

**MARY HAWORTH**

**Priest Lauds Foresight Of 8-Year-Old Senior**

Dear Mary Haworth: I am a girl 18, a senior in high school. Right now I am going with a boy 19. He says he loves me and I've told him that I love him also.

I enjoy his company and would like to spend the rest of my life with him. But I don't plan to marry for at least a year after I am graduated next June and Joe doesn't want to marry for at least three years.

Joe is Catholic and I am Methodist. I think the religious aspect will present quite a problem if and when we decide to marry. I don't feel we should worship in different churches and if there were children they would have to be reared in a Catholic home as a non-Catholic I would be an outsider in my own home.

I don't know how much of a Catholic Joe is: nor if he would even consider changing to my faith.

I have spoken briefly with my mother and our pastor, not really asking their advice but wanting their ideas eventually. As you don't know either of us, I would value your unbiased judgment. Could I become a Catholic without believing all that they are opposed to? Is it better to remain a good Protestant than to be a half-way Catholic?

Can you suggest books or pamphlets giving both the Catholic and Protestant views? Can you suggest books concerning the rites of the Catholic faith: baptism, confirmation, confession, penance, etc. I will appreciate any light you can shed on these questions. Thank you, S.Y.

Dear S.Y.: A Catholic priest who handles a good many matrimonial cases (and I don't convert work - called), in terms of giving graduated instructions to groups of candidates, says, in effect, that "the Catholic church, in her attitude towards conversion, doesn't consider matrimony sufficient incentive for joining the church."

He says "the Catholic church doesn't encourage that approach." He explains that "the church would much prefer, in fact insists, that the non-Catholic party to a 'mixed marriage' re-

main non-Catholic (meanwhile making acquaintance with the church's teachings because a nominal Catholic theoretically in support of family unity."

As I understand the Catholic concept, a valid conversion is effected by God's gift of grace, proffered in the form of a will-to-believe the teachings of His true church. It starts with an interior encounter between the individual and the Holy Spirit, an experience whereby God's animating grace "fills" the heart. This grace is communicated to the person, who thereupon responds with active commitment.

After which an objective gain of insight and understanding is pursued, a period of study, careful review of the faith, and a final motivation, etc., leading eventually to sacramentally sealed enrollment in the Catholic Church.

The priest with whom I've discussed this matter, says that your foresight in recognizing that inter-faith marriage problems are not to be solved by the mere fact of becoming a Catholic implies full obedience to the church's teaching, and acceptance of all obligations.

Thus he advises against trying to become a Catholic simply to accommodate a Catholic spouse, if you would as soon subscribe to another faith, if your husband-to-be were of that other faith.

He suggests you might get with your boy friend to a Catholic priest, for friendly face-to-face evaluation of your soul searching.

As for a reading list, here are two books, available in paperback, that analyze some of the "mixed marriage" hazards: "One Marriage, Two Faiths" (Ronald Press) by sociologist James H.S. Bossard and Eleanor Sikes; "If You're Outside Your Faith: Counsel On Mixed Marriages" (Harper and Row) by Episcopal Bishop James A. Hickey.

Mary Haworth counsels through her column, not by mail or personal interview. Write her in care of The Guardian.

**Women**

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**HAPPENINGS**

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Lillian Donald, RN, left recently for Montreal after spending Christmas with her brother, Everett Donald, and sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. James Ramsay, Kensington.

Mrs. A.A. Lockhart has returned to her home in Summerside, after spending Christmas week in Kennetook, N.S., a guest of her son and daughter-in-law, Rev. and Mrs. Frank W. Lockhart and daughter, Christine Ellen.

James Morrison, University of Ottawa, spent Christmas week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Morrison, Pleasant Grove.

Gloria MacLean has returned to Toronto after spending the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth MacLean and family, Central, Lot 16.

Wendell MacLeod, Long River, has been accepted as a trainee in the RCAF, and will leave this week for St. Jean, Quebec, where he will take basic training.

Margaret Kennedy, teacher at Aurora, Ontario, is spending the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ivan Kennedy, Brantford.

Mr. and Mrs. Hartwell Bernard, accompanied by Lynn Bernard, Belle Rica, Boston, Mass., mot-

**White Gift Service Held**

A White Parcel service, conducted by Rev. W. A. Paterson, was held on Sunday afternoon, Dec. 22, in the New London United Church.

Mr. Paterson told a Christmas story for the children. The Junior Choir, under the direction of Mrs. Louis MacLeod, sang "On a Christmas Eve" and a solo, "Star of the Wise Men", was beautifully rendered by Marilyn Campbell.

The white parcels were donated to the Prince County Hospital patients for Christmas. James E. Cole and Lewis Campbell received the offering. At the close of the service, Mrs. Ray MacLeod, Graham's Road, was presented with a Christmas gift for her uniting service as organist. Rev. Mr. Paterson congratulated her on her faithfulness in the work.

Sharon Crozier, Moncton, N.B., spent Christmas week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Crozier, Baltic.

Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Morrison, Millicove, had Christmas guests their son, Flying Officer and Mrs. Charles Morrison, and daughter Barbara, Ottawa, Ontario, who also visited Mrs. Morrison's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Len Fisher, Great George Street, Charlottetown.

Stella Robbins left Saturday for Oakville, Ontario, after spending a week of the Christmas holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Cedric Robbins, Charlottetown.

ACI James Macdonald, RCAF Camp Borden, Ontario, arrived by plane from Barrie, Ontario, and spent the Christmas holidays with Mrs. Macdonald's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Macquarrie, Charlottetown. On return, they are spending the New Year's holiday with Mr. Macdonald's parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. L. Macdonald, Shorehouse, Bedford, N.S.

G. Vernon Macdonald, medical student at Dalhousie University, Halifax, is spending the

**Children Given Institute Gifts During Concert**

The Clinton School Christmas concert was held on the afternoon of Dec. 21, in the community hall.

John Henderson was chairman of the proceedings. The program included a recitation by Brian Mackay; "What 'S' Stands For" by eleven pupils; a trio, "Joy To The World" by Barbara Mackay, Thelma Clark and Anna Paynter; monologue, "Getting Even With my Sister Betty"; Barry Bertram; recitation, "Why?" George Fitzell; dialogue, "A Christmas Disappointment"; song, "Hey Lodey, Lodey, Lodey," grades seven and eight; recitation, "Not too Little to Help," Ronnie Connick; recitation, "The Night Before Christmas"; Santa; Leona Sullivan; square dance and twist, grades one to four; recitation, "Christmas, Alan Paynter; dialogue, "Father's Christmas Joke"; closing chorus, "Prosy the Snowman", followed by a recitation, "Farewell Message," Jean Whitehead.

Santa Claus arrived during the singing of "Here Comes Santa" and distributed gifts to the pupils. Treats from the Women's Institute were given to all children of the district. On behalf of the pupils, a gift was presented to the teacher, Diane Denham, by Thelma Clark.

Anne Cameron has returned to St. John General Hospital, N.B., where she is in training, after spending Christmas with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. B.H. Cameron, Charlottetown.

Miss Rosemary Hughes, RN, Charlottetown, spent the Christmas holidays at her home in Moncton.

John Hughes, bank of Nova Scotia, Charlottetown, spent the holidays at his home in Moncton.

Karen and Mike Kelly, students at SDU, are spending the holidays at their home in Moncton.

Mrs. Charles Rowe, Walling Drive, Charlottetown, spent Christmas with her brother, Vernon Matthew, and niece, Dolly, Summerside East.

**WOMEN'S ORGANIZATIONS**

**Quilts For Fire Victims Completed By Institute**

Mrs. W.P. Miller was hostess for the Christmas meeting of the Central, Lot 16 Women's Institute.

The meeting opened with the singing of "Jingle Bells", followed by the Mary Stewart collection.

Mrs. Frank MacLaurin presided and 16 members and one visitor answered the roll by donating \$50 for a new Santa Claus suit.

The sum of \$5 was voted for treats for the school children and Mrs. Ralph Monkey and Mrs. Clarence McFadden were appointed to buy treats for shut-ins. The sick committee, Mrs. Bert, reported that two sympathy cards and one get-well card were sent.

The quilts for the three fire-victim families were completed and delivered before Christmas. Mrs. Clarence McFadden read an article entitled "If Christmas is commercialized, perhaps it is ourselves who are to blame."

The next meeting will be with Mrs. C.A. McFadden. Lunch was served by the hostess, assisted by Mrs. Ralph Monkey, Mrs. John Manderson, Mrs. Frank MacLaurin and Mrs. T.C. Hutchinson.

**SEX IS MYSTERY**

WHIPPSNADE, England (CP) Whippsnade Zoo in Bedfordshire is trying to discover the sex of a baby hippopotamus. A male baby hippo is worth \$2,000 and a female only \$1,500, but zoo officials cannot get near the hippo to determine its worth because it's too fierce.

**TO BAN DRUG**

WASHINGTON (AP) — The U.S. narcotics bureau says it will soon require that drugs containing the pain reliever oxycodeone be sold only by written prescription. A spokesman said Saturday a year-long investigation has shown the drug is being used by addicts for non-medical purposes and "we want to nip this thing in the bud."

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**United Church Vesper Service At Malpeque**

On Sunday evening the Christmas Vesper service was held at the Princeton United Church, Malpeque, by members of the CGIT and Explorer groups.

A medley of Christmas Carols was played by the organist, Mrs. Clarence Carr.

Linda Carruthers conducted the service, with Pauline Ramsay and Edith Hickey reading the Scripture.

Christmas Carols were rendered by the choir.

Norma Craig read the story after which the candle-lighting took place, with benediction being given by Rev. R. E. Johnston.

Following the service, Rev. and Mrs. Johnston, Mrs. Clarence Carr, organist, and the secretary, Mrs. Wilton Ramsay, were each presented with Christmas gifts from the congregation.

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