The push-top room freshener; supply of back-scratchers (they break easily); flowers arriving every now and then; ice cream; puzzles and games; sachet; a bedside bell; small pillows of varying sizes to relieve pressure on knees, shoulders and armpits; subscription to a daily paper; bed jackets; bubble bath to perk up even bath-in-bed; an occasional cake, cookies or fruit; the case of soft drinks from Mrs. Shippe (delivered anonymously);

THE BED-BASKET from Marguerite Culhane, concocted only by one who knows, first hand, what it means to be confined for a long period. Basket is light and manageable—15 by nine by six inches, with a sturdy handle and filled with more than a dozen small, immediately useable gimicks, each wrapped separately; manicure and other cosmetics; ear rings, a deck of cards, a strong eight by eight inch plastic bag with drawstring that can be pinned to the bedsheet and so keep always accessible fountain pen, pencil, hair clips and other small items that have a way of getting lost—perfume, fancy soap... Such a Bandora box can last for weeks, if you have a patient patient. Or it can provide one big Christmas in August, as it did for Mary! And the promise of a new dress from Aunt Virginia (fashion magazines take on a new meaning). Then the books—all kinds—mysteries which dull the pain of long nights; cartoons that cause a chuckle; light summer reading, interspersed with the philosophical, the historical and the spiritual. All have a valued place in Mary's summer of 1958, adding to her entertainment for store of knowledge and especially to the growth of her inner life. IN ADDITION to spiritual reading, other gifts that help Mary's prayer life during these months of bodily incapacitation. Some of these suggestions might be helpful: The wrist rosary of one decade brought by Aunt Margaret Croarkin. Light, usable and unobtrusive, it is a precious companion during sleepless hours; an extra set of blessed candles; a chapel set, cinder of lace for Mary to wear when she receives Holy Communion; fancy cloth for bedside table, reserved solely for that precious occasion; scapular and medals from the Sisters of the Visitation...

Pope Always Ready To Greet Newlyweds With Blessing, Gift

By LUCIANO CASIMIRRI (N.C.W.C. News Service)

Vatican City — What Niagara Falls is for honeymooners in the United States, Rome is for Italian newlyweds. And it is traditional that His Holiness Pope Pius XII is always ready for them with his blessing and a gift. For many years the dispenser of this fatherly gesture of the Pontiff has been a 59-year-old Christian Brother from Ireland, Brother William Bernard Welsh. It is his happy duty, among many other tasks, to receive the newlyweds and to provide them with the mementos of their visit and with the necessary means to gain admission to a papal audience where they will receive the Pope's blessing. THIS SPECIAL attention to newlyweds had its beginning during the pontificate of Pope Pius XI. It was continued by Pope Pius XII in a deliberate effort to demonstrate his fatherly at-

fection for them as well as to teach the high importance of the nucleus of the Christian family. Evidence of this is found in the more than 80 discourses between March 1939 and May 1943 which he made to or about married couples. With the coming of war and its destruction there were less weddings and travel was impossible, so the audiences were discontinued. But when times returned to normal newlyweds, who at first had been received in special groups, now intermingled with the general groups. But the practice of giving them gifts was resumed as before. The gifts are a white rosary for the bride and a medal of the Holy Family for the groom. The groom is given, besides, a booklet containing the prayers and excerpts of the Pope's speeches on the family. The newlyweds who come to Rome and seek the Pontiff's

blessing, present themselves at the bronze doors beneath the right arm of the colonnade that fronts St. Peter's Square. By the time they have run the gauntlet of curious stares in the square and have passed the gentle challenge of the Swiss Guard and the Papal Gendarmes, they arrive at Brother Welsh's office timidly. When they meet the man they are reassured. The wedding couple enter the third room back from the entrance of the Maestro di Camera's office and are greeted with, “Are you bride and groom? Then come here to me.” AFTER A FEW short words of greeting, Brother Welsh asks to see the parish wedding certificate. Sometimes, with the confusion of leaving after the wedding, this has been forgotten, and the Brother's mastery of diplomacy comes to the fore. By a few discreet questions he ascertains immediately their good faith. This done, he presents them with their mementos and tells them what they must do to receive the Pope's blessing. “It is so—Aunt,” Brother Welsh says, “to see with what devotion most of the couples kiss the little objects that the Pope has given them. And it is easy to imagine that these little gifts will be taken back home with them as the most precious souvenirs of their honeymoon.” The great majority of the newlyweds are, naturally, Italians, but all newlyweds are free to come. Not a few come from France, Spain, Germany, Austria and Ireland. Many of the non-Italians who are wedded in St. Peter's Basilica go afterwards accompanied by the wedding party to receive the Pope's gifts. A good number of these are the Slavs from the refugee camps in the vicinity of Rome. These, following a tradition in their country, always offer a white flower to Brother Welsh. The number of newlyweds that come depends on the season. In the spring and fall there are as many as 400 couples a day. But the year-round average, according to Brother Welsh, is about 100 couples a day.



MR. and MRS. GEORGE A. BUTTS

Golden Wedding To Be Observed By Couple

Golden Wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. George A. Butts of 63 Grafton St. will be observed on Tuesday, Sept. 2 with Monsignor George W. Eckl who celebrated Nuptial Mass, 50 years ago celebrating the Anniversary Mass and hearing the renewal of the wedding vows.

The Mass will be celebrated at 9 a.m. in St. Andrew Church where the couple were married. A dinner for the immediate family will follow at Reiter's Charcoal Pit at noon. THE COUPLE will receive friends, relatives and acquaintances on Sunday, Sept. 7 at the Party House, Bohon Road at a buffet and reception. Mr. Butts founded the Lake View Printing Co. in 1914 and retired seven years ago when his eldest son, George J. took over the business. Mr. and Mrs. Butts are the parents of four children, George J., Edward F., Mrs. Carl Trott and Sister Mary Bernard, R.S.M. and have eight grandchildren.

Truman Relative Enters Seminary

St. Louis (NC) — A grandnephew of former president Harry S. Truman has started studies for the priesthood at the Jesuit Fathers', St. Stanislaus Novitiate in suburban Florissant. He is John R. Truman, son of Mr. and Mrs. John C. Truman of Independence, Mo., and the grandson of J. V. Truman, brother of the former president. Mrs. John Truman is a Catholic. “I read a lot about being a priest, and thought about it a lot,” the young Truman told newsmen. He said he had wanted to be a priest “as long as I can remember.”

Rosary Prayers Ask Strike End

Leadville, Colo.—Daily Rosary services were instituted at Annunciation church here in hope of ending a strike of 1,100 men at the plant of the Climax Molybdenum Company. The Rev. James B. Hamlin, pastor, said the entire Leadville economy is at stake in the strike, which began July 21. He said the special Rosary services will continue until the strike is settled.

Niagara Grads Wed In Buffalo

Miss Dolores Eve Gay, daughter of Mrs. Joseph S. Gay, married to John William Dewey, the son of Mr. and Mrs. William F. Dewey of Troy Road in a ceremony Saturday in St. Florian Church, Buffalo. Both are graduates of Niagara University. The ceremony was performed by Monsignor D. Gregory Dugan, Catholic Chaplain of Auburn prison and uncle of the groom. Monsignor Dugan celebrated the Nuptial Mass. The matron of honor was Mrs. Betty Ruth Pachla, aunt of the bride and the bridesmaids were the Misses Patricia A. Heavey of Niagara Falls and Mary F. Zaleski of Chicago. Diane M. Parker was flower girl. Best man was James W. Dulin of Utica and ushers were Robert C. Guy of Buffalo, W. John Keellogg of Pen Argyl, Pa., John W. Short of Maplewood, N.J. and Eugene A. Vallety of New York City.

New Cathedral For Mission Area

Maseru, Basutoland (NC) — Some 15,000 Basuto Catholics attended the opening of the new Cathedral of Our Lady of Victories here. Bishop Joseph D. Des Rosiers, O.M.I., of Maseru blessed the cathedral. Special bus service brought the large number of visitors to the ceremony. Many of them traveled for as much as three days from distant parts of Basutoland and the Union of South Africa. Books at the Rochester Public Library will keep you informed about current problems.



MRS. TARDIBONE Couple Wed In Auburn Rite

Auburn — The wedding of Miss Marilyn L. Mehan, daughter of Mrs. Ann Mehan of 207 Janet St., Auburn, and Benedicto J. Tardibone, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Tardibone of 33 Van Antwerp Street took place Saturday, Aug. 16 in St. Mary Church, Auburn with the Very Rev. Msgr. James G. Coffey officiating. The bride was given in marriage by her uncle, John Clark. Attendants were Mrs. Patricia LePloche, Mrs. Alfred Adams and Miss Angie Tardibone. Thomas Leader, Jack Mehan and Michael Tardibone.

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