

GOD LOVE YOU!

By MOST REV. FULTON J. SHEEN

These Magi or Wise Men who were led to the crib of the Infant Christ were not Jews but Gentiles; they were not of the chosen people who enjoyed the Revelation of God; they were not members of the Jewish "Qahal" or what we would call the Church. They corresponded to the Japanese, African, European, Hindu, Buddhist and Moslems of our foreign mission lands who as yet know not Christ.

But like the Magi these people are seeking Him. They are good men among the heathens, men who in darkness grope toward the truth, if haply they may find it. Their question today is the same as that of the Magi: "Where is He?" The shepherds were poor; the Magi were rich. Their offering to the Divine Babe was threefold: gold because He is King, incense because He is a Priest, and myrrh because He is a Saviour.

Think of it, myrrh! Myrrh was for his death and burial. Necessity would bring myrrh to Calvary, but these men brought it to Bethlehem. They saw the Cross in the crib, Golgotha in the stable, and the Sorrowful Mother at both.

Don't you think it is time for us to return the gifts? Our Lord still wants the people of the East in His Church. Will you make to the Holy Father at this season a gift of myrrh—a little sacrifice that the Buddhists and Hindus and Moslems may find Christ? Write a check now on this actual grace inspires you, and we will send it to the Holy Father.

For the Marian year, wear our God Love You medal with the Blessed Virgin on one side and the Cross and the world on the other. Send a \$5 offering and your request for a silver medal or \$10 and your request for a gold filled one.

Pray for India this week? You would have thought of it if you saw the yellow decade on the World Mission Rosary. Send a \$2 offering and your request, and we will send you a World Mission Rosary blessed by me.

GOD LOVE YOU to the following: to L. D. O. "I had intended to buy a pair of shoes with this \$10 but felt the Missions needed it more." ... to P. G. "I'm sending \$5 in thanksgiving for the 11th of Nov. is 10 years since I came to this country." ... to J. V. A. for \$5. "In appreciation for the beautiful twins that God gave us." ... to H. W. M. for \$16.50. "This is 50% of the prize money I won in a local newspaper photo contest." ... to the Assoc. Newman Alumni of N.Y. for \$19 which was realized from a card party and buffet supper held for the benefit of The Society for the Propagation of the Faith. ... to M. R. for \$13. "When I earned this last spring, I thought of saving it for the house but then decided to use it this way and perhaps help save a soul. I have so much to be thankful for—a good home, a good job, good health, and my Catholic heritage. For these things, in a small way I wish to express my appreciation to God." ... to Sgt. and Mrs. H. "This money is in fulfillment of a promise I made to send the Missions whatever money I obtained from the sale of clothes I could no longer wear." ... to D. H. for \$2.25. "The movies in town were closed for several weeks so I saved as much of my allowance as I could for the Missions to help some child who has never had the luxury of going to the movies." ... to V. M. L. "Enclosed is \$10 received as an award for a safety suggestion at my office." ... to L. B. for \$6.28. "I have taken an extra job and would like to send my first pay check to the Missions for a special intention."

Cut out this column, pin your sacrifice to it and mail it to the Most Reverend Fulton J. Sheen, National Director of The Society for the Propagation of the Faith, 100 East 86th Street, New York 17, New York or your Diocesan Director Very Rev. Msgr. John B. Randall, 50 Chestnut Street, Rochester 4, New York.

Action League Cast Hailed In Nativity Pantomime

Auburn.—A Nativity Pantomime presented by members of the Catholic Action League of St. Alphonsus Church was the highlight of the organization's Christmas party, Dec. 17 in the school hall. Mrs. Clarence McDonald and Mrs. Albert C. Pimm, chairman and co-chairman, arranged the evening's entertainment and refreshments.

Taking part in the pantomime were Mesdames Michael Palmieri, William J. Lyons, Richard Evans, William Martinez, Clarence McDonald, Albert Pimm and the Misses Etta Darrow, Mary Clifford, Mildred Gaynor, and Cletus Gaynor.

Mrs. George M. Wright, as narrator, read the passages from the Scriptures which were enacted by the cast. A musical background was furnished by a quartet composed of the Misses Carolyn Casper, Natalie Carbone, Betty Clancy and Mrs. Olyva Garbinko. Miss Marie Mehan was the accompanist.

Members of the cast with Mrs. Robert A. Nelson, composed the committee.

At the business meeting which preceded the play, a report was made on the successful Christmas bazaar by the chairman, Mrs. Louise W. Merna. Miss Marion Berry, president, who conducted the meeting, announced that the annual Sauerkraut Supper of the League will take place Saturday, Jan. 30 in the school hall. Miss Catherine Anton is general chairman.

Mrs. Parmenter Rites Held In Pittsford

Funeral services for Mrs. Minnie Yerger Parmenter were held at the D. Bernard O'Brien Funeral Home, 597 Thurston Road, Rochester 8, at 11 o'clock, Dec. 17.

Mrs. Parmenter of 81 Shelwood Dr., Pittsford, a member and past chairman of the Ladies Society of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen and Engineers, No. 58, died Dec. 14, 1953. Requiem High Mass was celebrated by the Rev. James Callan, in the Sanctuary also were the Rt. Rev. Msgr. Thomas F. Connor, the Rt. Rev. Msgr. Louis Edelman and the Rev. John A. Reddington.

Bearers were: Elmer Roundtree, Ward Yerger, William Graver and Malcolm Weed. She is survived by two daughters, Mrs. H. Clay Bestor and Mrs. T. Gentry Veal and four grandchildren, all of Rochester. Final blessing at the grave in Holy Sepulchre Cemetery was imparted by Father Callan.

Father Murphy Set On TV Panel Program

The relationship of religion to democracy will be discussed by a trio of clergymen, representing three faiths, on the Court of Public Opinion television program to be broadcast over Station WHAM-TV at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 25.

Members of the panel will be the Very Rev. John F. Murphy, C.S.B., president of St. John Fisher College; the Rev. Harold E. Nicely, minister of Brick Presbyterian Church; and Rabbi Philip Bernstein, rabbi of Temple Beth Kodesh. They will give their views on the subject: "How Can Organized Religion Best Help Advance American Democracy?"

Moderator of the discussion will be Sol M. Linowitz. The program is sponsored by the Union Trust Company of Rochester.

Aquinas Grid Player Cited At Academy

Thomas Burke, son of Paul Burke, 870 Seward St. was honored by Blair Academy in New Jersey at its annual Fall Sports Dinner. Burke who played on the Aquinas Institute football team last year was cited for his achievements on the Blair Academy football team.

Geneva Engagements

Geneva.—Mr. and Mrs. Donald S. Denmore, 86 Maple St., have announced the engagement of their daughter, Mary Janet, to John R. Buckley, son of Mr. and Mrs. Timothy J. Buckley, 312 William St.

Mrs. Denmore is a graduate of De Sales High School and is employed by the New York Telephone Company. Mr. Buckley is a graduate of De Sales High School and Niagara University. He is employed by John Church Furniture Co. No date has been set for the wedding.

Geneva.—Mr. and Mrs. William Sparrow, 79 Sherrill St., have announced the engagement of their daughter, Geraldine Ann, to Alrman Second Class Floyd E. Cayea, son of Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Cayea, Lyon Mountain, N.Y.

Miss Sparrow is a 1951 graduate of De Sales High School and is an assistant bookkeeper for the Finger Lakes Linen Supply. Alrman Cayea is a 1951 graduate of Lyon Mountain High School and is stationed at Sampson Air Force Base. A summer wedding is planned.

Sampson Captain Heard By CDA



QUESTIONS at the 30th Anniversary Dinner of Court Kateri Tekakwitha No. 837, Lyons is greeted by principals at the dinner in Trombino's, Dec. 9. In photo (from left) Alice Bourne, harpist; Anne C. Wright, grand regent; Captain Conchitta S. Bobbitt, O.I.C., Sampson A.F.B. Hospital, guest speaker; the Rev. John F. Neary, chaplain; Grace Patrick, district deputy; Lucille LaRoche, seamstress and Miss Jay Concilio, Court Geneva, CDA.

Brother Conducts Lyons Catholic Daughters Funeral Rites For Miss Mary Lane

Auburn.—The funeral of Miss Mary Lane, formerly of Auburn was held Saturday, December 11, 1953 in St. Mary's Church, Auburn. Celebrant of the Requiem Mass was the Rev. James C. Lane, assistant pastor of St. Patrick's Rochester, brother of the deceased. Deacon and sub-deacon were the Rt. Rev. Msgr. John J. Kearns of Waco, Texas, and the Rev. Robert J. Downs.

Present in the Sanctuary also were: Rt. Rev. Msgr. William E. Cowen, Reverend Fathers: John B. Crowley, William D. Tobin, Leo J. Jones, Raymond P. Nolan, Joseph P. Haffey, Joseph F. Hogan, Charles L. McCarthy, Robert G. Smith, John L. Coonan, James P. Collins, Joseph L. Hogan and Edward J. Tolster.

The services at the cemetery were attended by Monsignors Kearns and Cowen and the Reverend Fathers: Frederick G. Straub, Downs and Smith. Besides Father James Lane, Miss Lane is survived by the Rev. John S. Lane of Texas City, Texas; Dr. Joseph A. Lane of Rochester and Luke Lane of Syracuse.

Behold, A Saint!

He knelt beside the manger bed, And bent his kindly, gentle head Toward the Infant God had given into his care.

And with a quiet and holy air Smiled down at Him Unquestioningly, content to be The chosen one to lead his baby steps.

Right grateful that he be A plain man of the earth, Might play so great a part In the bright miracle of Virgin birth.

Quietly he knelt, guarding, Protecting through the night, And Mary looking up at him Beheld a saint,

Surrounded by a wondrous light! —Myrtle West Sheppard

Films in Color Set Film in natural color will be presented, at Rochester Museum of Arts and Sciences on Sunday, December 27, at 2:30 p.m. and 3:30 p.m.

DeSales Students To Join Geneva CD Housing Survey

Geneva.—Survey of Geneva's housing potential for care of evacuees in the event of a bombing will be made a community service project for juniors and seniors of DeSales and Geneva high schools, according to W. Lynn Houseman, deputy director of Civil Defense welfare.

A committee representing both schools made preliminary plans for a group of students of both schools to codify the city as a first step. This will be done Dec. 27.

ON THE steering committee are the Rev. Joseph L. Hogan, Sister Margaret Theresa, Robert Foley, Miss Helen P. Maney, Helen P. Maney, Joseph Guerra, for the schools, and Mrs. Caroline P. Jewett, executive secretary of Geneva C.D., Spurgeon B. Wuerntberger, principal of Geneva High School is chairman.

Under Deputy Director Houseman's leadership the committee was formed to conduct a house-to-house canvass to obtain the statistical data.

The CD organization wants to know just how many evacuees can be cared for, should Rochester, Syracuse or an other target city in the area be bombed. The survey can be used, it was pointed out in any emergency that called for quick civilian housing in great numbers. Jan.

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