

'Movies and Morals' Radio Talks By Fr. Morgan Reprinted in Pamphlet

"Our Movies and Our Morals", series of three radio addresses on the Motion Picture Crusade recently delivered by the Rev. Lester M. Morgan, of the faculty of Aquinas Institute, over Station WHAM, have just been issued in printed form by the CATHOLIC COURIER.

As a further contribution to the nation-wide campaign against indecent motion pictures, these addresses are presented in pamphlet form because of the great enthusiasm with which they were received over the radio.

In the first of the addresses, in which he discussed "What the Campaign Does Not Mean," Father Morgan pointed out that "all we hope to do is to put an end to the flagrant indecency in our entertainment" and that "there can be no honest or intelligent objection against a crusade which strikes only at public indecency."

In the second address, entitled "Your Child in the House of Deceit," Father Morgan said "we feel that it would be better for the producers in time and eternity, if their dancing shadows must continue to pour poison into the eyes and minds of our young, must degrade womanhood and defile childhood, must make of our young men food for prisons and asylums and psychopathic wards,—rather than this, it were a kindness and blessing on them if all their expensive studios and their sumptuous sets, and their Beverly Hills mansions, with the movie magnates inside them, were knocked into one big heap and dumped into the Gulf of California."

In the third address, entitled "The Party's Over," Father Morgan said that "if ever it comes to a real struggle for decency, the fight will be, not against bad pictures, but against bad producers whether at the moment they are offering a harmless product or not."

"It is not such a fight as yet," Father Morgan said, adding that "the gesture of the Bishops up to now" has been scarcely more than a warning to Hollywood. "If the producers wish to see the Church driven to extremity by the evils of the stage, let them turn the pages of history to the evil days of the decline of Paganism, back in the Sixth Century," Father Morgan declared.

A copy of the pamphlet may be had at the CATHOLIC COURIER offices, 50 Chestnut Street, Rochester, N. Y. The price is \$1.10 each.

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Norway Lutheran Attitude Towards Catholics Changes

By REV. ANTHONY COPPENS (Belgium Correspondent, N.C.W.C. News Service).

Amsterdam.—The attitude of Norway Lutheran pastors toward the Catholic Church is changing. "Dit het land is St. Olaf," a magazine consecrated to the Catholic missions of the North, publishes quotations from Lutheran leaders in Norway, which show that the former hostility to Rome has lost its bitterness.

One Lutheran pastor is quoted as saying to a Catholic missionary: "I do my very best to bring the Roman liturgical ornaments and usages once more into practice. However, I must proceed prudently." This pastor recently had celebrated on his own authority, a "Mass with three priests."

Another missionary received a visit from a person who wanted Catholic addresses where he might order the best liturgical ornaments. A few years ago the parson of Porsgrund asked a priest to borrow several Catholic chasubles which would serve as models since he wished to hold in his church the same liturgical service as in the Catholic church.

Ask For Latin Masses The rector of St. Olaf's Church at Oslo received a visit from a Protestant parson asking for a few Catholic Latin Masses in plain chant. His people, he said, wanted to execute a Latin Mass to celebrate the nine hundredth anniversary of bringing of the Christian Faith to Walders. Another request made was that the Catholic Bishop honor this feat with his presence and sing High Mass in the Protestant church, which had been a Catholic edifice in days gone by.

At Skien, near Porsgrund, there is a pre-Reformation church, now in Protestant hands. It was recently restored at the cost of 1,000,000 crowns by the family of Lovenskold. A Catholic visitor, on entering, was under the impression that he was in a Catholic church. He saw the Communion rail, the altar and the altar cross with the candles, and statues of St. Peter and St. Paul against the pillars. Being alone, he ventured into the sacristy. Once more everything seemed Catholic, a clothes-table, ornaments in the required liturgical colors and form. An altar-bread box attracted the attention of the visitor. It contained large and small hosts, with the image of Christ crucified.

Not long ago, a parson wrote in Morgenbladet: "Simple logic tells me that it would be more natural for us to welcome in our church Catholic priests rather than modernists. The priests stand with us on the same point of faith, expressed in the apostolic confession, while a not-to-be-bridged over gap yawns between us and the modernists."

Many do not like to be called "Protestants" any more. Some reject the name "Lutheran," preferring to call themselves "Norwegian-Catholics."

ELMIRA

By WILLIAM STOWELL, Jr. New officers of the Elmira Council, Knights of Columbus, were installed October 2 at the Columbus Center: Grand Knight, Harry Lagonegro; Deputy Grand Knight, James L. Tunney; Chancellor, Abram H. Ryan; Warden, Joseph Sandore; Advocate, John E. Sullivan; Lecturer, Burke O'Connor; Financial Secretary, Howard Hulbert; Recording Secretary, William McCarthy; Treasurer, Edward Premier; Inside Guard, William Milliken; Outside Guard, Michael Conklin; Trustees, Cornelius O'Dea, Edward O'Connor and Robert Maloney.

Elmira Knights of Columbus are planning a Fair to be held the week of October 8 at the Columbus Center. Preparations for a large attendance are being made with various young women's organizations assisting. The entire second floor of Columbus Center will be utilized.

Annual Mother-Son Banquet to take place Sunday morning, October 14 at the Hotel Rathbun is being planned by the Elmira Columbian Squires. Chief Squire, James Cunningham has appointed the following to make arrangements for the Banquet: Robert Carroll and John Finnell assisted by counsellor Robert Flaherty and Harold Hartnett. Mr. Cunningham was recently chosen head of the Columbian Squires to succeed Jerome Carvnaugh, who has moved from the city.

Mrs. Michael Lynch announces the coming marriage of her daughter, Margaret C. Lynch, to John J. Gunn, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Gunn, of Flower City Park, Rochester. The wedding will be solemnized at 11:00 a. m., Wednesday, October 17, at St. Patrick's Church, Elmira.

If we were each more concerned about reaching to God's standard for us, or even to our own standard for ourselves, we should have less time to study how far short other people fall.

WOMEN'S MEET IS OPENED BY U.S. DELEGATE

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the youth program and for reaching out to the care of more and more Catholic girls." "It has been well said," His Excellency added, "that the home is woman's kingdom and I wish to speak to the honored delegates of this convention on the home." He said in part:

"Right education must begin even in the first tender years and within the home itself. The home, rudely shattered today, will never be restored to its true dignity, save by the observance of those truths revealed to the Church by her Divine Founder. Only by fidelity to those truths will we preserve the dignity of the home and also secure the desired betterment of human society."

Home Is Foundation "A weakened tree will send forth poor blossoms and profitless fruit; so corruption, once it has entered the home, will from there spread abroad, affecting not only the members of the home but society at large. The rights of the home are antecedent to the rights of every other civil institution. The home is the foundation of all human society. If the foundation is allowed to crumble, if, for example, the rights bestowed by God and by natural law on the home are not respected, then all human society inevitably falls into ruin."

"Much can be done to promote it by caring rightly for that problem, the right understanding of the Catholic home, of marriage, of parenthood, of the divine sacrament of matrimony, of the education of children,—with this must the Catholic woman be fortified if she is to be the worthy wife and mother of the Christian home."

A brief and impressive ceremony took place Monday morning, immediately following the Apostolic Delegate's address. At that time Sister Mary Therese of the John E. Murphy Hospital, Chicago, and Miss Elsie Berdan, R.N., of Providence Hospital, here, presented Archbishop Cicognani with a spiritual bouquet for His Holiness Pope Pius XI. The presentation was made on behalf of the National Catholic Federated Nurses, affiliates of the N.C.C.W. who collected the bouquet during the year.

Bishop Schrembs in his address to the delegates said "what we need today more than anything else is to bring back to the country a firm faith in Christian principles."

Never since the Sixteenth Century has there been such an opportunity for an apostolate as at present,—the Very Rev. Mgtr. Fulton J. Sheen of the Catholic University of America, declared in an address Monday evening.

Speaking on the topic "Spiritual Recovery," Monsignor Sheen said that he believed the opportunities for recovery are "marvelous" for two reasons.

"First," he said, "because we are face to face with paganism. I am not one who believes we should be very much cast down simply because the enemy is paganism. Just ask yourself: Is it not true historically that the Church has always had greater success with paganism than with heresy?"

"Second," Monsignor Sheen continued, "because of the greater receptivity that is given Catholic doctrine now than in the past."

In her report to the convention as Executive Secretary of the N.C.C.W., Miss Agnes G. Regan, of this city, stated that 42 diocesan and two state conventions have been held in the last year; that three dioceses—Fort Wayne, La Crosse and Scranton—were added to the rolls during the year 1933-1934; that the N.C.C.W. as a federation includes in its membership, 17 national, six state, and 1,881 local organizations.

Miss Regan's report emphasized the importance of holding a number of regional conferences. "The value of the regional conference," she said, "is almost self-evident: it fits in between the diocesan and national conventions. It makes possible the bringing together of women who do not find it possible to get to the national convention; it offers opportunity for special study of the problems peculiar to the special section of the country in which the meeting is held. It is to be hoped that at least five such conferences will be held during the coming year, and that ultimately there will be eight or ten each year."

Hold Catholic Church Publicity Exhibition

London—(N. C. W. C.)—A Catholic Church publicity exhibit has been organized at Whitehaven, a west coast port. A store has been rented in the main street, and there posters, objects of devotion, diagrams and illustrations will be displayed to bring the Church's existence before the minds of the non-Catholic public.

Members of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul are the business managers of the display. The other Catholic organizations of the town will take turns week by week to look after the display itself.

New York (NCWC)—The Spiritual Book Associates, here, have announced as their selector for October, "White Wampum," by Frances Taylor Patterson, published by Longmans, Green, New York.

What About Sterilization?

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on parole outside of institutions in which they were detained and cared for, was that they were likely to procreate their kind and therefore had to be detained to avoid more serious ills. Sterilization as practiced even in California, the British declared, did not increase the number of those who could be paroled. They needed just as much room in their institutions for the care of these people before as after sterilization. That was what was meant by the expression that nothing practical was accomplished.

Another subject that the Brock Committee in England cleared up was one which had attracted no little attention here in America and was particularly urged by those who felt that the salvation of the race depended on sterilizing the unfit so as to make it impossible for them to procreate their kind.

The Committee said that the supposed abnormal fertility of defectives is largely mythical. These individuals are not especially prolific. The individuals of lowest mental grade among them are fortunately inclined to be sterile. As the committee said in its report: "Idiots and imbeciles scarcely ever become parents."

It has been the custom for extreme advocates of eugenics to emphasize very much the supernatural fertility of defectives. This fallacy they were urging was not a deliberate perversion of the truth, but was due to the will to believe anything that would help to confirm their point of view. It was a matter of statistics, and it must not be forgotten, that who men consider that there are three kinds of lies: lies, lies, and statistics, and that figures do not lie but that unscrupulous liars can figure and figure can be made to say almost anything that the compiler of them wishes to have come out as a conclusion.

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ACTING HEAD

Washington, (NCWC)—The Rev. Arthur A. O'Leary, S. J., has been named Acting President of Georgetown University here. He was announced today as the Rev. W. Coleman Nevils, S.J., President of the University, departed for Tokyo, Japan, where he will be an American representative at the fifteenth international Red Cross convention.

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Fr. Cannon To Speak At Graves Blessing In East Bloomfield

East Bloomfield.—Annual Ceremony of the Blessing of the Graves will take place in St. Bridget's Cemetery, East Bloomfield, on Sunday afternoon, October 7, beginning at 2:30 o'clock.

Services will begin in St. Bridget's Church with prayers recited for the dead. Following these services a procession will be formed of priests and people to proceed to the Cemetery. The Rosary will be recited while the priest blesses the graves.

Returning to the Church a sermon, appropriate to the occasion, will be preached by the Rev. William Cannon, pastor of St. Patrick's Church, Cats. Services will close with Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament.

Attention of all who have relatives in St. Bridget's Cemetery is called to the fact that an annual fee of \$1.00 is expected for upkeep of monuments, plots and sams may be paid here last day of November.

Upon the death of our dear ones, let us, instead of feeling that heavenly weeping over them, employ ourselves in praying for their blessed souls.



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