

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 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.

Besides Warners are anxious to avoid starring well known people who might tend to obscure the children in the picture. It is their story.

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.

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 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 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 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.

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) Marian Guido, Janette Churney, Helen Clancy, Marion Greer, Lee Zambito; second row (from left) Ella Lopez, Rose Bloch, Joanne Walker, Ellen Speno; third row, Eloise Merkley, Delores Clark, Eva Moe, Violet DeSanto, Gloria Wilenski; fourth row, (from left) Katie Copley, Pat the Stapleton, Mary Founesey, Nancy Patrick; in rear, Joyce Schillawski 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 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 Charitable 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 — (CRNS) — 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 Arce 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 exclusively Roman Catholic, HOLY will seek to become self-supporting through commercials.

THE STATION is operating on a curtailed basis at present, but it 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 broadcast from the Balboa 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 prevent 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."

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 (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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Legion of Decency Listings

CLASS A-1 — Unobjectionable for General Patronage Angels in the Outfield Arizona, Matthew Barrows, William Bushnell Fitz, John Spranger, Christmas Carol Desert of Lost Men Double Dynamite Emperor's Nightingale First Harvests From Home, The Nelsons Rocke Koss

CLASS A-2 — Unobjectionable for Adults An American in Paris All of the Ladies Say Yes, The Side of the Gentle Swiftness, The Callaway Wood Chateau Calling Backlog Capt. Jack Cowell Curry Over Horse Death of a Schuman Dark Passage Delicate Berry Diamond City Double Confession Double Dynamite Harpwood, A-1 Harwood, A-1 In Art In Art For Dummies John Hards

CLASS B — Objectionable in Part Adventure of Captain Fallon and His Lady Riders, The Conqueror King, The Chain of Circumstances, Death of a Schuman, Double Dynamite, Family Secret, The New Agent, The Pink Will Surrender, The Forever Springtime Song

CLASS C — Condemned Marie du Part On Apollo Paris Value Sacred The Shells Maid No Way of Love Wash, No

Priest-Playwright Warns Of 'False Glory and Glitter'

Granada, Spain — (NC) — Jose Maria of Granada, author of highly successful theatrical works, has turned his back on the tinsel world of the stage to return to what he calls the "serious garment of my priestly cassock."

HE SAID God granted him the gift of His grace and Divine Mercy, so that I return to Him and wrap myself within this glorious garment of my priestly cassock.

One of his most noted theatrical works is "El Niño de Oro" (The Golden Child). His plays have been performed in both Spanish and American theatres.

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 these have been for me 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 Maria Lopez declared. "However, having written for a frivolous public, not besting priestly dignity and decorum, I hereby retract anything in my writings which might be against Christian faith."

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Italian Film Hit By Decency Legion

New York — (NC) — The Italian movie "It's Forever Springtime," distributed by the A.F.E. Corporation, has been evaluated in the condemned classification, Class C, by the National Legion of Decency. It has been announced here.

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