

OBSERVATIONS

FROM THE SIDELINES
BY Kathryn Hall Bogle



Poet Lois Lewis and the Professional Amateurs.

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THE SEMPER FIDELIS Club introduced author Mary Barnes and her book, *Prodigal Daughter* at an afternoon meeting held recently at the home of Gustavia Bonner.

Barnes, a poet, cosmetologist, Sunday School teacher and mother of two, hails from Texas. Her insight into human nature fanned the flame of her talent for writing about young people, their problems, their confusions and mistakes. "The church," says Barnes, "is not necessarily for the redeemed, and neither is my book. *Prodigal Daughter* was written primarily for unredeemed brothers and sisters."

"One can overcome some of the most incredible circumstances with proper insight," the vivacious, pretty young woman said. In her book Barnes sets the scene for some true-to-life experiences headlined every day in the daily newspaper. Characterizations are drawn well and conversations seem natural.

The book carries a message—after the lured episodes—put into the words of Willie Stovall, the converted problem maker who eventually concludes that: "The single most important word that has influenced my life is balance (moderation)." His wife answers, "I would say, communication."

Barnes communicates that redemption is within the grasp of everyone. "Everybody should be a Light for somebody," says Barnes. She hopes her youthful readers will get the message.

In Portland, *Prodigal Daughter* is available at B. Dalton Books and the Talking Drum Bookstore.

Amelia Lanier, member of Semper Fidelis, is a Portland sales representative for *Prodigal Daughter*. The book may be purchased from Lanier at 232-7546.

LOIS MARIE LEWIS, Portland poet and lecturer, presents her "Professional Amateurs" in her original play, *Are They Really Dreams*, on Friday, March 18, at the Interstate Firehouse Cultural Center.

Are They Really Dreams will be a dramatic presentation, a "life-centered expression of what people say," says Lewis. The interpretation is to be through music, dance and poetry performed by Nora Lee Garner-Thomas, Pam Russ, Patricia Ann Garner, and Johnathon Berry.

Lois Lewis, a versatile lady, a Portland State University graduate in business administration can be found working as an accountant by day, writing her prose and poetry at



St. Philip Episcopal Church celebrated Fr. Leon Stone Day: Deacon Alcena Boozer; Archdeacon Lincoln P. Eng; Rt. Rev. Bishop Matthew Bigliardi;

Sr. Warder Harold Gaskin; and St. Philip Rector M. Ramsey Schadewitz.

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liardi, Bishop of the Diocese of Oregon on Wednesday, March 9.

Parishioners and community friends of the Reverend Stone, whose lives he had touched since he came to the church mission in 1936, gathered to join in this special feast day in the life of this parish family—so declared by the Rt. Reverend Bigliardi. It is anticipated that the feast day will be an annual affair on the church calendar.

Immediately following the religious rites, the congregation followed in line behind the priests and the celebrant into the parish hall, now dedicated as the Lee Owen Stone Hall. Assisting in the service were: Fr. M. Ramsey Schadewitz, Fr. Thomas J. Davidson, and Deacon Alcena Boozer.

Dinner was served to all present. A large photograph of the late Father Stone unveiled by Bishop Bigliardi, is to have a permanent

place on the walls of Lee Owen Stone Hall.

The dinner program, conducted by James Boozer, master of ceremonies, allowed many friends to participate in recalling the "lighter" side of Father Stone. Among the speakers were: E. Shelton Hill, Clifford Jackson, Charles Rawlins, Inez Mayberry, Deacon Alcena Boozer, the Venerable Lincoln P. Eng, Arch Deacon, and Kathryn Hall Bogle.

Renee Rouse and Sandy Gibson, accompanied by Chris McAvoy at the piano, sang several musical selections under the billing of the Grant High Gospel Ensemble.

Dinner service was under the management of St. Monica's Guild, Theodore Freeman, chef of the evening, and Margaret Greene, president of the guild.

Church Acolytes assisting were Christian Boatsman, Patrick Childs, Rochelle Griffen, Eric Grigsby and Muncey McQueen.

Lay readers were listed as Robert Belcher, Glen Childs, Gertrude Rae and Allan Bowens, Senior warden of the vestry is Harold Gaskin.

Gertrude Rae and Fr. M. Ramsey Schadewitz, rector of St. Philip, were co-chairs of the entire Father Lee Owen Stone Day celebration.

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Ernestine Wiseman, president of Semper Fidelis, accepts book from author Mary Barnes.

any time, conducting her poetry reading sessions at the Hilton Hotel or at the Sheraton or at the Oregon State Prison. Lewis holds a first degree black belt in Tae Kwon Do, the martial art, and she can instruct in Hatha Yoga. "I live and breathe my writing," Lewis says. "I'm no 9 to 5 creative person. My mother saw to it that I went to many concerts and performances of the great and the near-great as I was growing up. She sent me when there were many times she could not afford to go herself. I appreciate her sacrifices in my behalf."

THE LIFE of Lee Owen Stone—his ministry at St. Philip the Deacon Parish—was celebrated in a solemn high mass at the church by the Rt. Reverend Matthew Paul Big-

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