

Hollywood In Focus

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Simplicity Advised For 'Miracle In Portugal'

I had a talk with Crane Wilbur. "We intend to do the story as it happened. We are not going to attempt realistic presentation of the apparitions, however."

Several well known Catholic stars have begged to be allowed to appear in the film. Irene Dunne was one of them, but it seems there is not a suitable part for her.

THE WARNER BROTHERS know they have taken on a difficult task. Officially the Church has not yet put its seal upon the Fatima events, although it is indicated that the Holy See views with interest many claims that miracles have been wrought there.

Lucia, now a Carmelite nun in Coimbra is the only survivor, but first hand information she had already supplied has been made available to those now preparing the film.

When it is made on the same ambitious scale as "Bernadette" or more modestly, as seems likely, it will be awaited with widespread interest everywhere.

Spiritual bouquets in large numbers have been arriving at the studio. It is something new to the Hollywood movie people to start work on a film story for the success of which people are praying.

"It gives us and adds sense of responsibility," Crane Wilbur says, "and we are putting our best into it."

IN THE FATIMA story, which is being called "Miracle in Portugal," even more than in "Bernadette," some simple impressionistic method seems advisable. Don't you think?

Anyway Mr. Wilbur, they say they will probably show the film outline of Our Lady as she appeared to the children near the azuleira tree where the great Basilica now stands.

Although the screenplay will deal mostly with the children up to the time of the final apparition when the "miracle of the revolving sun" was seen by crowds of people, the historical background will point up the significance of the message which Our Lady of Fatima gave us.

PERSEVERANCE Few things are impossible in themselves. It is not so much means, as perseverance that is wanting to bring them to a successful issue. — La Rochefoucauld.

Los Angeles Priest On 'Church Of Air' The Very Rev. Anthony J. Brouwers, director of the Society for the Propagation of the Faith, Los Angeles, Calif., will make the address on "The World Was Made Flesh," on the second half of CBS Radio's "Church of the Air" Sunday, Dec. 30 (EST, Radio, 10:30-11:00 a. m., CBS, from Hollywood).

Directed by George Cormier, the Men's Choir of the Immaculate Conception Church of Los Angeles will sing a program of holiday music.

Legion of Decency Listings CLASS A-1 - Unobjectionable for General Patronage

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Nurses' Aides Sing For Patients



THESE NURSES' AIDES brought cheer to patients in Mercy Hospital, Auburn, by singing Christmas carols at the institution. They made their rounds, each carrying a lighted candle as she sang. In photo (from left) Maria Gula, Janette Churney, Meira Cianci, Marion Greer, Leo Zambite; second row (from left) Lily Logan, Rosa Riccio, Jeanne Walker, Helen Spence; third row, Elsie Morkley, Dolores Ciesla, Eva Moss, Violet DeBacco, Gloria Wilton; fourth row, (from left) Kate Copley, Katie Stappleton, Mary Fennecy, Nancy Faltick; in rear, Joyce Schilavski and Mary Crowley.

Ohio Judge Rules Charity Bingo Illegal

Columbus, O. — (RNS) — Charity bingo is a lottery and illegal under Ohio's constitution, Court Judge Randall held in a decision of state-wide importance.

His findings set aside a previous temporary order restraining police from interfering with city bingo games of eight organizations, including church and American Legion posts and hospital guilds.

JUDGE RANDALL based his decision on a section of the Ohio constitution which stipulates: "Lotteries and the sale of lottery tickets for any purpose whatsoever shall be prohibited in this state."

While this constitution does not provide a penalty, the jurist declared, "in our opinion, the prohibitive is still effective to declare all lotteries, irrespective of whether carried on with a profit to the one who operates the same, to be illegal and against public policy."

THE DECISION was directly opposite to that of Common Pleas Judge Dana F. Reynolds who in another case last May ruled that bingo not operated for the profit of the promoter or operator is legal.

Judge Reynolds' ruling was in the case of Alice Leonard, president of the Central Ohio Legible Aid Society, who was granted a temporary order restraining police from interfering with her games. Charity bingo had operated since then.

Safety Director Donald D. Cook said police will act against charity bingo as soon as the jurist's decision is entered on the court journal.

Panama Catholics Launch New Radio Station HOLY

Panama City, Panama — (RNS) — Radio Station HOLY, owned and operated by the Panama Roman Catholic diocese, went on the air here on a trial basis. On November 25, the station will be officially dedicated by President Alcibades Arcelesmen of Panama.

Because all radio stations in Panama have call letters commencing with HO, the new station has been able to get a singularly appropriate call letter.

THE STATION was founded by Archbishop Francis Beckman of Panama. Its director is Father John Savage, a Vincentian priest from Brooklyn, N. Y., who formerly taught at Niagara University. He is assisted by a priest who has charge of the English-language programs and another who supervises programs in Spanish.

Although the station is owned by the Panama diocese and its religious material will be under the supervision of the Holy See, it will seek to become self-supporting through commercials.

THE STATION is operating on a curtailed basis at present, but plans a 16-hour schedule when commercial sponsors are signed up. In addition to its religious programs, it plans to offer news, music, educational and cultural features.

Panama also has a Protestant radio station, HOXO, over which Heights (Canal Zone) Baptist church have been aired for the past three years. The station sponsors educational, cultural, musical and general interest as well as religious programs. It carries no commercials and all expenses are met by a private group of Protestants in Panama City.

Film Industry In Ireland Urged Dublin — (NC) — If Ireland wants to present the truth of her own culture, she should have her own film industry, according to W. J. Igoe, film critic of the Catholic Herald, London weekly.

Speaking here under the auspices of the National Film Institute, he said: "If you make Irish and Catholic films in Ireland, they will be in a measure pioneer works and should prove in time of great value to honest nations and to the Church."

ROCHESTER MOVIE GUIDE

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Priest-Playwright Warns Of 'False Glory and Glitter'

Granada, Spain — (RNS) — Jose Maria de Guadalupe, author of highly successful theatrical works, has turned his back on the "glitter" world of the stage in return to what he called the "glorious garment of my primary mission."

In talking to his countrymen among his brethren in the priesthood, Father Martin Lopez made public and voluntary renunciation of all that may have given scandal during his abandonment of the sacred ministry, when he devoted himself entirely to the writing that brought him renown.

HE WARNED others not to follow his example in leaving the priesthood. "May those who are blinded by the false glory of a name or by the false glitter of money know that they have been far from the source of pain, remorse, and tears," he said.

"I do not believe that I have in any way attacked Church dogma or Christian morals in my works," Father Martin Lopez declared. "However, having written for a frivolous public and in a materialistic environment, not battling priestly dignity and decorum, I heavily regret anything in my writings which might be against Christian principles."

San Diego College Opens Women's Unit San Diego, Calif. — (NC) — The San Diego College for Women, first unit of the University of San Diego, will open February 11. It has been announced here by Bishop Charles F. Rody of San Diego, founder of the university.

Registration of students will take place February 4. The college will be conducted by the Religious of the Sacred Heart.

Priest Enacts Part Of Martyred Bishop Madrid, Spain — With the most generous opening in Madrid and other cities of the film "Cruzada del Amor" ("Crusade of Love") to glorify the heroic part played by the leading role. The film, produced by the Spanish Republic, is a masterpiece of the history of the martyrdom of the Bishop of Tlaxcala at the hands of the Spaniards.

The works of appropriate must reach all Spanish, though they may seem, in order to be truly effective. Father Alvarez said. The appeal is in the line with the permission of his superiors.

"I accepted the offer with the desire of giving life to a personality filled with apostolicity," said the Bishop, he added.

Although Bishop Pelaez had an opportunity to escape death, he preferred to remain at his post, alongside his parishioners, in the hour of persecution during the civil war.

It is believed to be the first time a priest has acted the leading role in a full-length Spanish film with a dramatic subject.

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