Aquinas Stadium Concert To Feature Foster, Waring

Aquinas Stadium concerts which begin on Friday, July 2 are planned to provide entertainment for the entire family. More than 100 will comprise the company which will present the production in three scenes.

LEWIS NEALY

Stephen Foster's music will compose the first scene with an actual home race featured during the playing of "Camptown Races." Fred Waring provided the music for the second scene and the third will present music from the Broadway success, "The King and I."

THE CONDUCTOR will be Suzanne Wiggs director of the Maids of Note who is choral director of the series. Musical arrangements are all the work of Waldo Comfort of Elmira, an advanced composition student at the Eastman School. He has done some band arranging in the past and is a former member of the United States Army Band. This is his biggest arranging job.

Five events are planned in the Aquinas series, all on Friday evenings in July and August and presented on an outdoor stage in the stadium at Ridgeway Avenue and Mt. Read Boulevard.

Admission for the concerts is 25 cents for adults and 15 cents for children.

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KIWANIS' GIFT SCHOOL

SURPRISING Sister St. Mark, principal of School of the Holy Childhood for exception children, members of North East Kiwanis Club presented her with a latest model mimeograph machine. Sister St. Mark had explained the school's operation at the club's meeting in the Forty and Eight Club. Here after presentation with the school principal are Paul E. McCarthy (left) club president and George M. Clancy, vice president. (Marin E. Whal Photo).

WHAT'S DOING AT THE DALY'S

'Too Busy To Pray?'

By Mary Tinley Daly

"Mommy, will you say the rosary with me?"

It was 11:30 of a week-day morning and Ginny had just rushed in from play, face flushed and dirt-streaked, sleeveless pink sport shirt and blue denim shorts showing smears of axle grease.

Mary Daly

"The rosary!" My heart jumped into my throat. What crisis now? Dropping the bundle of blankets on the kitchen floor, I spun Ginny around and gave her a complete once-over.

Sound and sturdy, no bruises other than the ones she'd had last night at bathtime. "You almost had an accident with your bike?" I asked suspiciously, "and want to say a rosary of thanks giving?"

"Nope," Ginny giggled mysteriously and hugged me around the waist. "Wasn't even riding my bike — just greasing it — and I got to thinking . . . you and I both been busy, and I figured you'd sure stop long enough to say the rosary . . ."

THE OLD CLICHE, "Out of the mouths of babes" . . . I remembered these last hectic weeks: close time schedules, winding up the years activities in this and that organization, graduation festivities with their attendant partying, writing assignments all deadlined together, out-of-town speaking engagements — a constant rush.

Ginny was right, we'd all been too busy. A line from the commencement address of Admiral John McCree, speaking to the Visitation Convent graduates, flashed back to mind: "When you're too busy to pray," he had said, quoting from a nun, "then you really are too busy."

Ginny hadn't heard that address, probably wouldn't have taken personal application from it if she had, but in her 8-year-old mind she had come up with the answer.

"I'll do up them blankets, Mrs. Daly," Willie offered, as she finished cleaning the stove. "While they suns, I'll iron. Then I'll ball moth 'em." (Willie has her own way of saying things, and doing them.)

IN THE COOLTH of the big front bedroom, Ginny and I knelt and said the rosary together — first time, come to think of it, that only the two of us have done his — and I noticed Ginny's reverent inflection: ". . . the Lord is with thee."

Somehow, listening to the repetition of these well known and well loved words, watching the bare-foot little girl in mussed play clothes, it was as though a spring which had been wound too tightly were relaxing to its natural tension. Worryful things — the world situation, family problems — all faded into proper perspective.

"That was fun, wasn't it, Mommy?" Ginny asked as we finished. "Suppose we fix peanut-butter sandwiches and milk and take 'em out in the back yard?"

The sunning blankets whipped themselves back and forth on the clothesline. Willie continued her ironing and hymn singing in the kitchen, Ginny and I sunbathed and dozed in utter languor.

"See that cloud, Mommy?" Ginny pointed to a big puff of white floating in the blue sky. "Looks like the one the Blessed Mother rode up to heaven on. Let's do this every day!"

"UH-HUM," I agreed sleepily. "That's for us."

A long restful summer ahead . . . Autumn would bring more duties, perhaps a tightening of that spring — but never let's hope, up to the twanging stage again!

Card Parties Set Wednesdays

Auburn — Mrs. George M. Frank, grand regent of Court Auburn 263, has listed the chairmen of the Wednesday afternoon card parties scheduled during the summer at the C.D.A. Home, 44 South St. On fair days tables will be set up on the lawn and rear veranda, and in inclement weather guests will play indoors.

Playing starts at 2 p.m. and is concluded with the serving of refreshments at 4:15. Proceeds from the parties are used to further the Catholic Action and community work of Court Auburn.

Mrs. George A. Snyder is general chairman of the Wednesday, June 30, affair. Mrs. George M. Frank will chairman the committee for July 7.

Prayer

Be not forgetful of prayer. Everytime you pray, if your prayer is sincere, there will be a new feeling and a new meaning in it, which will give you fresh courage, and you will understand that prayer is an education. Dostoyevsky.

'Prepare To Die Like A Patriot' Says Father To Son Held As War Hostage

By REV. STEPHEN A. JANTO, O. F. M.

The following article was written by the Rev. Stephen Anthony Janto, OFM, son of Mr. and Mrs. Michael Janto, Waterloo St., Clyde, N. Y., after a recent sight-seeing tour to Toledo, Spain.

Father Janto was ordained in Washington, D. C., in 1939, and served as a U. S. Army Chaplain in the United States, New Guinea, and Australia during World War II. In 1946, he re-enlisted for three years serving in Japan, Korea, and the United States after which he entered the University of Texas for two years of study. He sailed on September 15, 1953 for Spain where he was enrolled in specialized studies at the University of Madrid for the past school year.

Toledo, the most curious of all the cities of Spain, was the capital under the Goths and is said to be the oldest city of Europe.

The most remarkable buildings are San Juan Los Reyes, the Cloisters, Synagouge, Greco's House and Museum, Saint Tome, the Cathedral, and the ruins of the Alcazar.

San Juan de los Reyes was built to commemorate the Battle of Toro which left Queen Isabella, the chief sponsor of Columbus' discovery of the New World, secure upon the throne of Castile.

Franciscans are in charge of it now, and were also in the days of the Admiral of the Ocean Sea. The Cloisters, adjoining the church of San Juan, are a thing of rare beauty and famed the world over.

IT WAS there, at that monastery, that Cardinal Cisneros was initiated into the Franciscan Order and later ruled Spain in 1506-07 and again in 1515-17 when the country was rising fast as a world power, when it was sending expeditions to Florida, and to the Aztecs of Mexico.

A synagogue, in the old Jewish quarters of Toledo, is usually visited by strangers touring the city. Hebrew inscriptions all around the upper part of the walls, near the ceiling, forming something like a border, are clearly legible.

A Jew by the name of Levi owned much property in Toledo, and in one of his homes lived El Greco. The kitchen, dining room, and studio of the great artist are preserved. His studio is small and in it hangs a painting of St. Francis of Assisi whom he enjoyed depicting on a canvas. He did more than 60 paintings of that saint, more than he did of any other single individual.

In the El Greco Museum, connected to his home, there is a complete set of paintings of the 12 Apostles, the last of four sets by El Greco. Another complete set is found in the cathedral sacristy of Toledo. The other two sets are scattered over the world.

In the Church of Saint Tome is found El Greco's outstanding masterpiece: The Burial of the Count of Orgaz.

THE CATHEDRAL contains 80 massive pillars which support the huge Gothic structure. Within it, the choir, the sanctuary and whole central nave captivates the eye, as do the multitude of figures carved in ebony and alabaster.

There, too, in a side circular room of the Cathedral, is what is known as the Treasury Room filled with jewels, crowns, swords, and relics of Spain's great historical moments, besides a four-foot Monstrance done in silver and gold.

The Alcazar drips with patriotism. The hardest heart is moved with emotion on a visit to it. It used to be a military academy up until the outbreak of the Spanish Civil War in the summer of 1936. Most of the cadets at the time were away on vacation, when the forces led by the Reds took over the city of Toledo.

SUPPORTERS OF Franco, who had the time, sought refuge within the Alcazar, whose subterranean galleries were capable of withstanding a long bombardment. About 1,500 succeeded in reaching it, and enclosed themselves within it, under the command of General Jose Mascardo, and in that number were included some 500 women and children. There were also four nuns, Sisters of Charity.

During the siege, which lasted 72 days, two children were born. Surgical operations were performed without anaesthetics. By the time the Reds were driven from Toledo by the military forces of Franco, medical supplies had been reduced to a few bottles of medicine, now preserved in the Alcazar in a glass case, as well as two or three rolls of black bread, baked within the fortress during those day of anguish.

Flour had to be ground in the fortress. To do it, a motorcycle was used to power a small grinding machine. Only a half bag of grain, still seen lying alongside the motorcycle, was left at the end of the siege. Airplanes attempted to parachute food into the courtyard and were unsuccessful. Not only that, but two planes were lost in the futile attempt.

A daily newspaper, "The Alcazar", was published to keep the besieged informed of the progress of the war, and to sustain their spirits.

NOW SOME 500 women and children managed to crowd into two massive stone galleries, underground, is still a mystery. There seems to be hardly enough room in which all of them could comfortably stand. Yet, there they lived out the siege, and when the time had come for the delivery of the two children, the mothers were taken out and by the light of a window exposed to the shells of the enemy, they gave birth.

Then, one day, the Reds contacted General Moscardo by phone to tell him his son had fallen into their hands. To prove it, the son was permitted to speak to his father. The young boy told his father that he was to be shot by the Reds unless he surrendered the Alcazar immediately, for the Reds were furious over their failure to conquer it by force of arms.

APPARENTLY they had tried every means to take it and had been frustrated. Now, came the appeal to the father to save his son's life merely by surrendering. The message of the father to the son was brief: "Prepare to die like a patriot."

That message is inscribed in Spanish, and in translation in English, and other languages, on plaques in the room used as a general headquarters by Gen. Moscardo.

The telephone used by the father and the son are kept there also, one beneath the picture of the father and the other below that of the son. Not only that son was shot by the Reds but also an older son in Barcelona, and for the same reason.

IN DESPERATION, the Reds planned to mine and blow up the Alcazar. That was the final strategy. Before carrying out their tactics, word was sent that the women and children would be allowed to leave and given safe-conduct to the outside world, to the fresh air and light of day, but that the men—all of them—were doomed.

Back went the reply of the women that they would not desert the men. With them they would rather die, only they asked that a priest be contacted somehow by the Reds so that he could come and celebrate Mass for all of them, hear their confessions and give them Holy Communion. The Reds agreed but instructed the priest to plead with them to surrender. The priest came. The priest left. But the surrender was not forthcoming.

General Jose Moscardo is still alive today, holding an important government post. His sons, no doubt are interceding for his welfare in their home beyond this earth.

There is something in the heroic stand of the General that is reminiscent of another Spaniard of centuries ago, of Guzam El Bueno (Guzman the Good). The Moslems were attacking Tarifa, on the southern coast of Spain. They had contrived to capture his infant son.

"SURRENDER", they shouted to Guzman standing on a wall that he was defending, "or this child will die at our hands." Guzman's reply is known to every Spanish youngster. He whipped a shining knife from his belt and flung it to the Moslems. "Here", he yelled, "is the weapon."

Spaniards do not surrender to an enemy. Nor did they surrender to the Reds, in our own times. Spain, to date, is the only country that has administered a decisive defeat to the devotees of Communism. Such is the temper, the spirit, the character of the people, such is the land with which the United States entered into agreements last September."

Party For Young Planned By Sacred Heart Sisters

Religious of the Sacred Heart will hold a party for the young folk of their acquaintance at their convent 8 Prince St. on June 26, the day after the feast of the Sacred Heart. The party will be from 2:30 till 4:30 p.m.

There will be balloons, games and fun for all provided. Climax of the afternoon will be the Benediction in the chapel at which the children will be consecrated to the Sacred Heart and also receive medals.

SAINT MADELEINE SOPHIE, who founded the Society of the Sacred Heart in France in 1800, believed that education should be a family affair, and it is in accordance with this belief that each year the Religious fete the little sisters and brothers, friends and relatives of their students.

However, this year's party is a special occasion because this is the 99th year of the residence of the Society of the Sacred Heart in this city, and because it will mark the opening of a kindergarten for boys and girls of ages four and five. By Sept., all will be ready to receive the "young folk" at Prince St.

Mrs. H. Raymond Drysdale and other members of the Parents' Association will be on hand to help on the hospitality committee.

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Sunday, June 27—Francis A. Williams, Holy Trinity, Webster;

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