

# QUEST

By FRANK COLAPINTO

Rochester Philharmonic Orchestra, Guy Fraser Harrison conducting: Thursday evening, Feb. 12, 1942, Eastman Theatre; auspices Rochester Civic Music Association.

Program: 1. Max Feger, Introduction and Pasacaglia, orchestrated by Guy Fraser Harrison; 2. Jaromir Weinberger, Lincoln Symphony; 3. Mozart, Ballet Suite from "Les Petits Riens"; 4. Tchaikovsky, Fantasy, "Francesca da Rimini."

The Lincoln Symphony of Jaromir Weinberger, which received sympathetic and sensitive treatment in the hands of Conductor Harrison, proved occasionally irritating, frequently superficial, and wholly unrelated to the American here it would celebrate. The insertion of the Negro Spiritual, Deep River, in the fourth movement was artistically unjustifiable. Even that spiritual is as much Scotch in its flavor as it is Negro. Nowhere, moreover, does it enter or influence the life or character of Abraham Lincoln. A fellow countryman of Weinberger, Dvorak, uses American words of the song, "Going Home," in the slow movement of his New World Symphony, with artistic fitness. This is so because Dvorak, a great artist, had a valid artistic purpose, and made the passage fit its spirit. Weinberger should learn from Dvorak there is morality in music. His Lincoln Symphony sounded like a collection of tunes, catchy the way light operatic tunes are catchy. It grew cheaper to the end.

Now is the time for all good patriots to come to the aid of their country with total programs of poetic armament.

# SCOUTING FOR CATHOLICS

Contributed by BERNARD MEYERING and HERMAN WALZ, JR.

Troops wishing representation in this Catholic Scout News Column are requested to send their news in to either Bernard Meyering, 245 Norton Street; or Herman Walz, Jr., 324 Remington Street. Girl Scout Troops, as well as all Catholic Scout Groups in the Rochester Diocese are invited to send their news in too.

Emergency Scout Mobilizations are being called by many Troops in the Rochester Area in preparation for the Council Mobilization to be held shortly. Under the present plan, Scoutmasters will receive moments notice from the Scout Office as to when the mobilization will be held. The Scoutmasters will follow a carefully outlined plan, drawn up by the Troop Committee and Leaders, in notifying the members of the troop. Scouts and Scouters! Let's keep our motto, Be Prepared, in mind at all times during this present emergency. At the present we don't know how long it will be before our services will be needed for assisting in the emergency. Always remember our motto, Be Prepared.

Twenty-five Scouts were presented the Ad Altare Dei Award at the Scout Sunday Services held at the Sacred Heart Pro-Cathedral on Feb. 8. The Scouts receiving the Award included Joseph Aubin, Robert Reininger, Leonard Scheg, William Long, Richard Hayson and Peter Cleary of Troop 206, St. Boniface; Neil Sager and William McLaughlin of Troop 70, St. Andrew's; Ludwig Kleinhenz, Karlew Staffieri, Ronald Prozed, Chris Calcagno and Ken Sleyman of Troop 215, St. Francis Xavier; Bruce Kleinmiller, James Weckesser and Edward Steinkirchner, of Troop 51, St. Augustine's Parish; Robert Fearfree and Gerald Connor of Troop 66, of Sacred Heart; John Swift of the Immaculate Troop 13; Donald Unger, John Major, James Scheible and Thomas James of Troop 41, of St. Margaret Mary's; and Richard Auberger of Troop 217, of St. Michael's.

The Girl Scouts of Troop 43, of Sacred Heart, conducted a Court of Awards in the Little House at the Girl Scout Camp in Seneca Park on Lincoln's Birthday, February 12.

The awards were made by Miss Anne Burns, the field director from Scout Headquarters. Second Class pins were presented to Florence Battaccio, Jean Dimino, Lorraine Gagnon, Thressa McNulty, Barbara Pfeiffer, Marie Sherry, Mary Wacker and Marjorie Vath.

The members of Girl Scout Troops 103, 107, 108, 197, 198 and 199 of Holy Family held a Court of Honor in the School Auditorium last Friday evening. Entertainment by the six troops of the parish was featured on the program.

## St. Andrew's Parish

### LENTEN STUDY CLUBS ACTIVE

By Ralph J. Carpenter  
As in former years, St. Andrew's is offering to its parishioners the opportunity of joining Lenten Discussion Clubs.

All parishioners are invited to join these discussion clubs which will meet in the school hall on Friday evenings during Lent. Members of the Legion of Mary will meet on Monday afternoon to study the same pamphlet entitled "The Bible, Testament of God's Love."

WEDNESDAY SERMONS  
Wednesday evening sermons will be given by Father Paul Wohlrab during Lent.

Sermons which will begin at 7:45 will include the rosary, sermon and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

### AS LENT BEGINS

By RALPH J. CARPENTER  
Ash Wednesday is one of the most vital and important days listed on the church calendar.

It is not only the beginning of the Holy Season of Lent, but it is also a reminder of what we are and what we will become after death.

On this day the priest places the Blessed Ashes upon our forehead and at the same time recites the following words: "Memento homo quia pulvis es, et in pulverem reverteris," or "Remember Oh man that thou art dust and unto dust thou shalt return."

Through this great mystery of faith we are all reminded that Almighty God took a handful of dust and formed it into His Own image and likeness, and after this divine task, He breathed within that image an immortal soul. He called that image man and placed him upon this earth to know Him, love Him, and to serve Him in this life and to spend eternity with Him in Heaven.

Many of us have shown Almighty God that we have appreciated this gift, and others have shown no appreciation whatsoever. How can men be so blind as to forget that after death they shall return to that same handful of dust from whence they came.

After Adam and Eve had disobeyed Almighty God, He made a promise, "Because thou hast eaten of the tree . . . in the sweat of thy face shalt thou eat bread till thou return to earth." (Gen. III, 17-19)

This is a very serious thought and we should always remember that no matter how rich or how poor we may be, we will never escape that sentence.

The only one to escape such a sentence was Mary, the Mother of Jesus. Because of the love of her Divine Son she was elevated into the highest Heavens and placed upon a throne beside Him as Queen of Heaven.

Almighty God would not allow such a spotless soul to be mingled with the dirt of the earth, and in place of her lifeless body there was found a bed of roses. This great mystery was called the Assumption of our Blessed Mother into Heaven.

In closing please remember that regardless of who we are and what we may be, we are but a mere handful of dust and made by the hand of Almighty God. God bless you.

### The Greatest Reality

The greatest reality in our life is God the unseen, but everywhere-present God, the Father, the Guide, the Healer, the Friend, the most social being, although He is so unique and individual and hermit-like in this universe.

His providence is real, His power to create and to govern, His love and justice, His wisdom and His will, they are all realities. We must not forget them, but build them into our personal and social life.

They would make a new life of ours if we could do that; they would transform us as if by magic the whole human community or society. But unfortunately a great number of men forget Him and qualities. And that's also a reality, that they forget.

God suffers this world and society to exist, to carry on. Although the world, with inhabitants, is not quite up to the mark which God has drawn, yet it is not an utter failure, not from God's point of view, just as it is not perfect.

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