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Lathrup Village News

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Guild Breakfast
Highlighting the breakfast meeting of St. Sebastian Guild, Tuesday, at the home of Mrs. Frank Tramm, was a talk by Mrs. Adrian Catter, on her recent plane trip to Europe. Accompanied by friends, Mrs. Catter visited Portugal, Spain, Italy and France.

The event was a joint venture party in honor of Mrs. Hubert Bettendorf who left Thursday for three months' visit with relatives in Europe whom she has not seen in 15 years.

Mrs. Frank Dersey of Howell, former president of the Guild, was also an honor guest.

Mrs. Catter spoke in glowing terms of her visit to the Vatican where they had an audience with the Pope. The day previous they witnessed the ceremony commemorating the 11th anniversary of his Holiness' elevation to the Papacy.

Mrs. Fred Gieser gave a resume of national Catholic convention panel talks, held in Detroit last week.

The president, Mrs. Lawrence McLaughlin, reported on the sewing of infants' layettes and donations towards materials for same. The sum of \$21 was collected for League membership.

Television Guest
C. E. Knopp of Glenview boulevard appeared on a television program last week to talk on conology. He is associated with Wright Kay of Detroit, who displayed several diamond and precious stone necklaces. In his talk Knopp stressed the four most essential requisites in the selection of diamonds, namely, color, cutting, clarity and weight.


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By ALICE E. MORGAN HORSE SENSE AND NONSENSE

CHANGES HAVE BEEN MADE
A chance remark overheard the other day about everything undergoing change, for some reason brought to mind the fact that even funerals have recently altered. It brought the fact out so sharply that curiosity drove me to find out just how much they have changed.

Believe me, after reading several accounts of how these sad events were observed a couple of centuries ago, I was amazed.

Back in 17th and 18th century New England—yes, and proper New England—a funeral was quite an event. Anyone with a shirt had only to search for a wreath on a door to quench it, for free. The serving of alcoholic liquors in copious quantities seems to have been "the thing to do."

IT TOOK a letter to the Chicago library of the National Foundation of Funeral Service and a booklet from them to show that in those days funerals were "all wet."

As a matter of fact, a committee of experienced men would be appointed by the bereaved family to mix the funeral grog and "attend to the frequent and liberal dispensing thereof."

Rum, whiskey and "apple cyder" along with a few bottles of gin were the usual potables used for the fiery funeral concoction, and apparently even children were served so they might drink to the memory of the deceased.

THE OLD BOOKS reveal that families were not the only ones charged with supplying liquor for funerals. One of the funeral responsibilities of the churches was to provide "sufficient grog or punch at the funeral at the respect at the funerals of deceased members of the ministry."

If there is any truth in that, the funerals were wet some 200 years ago, it can be washed away with a searching survey was ordered to the family of one David Porter, who was drowned in Hartford, Conn., in 1675.

The cost of liquor consumed during and after the funeral was almost two-thirds of the total expenses. The itemized bill reads:

"BY DINT of liquor for those who brought him home, 2s.
"By two quarts of wine and one gallon of cyder to jury of inquest, 1s.
"By 8 gallons and 3 quarts of wine for funeral, 15s.
"By barrel of cyder for funeral, 16s.
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Porter's funeral—quite an amount when one stops to consider that in these days the lucky schoolmaster received 10 pounds sterling for his annual stipend!

THERE ARE SOME parts of the world today where liquor still plays an important part in the funeral ceremonies, although the Foundation does not imply it is as important as these old accounts show.

Today, of course, the typical American funeral has a dignity that lingers on in religious aspect, and such heavy drinking would be considered most unfitting.

The part which strikes me the most is the fact that in olden days, everyone was supposed to be so much more religious than we are today. Everyone who in our modern times seeks to eat a shadow upon others, sooner or later brings up the thought that there is so much drinking done.

OUR WHOLE future is said by some to be jeopardized by our excessive use of liquor. Yet, who among us would not be more or less horrified at finding a bill for funerals services liberally spiced with the ingredients necessary for the flowing bowl?

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Edgewood Notes Improvements As New Season Opens

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Charlie Ross, owner of Edgewood, said the dining room is open under the management of Charles F. Robinson, who has been serving in the same capacity at Twin Beach Country Club for the past four years. Mr. Lemus Hether, chef at Twin Beach for many seasons, accompanied Robinson to Edgewood.

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