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Hollywood In Focus

By WILLIAM H. MOORING

Letters To Critic Bring Thanks, Protests

This week may mail includes letters from:

1. A Hollywood producer (Jerry Waid) gratefully accepting my suggested revisions of an unfiled script to avoid risks of anti-religious implication.
2. A Catholic ex-policeman who sees in William Wyler's "Detective Story" subtle red propaganda designed to enlarge animosity between the public and the police.
3. A fluent California reader who deplors a sexy and semi-sacreligious feature in a secular magazine exploiting one of our Catholic movie stars (Maureen O'Hara).
4. An executive (Ben Barkas)



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ON 'THANKSGIVING HOUR'



Popular songstress Jo Stafford looks over a musical score with one prominent baritone, Alan Paza during a rehearsal for "The Thanksgiving Hour," which was presented by the Family Theater and the Family Rosary Crusade, over the Mutual Network, on November 21. A star-studded cast took part in the holiday treat. (NC Photos).

AMONG WOMEN

Pupils Fate Sister

By MARY LENNON SAYRE

Thanksgiving and Education Week are focal points of general interest during the month of November, and while we are hearing from many sides the education and significance of education and of Thanksgiving, I should like to recount a little story of gratitude of one particular class toward a former teacher.

Thirty-nine years ago last June a class which distinguished itself for its scholastic attainments and esprit de corps graduated from St. Anthony in Auburn. The latter has been evidenced in the manner the class has stayed together. Many of the friendships started in school have continued down through the years.

THE SCHOLASTIC attainment was likewise remarkable. One girl in the class had 100 percent in five Regents subjects. In fact, there were as many on the high honor roll at graduation time that the names of the girls, in recognition of having the scholastic gold medal as well, hurried down town and bought brass plaques for each honor graduate.

In reminiscing someone always says, "You know I still have mine." But whenever some of the class get together and the reminiscences start the name of the Sister of St. Joseph who taught them for the seventh and eighth grades is mentioned. "We were just ordinary boys and girls," they will say. "But somehow she brought out the best in each of us. She instilled

in each of us a spiritual charity and a desire to be our best."

THE TEACHER was here for only two years and has now transferred elsewhere. At the time I was gathered she had never returned to Auburn, the scholastic superior education, all the while she made the high school character and most evidenced in ability.

Hearing from one of the class who is married and living in Rochester that Sister was in the fifth year in relation all the members of the class who could be reached set up one Wednesday afternoon in Mt. Holyoke in Auburn, and visited Sister at the Nazareth Motherhouse in Pittsford.

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U.S. Movie Morals Improved; Foreign Film Plans Scored

Washington — (NCWC) — Foreign film producers announced intention to avoid using facilities and guidance of the Production Code Administration in distribution of their films in the United States has been assailed in the annual report of the Bishops' Committee on Motion Pictures. The report, however, noted that there has been a decrease in morally offensive films produced in this country.

BISHOP Raymond A. Kearney, Auxiliary of Brooklyn, who presented the report as committee chairman to the annual meeting of U. S. Bishops here warned that during the past year the Legion of Decency classified as morally objectionable a far higher percentage of foreign films than of Hollywood productions.

The democratic self-regulatory system instituted and supported by the American industry has been a strong bulwark against much that is immoral and in decent in motion pictures, he said.

Of 77 foreign films reviewed 19 or 25 per cent were objectionable in part and 11 or 17 per cent were condemned.

The Legion of Decency report stressed that morally bad pictures materially foster forces which are both anti-Christian and anti-American and also contribute substantially to the breakdown of private and public morality.

OBSERVING that several pictures with religious themes are planned the Bishops' Committee expressed the hope that all studies dealing with Biblical and religious material would be treated with the dignity and good taste such subjects require. The committee extolled splendid efforts of the past in this field, but pointed out that some of these films did not measure up to high enough standards.

Bishop Kearney completed the maximum permissible term of continuous service on the committee and retired. Bishop Michael J. Reidy of Columbus succeeded him as chairman. The general meeting of the Bishops elected Bishop Charles H. Helming, Auxiliary of St. Louis, to membership on the committee to fill the vacancy left by Bishop Kearney's retirement.

Other members of the committee are Bishops Bryan J. McEntegart of Ogdenburg, William A. O'Connor of Springfield, Illinois, and Joseph T. McGucken, Auxiliary of Los Angeles.

Pope's Letter Seen On TV

Detroit — (NC) — Television afforded hundreds of thousands of viewers an opportunity to see a close-up of a letter personally autographed by His Holiness Pope Pius XII.

The letter was addressed to His Eminence Edward Cardinal Mooney, Archbishop of Detroit. It congratulated the prelate on his silver jubilee as an Archbishop, and his archdiocese on the solemn celebration of the centennial of the Blessed Sacrament.

The letter also conveyed the Holy Father's apostolic blessing. The letter was shown during a TV program of the jubilee and consecration ceremonies.

Diocesan Radio Rosary Leaders Announced

Leaders of the Radio Rosary for World Peace for the coming week have been announced. The program under the direction of the Rev. Joseph Cirincione, pastor of St. Francis Assisi Church, Rochester, is heard nightly over Rochester Diocese radio stations.

BROADCAST from Station WELM, Elmira on Sundays and from Station WMBQ, Auburn, on Tuesdays, remaining broadcasts are made from the parish central of St. Francis of Assisi parish over Rochester's Station WBAV.

Leaders include:
Saturday, November 24—Bernard Whitecki, St. Camille Parish, Elmira; Sunday—William Doud, accompanied by the Sodality of Our Lady of St. Boniface Parish; Monday—John Schneider accompanied by the Ladies Auxiliary Knights of St. John of St. Michael's Parish; Tuesday—John Naskiewicz, St. Hyacinth Parish, Auburn, Wednesday—William F. McIntyre, St. Mary's Parish, Thursday—Dr. Henry B. Rohrer, Our Lady of Lourdes Parish; Friday, November 30—George A. Satta, St. George Benevolent Society of St. Andrew Parish.

Ruth McAvoy Enters Good Counsel College

Miss Ruth McAvoy, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George McAvoy, 111 Ridgewood Drive, received her cap and gown in investiture ceremonies at Good Counsel College, White Plains, N. J. Monday, Nov. 12.

His Excellency Bishop Kearney presided at the ceremonies. Miss McAvoy's brother, Donald, a student of Seton Hall University, attended the investiture with his parents.

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