'Two Blind Mice' Scheduled For Aquinas Stage

St. Genesius Club of Aquinas Institute will present "Two Blind Mice" by Samuel Spewack as its first play of the season, on Dec. 5 and 6 at 8:15 p.m.

Included in the cast are Tom Hogan, Beatrice Silvio, Sharon Elam, Bill Ammon, Dave O'Brien, Gary Mart, Sue Sorokti, Dave Robinson, Paul Feda, Tom Sorokti, Chuck Arengi, Dick Noonan, John Robbins and Rick Ferris.

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DOINGS AT THE DALY'S — Progress Report

By Mary Tinley Daly

This column is an apology.

It's a typical example of human nature's tendency to say "Please" and forget the "Thank you," or at least the follow-up.

Mary Daly

Mea culpa, mea culpa, mea maxima culpa.

During the past summer — the summer of 1958 which we shall never forget — our attention was pivoted principally on the spinal operation of our daughter Mary.

We hoped that we had thanked you, the readers of this column, for your prayers. However, from your letters of inquiry, we note that we have failed to tell you that those generous prayers were answered a thousandfold.

Humbly grateful, we report: Mary is fine. In medical terms, the report might be, "The patient is progressing satisfactorily and, barring complications unforeseen at this time, should show a normal rate of recovery."

In our language: Mary is O.K.

THERE HAS BEEN, of course, a rather long convalescence: from body cast, to short cast, to the somewhat complicated back brace she must wear for the next few months. However, Mary is now back in school — a sophomore in college, keeping up with her work, but tiring very easily.

We can tell when she's tired — tell by the whiteness around the mouth, the faint blue shadows under her eyes, but we pretend not to notice, go on and play the game with Mary. It's hard, when you're young, not to be able to keep up with the procession, but are intense will to do can help.

Since everybody in school has to take "fized" in some form, she signs in, dons gym suit and sits on the bench keeping score. "Well," she laughs, "they also serve the requirements of the physical education course who only sit and wait it out!"

One reason for the tiredness is that muscle tone was quite naturally impaired by the long incarceration. "Melted away" as the skillful orthopedic nurse, Miss Mary P. Billmeyer, puts it.

Thanks to the quick-witted know-how of Miss Billmeyer, those muscles are now being restored. A series of short self-helps demonstrated by this expert have put the other Mary on her feet in more ways than one. First there was the lifting of the right leg, ho-o-old — it wouldn't hold — then the left. . . .

After a while when each would ho-o-o-old, there was the lifting of the leg with a pound of sugar on each — then an increase in weights.

"It's up to you, Mary," Miss Billmeyer told her. "Nobody can strengthen those muscles now but you. And to do it right those muscles must get tired."

Now, the five-pound sugar bags are more easily manipulated day by day. (I guess you'd say pedipulated, wouldn't you?)

At any rate, Mary is doing just fine.

LUCKILY, the styles this year favor one who must wear a spinal brace for, with the 1958 fashionable back drapery, the steel-and-straps contraption is scarcely noticeable.

Except now and then . . . such as the shocker she received from a classmate: "I hadn't noticed that you were humpbacked until just now. . ."

Remarks like this, the veiled staring, the "wonder-what's-the-matter-with-her" revealed by quickly averted eyes—these all have made Mary conscious of the value of tact and kindness and true charity.

This has been an experience for Mary physically and emotionally that has tested not only her bones and muscles, but her faith and fortitude; her stamina but one that has had a really maturing effect.

Novices List Concert Of Choral Music

Members of the Novitiate of the Sisters of St. Joseph will present an informal concert of choral music in Nazareth College Auditorium on East Ave., on Sunday afternoon, Nov. 30.

The program has been arranged to acquaint the parents and friends of the Sisters with the types of music that are an integral part of living in the Novitiate the liturgical chants of daily High Mass, educational and recreational music—and to share with their families the joy experienced in singing together.

AMONG THE numbers will be an Advent Trilogy in honor of the Holy Family to usher in the Advent season, a group of hymns suitable for singing at Low Mass and composed in the spirit of the prayers of the Mass in accordance with recent decrees of Pope Pius XII, and a Communion processional.

Selections from music education courses studied in the Elementary Teacher Education Department of the College are likewise included. Admission is by invitation only.

AMONG WOMEN

Gift Without A Giver

By Mary Lennon Snyder

"The gift without the giver is bare" is a thought that seems to be quite widely forgotten during the season of frenetic giving upon which we are now embarking. While I realize that nothing I say will alter the pattern of Christmas buying and giving, nevertheless I am going to put forward today a few suggestions.

Mrs. Snyder

I do not question that many of those who buy the "amusing" gifts for the "person who has everything" are well intentioned, charitable individuals. By buying a mink trimmed can opener, they do not intend, I am certain, to detract from the dignity or solemnity of the Christmas season; it is simply a matter of having to buy and give something to someone surfeited with the goods of this earth.

For the person who has everything I suggest either a spiritual or intellectual gift; for not one of us has everything we need in those areas. I often wonder what the recipients of some of the "amusing" gifts do with them after Christmas. I suppose they keep an eye out for the first rummage or white elephant sale.

HOW MUCH better than getting a gift one does not need or want would be a spiritual gift! The money otherwise foolishly spent could be given in the recipient's name to a worthy cause. If the recipient is a member of the Catholic Church, there are many places that suggest themselves, such as the Diocesan Office of the Propagation of the Faith.

Even without inquiring, I am sure that any office receiving a gift of this sort would acknowledge with some kind of note or letter which one could then tuck into a Christmas card and mail to the friend. The buying power of the dollar has been steadily decreasing, but in the world which depends upon our charity every little bit helps.

Most adults have "pet charities" to which a friend's giving would be a most graceful and appreciated gesture.

I am writing this on Sunday. While preparing dinner I listened to Father Tormey's broadcast and his interview with Mother Mary Mercy, the Maryknoll physician, who was his guest on the program.

I HAD JUST finished skimming through the advertisements in the Sunday edition of a large New York paper and I was struck by the contrast between the world those papers represent and the world which Mother Mercy had ministered to in the Far East, particularly Korea.

When in response to Father Tormey's questions about hardships on the missions, Mother Mercy answered that one of the hardest things to undergo was to witness people die from thirst and cold. I was once more impressed with the continuing need of our prayers and our charity in today's unfeeling world.

We might also consider some Christmas charity not only for our living friends, but also in the name of our deceased benefactors, those who have gone before us but who have made our lives the pleasant and comfortable ones they are.

So unless you are absolutely certain that your friend who has everything really needs that mink trimmed can opener, put your Christmas gift money to better use.

Penguin On Display

An Adelie Penguin is currently featured in a special exhibition in the Hall of Natural Science on the first floor of Rochester Museum of Arts and Sciences.

The penguin was collected at Wilkes Station in Antarctica by Robert Long Jr. of 180 Willowbend Rd.

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Rutalis-Bonadio Wedding Held

Teresa Jean Bonadio, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Anthony C. Bonadio of Clifford Ave., and Gerald R. Rutalis, son of Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Rutalis of Shore Acres Dr., were married Nov. 27 in Holy Redeemer Church. The Rev. William Schifferli officiated.

Maid of honor was Miss Lucy Brotsch. Bridesmaids were Miss Margaret Ann Bossi, Mrs. Rita Barlow, and Miss Marie Rutalis. Mary Ellen Goodyear was flower girl.

Rudolph Seigel was best man and ushers were James Steers, Melton Burns and Carl Mommard.

Couple Married At St. Philip Neri

Edith J. Spampanato, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Spampinato of Clifford Ave., and Arthur F. Buckley, son of William J. Buckley and the late Mrs. Buckley of Winton Rd. S. were married Nov. 22 in St. Philip Neri Church.

The Rev. Edward A. Buckley of Holy Saviour Church, Collingswood, N.J., brother of the groom, officiated.

Miss Theresa Campanella was maid of honor. Miss Carol Yeager was junior attendant.

John Walsh was best man and ushering guests were Paul Yeager and John Carroll.

The groom is a graduate of Niagara University.

Lodato-LiVecchi Nuptials Said

Tessie LiVecchi, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Michael LiVecchi Jr. of Lexington Ave., and Frank J. Lodato Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank J. Lodato of Lewis St., were married at Holy Rosary Church Nov. 22 by the Rev. James Doyle. Mass was celebrated by the Rev. Russell Pendergast, C.S.B. of St. John Fisher College.

Miss Frances Leo . . . maid of honor and bridesmaids were Miss Jean Sirmene, Mrs. Pauline Lodato and Mrs. Cosmio Lombardini. Miss Christine Lodato was flower girl and Ronald Scavo, ringbearer.

Cosmo Lombardini was best man and ushers were Michael LiVecchi, William Randazzo and Harry Messina.

The groom graduated from St. John Fisher College and attended St. John's University School of Law. The bride graduated from Nazareth College and is studying for her master's degree at Brockport State Teachers College.

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Wednesday, Dec. 3—Joseph Millner, Holy Family accompanied by Holy Name Society members.

Thursday, Dec. 4—James DeMarle, St. John's, Greece accompanied by Nocturnal Adoration Society members.

Private Property Gone In China

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Exiled Missioner Tells Heart-Break Story

Milwaukee — (NC) — A fourth of the human race lost title to any property it could call its own when China's population was organized into large communes this fall, a Jesuit missionary said.

Father Charles McCarthy, S.J., former prisoner of the Chinese communists, spoke here of changes in mainland China so far-reaching that "thoughtful Catholic laity with warm, honest hearts should pause and look at them a little longer."

The huge segment of humanity in China may forget there is another, human, way of life, because of the brutal force used to organize communes, extreme forms of Soviet collectivization in which nothing, economic or familial, is left to the privacy of the individual.

Loss of property has been accompanied by loss of family life long cherished by the Chinese people, Father McCarthy reported, and the story behind the loss is one of terrorism, executions and arrests.

The Jesuit Father, who sent news reports from Peking and Shanghai from 1947 to 1949 for the N.C.W.C. News Service, estimated that there were at least 2,500,000 executions in six terror campaigns conducted between 1949, when the communists took over, and 1955. More than eleven million persons were sentenced to slave labor camps or "reeducation" in prisons, he asserted.

THE CHURCH'S story in China is a story of sorrows, Father McCarthy said. "Our Lord's sufferings will be a mark of His true Church till the end of time," he explained, "but the suffering Christ is not the whole Christ. He is free as well as prisoned. He is risen as He said, active and very much alive."

Father McCarthy urged his young audience to bring Christ to the world "so that men may be truly men . . . and sons and daughters of God. That is what our Catholic prisoners in China would want you to do for them."

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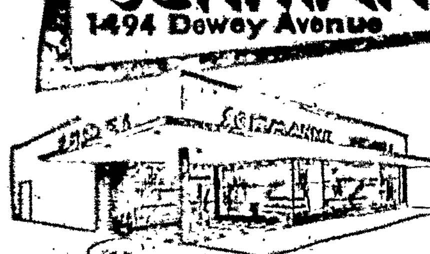
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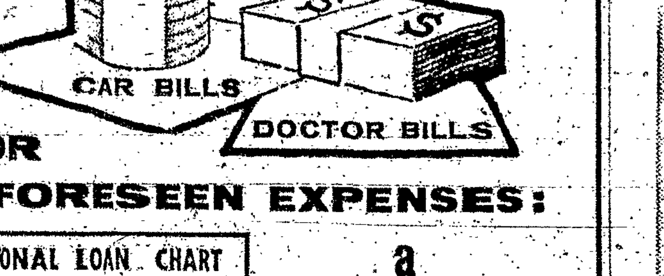

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