

Wonderful News

By MARY TINLEY DALY

Merry Christmas, readers! There's something mighty cheerful about that greeting—short, crisp and to the point. Friendly way of answering the phone at our house all day December 25.

To all of you—North, East, West, South (origin of the word NEWS), we at our house wish you, at yours, the finest and holiest Christmas season ever.

Together, we're celebrating the anniversary of the most wonderful news that ever came to mankind.

Underlying all the hectic "gotta-get-this-done," "Oh-my-goodness-I'll-never-be-ready" atmosphere imposed on us largely by a secular attitude toward this sacred season, there is inherent in every true believer's

Christ the awesome and very real meaning of Christmas.

PERHAPS YOU are one who started your Christmas saving account last December 15 and will face no January bills from your house refurbished, and cleaning clean from attic to basement by Thanksgiving. Lead words written, addressed and stamped in October, presents bought, wrapped and waiting with those for out-of-town mailed by December 1; turkey stuffed and in the freezer, gala holiday garb for the entire household in perfect order; checks made out for end-of-year giving for obvious and not altogether altruistic reasons; boxes docketed inside and out; party invitations issued; food all fixed and frozen awaiting last minute serving.

If so, you are the "Organized Woman" that I have striven, sporadically and vainly, to imitate.

Never made it. Remember the old song, "Suddenly, it's Spring!"

For me, suddenly it's Christmas.

Another coat of paint is still due on the bedroom we did over—but it will stay one-coated until after the holidays; a sock and a half of the pair I started to knit with such sweet remembrance is done, and I hasten to make it to the Head of the House; the 12 kinds of Christmas cookies I'd resolved to have finished end up at six; we are still debating whether or not we should publish our DAILY GREETING this year (and most are willing for it for a picture taken).

AND THAT'S about the state our house is in as December 25 inexorably draws near.

I shouldn't worry, and I don't. It's always been that!

In spite of good resolutions made about how far next Christmas, probably 1950 will be much the same.

This house is clean, on the surface anyway. The redwooden table is in place, tree, wreath and turkey, ordered. Presents for family aren't elaborate but they will be given with fondness. And the "surprise" gifts—those for people who don't expect them but whom we really want to remember—are in hand.

So, what didn't get done will remain in the realm of the "unaccomplished category."

Well, enjoy Christmas as usual; the warmth of family and friendly ties when the horses "always open and people we don't see often enough drop in for no special reason—just because they want to see us, and they know we want to see them.

AND THERE'S the prospect of Midnight Mass, that peak of the season which has an atmosphere all its own. Snow or no snow, there's that White Christmas feeling as we set the house to right, turn on the tree lights, bundle up and start off for Mass together in the cold frosts.

The decorated church, the familiar music, the scent of incense, the glow of candles. Best of all, worship together with loved ones.

And then the "Merry Christmas" greetings.

Gloria in excelsis Deo! The only reason some people count their blessings is to be sure they're keeping up with the Joneses.

Family Rosary Radio Program

Friday, Dec. 25—James Zicari, St. Francis of Assisi. Saturday, Dec. 26—Robert J. Long, St. John the Evangelist. Greece accompanied by employees of Building 23, Machine Shop, Kodak Park.

Sunday, Dec. 27—A representative of the St. Christopher Society of Holy Trinity, Webster. Monday, Dec. 28—Gregory Weider, Blessed Sacrament.

Tuesday, Dec. 29—Peter Deckman, Our Lady of Good Counsel. Wednesday, Dec. 30—Gerry A. Lamonde, St. Anne's.

Thursday, Dec. 31—Bernard F. Gross, Holy Family.

Decency Legion

Class A, Section 1 Journey to the Center of the Earth (Fox) Snow Queen (U-I)

Class B Never So Few (MGM) Objections! In the military trial which exonerates the principal character of the film a moral judgment with regard to definite violations of the Fifth Commandment is so obscured as to arouse undue sympathy for these immoral actions. In addition, the picture contains suggestive sequences.

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Neighborhood Councils Urged

New York — (RNS) — Formation of more neighborhood councils along the lines instituted by the Catholic Interracial Council of New York was urged here by Frank S. Horne, executive director of the New York City Commission on Inter-group Relations as a practical means to end the blight of racial "ghettos."

Warning that "our time is running out," Mr. Horne said neighborhood councils of the type advocated by the Council would "provide a channel for citizens to support and develop the open city" where, among other things, all groups would have the right to bargain for their shelter in a free, open competitive housing market.

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Other students taking speaking parts in the play were: John Robert Hastings; Mary Lucille Marino; Fiddler, Dennis Mahoney; Nancy, Judy Heffernan.

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TICKETS SALES and promotion are being handled by the Rochester Junior Chamber of Commerce. All funds realized by these organizations from the sale of tickets will help finance the coming year's activities in the fields of community betterment and youth development for both these groups.

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FEATURED PLAYERS in DeSales High's "Christmas in Review" were Billy Ballistrer and Jane Curtis.

DeSales Students Present 'Christmas in Review' Play

Geneva — DeSales High School students presented "Christmas in Review" by Clarence J. Styza in DeSales High gymnasium on Sunday evening, Dec. 20, at 8 p.m.

Narrators for the play were Dorothy Fisher and Robert Connolly.

Sara Dimnick played the role of Santa Claus. Soloists were Ann Conley and Barbara DiCostanza. John Russo played the trombone and Marie Vespura accompanied the Christmas carols on the piano.

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Music Theatre Slates 'Bells Are Ringing'

"Bells Are Ringing," the musical comedy in which Judy Holiday starred for 27 months in New York, is to be presented at the Auditorium Theatre on New Year's Eve, New Year's Night and Saturday evening, January 2.

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Off The Record

'Fiorello'

By SUZANNE WIGG

The original cast album of the musical "Fiorello" has just hit the scene. "Fiorello," a new musical on Broadway has the country talking, humming and arguing about it. It is the story of New York's former mayor, Fiorello La Guardia.

"Fiorello" has all the ingredients of a modern musical: Songs, dances, costumes, sets. Yet it is a simple, loving portrait of a man who is dedicated to the people around him. The score by Jerry Bock and Sheldon Harnick paints a superb tribute to some of the musical styles of recent years. There is a bit of barbershop harmony in "Polities and Poker," a period walk in "Till Tomorrow," and a 1930-ish razz-ma-tazz in "Gentleman Jimmy."

The only objection to the score is that every number seems to be shouted by soloists and chorus instead of sung. Also there are too few real singers in the cast. However, the music is tuneful, rhythmic and happy.

THE BRILLIANT arranger-conductor Percy Faith known for his splendid, clever, lush arrangements has recorded an album of the music from the new musical "The Sound of Music" by Richard Rodgers and Oscar Hammerstein.

In this Columbia presentation, Percy Faith, already famous for his programs of music from "My Fair Lady," "Kismet," "House of Flowers," "Lili Abner" and other beautiful scores, has selected some of the highlights from "The Sound of Music" — the ballads, the cheerful tunes with overtones of Austrian themes, and all the rest and brought them together in a delightful orchestral setting of one of Broadway's biggest hits. This is an album everyone would enjoy.

Song is the true vehicle for expression of man's religious spirit. In the album "Holy, Holy, Holy" by the Roger Wagner Chorale selections were chosen from various areas of the vast repertoire of religious music each expressing in its manner the universal spirit of Christianity. The very excellent Roger Wagner Chorale was founded by its eminent conductor in 1916.

Since that time this versatile ensemble has performed almost every major choral work in appearances with the Los Angeles Philharmonic Orchestra, the Hollywood Bowl Symphony Orchestra, and many other of the nation's most prominent symphonic organizations.

DRAMATIC IS the word for "Just Come Home" by Hugo and Luigi on RCA Victor. The arrangement is big and grand enough to be a great anthem or at least a large chorale in an oratorio. However, the lyrics are a bit thin to keep up with

RICHARD MANCINI is the general stage director of the production. Pat O'Hara is choreographing the dances. Sue Wigg is the musical director. Carl Zollo is the designer, and Dave Charleston is stage manager. Tickets for all three performances are still available, and may be purchased at the Auditorium Theatre box office daily from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

\$2,000 Grant Niagara — (NC) — Niagara University has received a \$2,000 grant from the Esso Education Foundation.

St. Louis — (NC) — St. Louis University has received a \$500,000 grant to help build a new Institute of Technology. The grant was given by the Monsanto Chemical Company, Dr. Charles A. Thomas, its president, announced.

It is the second half-million grant received by the university in recent weeks. David P. Wohl, retired executive of a St. Louis shoe company gave the university \$500,000 on September 25 for a new health institute in its medical center.

Theatre Guide

Table listing theatre performances including LOEWS, The Flying Fontaines, The Last Angry Man, Journey to the Center of the Earth, and The Jolson Story.

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