Plan Pre-Lenten Affair

Auburn—Plans are progressing rapidly for the annual Holy Family High School Senior Ball which is scheduled for Thursday evening, February 4, in the Auditorium. This is expected to be one of the outstanding social events of the Pre-Lenten season.

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The Coming Of The MONSTER

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A Story Of The Masterful Monk

THE STORY SO FAR:

In Paris, in January, 1919, a French poilu is greeted by an officer with whom he served at Verdun. A flaxen-haired schoolgirl, with curiously deep blue eyes, regards them for a moment and passes by. The poilu, embittered, looks to class hatred to end war; the officer speaks of a better way. In England, on an April morning, 1924, guests arrive for Lady Wray's announcement of her daughter Verna's engagement to Harland Carville. Verna announces to Harland her refusal to go through with the engagement, due to his flagrantly indecent book which she has just read. In Hollywood Verna and her girl friend, Terry Harcourt, visit the film studios. Verna and Terry now live together in a flat in London. With her friend Terry on board ship returning to England she meets Captain Louis Vivien, of the Intelligence Service, who recognizes her as the flaxen-haired schoolgirl who had listened for a moment on a Paris corner to his conversation with the embittered poilu. Father Anselm Thornton, the Masterful Monk, visits Miss Wray to speak to her of Captain Vivien, and draws from her the confession that, though she loves Captain Vivien, who has asked her to marry him, and though she is convinced she should be a Catholic, she is unable to enter the Church because her father, who is wealthy, has threatened to disinherit her. Plotters in Moscow receive a report from Karenov, who is working in England. They refer to an incident of a few years before, when Father Thornton, bound to a tree in north Russia, was left to die, but succeeded in making his escape. Roslavl receives a commission to go to England to deal with the Masterful Monk. Verna with the Masterful Monk. Verna wires to Captain Vivien that she has become a Catholic, and on his way to join her in London he shadows a stranger and secures a telephone number.

Captain Vivien watched, and became most intrigued. The fingers of the man's free hand were mechanically playing with, twisting and curling something totally invisible beneath his chin. The man suddenly awoke to the fact and dropped his hand amused at himself. Captain Vivien observed little tufts of hair left by the razor, in the cleft of his chin.

He was still absorbed when Captain Vivien woke up gruntingly. At the sound there was an instinctive movement of the hand holding the sheets. The man looked up for a moment. He became however once more engrossed. Captain Vivien waited until the last page had been turned over.

"You will excuse me."

The man made an inquiescin' sound as Captain Vivien reached up to his bag half way along the rack and said "Bang it!" as he inserted the wrong key in the lock. There was an interval during which he stood feeling amongst the coins in his pocket for another with his head turned nearer and his eyes searching swiftly the last page. The head beneath him did not move. He found the right key, with an "Ah!" opened and searched the bag with his hand and produced a pipe and tobacco pouch relocked the bag, sat down again, and filled the pipe. Before closing the tobacco pouch, which was bulky and had a curious little round hole in the center he inserted his fingers again, and then maneuvered it cautiously with the hold facing the man's profile . . . An almost inaudible click was covered by the noise of the train. Captain Vivien closed and placed the pouch in his pocket, lit his pipe, slipped on his gloves, and picked up the **Illustrated London News.**

A minute later the first finger of his right glove, which had an inconspicuous, minute point at the tip, was writing on the outside margin of a page a sentence in inverted commas, and then the words: "From K to R. of the Committee," also a telephone number.

After a few minutes perusal of the **Illustrated London News**, Captain Vivien put it behind his back, and found a cablegram in his breast-pocket, which he read, smiling. It ran "Have done the big thing remember your promise all my love Verna." The cablegram was returned to his pocket. On a telegram form which he took from his note-case, he then wrote with an ordinary pencil: "Have returned but perhaps am detained shall come to you very happy I love you Louis." He folded the form and inserted it within his glove.

The outer suburbs of London were flying by. Captain Vivien looked at the man again, who was now leaning forward staring intently through the window. The light was on his face, emphasizing the heavy projection of bone above the beady eyes the brutal receding forehead beneath wiry straight hair awkwardly parted and the unpleasing curl of the protruding underlip.

Captain Vivien removed his eyes, they fell on the unopened **Daily Mail.** He picked it up and scanned the headlines. At the center page his attention was suddenly riveted: "Scene in Shaftesbury Avenue"—"Monk's violent action." He read beneath: "An amazing scene was witnessed last night in Shaftesbury Avenue when the Roman Catholic monk Father Anselm Thornton . . ."

He reached the bottom of the column as the train slowed down into the London terminus, folded the paper thoughtfully, rose and placed it with the **Illustrated London News** in his bag, glanced at the man who was putting on his hat and overcoat and extracted the telegram from his glove.

To the porter who had secured his baggage he said, when they were on the platform: "You will find me a taxi very quickly, if you please" and when he drew up to the pavement a minute later: "You will send this telegram for me? Thank you. And you will take five shillings." "Yessir. Very good sir. Much obliged. Thank you sir." The porter put the baggage inside, touched his cap three times, and went off with the telegram.

To the taxi-man Captain Vivien said: "We will wait one moment." He stepped inside, sat down and watched his companion of the first-class compartment: standing further down the platform, with an ungainly forward slouch, explaining something to a porter who was scratching his head with his cap pushed back. The porter disappeared inside the luggage-van emerged pulling with him a large metal bound box found a trolley on which he heaved it and then beckoned the owner to follow. Captain Vivien put his head out: "You will follow the taxi into which the big box goes. You see?" The taxi-man screwed round at him and then looked in the direction indicated: "And it will be double the fare, if we stop where the big box stops. You understand?" The taxi-man screwed round again, had a good look at him, said, "Righto sir. Thank you," and then riveted his attention on proceedings ahead.

The taxi with the box took a West-end direction from the station. The second taxi followed doggedly for some minutes, fifty yards behind, to be held up at the end of Piccadilly while the first was crossing the Circus. Captain Vivien said: "Damn," put his head out of the window and called, "See the way which he takes!" The driver turned with a wink: "Don't'cher worry—I got 'im sir." A moment later Captain Vivien found himself driven across the Circus, and sharply to the left, up to the portico of a resplendent hotel, disappearing into which were the man and his box.

In the same resplendent hotel, ten minutes later, Captain Vivien was pacing up and down a room on the third floor, with the **Illustrated London News** lying open near the telephone. He went to the door suddenly and locked it; then came back muttering to himself:

"It is a very great gamble . . ."

His eyes rested on the paper. He looked at the telephone number which he had written in the margin.

"It is a very great gamble . . ."

Then he picked up the receiver and asked for the Exchange.

"Number, please."

He gave it and waited.

After a while he heard the receiver at the other end being lifted. A voice with a pronounced accent asked:

"Yes? . . . Who is that?"

Captain Vivien delayed a moment before saying gutturally:

"Yes? . . . But, I cannot hear."

There was some tapping. The voice asked again:

"Who are you?"

"Yes? . . . Yes, I am speaking to you from the hotel. I have come."

The voice asked tentatively:

"Then, it is Roslavl."

Captain Vivien became taut. He said quickly:

"Karenov, you will listen . . . Yes, it is Roslavl I have come, but it has been difficult . . . You are alone?"

"Yes, I am alone."

Captain Vivien said in a nervous tone:

"I am followed to the hotel. You hear me, Karenov?"

There was a pause.

"How But, it is not so?"

Captain Vivien's fist thumped the table:

"I am saying what is true. I do not understand, because I have shaved the beard, and I have English clothes. But, there is a man of the Intelligence Service in the train with me, who follows me here, and who has a room in the hotel which is near from my room."

He heard a sucking sound. And then a grunt.

"That is bad."

There was another grunt.

"It will be better for you to go from the hotel immediately."

Captain Vivien assumed irritation:

"I am not a fool that I stay here."

The other appeared to be thinking. The voice said after an interval:

"You will listen, Roslavl. You will not come to me, yet. I do not like it that you are watched."

"I understand. But, you will tell me what you wish that I do?"

"It is not safe, that we are together, you understand?"

"No, I do not come to you. But what do you wish that I do?"

He risked it: "In the letter you do not explain enough."

The voice came emphatically:

"I do not wish that you do anything. The Committee are fools that they send you . . . But, you have the Commission, and I do not interfere."

Captain Vivien retorted sharply:

"I have the Commission because the Committee are not fools, so you will assist me, Karenov."

"I give you the place of the monk, where he lives. But I do not assist you more, because it is dangerous what you do, and I do not wish that I am associated."

Captain Vivien's fingers had closed tightly. His lips framed a disgruntled:

"It is enough that I have the Commission." He was suddenly alert to the other giving him an address . . .

"Yes? . . . Yes, I have it. I write it." He kept silent, as though doing so. Then: "Karenov, there is about a monk in the English newspaper of this morning."

The voice cut in sharply: "Yes it is the same man. Do you not see his name? . . . Roslavl, you do not come, but you speak to me only by telephone. You understand?"

"Yes, I am not stupid . . . I say goodbye to you."

He put back the receiver with a bang, to convey irritation; then went to the door and unlocked it. His hand went mechanically to his pocket. It was trembling a little. He took out his case, and lit a cigarette slowly.

Then remained standing there rigid.

(To be continued)

(N.C.W.C. FEATURES)

AUBURN CAST WILL PRESENT 'CRADLE SONG'

Holy Name Group To See Notre Dame Football Movies at Next Meet

By M. R. BLUMRICK
Catholic Centre Service

Auburn—Stage hands are busy preparing the setting, costumers are calling for more frequent fittings and rehearsals are in full swing for the "Cradle Song," which will be presented to Auburn audiences by the Little Theatre Players on the nights of February 7 and 8 in the North Street Auditorium.

The cast, which includes several actors and actresses who have given outstanding performances during past seasons, is composed of: Mrs. Helen Landers, Mrs. Helen Darrow, Mrs. Rita Austin, Mrs. Marie Harter, the Misses Irene Kenny, Margaret Blumrick, Doris Murray, Jennie McLean, Delina Mahoney, Betty Hart, Eileen Burns and Frank Shields, Jr., and Frank Shea.

Name Committee Heads

Auburn—The Holy Name Society of Holy Family Church held its monthly meeting Tuesday evening and was the first to be conducted by the newly elected officers.

About 200 members enjoyed an entertaining program of amateur talent under the direction of Joseph Cuddy. A buffet luncheon was served by Charles Hawalka following the meeting.

The Adult Education Band, under the batons of Thomas Giannino and Paul Shudden furnished the music.

President George Curry announced the appointment of the following committee chairmen: Social committee, Joseph Cuddy; sports committee, Vernon Mitchell; Catholic Literature, James Brady; social justice, Frank Murphy; religious, Arthur Morgan and Thomas O'Meara.

A monthly newspaper is to be published, with Francis Gormley as editor-in-chief, assisted by Earl Britton.

Arrangements were made for the next monthly meeting, at which time motion pictures showing the high lights of the Notre Dame football team in its recent season will be presented.

Sodality Plans Party

Auburn—All is in readiness for a novel social to be held by the Young Ladies Sodality of Holy Family Church on Thursday, January 21.

The Rhythm Ramblers will provide the latest in music from 9 until 12 o'clock. A special entertainment by local talent will be presented during the evening.

Miss Gertrude Kennedy, general chairman, is being assisted by the Misses Marian Mulcahy, Mary Rose Fanning, Vera Warter, Betty Woods, Esther McLane, Dorothy Mitchell, Marcella O'Connell, Margaret Maywalt, Jean Kimball, Catherine Connery, Rose M. Quirk, Betty Reidy, Nancy Hart, Mary E. Ryan, Jean Geherin, Etta Darrow, Joan Vibbert, Marie Luckern, Jennie McLean, Kathryn Conboy, Mary Donovan, Helen Dempsey, Mary Hassett, Pauline Geherin, Marie Coughlin, Jeanne Nolin, Esther McCarthy, Winifred Strong, Marjorie McQueeney, Helen Gaynor, Peggy Barry, Patricia Barry, Mary Clifford, Rhea King, Jane Dempsey, Jane Casey, Katherine Harvey, Mary Sprater, Jane Thomas, Gertrude Sangiacomo, Mary Sperduti, Betty Rogers, Helen Synnott.

Communism is anti-God and Russia has shown what a nation is without God.

SODALTALK

Many will come from the East and the West but we wont be there—except in spirit. While we cannot be present at the Eucharistic Congress held in the Philippine Islands February 3 to 7 we can share in the adoration paid Christ in the Blessed Sacrament during those days in our own parish.

The Sodality Union is urging all Sodalists to attend the February Holy Hour in their individual parishes in a body. Furthermore, the Sodalists can do much in contacting other friends and with the consent of the Pastor and Directors enlist members of parish organizations to unite with them in this devotion.

The reception of Holy Communion on the First Friday and at least the Sunday following will be one smal way of showing our love and gratitude for this gift of gifts.

For this confession of faith surely not only Soladists but the whole parish would be blessed with many graces in those days.

Have you read your January issue of "The Queen's Work?" Did you decide upon the best manner of assisting at Mass? We hope the votes are pouring in for the use of the Missal. The Eucharistic Committee suggests a speaker on the Missal.

Perhaps with practice each Sodality may take part in a Missal Recitata at a Sodality Mass celebrating the feast-day of Our Lady commemorating the Primary Title of the Sodality. Keep it in mind.

Communism is still with us, in fact it heads the list of discussed topics. To quote from Father Ehmann's radio talk of January 17—"Lenin himself is reported as having said that the only world-wide force strong enough to withstand Communism is Catholicism." At the beginning of the year the Sodalities were asked to join in a Crusade of Prayer against Communism and all it means.

Each morning at Mass some representative of the Sodality was to be present at Mass praying that instead of Communism with its atheistic principles corrupting the hearts of men that Christ may reign again in Christian hearts. If you have not already begun this work, won't you join the Crusade?

January 26, the fourth Tuesday of the month, brings the regular bi-monthly Sodality Union meeting. The Central Council have planned a program which will include a round-table discussion on Sodality successes and failures, programs and projects. A most cordial invitation is extended not only to Directors, Prefects and delegates, but to any one interested in Sodality affairs, to be present "to give and take" in this parley. The meeting will start promptly at 3 p. m. in the private dining room of the Columbus Civic Center.

Plans galore call for a special joint meeting of the Union members of the Eucharistic and Membership committees. Mary Leary, chairman, has issued a call to all members of these groups to meet in the Columbus Civic Center, fourth floor, January 26, at 7 p. m.

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Elect John Dwyer Assistant Secretary Of Union Trust Co.

Promotion of three of the Assistant Secretaries to Assistant Vice Presidents and election of a new Assistant Secretary were announced by President William W. Foster at the annual meeting of Union Trust Company of Rochester stockholders on Jan. 14.

John W. Dwyer, the newly elected Assistant Secretary is a member of Rochester Council, Knights of Columbus and of the American Legion. He has been actively engaged in banking for the last 20 years exclusive of time spent in service during the World War. He served in France as a Sergeant in the 309th Field Artillery.

The three new assistant vice-presidents are Arthur F. Kurtz, manager of the Webster office of the bank; O. Kenneth Cooper, manager of the Avon office, and Frank H. Helmbold, manager of the Sodus office.

Other officers of the bank were reelected including President Foster.

Directors, all reelected for a three year term are: Gilbert E. Mosher, Adolph Stuber, Arthur E. Sutherland, George L. Swan, Fred K. Thompson, and J. Foster Warner. Other members of Board who hold over are: George E. Becker, Selden S. Brown, J. Allen Farley, William W. Foster, James F. Hamilton, Kenneth B. Keating, John L. Keenan, Clarence S. Lunt, J. E. McKelvey, Charles P. Schlegel, Charles Winslow Smith, Oscar B. Spiehler, and Cornelius J. Van Niel.

Convert-General Sponsor At Officer's Baptism

WASHINGTON—A convert-general stood as sponsor at the baptism of a convert-major at a baptism ceremony held recently at Fort Myer, army post in Virginia, just across the Potomac River from here. At the ceremony Maj. Werner W. Moore was baptized by the Rev. Ignatius Feeley, pastor of St. Agnes' Church, Woodlawn, Md. Maj. Gen. Henry Gibbons, quartermaster general, and Mrs. Gibbons were the sponsors of Major Moore.

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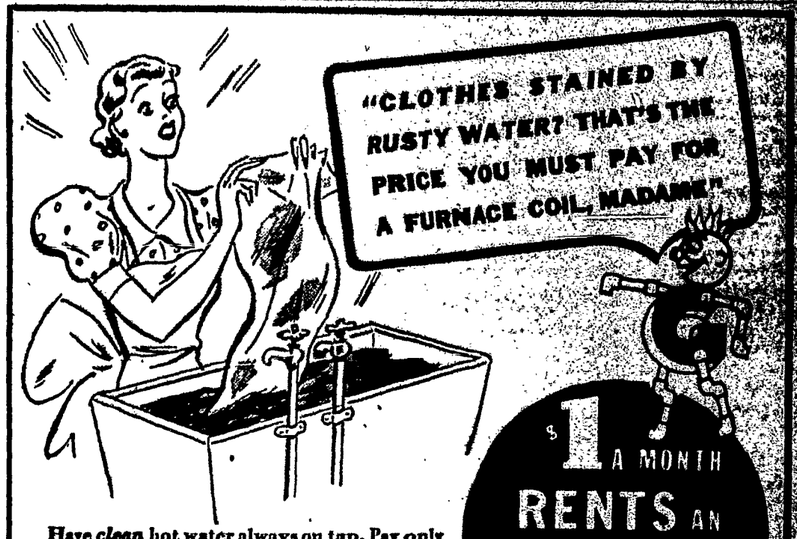

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