

High School Students Set To Stage Opera 'Martha'

Member of the Nazareth Academy Perosian choir and the glee clubs of Aquinas, Madison and Edison Tech. will present von Flotow's opera 'Martha' in the Nazareth Academy auditorium Tuesday and Wednesday, Feb. 19 and 20.

In the guise of peasants Lady Harriet and her friend Nancy run off to Richmond Park where as Martha and Betsy they are unceremoniously bought into the service of two farmers, Mary Lillian Greco will sing the title role and Margaret Marshall will appear as Nancy.

Romance ensues and the Queen of England herself removes all impediments in the course of true love. Brilliant costumes and an idyllic setting add charm to the lyrics of this popular and melodious opera.

Others in the cast include Charles Bayer, Thomas Hussey, John McStravick, John O'Brien, Charles Schmidt, Francis Phillipone, Patricia Gause, Marjorie Capada and Lorraine King.

The third television presentation of the "Greatest Story Ever Told" will be seen on WHAM-TV Sunday, Feb. 24, at 7 p. m. The story, supplanting the Paul Whittman Revue on that Sunday, will be "Blessed Are They That Mourn," and is expected to receive the usual warm support of clergy, educators and civic leaders.

Fr. MacFarland Opens Radio Series

The Rev. Eugene MacFarland, assistant pastor of Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church, Rochester, will begin a new series of weekly radio broadcasts on Saturday, Feb. 23.

Titled "Let's Talk It Over," the program will be broadcast from 7 to 7:15 p. m. every Saturday over Station WVEE (1280 k). It is designed to be of particular interest to non-Catholics by discussing points of view of the Catholic faith.

Father MacFarland has conducted a similar program over another station for more than two years.

Aquinas Seniors On Junior Town Meeting

Four Aquinas Seniors will discuss the question, "Should General Dwight D. Eisenhower Return to the United States and Run for President?" over Rochester Station WHEC, Sunday, Feb. 17, at 5 P. M.

The students participating in this "Junior Town Meeting of the Air" broadcast are David Davin, John O'Hara, John Kinsky and William Feldman.

The program will be introduced by Rev. Arthur Looby, C. S. B., Chairman of the Aquinas History Department.

Dr. Seymour, Moderator of the Junior Town Meeting, will conduct the forum.

In Aquinas Play 'Ghost Train' Set By Aquinas Club For Feb. 20, 21



MEMBERS representing three divisions of Aquinas Spotlighters discuss their coming play "The Ghost Train." Student Jim Lyons (left) jokes with grad. John Horton and Mercy Senior Cathy Gilhoop.

Footlight Club Set For Opening

John Tuttle of the Pittsford Summer Theatre is directing the St. Boniface Footlight Club in the presentation of the Rodgers and Hart musical, "Too Many Girls." Opening night is Friday, Feb. 22, and the play will be presented on Saturday and Sunday, Feb. 23 and 24, additionally.

This musical which starred Van Johnson, Desi Arnaz and Eddie Bracken in the Broadway run is part of the fortieth anniversary celebration of the Footlight Club.

Members of the cast include Violet Gledehaus, Mary O'Hara, Edward Sloan, Robert Smett, Robert Williams, G. William Wedler, Ben Morlan, Betty McGlynn, Tom O'Rourke, Albert Schmitt, and Molly Eisenfeld.

Look and Listen

Beatification Of Canadian Nun Urged

St. John, N. B. (NC)—An appeal for early writings of the late Sister Marie-Leonie has been made by Bishop Patrick A. Bray of St. John in view of the possibility of the introduction of the cause for beatification of the foundress of the Little Sisters of the Holy Family.

Born in Acadia, Que., in 1840, Sister Marie-Leonie entered the convent of the Holy Cross Sisters at St. Laurent, near Montreal, at the age of 14 and took her first vows in 1857. In 1870 she went to the American Province of Holy Cross at Notre Dame and returned to St. Joseph in 1877.

In that year 14 young Acadian girls took vows as members of a new congregation. Official erection of the community took place in 1880 and in 1896 the mother-house of the order was transferred to Sherbrooke. Mother Marie-Leonie died on May 3, 1912, at the age of 71.

James Cagney, Elizabeth Scott, Joseph Bann, John Tuttle

The famed and lovable Cagney family will hold the spotlight in the Family Theater presentation of "The Red Head," Wednesday, Feb. 20, at 8:30 p. m. over Station WMBD, Auburn. The story tells about a heroic nurse and her brother, a newly-graduated doctor. Elizabeth Scott will serve as hostess on this program.

Mischiefous Lady Harriet and her high born friend, Nancy will come to life on the Nazareth Academy stage February 19 and 20. The Perosian Choir joins with the Glee Clubs of Aquinas Institute, Madison High School and Edison Tech. to present the operetta, "Martha." Mary Lillian Greco will appear in the title role. Others in the cast include Margaret Marshall, Charles Bayer, Thomas Hussey, and John McStravick.

"The Sermon on the River" will be the third in the series of addresses being delivered on Sundays during February by the Rev. Isadore O'Brien of Washington, over Station WARC, Rochester, at 1:30 p. m.

We regret that Station WELM, Elmira, has dropped the Family Rosary from its schedule except on Sundays. Joseph Bann, who lines up Rosary leaders for the nightly broadcast over stations in the Rochester diocese, tells us that a national broadcast program has taken over the time at the expense of the Radio Rosary. The Rosary program originates in Elmira on Saturdays at 10 p. m.

John Tuttle, director with the Pittsford Summer Theatre, is putting the final polish on the St. Boniface Footlight Club presentation of "Too Many Girls" which opens February 22 in the St. Boniface Auditorium, Rochester.

The excellent teamwork and cooperation between the students of Aquinas Institute and Our Lady of Mercy High are again in evidence with the Aquinas Spotlighter presentation, "Ghost Train," a three act mystery comedy, Wednesday and Thursday, Feb. 20 and 21. John Horton and Dick Mancini, assistant directors, are coaching Jay O'Hara, Cathy Gilhoop, Don Bull, and Jerry Grassi in leading roles.

"The Catholic Press, in a very true sense, is Christ walking the streets of our city, entering our homes, pointing out to young and old alike the way, the truth and the life." Msgr. Thomas J. McCarthy, of the National Welfare Conference, says. Msgr. McCarthy's message was aired over Station WYOL, Toledo, on the eve of the Catholic Chronicle subscription drive.

The Family Theater has been recently included on the schedule of "Voice of America," the State Department's international broadcasting division. Via recordings shipped to 35 U. S. Information Centers and relay stations overseas for local broadcast, the program will penetrate Asia and Latin America.

Layman, Catholic Radio Pioneer, Dies At 60

Laconia, N. H.—(NC)—Edward W. Joyce, 60, of Moultonboro, one of the first laymen to give a series of talks on the Catholic Truth Period radio program here, died at Laconia Hospital.

Mr. Joyce, who retired in 1943 as president of a clothing-store chain in Boston and other cities, was a native of Boston and a Harvard graduate.

Condemned New York, Feb. 8.—(NC)—The National Legion of Decency has announced that it has rated three motion pictures in Class C, wholly condemned. The movies are: "Lover's Return" and "The Raven," both French language pictures, and the Italian movie, "Women Without Names."

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