

### 'One Red Rose For Christmas'

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One Red Rose for Christmas by Paul Horgan. Longmans Green, 1952.

Top-ranking Catholic novelist Paul Horgan met his first success right here in Rochester, in 1933, when as production man at the Eastman Theatre, he wrote George Eastman and the beginnings of the School of Music into a very popular novel, *Fault of Angels*. He has two homelands, New York State and New Mexico, and from the second of these has year after year been writing quiet, sensitive, even more powerful and beautiful stories, until last Spring's *The Devil in the Desert* brought him the special ecstacy of the Harper Prize.

He tells Catholics intimate things about themselves, and everybody—Catholic, Protestant, pagan—enjoys the telling. His stories do not run about the world, they sit at home in the heart of some one character and give you the news from there, in memorable perfection of wording.

One Red Rose for Christmas, about an imperfect little girl and an imperfect Sister Superior, is a little novel, easy on the purse, guaranteed to rest in the mind like the memory of good music, belonging with such treasures as *Gallico's Snow Goose* and *The Small Miracle*, Ramuz' *When the Mountain Fell*, Bruckberger's *Seven Miracles of the Wolf of Gubbio*. One Red Rose has already been serialized and televised. Some samples:

About a fire in the orphanage: "The firelight made a great lantern out of the tall old structure, and grinned through empty downstairs windows, and changed upper windows into eyes that suffered and glared as smoke came and went."

About the Christmas party table: "The chairs sat with their backs straight, their shoulders back, their legs properly placed, and all facing one another in calm politeness across the white tablecloth. The white sky out of doors came in through the tall windows and all but chimed on the sparkling glasses, the shiny tableware, and the millions of mica snowflakes that were artfully scattered all along the middle of each rank of tables, where toy fir-trees and reindeer and St. Nicholas and red-roofed villages made repeated clusters for the imagination to enter and cling to."

About "the Kind of Love that Came into the World as Bothic hem": "Yes," he said... "Let us be reminded that it is the intent of love, the small separate act, with which we must begin, and then we must proceed to the next one, and the next, until we make a whole lifetime. This is hard work, my child, but that is no reason for not doing it. The only reason for not doing it would be if it were not good work."

### Convert



Major General Joachim Shain, (above) 28-year-old commander of the Korean Marine Corps has been touring U. S. Marine Corps installations. With his wife and three children he was baptized recently by Father Augustine You, at the Maryknoll Sisters Hospital chapel in Pusan.

### CDA Send Gifts To Korean Youth

New York — (NC) — More than one thousand pounds of woolen sweaters and candles have been shipped to post-war children abroad as a result of a Christmas drive of the Junior Catholic Daughters of America.

### Bing Crosby Plans Library For Gonzaga

Spokane, Wash. — (NC) — Bing Crosby paid a pre-Christmas visit to his alma mater, Gonzaga University, and looked over plans for the proposed Crosby Memorial Library to be built on the campus in memory of the Crosby family. Blueprints of the proposed building were studied by the radio and film star, and the Rev. Clifford Carroll, S. J., university librarian, and the Very Rev. Francis E. Corkery, S. J., university president.

### Medical School Dean Named

St. Louis — (NC) — Dr. James W. Colbert, Jr., assistant dean in charge of postgraduate studies at the Yale medical school, has been appointed dean of the Saint Louis University School of Medicine. The university said that the 32-year-old scientist will be the youngest dean of any major medical school in the United States on assuming his duties next March. Dr. Colbert, the father of six children, was graduated from Holy Cross College in 1942 and received his medical degree from the Columbia University College of Physicians and Surgeons.

### 'Voice From The Desert'

Rome — (NC) — A modern voice from a western U. S. desert has reached Beda College here, asking about entrance requirements for this training college for late vocations to the priesthood.

A California World War II veteran in his forties who has "lived in the desert for the past 20 years, working, praying, studying and helping the priests with the Indians, wrote saying he has never married and now feels drawn to the priesthood.

"I would appreciate any advice you could give me," he said in a letter addressed to Monsignor Charles L. H. Duchemin, rector of Beda College. The trouble is that the writer overlooked putting his address on his letter, and Monsignor Duchemin cannot send him a reply.

### Bishop Brings Cheer To Hospital



ANNUAL VISITATION to patients in St. Mary's Hospital, made by His Excellency Bishop Kearney following celebration of Mass, made the Bishop bidding goodbye to a patient lucky enough to be going home on Christmas eve. The patient is Mrs. Victoria Maciejewski of St. Stanislaus parish, with Nurse Mrs. Mary Kaczmarska and on left Marjorie Kazmark, a granddaughter of the patient and herself a nurse. (Courier Staff Photo).

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### Real Work For Peace Rarely In Newspapers

New York — (NC) — Vital stories, such as truly Christian efforts for peace, are too often overlooked by our secular newspapers, a veteran news correspondent, convert and priest told a radio audience here.

They are left out to make room for crime, scandal and the trivial, Father Max Jordan stated on the Catholic Hour radio program, produced by the National Broadcasting Company in cooperation with the National Council of Catholic Men. Father Jordan, a long-time N.C.W.C. correspondent, was ordained last year at the age of 56.

"The work of Giorgio LaPira, the priest said, is an example of the important stories so often ignored. This is the story he told: "Since last year, Giorgio LaPira was the mayor of Florence, Italy. A man in his forties, before being elected to this office he taught law at the university of the city. He still teaches, but his main interest in life is Christian living, which to him means to live for his fellow-man out of love for God.

"His predecessor as mayor was a communist who rode to the office every morning in a shiny motor-car. LaPira walks to the office. His lunch often consists of just bread and water. His home is a small, uncomfortable room in the Dominican monastery of San Marco.

"ALL HIS income he shares with the poor whom he loves as St. Francis did. He knows them, for he himself comes from a family in dire circumstances. He had to work his way through college. He learned of the poor by experience.

"Every Sunday Mayor LaPira preaches the Gospel in two local churches. He preaches as a layman, to which the Church does not object, and the famed Father Lombardi, he knows how to tackle his topics straight from the shoulder. After these talks which are informal, but profoundly moving, he distributes food and other gifts to the poor. By every possible means he tries to relieve their severe housing shortage.

"No doubt Mayor LaPira today is the most popular man of Florence which up to recently was a hotbed of communism. In his address which is just as unassuming as his living quarters, he mentioned anyone who wishes to see him,

### 'Wonderful Freedom'

Hong Kong — (NC) — "Wonderful freedom! Is it true?" Wearing a communist cap, sweater and an old pair of pants, the man with the short-cropped white hair and beard was too thrilled to say much more. But his sparkling eyes told the whole story.

For Father Joseph Peter McGowan of Philadelphia had reached the haven of this British colony after being expelled from China. Now 55, he had spent nearly half his life in missionary work in China.

On Christmas Eve, the communist suddenly ordered his expulsion, and he was deported under an escort of four guards with two machine-guns. Even with the heavy guard, however, his money was stolen from his bag.

### Catholic Historians Elect Officers

Washington — (NC) — The American Catholic Historical Association has elected Prof. John T. Farrell of Catholic University as its president for 1953.

Prof. Thomas P. Neill of St. Louis University, author of the recently-published "Religion and Culture: The Christian Idea of Man in Contemporary Society," was named first vice president. The new second vice president is Father Ignatius Brady, O.F.M., of St. Bonaventure University.



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