Children's Corner

THE THREE HUNTERS

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By "Father Jo"

Paul, Bob, and Dick were three pals. Paul was the oldest. He was fourteen. That made him one year older than Bob and Dick, who were only thirteen.

The three boys lived on the same street and played together all the time. Paul seemed to be the slowest of the three. In their games he didn't move around as fast as Bob and Dick. Every time they had a race, Paul was always last. But that didn't make any difference. The three boys had lots of fun together.

Father Buys Two Dogs

One morning on the way to school Paul told his friends some news. It was good news too. The night before Paul's father had brought home two nice dogs. They were small dogs because they were not full grown yet.

"But," said Paul, "you ought to see them run. Just like lightning." Of course, Bob and Dick were all excited. Right away they suggested, "Let's go hunting." That was just what Paul wanted to hear.

That day the three boys could hardly wait for school to close. They hurried home to change their clothes and get their bee-bee guns. Then with the two dogs they started out for the country.

The first place the three young hunters headed for was the nearby woods. They thought that would be a swell place to hunt. And they were right. The woods were the home of lots of small animals. They saw squirrels and rats and rabbits and many other animals, but they didn't catch a thing. Neither did the dogs.

See Big Black Animal

An hour passed by and the boy hunters got a big surprise. In the bush they saw something rustling and moving around. Paul raised his bee-bee gun and took a shot. Up jumped a big black animal. "A bear!" screamed Bob. The boys dropped their guns, turned on their heels and ran as fast as their legs could carry them. And the dogs ran too, only faster.

Well, it didn't take the young hunters long to get out of the woods. They didn't stop running until they were out of breath and very near home. When they did stop, they looked at one another. To their surprise there were only two of them. Bob and Dick. But where was Paul? Poor Paul!

Bob and Dick felt very sad. They began to cry. All they could think of was that big black bear eating up their best friend. They were heart broken. They didn't know what to do. Finally, Bob suggested that they should go straight to Paul's house to tell his mother. Maybe it wasn't too late. Maybe they could save Paul yet.

The two boys hurried to Paul's house. They ran up on the porch and rapped on the door. The door opened. Well! Bob and Dick just stared. Their eyes almost popped out of their heads. In the doorway STOOD PAUL!

"Why! Why! How did YOU get here?" gasped Bob.

"Oh," said Paul kind of easy like. "When I heard you yell 'BEAR,' I just came right along home WITH THE DOGS."

No, boys and girls, Paul wasn't so slow. Not when he was in danger. He was plenty fast then. Just like lightning. Just like the dogs. That was one time Paul beat Bob and Dick in a race. That was one time he came in first.

There are times when you boys and girls are in danger too. Every time you are near sin, you are near danger. When you are with bad companions, when you are near bad books and bad pictures, you are near danger. How do you act then? Do you move fast? As fast as Paul did? I hope so. If you do, you will always be safe.

Well, boys and girls, our three young hunters got back their bee-bee guns. Yes, the next day a kind, good-natured farmer brought the guns to school. He told the teacher he found them on the ground near one of his big black COWS that had got lost in the woods.

Barry Fitzgerald in Justice Wargrave Role

LOS ANGELES — Barry Fitzgerald (Father Fitzgibbon in "Going My Way"), will play Justice Wargrave in "Ten Little Indians," Samuel Bronston production which Rene Clair will direct.

This is the role for which Barry was offered $75,000, as compared with the $12,500 he got for "Going My Way."

Trust in God

You will never enjoy the blessings of Christian simplicity if you are filled with worldly worry and wisdom. You will experience them if you learn to trust in God. — Franciscan Forum.

Irene Dunne May Play Nun Role

LOS ANGELES — Irene Dunne may be co-starred with Bing Crosby in Leo McCarey's projected RKO film about Catholic Sisters. This would be Miss Dunne's first screen characterization of a Nun. She is, of course, one of Hollywood's leading Catholic actresses.

Watching the Movies

"Mrs. Parkington" . . . . . Adults

Louis Bromfield's novel, adapted for MGM by Robert Thoeren and Polly James, develops fine overtones of moral argument and provides one of the year's best dramatic entertainments for discerning film patrons.

As a starring vehicle for Greer Garson and Walter Pidgeon it gives the British actress her best role since "Mrs. Miniver" and tests her capacity for American characterization.

"None But the Lonely Heart" . . . . . Adults

This adaptaion of the Richard Llewellyn novel misses the because of its lack of authenticity and the labored "artiness" of director Clifford Odets, who seized this story about London cockneys as a peg upon which to hang his Stalin-styled hat.

Cockneys Know Better

The tale of a ne'er-do-well cockney son whose mother runs a second hand shop in London's East End and who reforms when he realizes she is about to die of cancer, could have developed conviction, not to mention higher moral tone, if handled by someone who knows London and its slums.

The Legion of Decency adds the note "the impression is created that may by and of himself can make the better world of tomorrow." London's cockneys know better if Mr. Odets does not.

"Maisie Goes to Reno" . . . . . Adults

Contrary to the title suggestion Maisie goes to Reno, not to get a divorce, but to prevent one, in this amusing MGM comedy.

Produced by George Haight and directed by Harry Beaumont, here is a bright little comedy with more entertainment in it than many a "super."

"Barbary Coast Gent" . . . . . Obj. in part

Wallace Beery and Binnie Barnes team well in a colorful tale of the old Barbary Coast (MGM). Unfortunately it is ruled objectionable in part because crime and deceit are sympathetically presented in the Beery character who makes money any way he can, from cheating at cards to holding up a stagecoach.

There is a suggestion of regeneration, when having exposed a loyal and good friend to suspicion he admits his guilt.

"I Love a Soldier" . . . . . Obj. in part

Paulette Goddard is the girl and Sonny Tufts the soldier she loves, in this Paramount play. He is married to someone else, but that doesn't discourage her. While he plans divorce, she chases him to camp, pretends they are married in order to get accommodations there and is eventually evicted "with all those awful women" in an army round-up of feminine undesirables.

In this case condemnation of divorce earns a well merited Legion of Decency rating as "objectionable in part."

TRUE STORY

An Altar Boy's Decision

The little altar boy, who looked like a red headed cherub, was very nervous. Ten minutes after the sermon began, he consulted his watch at intervals of not more than 60 seconds.

The pastor, having heard it said that no souls were saved after the first quarter of an hour had evidently decided to limit his sermons to 20 minutes. An enthusiastic speaker, he also knew that he frequently forgot all about time when he was preaching, and sometimes ceased only when the noticed the crowds arriving for the next Mass.

Received Instructions

And as the sermon progressed this fine young Sunday morning, it became more and more evident that the little red headed lad had received definite instructions.

He fidgeted continually, and kept looking at his watch. Finally, at the end of 20 minutes, he took the little sanctuary bell and gave it a reluctant tinkle, which made absolutely no impression on the his ear, looked at it again, looked at his watch, shook it, held it to pastor.

The boy shook his head, looked at the priest, and then, lips pressed tight together, rang the bell again. The pastor kept on preaching.

Tried Again

Desperately the boy tried again. With an imploring glance, he gave the bell a loud, double ring. The priest shook his head, and made a gesture as if to brush away an annoying fly. "And in the fifth place . . ."

The altar boy now seemed to be having an attack of St. Vitus dance. Nearly everyone in the congregation was staring at him, fascinated, knowing he had a desperate problem to solve, and wondering what he was going to do.

Slowly he rose to his feet, made an awkward genuflection, and crossed the sanctuary to the pulpit. And then, with the expression of one declaiming:

"Theirs not to reason why,
Theirs but to do or die"

he reached up and gave the cassock of the priest a swift, decisive tug.

The sermon was ended.

Getting On In The World

NONE BUT THE CHURCH

The Church is the only Christ-centric thing in the world from which Christ overflows into the lives of men; the only teaching body whose morality is objective and universal in time as in place. She is the only Unity.—John Louis Bonn in America.

Profitable Occupation

Taking an interest in others, their hobbies, their conversation, their troubles, their joys, requires a discipline of our selfishness, and that is why it is one of the most profitable occupations of life. — Landy Lester Kelly.

20,000 Copies of Nurses' Prayer Leaflet Sent Out

PITTSBURGH — (NC) — More than 20,000 copies of "Prayer For Nurses," a leaflet prepared by the National Council of Catholic Nurses, have been distributed thus far, and the demand for them continues. It has been announced at the Council headquarters here. Requests come mainly from hospitals and nurses in military hospitals both in the United States and overseas.