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Story of 'Other Shepherd' Staged By DeSales Cast

Geneva—The story of Ethan, "The Other Shepherd," by Dorothy Clark Wilson was presented by DeSales High School Sodality in story and song in the school auditorium, Dec. 17.

There were four scenes opening with a pathway on the hill outside of Bethlehem. Colorful robes and settings added much to its Biblical significance.

Ethan, the central character, dreamed often of going to Jerusalem and becoming a priest. But always there arose needs among his own people or his friends and he had to give them monetary assistance.

HIS GREAT opportunity came when he was able to give the Christ Child and Mary and Joseph shelter in his home. After this experience he deceded that he would remain in the role of shepherd instead of becoming a priest.

The part of Ethan the "other shepherd" was played by David Maslyn. The cast of characters included: Rachel, his mother, Rita Lynch; Jared Abel and Zeri, shepherds of Bethlehem, Frank Caravita, Lawrence Mahoney and William Hefferon; Rebecca and Deborah, women of Bethlehem, Faith Morabito and Beverly Hefferon; Amrah, sister of Ethan, Alice Toombs; Reuel, her son, Dawn Dimmick; Joseph, James Donahue; Mary, Elaine McAvoy; voice, Martha Sullivan; Angels, Connie Wyatt and Mary Alice Lynch.

Choristers were: Jane Avery, Marlene Bell, Linda Brown, Gwynn Clark, Concetta Colizzi, Betty Davids, Joanne DeJohn, Josephine DiAntonio, Carolyn Dimmick, Dominica Galgano, Marie Giardino, Eileen Jones, Mary Ann Knight, Moira Lavey, Nancy Lee, Beatrice Liberatore, Josephine Licht, Jean Maher, Ellen McGuire, Katherine McLaughlin, Lorraine Monaco, Carolyn Myles, Angela Onorato, Loretta Palmer, Irene Povero, Gail Quigley, Elaine Shirley, Anne Sullivan, Michael AuClair, Carmelo Cannuli, Richard Chilbert, Terence Constable, Thomas Constable, Bernard DiDuro, John Greco, Gabriel Gillotti, John Hart, James Lawlor, Kevin Lawlor, John LeGott, Robert Lemmon, James O'Neill, John Sears, Fred Snyder, Richard Westfall.

Miss Patricia Iannopollo was pianist for the play. Assisting were Mrs. Mamie Cupelli, make-up; William T. Sullivan, properties: Lawrence J. Desilets, lights.

Committee chairmen included: Donald Ninestine, publicity; Mary Jane McHale, props; Louis Guard, tickets; Mary K. Smead, costumes; Richard Chilbert, ushers; Maureen McCusker and Nancy Lee Talbert, programs; Richard Desilets, lights and John Sears and Michael AuClair, stage managers.

RORATE COELI

In 13th-century England grain was exposed on Christmas Eve to gain fertility from the dew that would fall in response to Rorate Coeli — the first words of the Introit on the Fourth Sunday of Advent: "Drop down dew, ye heavens, from above . . ."

TV Award Given To Bishop Sheen

New York—(NC)—Bishop Fulton J. Sheen's weekly telecasts won him a Look magazine TV Award for the best religious program of 1953.

The Auxiliary Bishop of New York was one of twelve award winners named by the magazine after a poll of over 1,000 television columnists, producers and program directors.

With a color portrait of Bishop Sheen on its cover, the magazine paid tribute to his "outstanding achievement in the treatment of spiritual or inspirational themes."

"BISHOP SHEEN is a phenomenon even among the phenomena that constitute television," Look said.

The Bishop has what it takes, the magazine said, enumerating: "a notable gift for oratory; marked dramatic talent; an amazing memory for facts, figures and quotations; a sense of humor (somewhat middle-brow) and— best of all a magnificent ability to inspire his audience."

Look estimated Bishop Sheen's television audience at almost twenty million viewers. His "Life Is Worth Living" series has been over the DuMont television network.

VIRGIN AND CHILD

"The Virgin Adoring Her Child" is the title of this painting by Botticelli (1444-1510). It is from the Kress Collection in the National Gallery of Art, Washington. (NCWC)

Catholic Theatre On WVET-TV

NATIVITY SCENE from the Catholic Theatre production of "Christmas On The Village Square" features Miss Jean Strachan and Robert Bride (shown above). The yuletide play, which has been done by the group for three years, will be seen on WVET-TV in Rochester this afternoon (Thursday), from 4:30 to 5 p.m. This is the first live drama show to be given by the television station. Other members of the cast include: Wilford Scott, Thelma Holmes, and Robert Smott. (Democrat and Chronicle Photo)

Rosary Holy Hour Listed On WSAY

The Holy Hour at St. Francis of Assisi Church, Whitney and Orange Streets will be broadcast by WSAY from 11:15 p.m. to 12:15 a.m., New Year's Eve according to the Rev. Joseph A. Cirrincione, pastor and director of the Daily Family Rosary for Peace.

The broadcast will originate in the same church from which the Rosary for peace is broadcast each day at 7 p.m.

Family Radio Rosary Leaders

Saturday, Dec. 26 — Frank Shaughnessy and volunteers of St. Joseph's House of Hospitality.

Sunday, Dec. 27 — William Downs, St. Charles Borromeo.

Monday, Dec. 28 — Tarleton J. Deverell, St. Monica.

Tuesday, Dec. 29 — Sam Ursetta, St. Jerome's, East Rochester.

Wednesday, Dec. 30 — DeWain F. Feller, St. Augustine.

Thursday, Dec. 31—Henry J. Gabe, Holy Cross Band of Nocturnal Adoration Society.

Friday, Jan. 1 — William L. Cherry, Jr., Rochester Chapter, St. Bonaventure Alumni Association.

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Christmas On Radio & TV

Programs of special interest for Christmas reported by Rochester radio and TV stations are listed below:

Christmas Eve, Thursday, Dec. 24

The Catholic Theatre of Rochester production of "Christmas On The Village Square" will be seen from 4:30 to 5 p.m. over WVET-TV, Channel 10.

Sisters of St. Joseph Choir will be heard from 7:15 to 7:30 p.m. over WHAM-Radio.

Broadcast will come from the Nazareth Motherhouse Chapel, Pittsford, where the 75-voice choir will be heard under the direction of Sister M. Rose Gonzaga, S.S.J. The program will include: "Come, O Come, Emmanuel", "Dear Little One", "Gesu Bambino", and "Jesu Redemptor Omnium".

Rochester Oratorio Society in excerpts from Handel's "Messiah" at 8 p.m. over WHAM-Radio.

Four Star Theatre presents "The Gift" with Charles Boyer and Maureen O'Sullivan from 8:30 to 9 over WHEC-TV, Channel 10.

Solemn Pontifical Mass from Sacred Heart Cathedral, Rochester; His Excellency Bishop James E. Kearney, celebrant and preacher at midnight over WHAM-Radio; the Rev. Edward C. McAniff, commentator.

Solemn Pontifical Mass from St. Patrick's Cathedral, New York City, at midnight over WHAM-TV, Channel 6. Bishop Joseph F. Flannelly, celebrant.

Midnight Mass from St. Boniface Church, Gregory St., Rochester, with the Rt. Rev. John F. Goggin, celebrant; the Rev. Walter Kohl, preacher, and the Rev. Leo McManus, commentator; at 12 over WBBF-Radio.

Midnight Mass from Old St. Mary's Church, South St., Rochester, with the Rt. Rev. Msgr. James C. McAniff, celebrant; the Rev. Francis Pegnam, commentator; at 12 over WHEC-Radio.

Midnight Mass from St. Monica's Church, Genesee St., Rochester, with the Very Rev. Gerald C. Lambert, celebrant; the Rev. Michael P. O'Brien, commentator; at 12 over WSAY-Radio.

Handel's "Messiah," narrated by Ronald Coleman at midnight over WVET-Radio.

Christmas Day, Friday, Dec. 25

The Boys Town Choir will be seen and heard at 12:30 a.m. over WHEC-TV, Channel 10.

Solemn High Christmas Mass from Our Lady of Mercy Motherhouse Chapel; explanatory remarks and narration by the Rev. Richard Tormey, chaplain; the Very Rev. John F. Murphy, C.S.B., celebrant; Sisters of Mercy choir under the direction of Sister M. Edwina at 8:45 a.m. over WHAM-TV, Channel 6.

"The Joyful Hour," all-star program sponsored by Father Patrick Peyton's Family Theater from noon to 1 p.m. over WHEC-TV, Channel 10.

"A Star Shall Rise," Christmas movie produced by Father Patrick Peyton's Family Theater from 1:30 to 2 p.m. over WHAM-TV, Channel 10.

"Christmas Carol," with Alec Guiness as Scrooge at 3:30 p.m. over WVET-Radio.

"A Star Shall Rise" from 6:30 to 7 p.m. over WVET-TV, Channel 10.

"Christmas Carol," with Taylor Holmes as Scrooge and Vincent Price as narrator at 7 p.m. over WHAM-TV, Channel 6.

Student's of St. Bernard's Seminary Choir from 7 to 7:30 p.m. over WHAM-Radio.

Broadcast will originate in the Seminary chapel, Lake Ave., Rochester. The Rev. Charles J. McCarthy will direct the 50-voice choir. Included in the program are: Ravenello's "Ave Maria," "Hodie Christus," "Jesu Redemptor," and selected European carols "Under the Stars" (Spanish), "Bring Torches" and "Lo, How a Rose" (Old English), and "The Carol of the Bells" (Russian-Ukrainian).

Movie Guide

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LOEW'S
Quo Vadis A-1
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Here Come the Girls B
PALACE
Walking My Baby Back Home B

Legion of Decency Listings

CLASS A-1 — Unobjectionable for General Patronage

Abbott and Costello Meet Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde; All American, The; Big Frame, The; Big Leaguer, The; Bright Road; Calamity Jane; Cease Fire; Combat Squad; Conquest of Cochise; Crazylegs, All American; Dangerous Crossing; Down Laredo Way; Escape From Fort Bravo; 5000 Fingers of Dr. T.; Fake, The; Fighting Lawmen; Flight Nurse; Francis Covers The Big Town; Give a Girl a Break; Glory Brigade, The; Great Sioux Uprising, The; Half a Hero; Hondo; Houdini; How to Marry A Millionaire; Hurricane of Pilgrim Hill; Joe Louis Story, The; Julius Caesar; Kid From Left Field, The; Killer Ape, The; Last of the Comanches; Last of the Pony Riders; Little Boy Lost; Living Desert, The; Lone Hand; Lure of the Wilderness; Ma and Pa Kettle on Vacation; Man from the Alamo, The; Master of Ballantrae, The; Medal of Honor; Mexican Manhunt; Mr. Scoutmaster; Money From Home; Murder On Monday; Never Let Me Go; Northern Patrol; Old Overland Trail; Peter Pan; Project M-7; Raiders of the Seven Seas; Robe, The; Rob Roy; Rogue's March; Royal African Rifles; Sabre, The; Safari Drums; Saginaw Trail; Sea Of Lost Ships; Silver Whip, The; Sky Commando; Small Town Girl; Song of The Land; So This Is Love; Stand at Apache River; Stars Are Singing, The; Sweethearts on Parade; Tangier Incident; Tarzan and The She-Devil; Terror on a Train; Thunderbirds; Thunder Over the Plains; Titfield Thunderbolt; Torpedo Alley; Tumbleweed; Village, The; Wherever She Goes; Winning of the West; Yellow Haired Kid, The

CLASS A-2 — Unobjectionable for Adults

Against All Flags; A ... Desire; All The Brothers Were Valiant; Arrowhead; Back To God's Country; Band Wagon; Bandits of Corsica; Bergman's Opera, The; Big Break, The; Big Frame, The; Blowing Wild; Blueprint for Murder, A; Botany Bay; Break-Up; China Venture; City In Dark, The; City That Between Country; Dancing with Crime; Dangerous When Wet; Desperate Moment; Donovan's Brain; Easy To Love; Eight Iron Men; Fast Company; Fighter, The; Flying Squadron; Fort Ti; Gay Adventure, The; Girl Who Had Everything, The; Gentle Gunman, The; Girls of Pleasure Island, The; Glass Web, The; Gun Fury; Hangman's Knot; Hitch-Hiker, The; Juggler, The; Jack Slade; Jennifer; Keepers of The Night; Last Posse, The; Law and Order; Lawless Breed, The; Lili; Lion is in the Streets, The; Little Fugitive; Man on A Tightrope; Man in The Dark; Maze, The; Miss Robinson Crusoe; Moonlighter, The; Mr. Denning Drives North; My Man and I; Night Without Stars; No Escape; No Holds Barred; Outpost in Malaya; Perilous Journey, A; Plunder of the Sun; Powder River; Prisoners of The Casbah; Private Eyes; Ring Around The Clock; Roman Holiday; Sailor of the King; Second Chance; Seminole; She's Back on Broadway; Singing Taxi Driver; Somebody Loves Me; Split Second; Something Money Can't Buy; Stormbound; Story of 3 Loves, The; Stranger On The Prowl; Sudden Fear; Sword and The Rose, The; Take The High Ground; Three Girls from Rome; Thunder Bay; Tomorrow Is Too Late; Tonight at 8:30; Torch Song; Train of Events; Trent's Last Case; Trouble Along The Way; Untamed Frontier; What Price Glory?; Without Warning

CLASS B — Objectionable in Part

Ambush at Tomahawk Gap; Bad For Each Other; Battle Circus; Big Heart, The; City That Never Sleeps; Counterfeiters, The; Daughter of Darkness; Decameron Nights; Desperate Search, The; Don't Bother To Knock; Duel Without Honor; East of Sumatra; Flight To Tangier; Forever Female; From Here to Eternity; Fugitive From Trieste; Gentlemen Prefer Blondes; Gunsmoke; Hot Blood; I, The Jury; Let's Do It Again; Man Behind The Gun; Man Between, The; Man Crazy; Miss Sadie Thompson; Mogambo; Murder Without Tears; My Wife's Best Friend; 99 River Street; One Girl's Confession; Paris Model; Prince of Pirates; Return to Paradise; Rome, 11 o'clock; Sea Devils; Serpent of the Nile; Slight Case of Larceny, A; South Sea Woman; Strange Witness; System, The; Thief of Damascus; Three Sailors and a Girl; Walking My Baby Back Home; What Price Innocence; Woman They Almost Lynched

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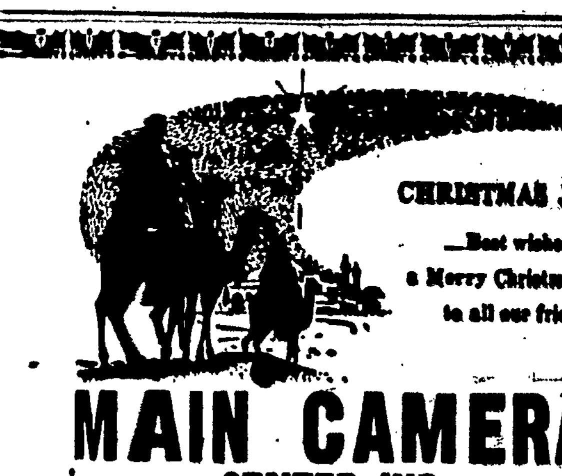
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