

Hollywood In Focus

By WILLIAM H. MOORING

Simplicity Advised For 'Miracle In Portugal'

I had a talk with Crane Wilbur who has long and varied experience as a stage and film producer, writer, director and actor.

"We intend to do the story as it happened. We are not going to attempt realistic presentation of the apparition, however."

He describes himself as "a non-Catholic Christian" and is a calm, quiet-spoken man.

Several well known Catholic stars have begged to be allowed to appear in the film.

Several scripts have been written; one by Catholic writer James O'Hanlon.

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.

Whether 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 arrived 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 an added sense of responsibility," Crane Wilbur says "and we are putting our best into it."

IN THE FATIMA story, which they are calling "Miracle in Portugal," even more than in "Bernadette," some simple impressionistic method seems advisable, don't you think?

Anyway Mr. Wilbur tells me they will probably show the faint 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 backgrounds will point up the significance of the message which Our Lady of Fatima gave us.

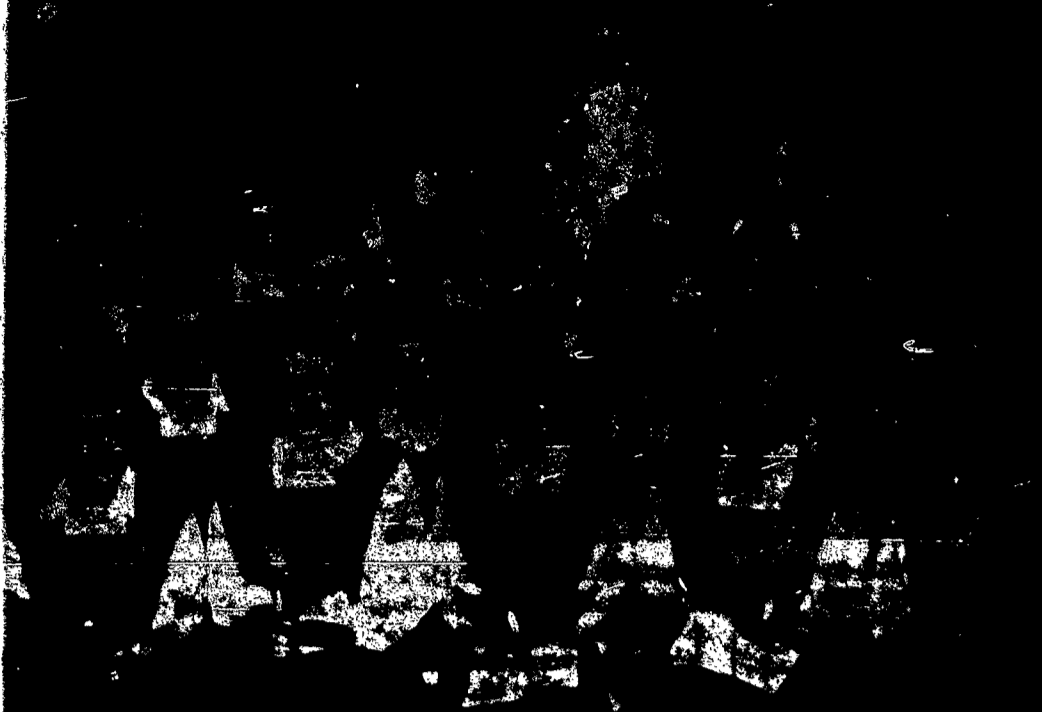
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Nurses' Aides Sing For Patients



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.

Logan, Rose Bisco, Jeanne Walker, Ellen Spence; third row, Elsie Morley, Delores Ciera, Eva Mae, Violet Dolan, Gloria Wynn; fourth row, (from left) Kathleen Copley, Fannie Stapleton, Mary Penney, Nancy Patrick; in rear, Joyce Schillwald and Mary Crowley.

Ohio Judge Rules Charity Bingo Illegal

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

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, specifically, 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 E. 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 Charitable Aid Society, who restrained 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.

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 Sky Radio's "Church of the Air" Sunday, Dec. 30 (CBS Radio, 10:30-11:00 a. m., EST, 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.

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Priest-Playwright Warns Of 'False Glory and Glitter'

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Priest Enacts Part Of Martyred Bishop

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San Diego College Opens Women's Unit

San Diego, Calif. — (RNS) — The San Diego College for Women, first unit of the University at San Diego, will open February 11.

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.

Film Industry In Ireland Urged

Dublin — (RNS) — 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.

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Italian Film By Decency List

The Italian film "The Miracle of Fatima" is on the Decency List. It is a story of the apparition of Our Lady of Fatima in 1917.

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