

We Get Letters

By MARY TRINLEY DALY

Experience with this column has proved, over the years, that when you write about nuns, readers write back, right away (pun intended).

It's happened again.

A seemingly innocuous column recently, describing a visit to our house of two delightful guests, Sisters of "the new breed," brought forth a spate of letters, some commendatory, others anything but.

Strangely enough, seldom do Sisters themselves mind being the subject under discussion. We have found them to be cheerfully tolerant and good natured. Rather, it is their lay advocates who assume extreme sensitivity, pro or con.

NEW ENGLAND

From a woman in New England:

"I like what you say about 'the new breed' of Sisters. Our parish school is fortunately staffed by Sisters like 'the lively ones' as you call them. They seem to understand the children far better than the lay teachers do, though you'd think it would be the other way around.

"When our eight-year-old was ill for six weeks, his teacher, a young Sister, came to visit him every week. She would tell him what was going on at school, how much he was missed by the other children and when he grew stronger, she brought his books, outlined what was going on in each subject. She never put any pressure on him to keep up with the school work but he himself took on a new interest and asked me to help him with reading, arithmetic and the rest. As a result of her interest, he didn't dread going back to school, far behind his classmates. Sister even gave him individual coaching so that it wasn't long until he actually had caught up with his class.

"I don't say an older Sister wouldn't have done the same, but I do think the Sisters entering the convent these days are more skilled in guidance and understanding of children. Here's to them!"

MID-WEST

Then from the mid-west comes a thoughtfully prepared letter from one who calls herself "a moderate progressive with an occasional banking or rummage around in the past be-nighted decades" and who finds "in the archeological debris of the 1900, 1910, 1920, 1930 decades a few jewels."

"She then presents these as the real 'beaten' (beat) Americans today: premarital promiscuity, mounting venereal disease, and disregard for civil and practically every other type of authority. "These are problems in my estimation almost as important as nuns' attire," she continues though the column in

question mentioned nuns' attire only in passing.

Though the writer does not identify herself as a nun, she does say "although my skirt or habit is not sidewalk long, nor black, I am very glad that it does conceal my varicose veins and knobby knees" and refers to the expressions of admiration at the Eucharistic Congress in India for the beauty of the sar-draped Indian women.

We agree. We agree also with her statement: "Dear Mrs. Daly, may I give you another tip-off on the New Breed terminology. Many, many young Sisters are extremely irritated to be pointed up as New Breeders. They want to do their own thinking and not be placed in the category that that stereotyped term connotes."

"New Breed" designation withdrawn from any further comment on "the lively ones."

AND BACK HOME . . .

This letter was occasioned by the fact that the column referred to became "the Scriptural text for today's homily on the Fifth Sunday of Pentecost" at the Mass the writer attended, and contained a warning to other columnists of "a possibility of their being included among the evangelists of the 'New Scripture.'"

Well . . . When that seemingly light column left this typewriter, we had no idea it would stir up either admiration or ire, much less become the subject of a homily!

To quote Edgar A. Guest, "I'd rather see a sermon than hear one any day."

And we thought that in the visit of our "lively ones" we were "seeing a sermon"—never in the world causing anybody to "hear one!"

Playhouse Lists 'Slow Dance'

Considered by many critics to be the best of Broadway last season, "Slow Dance on the Killing Ground," starring Clarence Williams from the original cast, will be presented at Town and Country Playhouse, Aug. 10-15, in the air-conditioned East High Theatre, Main at Culver.

Town and Country is one of just two playhouses offering the play written by William Hanley, said to be one of this country's most talented and promising playwrights, this summer. A departure from the usual stock fare, it is a human drama concerning three representative characters, seeking to expiate their guilt.

Clarence Williams will play a young negro with an IQ of 187, a congenital hole in his heart, a mother he hates and a remarkable understanding of human nature. Williams made his Broadway debut in this role after appearing off-Broadway in DOUBLE TALK with Franchot Tone last season.

"Gig," a play with music starring George Hamilton, is now playing at Town and Country Playhouse through Aug. 8.

Charles Lyons Requiem Sung

Funeral Mass for Charles Howard Lyons was offered by Rev. Gerald J. Appelly in Sacred Heart Cathedral, Saturday, July 24. Mr. Lyons, 64, of 536 Ridge Road West, a 42 year veteran of Eastman Kodak Company died July 21, 1965.

He was a member of Kodak Camera Club, 308 Club, Rod and Gun Club and Kodak Pioneer Club.

Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Geraldine Hanna Lyons; one son, Robert C. Lyons, B.T.C., United States Navy of San Diego, Calif.; three grandchildren; one brother, Thomas Herbert Lyons.

Father Appelly gave the blessing at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery. Arrangements by Henry D. Halloran Son Inc., Arnett Blvd.

William Fullam Requiem Mass

Funeral services for William M. Fullam who died July 30, 1965 at his home, St. Monica St. were held Monday, Aug. 2, at 9 a.m. in St. Monica's Church.

Requiem High Mass was celebrated by Monsignor Gerald Lambert in the sanctuary were Father Gerald Dunn and Father William Barrett.

Mr. Fullam was a retired engineer, N.Y. Central Railroad, a member of the Brotherhood of Railroad Maintenance and Way Union, Nocturnal Adoration Society and the Holy Name Society, St. Monica's Church.

Interment at Holy Ghost Cemetery, Gates. Last blessing was given by Monsignor Lambert.

He is survived by his wife, Barbara Witzel Fullam; a son, William B. Fullam; a brother, Frank; three sisters, Mrs. Arthur Higbie, Mrs. Guy Higgins, and Mrs. Edward Throne, and three grandchildren.

Arrangements by Davidson Brothers Funeral Home.

MOVING?

—ACROSS THE NATION —ACROSS THE STREET CHOOSE THE "SERVICE" THAT CAN'T BE BEAT Call LIONEL COURTEMACHE

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MARYKNOLL MISSIONER Father Howard T. Bleber is shown at a meeting with Filipino priests.

Shelter for Flood Victims

The Christian tradition of the Philippines, begun four hundred years ago with the landing of the islands' first missionary, is being carried on today by Maryknoll Father Howard T. Bleber

The Monkayo parish is located to the north of Davao high in a hilly area which is a logging industry center. Several times during Father Bleber's stay here he has opened the church grounds to accommodate thousands of families escaping from flood waters. In 1963 some 14,000 were left homeless in the area.

Sixty-Four Given Nazareth Degrees

Sixty-four students received their degrees Monday, Aug. 2 at the 35th annual commencement of the Nazareth College summer session. Six members of the class were awarded Masters' degrees. Twenty religious communities were represented, including 32 members of the Sisters of St. Joseph.

The Commencement Address was given by Father William H. Shannon, Ph.D., college chaplain. Sister St. Catherine, dean, presented the candidates for degrees which were conferred by Sister Helen Daniel, president.

Degrees were conferred on the following:

- Candidates for Degree of Bachelor of Science in Education: Sister Mary Agneta Zimmer, R.S.M.; Sister Astorine Wozniak, S.S.J.; Sister Mary Felicia Quinn, R.S.M.; Sister Mary Callista Flanagan, S.S.J.; Sister Mary Callista Lawton, R.S.M.; Sister Mary Virginia Chittler, S.S.J.; Sister Dominick Goffredo, S.S.J.; Sister St. Dubois Olsow, S.S.J.; Sister Mary Jane Sehill, S.S.J.; Sister James Lynch, S.S.J.; Sister Maureen Murphy, S.S.J.; Sister Lilla Korden, S.S.J.; Sister Flus Stroh, S.S.J.; Sister Rita Ruzicki, S.S.J.; Sister Mary Savio Guarnizo, R.S.M.; Sister Mary Sheila Konnerman, R.S.M.; Sister Veronica Massarella, S.S.J.

Candidates for Degree of Bachelor of Science: Sister Herbert MacIn Arthur, S.S.N.D. Business; Sister Maury Jovanovic Gellera, C.S.F.E. Music; Sister Maribus Mary Doell, R.S.M. Chemistry; Sister Michael Mary Hamlin, S.S.J. Business; Sister Theresa Witkowski, C.R., Music; Sister M. Vincent Flora, S.S.J., Music; Carol Elizabeth Lang, Biology.

Candidates for Degree of Bachelor of Arts: Sister Alfred Castle, S.S.J., English; Sister Mary Benjamin Vernon, R.S.M., English; Sister Bertrand Cheschee, S.S.J., English; Sister Mary Brebeuf Sandman, R.S.M., English; Sister Campton Bush, S.S.J., History; Sister Corilla Haukebeck, S.S.J., History; Sister Mary Cordis Letz, S.S.J., History; Sister Corona Reo, S.S.J., English; Sr. David Marshall, S.S.J., History; Sister Eugene Weis, S.S.J.,

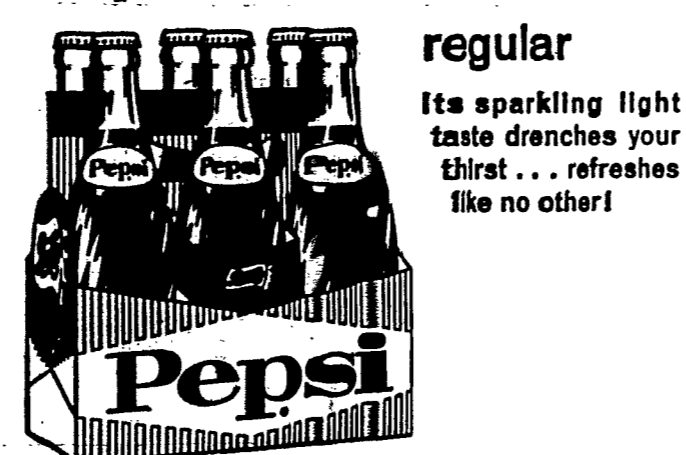
Martyrs Shrine Pilgrimage Set

A pilgrimage to the Shrine of the North American Martyrs in Midland, Ontario, is set for Sept. 18 and 19.

Reservations must be in by Sept. 11. Meals, one night stopover and bus fare is included for \$25. Bus will leave Clinton Ave. North and Clifford Ave. at 8 a.m. on the 18th and return on the evening of the 19th.

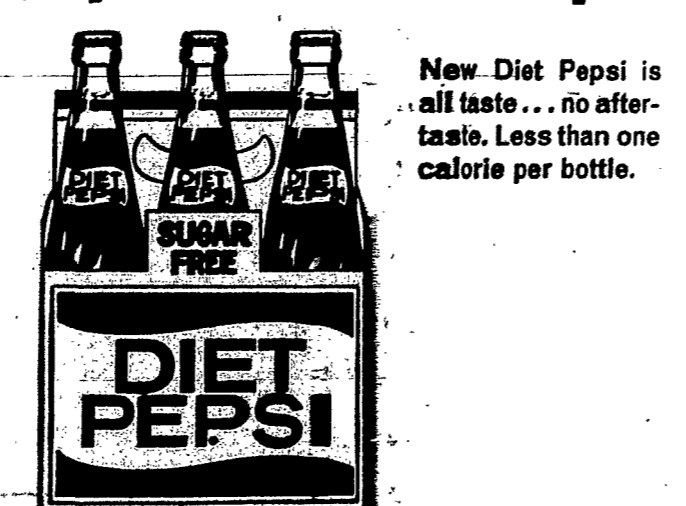
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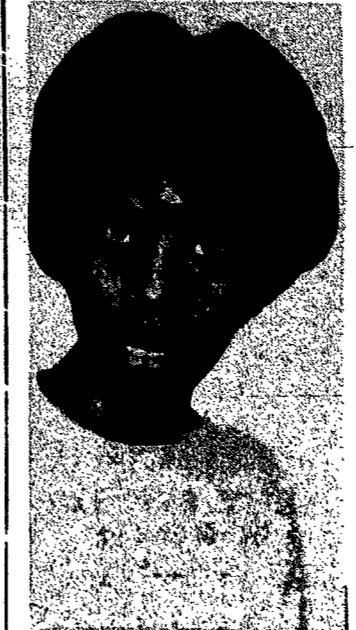
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March of Dimes Fund Aids

Frances Swift

Frances Mae Swift, foster daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Nathaniel J. Hurst, 990 Plymouth Ave. S., was a member of the 1965 graduating class at the State University of New York at Buffalo.

Miss Swift, who majored in occupational therapy, was assisted by a National Foundation



FRANCES SWIFT

"health scholarship" provided from March of Dimes funds contributed by citizens of Monroe County.

Miss Swift is now employed at St. Elizabeth's Hospital in Washington, D.C., as an occupational therapist.

"We have followed the scholastic progress of Frances Swift," said Dr. Frank P. Smith, chapter chairman of the Monroe County March of Dimes. "We congratulate her on her graduation and are proud that she is now working in this urgently needed field."

Foster parent Dr. Hurst, who is a member of Immaculate Conception parish, has this to say, "The help that Frances received from the Monroe County March of Dimes has been instrumental in giving this young girl a chance."

A son of Mr. and Mrs. Harold J. Bleber, of 264 Nantucket Road, Rochester, Father Bleber graduated from Greece Central School and John Marshall High Schools. He has also a brother and a sister in Rochester, Donald C. Bleber and Mrs. Patricia Bonin.

Advertisement for Instant Water Heater Service, featuring a phone number and address.

Advertisement for Ashley Insurance, featuring the name of the agent and contact information.

Advertisement for Specialists Hot Water Heating, listing various services and contact information.

Advertisement for Glen Edith restaurant, featuring a photo of the interior and menu details.

Advertisement for Burgundy Catering, listing various catering services and contact information.

Large advertisement for Batavia Downs Summer-Fall Season starting August 9, featuring a photo of the racetrack and detailed text about improvements and seating.