

At Our House

Cliff Hanging

By MARY TINLEY DALY



A somberly serious atmosphere pervades our house these days.

Lights burn into the past-midnight hours, are turned on again in the early dawn—in one room, that is, Mary's.

The television murmurs instead of blares. Ginny confines her long-play records for hours when Mary is not at home. Dinner is over quickly, telephone and house noises kept to a minimum.

Saturdays and Sundays, usually carefree, are quiet. No more week-end get-togethers of young people singing around the piano. Now and then Judy Fredericks comes but only for study with Mary, not a sound but the occasional shuffle of papers or the closing of a book.

From Friday afternoon until Monday, Mary scarcely lifts her eyes from books.

Reason?
"Comps."

The abbreviation does not have its theatrical or sporting connotation of "complimentary." Quite the opposite. It is the shortened version of "Comprehensive examination," that dread of college seniors when they are to be examined on any and every phase of their major subjects. Some scarcely remember part of a long-ago past course may loom high in such a thorough work-over.

THE MYSTERY and surprise of "what they will ask" is not at all intriguing at this stage of the game. It is terrifying, for on it may hinge the acquiring or the relinquishment of an A.B. degree.

With an English major such as Mary's, requiring a great deal of reading, and in a college whose academic standards are high—Trinity—preparing for comps is no laughing matter. Recognizing that one cannot " cram " for comprehensive—stay up all night and memorize one book, or several—means that the final two months must encompass not only doing of daily assignments in the liberal arts, but a complete review of the major.

There must be more than "remembering answers" or facing a set of "true or false" questions when luck may well play a part: it is a broad inquiry as to real comprehension of the one field of knowledge you have freely chosen as a major.

In addition to the hushed atmosphere within our house—broken only now and then by an exuberant younger sister whose enthusiasms occasionally run out of bounds—we receive short but frequent letters from Markie who is going through Captain's Table

a like experience of intensive study. Now in her final year of college, with a major in nursing, Markie begs us to, "Pray, and pray hard" at 11 a.m., of a Monday, eight a.m. of a Tuesday, etc.

"Never studied so hard in my life," she writes. "Think I'm doing A-okay, as the astronaut Shepard says—but you never can be sure. Oh, those exams. Wouldn't it be awful to get this far and then flunk out?" This was crossed out as we could imagine our red-head applying "positive thinking" to her problem. "And when these exams are over—pray that I'll pass 'em—then I face state boards! You'll pray, for Mary and me, we'll study. O.K.?"

O.K. say we.

AT THIS STAGE, all we can do is keep the house quiet as possible for Mary, write frequent letters to Markie, pray for them both and for all our other children, and grandchildren, and our children-in-law. These urgent requests, coming at the end of a specified course of studies for Markie and Mary when both are hopeful of graduation, reminds us of a question asked by a member of our Liturgical Study Club. Discussion had been on prayer for the whole Mystical Body. One of the club members asked the moderator, "Father, I'm glad to pray for the whole world, more specifically for the whole United States Army. But surely I could say just one Uncle Sam's Army—our Bill! Couldn't I?"

"Of course you can!" Father agreed.

So it is at our house.

Theatre Guide

- MONROE**
Spartacus (Unobjectionable for adults)
- PALACE**
The White Warrior
Portrait of a Mobster (Objectible)
LOEWS
The Young Savages
LITTLE
Make Mine Mink
- PARAMOUNT**
One-eyed Jacks
- REGENT**
Mein Kampf
Catharsis in Flames
- RIVIERA**
Exodus
- FINE ARTS**
Never On Sunday (Condensed)
- CINEMA**
Returns to Peyton Place
Markie who is going through Captain's Table

Veil Made in 1912
Worn At First Communion

A veil made in 1912 was worn by Maureen Camilla Cole when she made her First Holy Communion in St. Joseph's Catholic Church, Wayland, May 21 occasions. Maureen is the daughter of Police Chief and Mrs. Nathan V. Cole.

The veil was made in 1912 for Maureen's late great-aunt, Mrs. John Hoffman. Mrs. Hoffman wore the veil for both her First Holy Communion and her Confirmation.

Next in line to wear the veil was Mrs. Hoffman's sister, Mrs. J. Rodney Davidson of Waverly. Maureen's grandmother, Mrs. Davidson wore it for only her First Holy Communion, as she made her Confirmation at the same time as her sister, Mrs. Hoffman, and so another veil was procured for Mrs. Davidson.

Third in line for the wearing of the veil, was Maureen's mother, Mrs. Nathan V. Cole. Mrs. Cole wore the veil for both her First Holy Communion and for her Confirmation.

Fourth wearer of the veil was Mrs. Cole's sister, and a family "heirloom."



MRS. JOHN J. CONOLLY

After Miss Davidson wore the veil, it was passed on to Mrs. Cole for her girls to wear. The first wearer of the veil in the Cole family was Sandra Jean Cole, Maureen's oldest sister. She wore it on both occasions also. It made her the fifth wearer of the veil.

Carol Lynn Cole wore the veil for her First Holy Communion but expects to wear it for her Confirmation in the near future. Patricia Kaye Cole made her First Holy Communion last year wearing the heirloom veil.

The veil is a long cotton one, quite plain and of the style worn in that period. However, even though it may be "just a bit out of date" according to the many new types and styles of this modern age, the veil is worn with pride and considered

Couple Says
Wedding Vows

Miss Joyce D. Eberhard, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles H. Eberhard of Elder St., and John J. Conolly, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. Farrell Conolly of Roxborough Rd., were married May 20 in St. Theodore Church. The Rev. Elmer W. Heindl, pastor, officiated and the Rev. John J. Steger, celebrator of the Nuptial Mass.

Miss Jo-Ann Eberhard was maid of honor for her sister and bridesmaids were Mrs. Frederick Van Allen and Miss Carolyn Shafer. Paul E. Conolly was best man for his brother and ushers were William J. Conolly, James F. Conolly and Charles J. Eberhard.

The groom is a graduate of St. John Fisher College.

Sacred Heart Academy
Graduation Dance Set

The 1961 graduation dance of the senior class of Academy of the Sacred Heart, 8 Prince St., will be held at the Midvale Country Club Friday, June 2 at 9:30 p.m. "Candlelight Ball" is the name given to this year's event. The parents, who sponsor the dance, will act as chaperones. Music will be provided by Carl Dengler.

Katherine Wilson is general chairman, Elissa Ferraro, invitations, Julia Gunlocke, programs, Susan Brandmeier, tickets; Clara Shea, refreshments, and Natalie Lote, publicity.

In addition to the dance there will be a number of graduation parties.

Mother Shea will give the traditional luncheon to the graduates on May 31. In the afternoon there will be a tea given by the third academic class. The fourth academic will be serenaded, and prophecies will be read.

Before the June 2 dance there will be a party for the fourth academic at the home of Natalie Lote, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Lote of Yarmouth Road. After the dance, Mary Elizabeth Toney, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. James T. Toney of Nunda Boulevard will entertain.

Susan Holloran, daughter of Mrs. Helen Holloran of Windemere Road, and Susan Sullivan, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James T. Sullivan of Merriman St., will be hostesses at a luncheon at the University Club on June 3.

A luncheon at the Genesee Valley Club will be given June 6 by Ellen Flinagan, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. John J. Flinagan of Canterbury Road; Julie Gunlocke, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Gunlocke of Wayland, and Katherine Wilson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph C. Wilson of Clover St.

Dorothy Norton, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Norton of Rhinecliff Drive will be hostess at a pre-dance party for her class on June 2.

Katherine Robinson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Robinson of Colebrook Dr., will give a party before the dance June 2.

Mary Strobino, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Strobino of Seneca Parkway, will give a party at her home preceding

Mosca Couple
Wed 25 Years

Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Mosca of 427 Murray St. will celebrate their 25th wedding anniversary on June 6. After a Mass in their honor, a dinner will be held at Lorenzo's and a reception at the home of their daughter, Mrs. Anthony Reale.

They were married in St. Francis De Sales Church, Geneva, by the Rev. John Healy. The couple has two children, Mrs. Reale and Michael, and two grandchildren.

Mothers Feted
By Auburn Group

Auburn—Annual Mother and Daughter banquet of the Daughters of Columbus was held Wednesday at Springside Inn, Auburn.

Rev. Robert Caruana, O. Carm., of Mount Carmel High School was guest speaker. Ross Siracusa played the piano and Miss Diane Carnicelli sang. Mrs. Donald Yantch danced accompanied on the piano by Mrs. Michael Carvo.

Mrs. Carmen Viggiano was chairman and toastmaster with Mrs. Madeline Siracusa, co-chairman. In charge of decorations and flowers was Mrs. Patrick J. Sperati. Mrs. Jack Pirocino was hostess. Mrs. Anthony Giannettino and Mrs. Carvo were in charge of program.



MRS. ALEXANDER R. VIOLA

Auxiliary Bishop Lawrence B. Casey officiated at the marriage of Miss Helen Theresa O'Connor and Alexander Robert Viola in Sacred Heart Cathedral, May 20. The Rev. James J. Marvin celebrated the Nuptial Mass.

Viola-O'Connor
Wedding Held
At Cathedral

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas H. O'Connor of Magee Avenue. Mr. O'Connor is associate editor, Catholic Courier Journal. The bridegroom is the son of Alexander Viola of Parkwood Road, and the late Mrs. Viola.

Miss Nancy Holly was maid of honor. Miss Kathleen Collins, Miss Mary Katherine Gaugel, Miss Mary Catherine Schrader and Miss Barbara DeBurgomas were bridesmaids. Susan Marie O'Connor was flower girl. Ring bearers were Timothy John O'Connor, nephew of the bride and Joseph Alexander Viola, nephew of the bridegroom.

Pasquale Viola was best man for his brother. Ushers were Eugene Lamendola, Robert Dean, Robert Simpson and James A. O'Connor.

Mrs. Viola attended Nazareth College. The bridegroom attended State University College of Education at Buffalo.

St. Michael
Alumni Meet

Alumni Assn. of St. Michael's College, University of Toronto held a Communion and supper May 20 at St. John Fisher College. Very Rev. Charles J. Lavery, C.S.B., president of St. John Fisher College, celebrated the Mass and the Rev. John M. Kelly, C.S.B., president of St. Michael's delivered the sermon.

THE COMMITTEE included John C. Regan, newly-elected president, Alumni Chapter; Bernard Delaire, Gregory Byrne, Robert McLaughlin, John Bedford and Joseph Bennett.



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Fresh Air Kids
Set For Summer Visit

Fresh Air Kids will visit the Rochester area again this year sponsored by the Herald-Tribune Fresh Air Fund. Each year the group sponsors a trip for underprivileged youngsters from New York City to various upstate locations.

Ranging in age from five to 12, the children leave behind the noise and confusion of New York for the sun and fresh air of smaller communities. Room and board is made available to the children by individual families.

The arrival date for the children are July 6 and 19 and departure dates are July 19, Aug. 3 and Aug. 31. Interested persons may obtain information from Mrs. John Wilson, 1589 Edgewood Ave., LU 6-6164 or Mrs. Stanley Barash, 4164 W. Henrietta Rd., ED 4-3608.

Homes are sought for the children for any length of time between the above dates, but a two week period is preferred. Interested families may specify what age, sex, etc. they would like as their guests. Reservations should be made before June 10.

A film-strip depicting the children in their home-neighborhoods as well as in the typical homes which receive them was shown to the members of the Guardian Angels Rosary Society, Henrietta, recently. Any organization interested in showing the film at their meetings should contact Mrs. Doris Van Vechten, BR 1-4438.

Engagement
The engagement of Miss Nancy Jean Lux, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert F. Lux of River Meadow Dr., has been announced to Thomas J. O'Brien, son of Mr. and Mrs. Alfred C. O'Brien of Scottsville Rd. A December wedding is planned.

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MASS UNDER A THATCHED ROOF
A Bishop in southern INDIA writes us: "Twenty-two families (150 people all together) have joined the Church in PULPALY (Diocese of TIRUVALLA). Mass is being offered in a temporary hut, under a thatched roof. Catechism is being taught in the same hut—and at night this is where the priest gets his sleep. Prospective converts in PULPALY are numerous—but we must have a permanent church. The cost for land and church is \$3,000. Can you get people to send us something? Mark your gift, large or small, "PULPALY."

THE MAN WHO HAS EVERYTHING
OR THE WOMAN, FOR THAT MATTER, IS A PROBLEM AT GIFT TIME. You want to say Thank You, Happy Birthday, or Congratulations. But what do you give the man or woman who has everything? Our suggestion saves you time and worry. Let us send him a Catholic Near East Gift Card... an attractive, artistic message, signed by us, indicating you have—in his name—sent to a needy missionary a sacred article needed for the Mass. What gift could be more unusual, more beneficial to your friend and to the Church, more permanent than a lifetime? Here are some gift suggestions:

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□ Monstrance	40	□ Sanctuary Lamp	15
□ Crucifix	35	□ Pictures	15
□ Stature	30	□ Pyx	15
□ Chalice	40	□ Altar Linens	5
□ Ciborium	40	□ Sanctuary Bell	5

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