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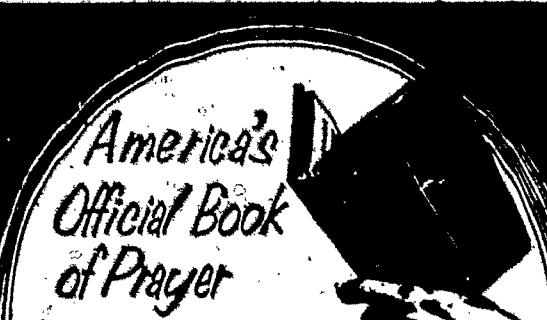
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Thru The Looking Glass

Style In Greetings And Wrappings

BY LOUISE WILSON

Louise Wilson is heard daily, Monday through Friday, on "Women's World" at 10:05 a.m. on Radio Station WHAM.

The idea of Christmas in an envelope . . . the Christmas card . . . is no new-fangled fashion. It began over 150 years ago. Henry Cole of London asked an artist friend to design a card. When completed, the main illustration was a panel depicting the two old Christmas traditions, feeding the hungry and clothing the needy.

While Christmas cards in the early years weren't popular, the early postmen in modern times know well how times have changed. By Christmas eve, three billion Christmas cards will have been sent. This year, the fashion in holiday cards tends more to those of religious nature than in some previous years. The Madonna remains the most popular single religious subject. And in the Christmas greeting cards received thus far, greater emphasis is placed on the message-of peace.

IT SEEMS that the lady of the house who does \$35 of holiday shopping, likes to wrap the presents she gives and likes to give them a personal touch. Gold which made such a big splash last year continues to be big this year. Silver plays a close second with blue, third in popularity.

To do it yourself, to really give your gift-wrapping a personal touch, make your own:

TO MAKE A POINSETIA OF RIBBON: Cut 4 inch pieces of green ribbon, too. A scalloped "Christmas kit" comes equipped with a pair of mistletoe and a supply of cleansing tissue. Another card, much in vogue for this Christmas, includes a snowman, teddy bear, locomotive and peppermint stick already to be made into a merry mobile.

This weekend will surely be the peak of the Christmas card mailing season. To make sure your cards get to their destination, postal authorities recommend a four-cent stamp. This means your cards will be forwarded, if necessary, and besides that, a four-cent stamp allows you more than a signature. If your time permits, you may even write a short note.

You couldn't know Bishop McNamara without loving him.

Somehow, though, Bishop old-timers, built up a good old talk." Built curiously elevated to a seat and getting an occasional nod. The Bishop and the Head of the House would reminisce about the old days in Maryland, and we'd have a cup of tea and a piece of cake.

INEVITABLY would come up the cause of Mother Seton and are, according to Mary Brown, we would tell more about the Arkadiocese which he founded.

YET FOR US, a simple family, he was guide and mentor as he was for so many others. In

stately manner, "With the family frankness

he always had time," Bishop McNamara said and spoke looking back, we wonder how long he stayed in this column.

In the world he made such time with a sign of dictation, but for leisurely, relaxed concern, a few comments as to its strengths and its weaknesses.

Goodness knows, as Vicar, we would talk of world problems a large archdiocese, as pastor of and ours, and upon leaving, a big parish the multiplicity of Bishop always had present for his children.

When our Mary was confined for months, sometimes years, to bed with a back ailment a

we would see Bishop McNamara couple of years ago, Bishop McNamara was one of his first

graduations. At each of these conditions, the Bishop had the knack of saying the right thing. Tall,

Although he was 82 years of thin, "Cardinal Gibbons," his age, the death of Bishop Mc-

Slender fingers would touch the Namara case as a distinct

pectoral cross as he spoke. At shock to this family, as to

without a text, the words countless others,

were sincere, appropriate to the occasion and heartfelt, with

a touch of gentle, humble humor.

Often we would visit him just

too long ago, he told a group of

children: "It is not your praise

I want. I want your prayers."

Those you will always have,

Buff at his heels, welcomed us Bishop McNamara.

And we remember when, not

because we wanted to be in his

quiet presence, stopping by during

Christmas or Easter holidays.

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