

At Our House®

By The Fireside

By Mary Tinley Daly

"I'm Home's heart! Warmth I give and light, If you but feed me. Blossom in the winter night, When you most need me."

This "Inscription for a Fireplace," authored by namesake, but no relation, poet Thomas Augustine Daly, is an oft-quoted quatrain at our house as we gather round our own fireplace.

Winter nights? Of course. Scarcely an evening when we're home in the winter is that heart cold, stone cold.

Autumn and Spring, Too

Somehow, though, "Old Smokey" seems doubly precious during the chilly autumn evenings before it's time to start central heating and during these crisp-around-the-edges days of that elusive season, spring.

"We don't need a fire to-night," we suggest to the Head of the House as we come inside, warm from the exertion of spring gardening in the somewhat pallid spring sunshine. "How's about saving the wood for a really cold night?"

We don't, however, get to the

point of cleaning out the ashes, remnants of last night's fire ("wonderful to build on") for we know what the response will be:

"Save the wood and spoil the oil bill?"

So, with this practical approach to household economics, we concede, happily, that "maybe for a few more nights" a fire in the fireplace is indicated. Time enough, when that annual horror of spring cleaning takes over, to clean out Old Smokey right down to bedrock, even follow the dictates of women's household magazines and plunk a pot of greenery between the brass and irons, festoon vines around the sides.

But for now, there is still that diurnal tradition as evening darkens into night and the aroma of dinner spreads from the kitchen: the Head of the House kneeling to enkindle the pyramid of logs, kindling, paper. "Kneel always when you light a fire," he quotes the proverb as the ritual proceeds, the flame leaps, the crackle starts.

Here we go again! Often, alone or with guests, it's dinner in front of the fire, sometimes viewing television news. Seldom, though, does that box in the corner consume much attention during the long, firelit hours. Books, conversation or just plain fire-watching seem to provide sufficient fascination and relaxation as the flame dies down, the embers glow, and we find ourselves in entire agreement with A. A. Milne's Christopher Robin when he says, "What I like doing best is Nothing."

If Pyrotechnic aptitudes can be transmitted through heredity or environment, these are apparently part of the heritage of our offspring for they, too "Admire a good flash" in their own homes, and so do their children.

Servant or Master

Realizing, with Thomas Carlyle, that "Fire is the best of servants; but what a master!" parents of small children must, of course, take infinite precautions and be ever on the alert with commonsense vigilance: never leaving a child alone in a room with a fire, always having a really protective screen making sure the last ember is extinguished by bedtime.

Keeping this "servant-master" relationship ever in mind, hearth-fires, like other good things of life, are meant to be enjoyed. Long-present as a source of such enjoyment at our house is the old oak tree, for years proud adornment of the backyard, now a dwindling but still nine-foot pile of logs. Open sesame! for us and for the woodnymphs who once played beneath the old oak tree.

Apropos, the Head of the House has this little rhyme, his own table of weights and measures, entitled, "Measurement of Human Happiness":

"Four feet in front of a fireplace,
Toasted from heel to toe,
Cozy in front of a fireplace
By warmth from logs aglow,
Those feet in front of a fireplace
Are feeling mighty fine.
How do we know this, for certain?
Because they're yours and mine!"

John Jay Daly (NC Features)

Engagement

Miss Theresa Helen Sillick, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Sillick, English Road and Thomas E. Standing, son of Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Standing, Dorset Rd., are engaged to be married.

A September wedding is planned.



'Fashion Fling' by Carmel Ladies

Preparing for the Annual Fashion Show of the Carmel Ladies Club, Auburn, are Mary Goodelle, Patricia Ferlenda, Lynn Treval and Mrs. Leroy Irland. Show is slated for Thursday, March 31 at 8 p.m. in the Mt. Carmel High School auditorium. Fashions are from Kalot's. (A. G. Tarby Photo)

'No Sale' for Religion

Toronto—(NC) — There will be no chapel, sermons, or "selling" of a particular denomination at the Christian Pavilion at Expo '67 to be held in Montreal in Canada's centennial year, 1967.

In keeping with the overall theme of the exhibition, "Man and his World," the seven major Christian denominations of Canada have joined in a unique design aimed at showing their common concern with the problems of man.

By a combination of photographs, mechanical equipment, mirrors, motion pictures, sound, space and light, the visitor will move through a diary of human events.

The visitor will pass from a peaceful garden and reflecting pool to a "negative area" which will depict family quarrels, poverty, racial tensions, and atomic war. The projection of sounds and images will intensify as the visitor progresses until the sound will be almost "unbearable" at times.

Suddenly, upon emerging, the

visitor will meet complete silence in a large area where he can reflect upon what he has seen and heard.

"At this point, we hope the Christian message will begin to come through so that man will see Christ at the heart of the world. In a world which is often without hope, we trust that he will begin to see Christ as his real hope. In a world with little love, it is hoped that he will see Christ as the source of love," says Father J. E. O'Brien, S.J., chairman of the building and programing committee of the Christian Pavilion.

The story of the Christian Pavilion goes back to 1963 when it was conceived by the two ecumenical groups in Montreal, English and French.

The formal unveiling of the design was held in Toronto as Expo '67 is a highlight of all Canada's observance of the centennial year.

Participating denominations are Roman Catholic, United, Anglican, Presbyterian, Lutheran, Baptist and Greek Orthodox.



Russellos Mark Jubilee

Fiftieth anniversary of their wedding was celebrated on Feb. 25 by Mr. and Mrs. Vincenzo Russello of 29 Sayne St. in Rochester. A Mass at St. Stanislaus Church was offered at 11 a.m. and a reception followed in the evening at the Wishing Well on Chili Avenue.

The Russellos have six children and nine grandchildren. The children are Mrs. Jerry Lauricella, Mrs. Edward De Felice of Auburn, Mrs. Andrew Giacalone, Mrs. Claude Arigue, Mrs. Frank Torre and Paul Russello.

At Catholic U. Faculty Row

Washington—(NC) — A faculty dispute at the Catholic University of America broke into the open when a body of professors walked out of a meeting with their dean.

Involved were faculty members of the undergraduate arts and sciences college and their dean, Msgr. James M. Campbell. At a faculty meeting Feb. 15, about 40 of the 80 teachers

present walked out when the dean rejected a number of faculty motions.

Assistant professor of history Joseph M. Hermon, Jr., said that last December faculty members had refused to accept the minutes of a previous meeting at which it was announced that an Institute of International Law and Relations would replace the graduate school's politics department.

To Be Wed

Mr. and Mrs. John H. Gawens, Portland Ave., announced the engagement of their daughter, Donna M. Gawens, to Gerald R. Cook, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Cook, Dewberry Dr., Irondequoit. Wedding will take place in St. Cecilia Church.

ENGAGEMENT

Mr. and Mrs. Sam L. Savino of 27 Valois St., Rochester, announce the engagement of their daughter, Miss Roslyn Savino to Robert J. Patti, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Patti, 928 Ridge Rd. W., Rochester.

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Women, Unite For Equality In the Church!

Toronto—(NC) — A Canadian chapter of St. Joan's International Alliance is now in process of formation in Toronto.

The alliance is an organization of Catholic women which recognizes the Christian principle of equality of the sexes in Church and state, and deplores the social injustices at all levels which are the result of long-standing relegation of women to a position of inferiority.

Founded in Britain in 1911 and until recently concerned chiefly with women's treatment in civil society, the St. Joan's Alliance has turned its attention to the status of women in the Church. A 1963 convention at Freiburg passed a series of resolutions demanding equal access to theological schools, just treatment under canon law, and especially a significant voice in the Vatican Council.

The new Canadian branch plans by lectures, discussions and publications to crystallize the theological and social background of what it feels is injustice in the Church.

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