



NORINE MILLER

## They Learn to Live One Day at a Time

By BONITA BALDWIN

Last Christmas Norine Miller felt fine. Holidays are a busy time, especially for the mother of 16 children, so a routine examination at Wilson Health Center made an unwelcome dent in her schedule.

The news came after Christmas. There was a spot on her lung. Two weeks later the lung was removed and Mrs. Miller knew that she was the victim of lung cancer. Today she is in the "hopeful category" and leading an active life, but her memory of those first few weeks after surgery has changed the direction of her life. "I'm so involved with Make Today Count that I don't even think about my own situation any more."

Make Today Count is a new national organization for victims of leukemia, cancer, and other incurable diseases; their families, health professionals, and interested persons. Orville Kelly, a terminal cancer patient, started the organization to help people develop a positive attitude and go on living when confronted with an incurable illness.

When Mrs. Miller came out of surgery there was no Make Today Count chapter in the Rochester area. Mrs. Miller described herself as a strong, self-sufficient person, long accustomed to living life a day at a time, but she readily admitted that she needed help after the operation, learning to live with the new uncertainty of her life. Most of all she wanted to talk with someone who had had the same experience. Her family contacted the American Cancer Society trying to find someone for her. The society sent them to the hospital, which sent them to the surgeon, who sent

them back to the American Cancer Society.

Finally the family located Mrs. Helen Baglio who had undergone the same operation four years earlier. Both women found talking extremely helpful and decided to see that other cancer patients had the same opportunity.

The first meeting of Make Today Count was held in June. Thirty-five persons attended. Interest in the group has been keen. Family members who have lost loved ones come asking, "Did I do the right thing?" Mrs. Miller said, "They feel guilty and there is no reason for them to." Others come wanting to know how to treat sick friends and relatives. Still others come feeling "the way I did three weeks after surgery and maybe it's been three years!" Mrs. Miller said.

Attitude is very important, according to Mrs. Miller. "If you don't reach the person emotionally, it could hurt him physically," she said, recounting times when patients who should have recovered died and patients who should have died didn't. "It's just a difference in attitude."

The hoped for change that happens to people when they come to Make Today Count is progressing from a position of needing help to a state where the person is able to help another on a one-to-one basis. "We need more volunteers," Mrs. Miller said, "And we need help finding the people who need us." Doctors, hospitals, and health centers are being notified of the program.

Persons interested in more information are urged to contact the Monroe County Cancer and Leukemia Association, 1441 East Avenue, 473-8230.

## St. Bernard's Appeal Getting Good Response

The first annual Alumni Appeal at St. Bernard's Seminary has elicited a good response in the first month of its campaign, reports Father George S. Wood, chairman.

Figures show that 22 per cent of the 1,300 alumni have responded. Alumni were asked to give one dollar for each year since they left St. Bernard's, plus any additional they wanted. The average contribution has been approximately \$30.

The Alumni Giving program, inaugurated this year on Aug. 20, the feast of St. Bernard, marks the first time in the 83-year history of the seminary that alumni have been asked for direct financial support.

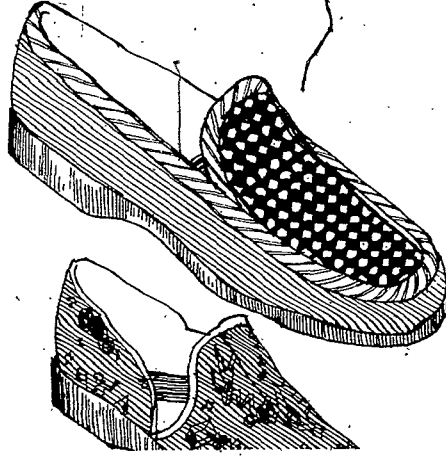
This year's appeal is directed toward the reclassification of some 80,000 volumes currently housed in St. Bernard's Library. Thus far, 15,000 volumes have been changed over from Dewey

Decimal to the Library of Congress system. The success of this year's appeal will determine how quickly the remaining volumes can be reclassified.

Father Wood, pastor of Mother of Sorrows Church in Rochester and a member of the Class of 1940 from St. Bernard's, expressed his pleasure with the first monthly progress report and said that this generous response is typical of the alumni. He anticipates that the appeal will be a success.

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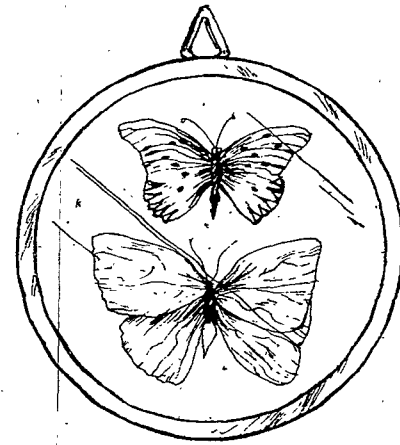
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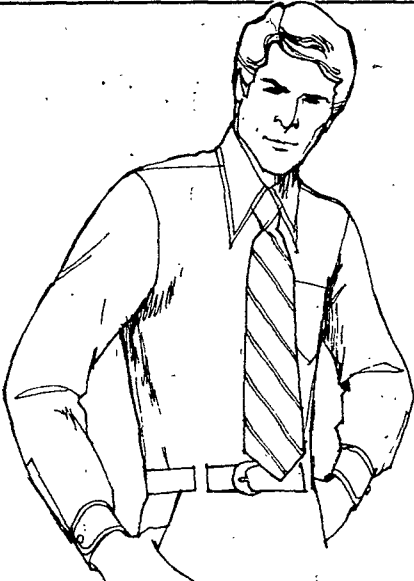
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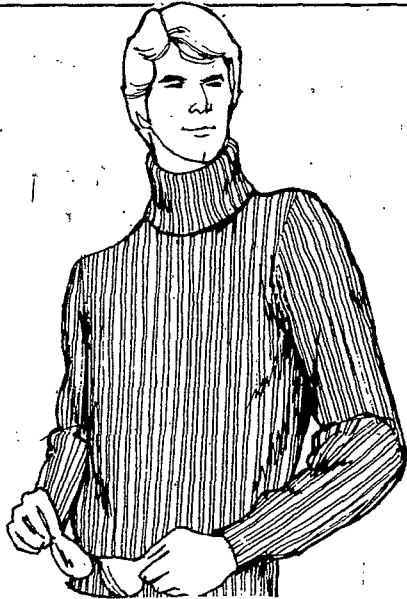
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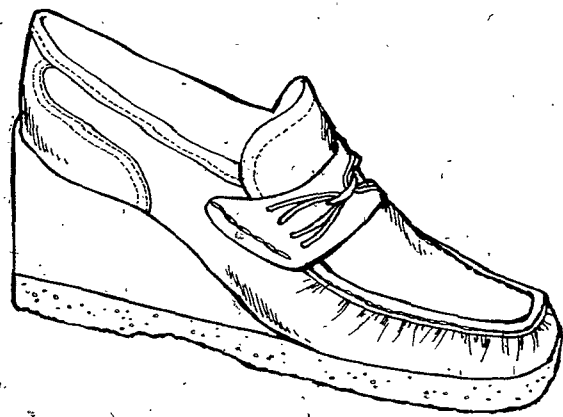
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