

At Our House®

A Moving Experience

By Mary Tinley Daly

Mother's Day, 1966, was doubled for this mother and for scores of her "classmates" as we attended Mother-Daughter Weekend at the College of St. Elizabeth, Convent Station, N.J.

Had anyone imagined this would be but an extension and glorification of ever-familiar P.T.A. meetings, she was due for a pleasurable surprise.

Living in the new dormitory with our own daughters as roommates, each mother was both college "girl" again and at the same time honored guest of her daughter, the senior class and the college. In this environment each of us grew to know her own daughter better, really know her as a person, a mature young lady, a young woman, not as a child in the family setting.

Arriving for the Friday banquet as rather shy strangers—"Mrs. This, Mrs. That"—by Sunday breakfast our "class" was on a first-name basis and were "Aunt Jane, Aunt Lee, Aunt Mary" to St. E's Class of 1967.

How did this delightful result come about? As the TV commercial says, "It was planned that"—and how thoughtfully planned! Following the banquet came a joint Glee Club concert with the boys from the University of Scranton, then a faculty reception of welcome.

Saturday morning's casual breakfast, served by the girls to their mothers, sitting in informal groups and clad in bathrobes and slippers, further promoted the getting to know you spirit. Whether to attend classes or to be a bit rakish and take a cut was up to each of the elder classmates. The latter was my own inclination upon learning that one was to be a class in physics, of all things! Hadn't been with it in high school, still less in college; what hope of catching up now?

"Come on, Mom, you'll enjoy it," urged Ginny. "Besides you don't have to take a test."

Nothing to lose, and what a lot to gain—a laugh a minute and an actual understanding of the measure of time and of light as the irresponsible Sister Marguerite Frances proceeded with her experiments and her wry comments: "We'll put equations on the blackboard, make it look authentic"; "I'll tell you when the ball falls," accompanied by an almost deafening crash! Physics classes have improved.

Next, an inspiring and enlightening paper on the Christian Woman in the World by Sister Mary Julius, followed by Mass and a campus tour.

Luncheon, bridge and a swinging fashion show filled the afternoon, and it was time to dress for dinner on the Town when, in groups of 20, our daughters took us to gala restaurants. Reassembling at the college, the girls greeted us

with a rousing, "Hello, Mothers!" parody of "Hello, Dolly!" Intrigued, we watched the showing of a color film, "Campus Camera," beautiful, amusing and true-to-life vignettes of the Class of '67 from the first day of freshman year at St. Elizabeth's.

Appropriate closing for such a fun-filled day? Group singing, of course: college songs, old favorites and a quickly prepared, "Hello, Daughters!"

Nor was that to be the end of the mother-daughter sing-along. Next morning in chapel, Father Leonard celebrated an "American Mass" when we sang folk-type hymns to the accompaniment of three softly strummed guitars and participated in the Mass more actively perhaps than most of us had ever done before.

For example, entering the chapel each put her un consecrated host into the chalice; we received Holy Communion standing. At the Prayers for the Living, we were asked to mention aloud those we wished to be prayed for. A young voice announced clearly, "For our mothers," an older one, "For our daughters," then, "For all those fighting in Viet Nam." "For the family we left at home." At the Memento for the Dead, came softly murmured names of those gone to God.

Symbolic of community prayer, "Peace be with you," said the priest, encasing the folded hands of two of the girls who had gone to the altar rail. "And with thy spirit," each responded.

The girls then came to the congregation, one on each side of the aisle, and repeated the gesture and the words to the person standing nearest the aisle. This was passed on, from person to person, from hands to folded hands, at every pew.

Then the final priestly blessing: "May God almighty bless you: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit."

Slowly and quietly mothers and daughters filed out of chapel, in one accord with the summation of one of the mothers: "A truly moving experience."

Open House in Apalachin

Apalachin — An Open House in the new church, offices and rectory of St. Margaret Mary parish will be held Sunday, Dec. 11 from 2 to 6 p.m.

The church will be open for services beginning with Midnight Mass on Christmas Eve. The schedule of Masses will remain the same: 7:30, 9, 10:30 a.m. and 12:15 noon.



Sister M. Adolph

U.S. Stamp

This is the special U.S. postage stamp for Christmas mail, first time a religious theme has been used. The design, following secular themes of previous years, prompted some groups to protest the Madonna picture. Bishop Kearney has urged wide use of the stamp to show postal officials that a sizeable section of the American citizenry approves it.



Exchange Students at Notre Dame

Newcomer Constanza Caro (left) from Bogota, Colombia, receives help in Notre Dame High School's chemistry lab from fellow exchange student Lucrecia Braham from Guatemala. Constanza will return to her native country after six months in Elmira; Lucrecia will begin studies next fall at St. Joseph's Hospital School of Nursing in Elmira. (Photo courtesy of Elmira Star-Gazette)

Carmelite Sister Gertrude Requiem Mass Offered

Funeral Mass for Sister Gertrude of the Heart of Jesus of the Carmelite Monastery, Pittsford was offered in the Monastery Chapel, Wednesday, Nov. 30.

Bishop Kearney presided and gave the Absolution. The Requiem Mass was celebrated by Father Mark Sullivan, the Sister's nephew. Father Paul Freemesser assisted the celebrant and preached.

In attendance also were: Right Reverend Monsignors Wilfrid T. Crough, V.G., John S. Randall, monastery chaplain; John F. Duffy and William H. Shannon.

Also the Reverend Fathers Elmer McNamara, George Kalb, John Hayes, John Kleintjes, James Slattery, John Maxwell, Anthony Calmeri, John Quigley, E. Arthur Roberts, C.S.B., John Phillips, James H. Loughery, O.P., William J. Gordiner, James Moynihan, John O'Connor, William Donnelly, William Michatek.

Also present were Reverend Mother Agnes Cocchia, Mother General of the Sisters of St. Joseph and Mother Helene, S.S.J. and many Sisters, relatives and friends. Students of Nazareth College in academic cap and gown formed a guard.

Sister Gertrude was born Mary Florence Sullivan, August 19, 1916 in East Bloomfield. She was graduated from Nazareth College, magna cum laude in 1937. After doing social work in the Rochester Welfare Department entered Carmel Nov. 15, 1940. "She endeared herself to the many friends of the Mon-

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Emergency Room Plan Readied At St. Mary's

Five doctors will staff St. Mary's Hospital Emergency Room on a full-time basis starting Jan. 1, under a unique plan to provide care for a soaring caseload.

The appointment of the doctors to the Emergency Room culminates more than two years of work toward meeting the needs of the community, said Dr. A. J. Graziani, chairman of the Emergency Room Committee at St. Mary's.

Emergency Room cases have increased to more than 25,000 a year from 4,000 in the '40's.

All of the prerogatives and courtesies of the attending physicians and their patients will remain unchanged under the new system.

The Emergency Room doctors will treat patients on a fee for service basis, after first offering to contact their personal physicians.

The full-time men will not give any follow-up care, will not have any outside practice, and will admit no patients. Emergency Room patients who must be admitted will be under the care of their personal physicians and all follow-up care must be given by the personal physicians.

Open House, Show Set at Blanchard's

An open house and Christmas show, sponsored by Blanchard Florist at their newly remodeled showroom, 58 Lake Ave. will take place Sunday, Dec. 11.

The afternoon will include a do-it-yourself demonstration by Blanchard's professional artists on holiday decorating. A gift will be given to each lady in attendance.

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Aquinas Co

The crack Aquinas Color Guard, New York Champions, continued nine ways last Saturday captured first place in Preview of Champions, Burne, N.Y.

Recent Ratings

Following are the films reviewed this week National Catholic Office of Motion Pictures.

Class A, Section Red Tomahawk

Class A, Section Hot Rod To Hell Hotel

FILMS AB

A MENTION OF MORE THAN

Any Wednesday — improvement on the Broadway comedy. Fonda as the girl, J. ards as the tycoon tucked her away in pany's executive suit. Murphy as he tycoon and Dean Jones as rescuer. The clever is by Julius J. Epstein Yorker Mag.

Georgy Girl — "gave James Mason, and Charlotte Rampl their talented heads wry English comedy Yorker Mag.

Alfie — "A modern regards women as objects is brought to tion that his way of less. Adult theme a versal in treatment succeeds as a com morality play. With Caine." — Catholic letter.

The Fortune Cookie Matthau and Jack Le sour, funny comedy crooked lawyer and minute come-uppance by Billy Wilder. — N

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