

FRENCH CITY RESTORES BISHOP'S RESIDENCE

VATICAN CITY.—Expressing a wish to "repair at least partially the errors of the past," the municipal council of the City of Auzan, France, has restored the Bishop's residence at that place to the ecclesiastical authorities. The episcopal residence was expropriated under the late laws of 1906.

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TIMELY ETERNALS

By Rt. Rev. Msgr. Peter M. H. Wynhoven
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WATCH YOUR MATRIMONIAL STEP

The hope of finding lasting happiness, as far as that is possible in this vale of tears, is the motivating impulse in marrying. Anyone who marries principally for money is as much a fool as he who enters the matrimonial contract mainly because of physical attraction or beauty.



Enduring happiness never was found in wealth or in looks. These two attributes can help materially in creating satisfaction to a certain extent, but they never can bring about permanent bliss. The proof of this lies within everybody's ken; relatively, we find more shipwrecked marriages among rich people and Hollywood beauties than in any other class of society.

The necessary element in the contemplation of marriage is, as a rule, of greater import with girls than with young men, although the exceptions are many and significant. For instance, a kindhearted lady, about to give a dime to a tramp, asked him if he was married. "Pardon me, madam," he replied, "I've think I'd be relyin' on total strangers for support if I had a wife!"

There is a logical reason why a sensible girl should consider a marital prospect's bank account. It is, indeed, folly to marry any man who will expect his bride to live mostly on love. The honeymoon will be of short duration, and not so sweet. Moonlight and roses, as a steady diet, become, in time, quite indigestible.

A young man should be old enough, in good sense, not to marry a girl whom he cannot support. Certainly he ought to wait till he is able to start rearing a little family. But, girls, never marry a fellow principally for his money, or because he has a good position! If real love does not animate you, rather eat your unbuttoned bread with an honest and upright day laborer, whom you truly love, than become the bought chattel of a millionaire, for whom you can have but little affection. You will soon grow weary of a pompous husband, even a handsome one, who can furnish you no more than the luxuries of a prosperous bootlegger.

Never marry a man to reform him. Don't marry a man who is not fond of his mother; who does not like children; who does not respect womanhood. Don't marry a man who is inordinately jealous and distrustful. Don't marry a man who lacks ambition or one over whom you can dominate, and beware of the one who is a spend-thrift as much as you would the stingy man. Don't marry a man who is restless at home and wants to be on the go all the time. Beware of the man who changes jobs frequently. Don't sign up a life contract with a man who can offer you only sentimentalities. And, by all means, do not marry a man who is not religious, for he has betrayed or is shirking a great principle, and he will not hesitate to overlook other principles that necessarily involve your happiness.

Analyze a man's character closely, if you are seriously considering him as your life partner. Get a definite answer to your mental question: Will he be the right father for my future children? It is here that his religious attitude should be closely scrutinized. Don't marry one who has been neglectful in his church practice or who scoffs at religion. Do not trust him, even if he does go to church with you occasionally during courtship days. Let him first prove his sincerity on this score.

It stands to reason that if, by his religious negligence, he grieved his mother, who taught him respect for God, he will not hesitate to break your heart with his smirking comments after you are married for awhile. Here exactly lies the grave danger for your children's temporal and eternal welfare. Only by the special, gracious kindness of the good God can they grow up in any way appreciative of Him and His Commandments, if they must daily see the wrong example and come under the blighting influence of the kind of father who never cares. Even when his advice is good, it will not be taken in the end. Bad example mocks at good advice.

In considering marriage, figure out an ideal life partner for you, and when you have settled this in your mind, look around and see if you know someone who will come close to fitting the bill. Never expect to find one who will be perfect. For none of us is a saint. Never become the trophy of an intimate with you who you know is not suited for you, because in this way, there is danger that temporary infatuation may cause you to make a decision that you will regret for the rest of your days.

The matrimonial step is the most important in your life. On it will depend all your happiness or misery here and, mostly probably, hereafter; your decision may cause the smiles or tears of many in the future. Consult your parents. Pray for God's guidance.

Poinsettias

(N.C.H.C. Christmas Supplement)
By Sister St. Stanislaus, C.D.P.
Poinsettias of the richest red adorn our marble altars white; While those of palest pink are placed around the crib for Christmas Night.

They stand among the fir trees green; they guard our New-born King; They gently sew their gold-crowned heads, while choral voices sing.

Pagan Christmas Plans Draw Ire of Editor

A ringing denunciation of plans which were then being made in various parts of Canada "to celebrate" the holy Christmas season, last year, in a spirit of "pagan barbarism" was voiced in an editorial of The Halifax Mail, local daily secular newspaper, of Halifax, N. S., and drew the warm praise of leaders of all churches.

The Mail's editorial said, in part: "While sons of Canada in thousands are in the midst of a desperate last-stand battle in Hong Kong (since lost) . . . striving to hold off the yellow hordes . . . plans are being made in various quarters in this country to 'celebrate' Christmas with 'revelry and mirth' . . . And, of course, there will be 'idle jollity' and no savings consumption of intoxicants. Apparently, with some people, it is a case of 'Let us eat, drink, and be merry, for tomorrow we die' . . . In this is keeping with the true Spirit of Christmas with Christian Civilization in a life and death struggle with Pagan Barbarism! . . . There is in Canada today no place for drunken revelry. It is tragic, morally indecent . . . Christmas is a 'holy day'—'just another holiday.' It has a deep significance for the Christian world . . . There are places in the world where the celebration of Christmas is prohibited; where the light of Christianity, if it is to turn, must be hidden."

Among those who publicly commended the Mail were the Most Rev. J. T. McNally, Catholic Archbishop of Halifax, and clergymen of the Anglican, United, Presbyterian and Baptist churches.

'Bing' Sends Check To Aid Florida Colored Church

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. — Not so long ago, the Rev. Lawrence J. Flynn, Rector of Blessed Sacrament Church here, expressed the wish to build a church for the Colored people in this Capital of Florida, and his wish was heard afar. Recently he received a letter from "Bing" Crosby, of radio and screen fame, and in it was a check for \$50.

Mr. Crosby in his letter congratulated the priest for his work among the Colored people, particularly among the students at Florida Agriculture and Mechanical College.

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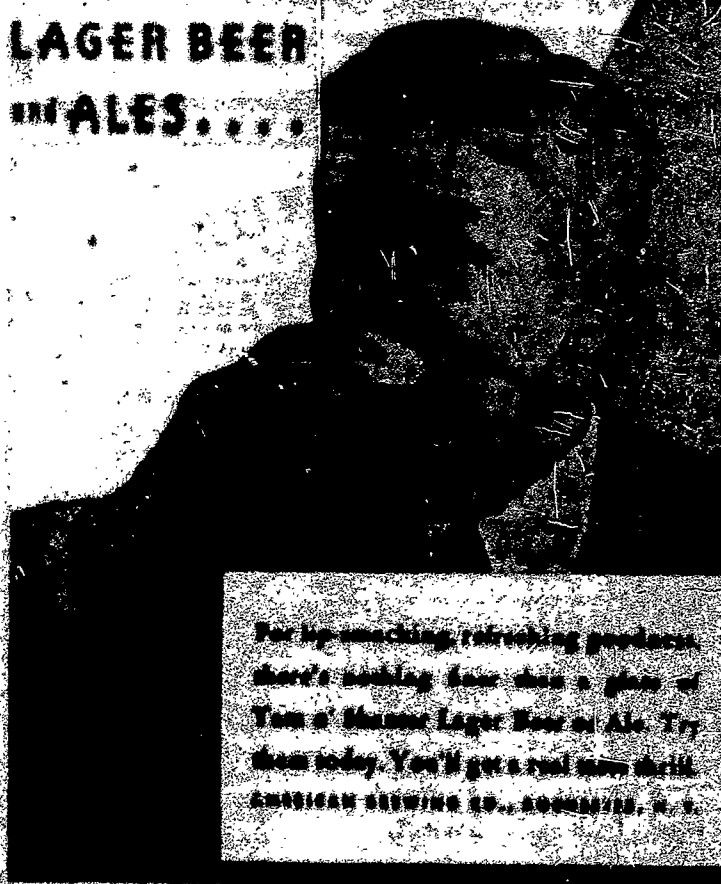
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