

AMONG WOMEN

Homer Or Hopalong

By Mary-Lennon Snyder

Rosary Hour Listed For Spain Radio

Maria, Spain (NC) - The Spanish Broadcasting Society has announced it will inaugurate in September a Rosary Hour program based on Hollywood scripts prepared by the World Rosary Crusade.

In a recent issue of The Catholic World, a young Jesuit writer developed an interesting theory that given an opportunity to sample each young children will prefer Homer to Hopalong Cassidy.

Of course, someone may point out that we are dealing with two dissimilar categories, since Homer is an author and Hopalong is well, Hoppy is an entertainment personality. This I believe, is beside the point because the article justifies the title.

As a college student, the writer had been a baby sitter and had been driven almost to despair by the boredom-bred destructive tendencies of his charges. Picking up his school books which he had brought along for some late evening studying, the young man started reading aloud from Homer with remarkable effect. The children quieted down and were enchanted with the rhythm and the narrative.

Using this experience as a springboard, the writer develops the argument that we are depriving our children of real pleasure in reading while feeding them

mental gruel destined to sicken them on all reading. FROM MY OWN experience and observation I have regrettably reached the conclusion that many high school students do not want even to search out a narrative thread among the printed words on the page of a book. Raised on a diet of lavishly illustrated books and text-books, plus the omnipresent comic books, they wait for the story to leap out at them. They complain of a story's being "hard to understand" when what they mean is they don't want to bother to read it.

Of course, there will always be, let us hope, the excellent student to whom reading is a richness not to be denied. But it is not with him that we are now concerned.

Part of the difficulty in helping young people to be readers is that many parents themselves are not readers and that they therefore are not satisfactory reading guides or advisers. I HAVE LONG felt that many of the children's books were prepared more because their "cuteness" appealed to the potential adult purchaser than because they were of solid worth to the child reader. If you have ever observed a child to whom one of these modern "cute" books was being read by an adult, perhaps you have noticed, as I have, a glint of condescension in a pair of very youthful eyes.

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The two-year Marian Scholarship offered by the Religious of the Sacred Heart in connection with the hundredth anniversary of the Academy was won by Eileen Robinson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Robinson of 281 Colebrook Drive.

The scholarship for girls entering the seventh or eighth grade was awarded on the basis of the results in a competitive examination held on August 16, at the Academy, 8 Prince Street.

The following received honorable mention for outstanding achievement in the examination: Sharon Bradley of 678 Averill Avenue, Mary Lou Duffy of 321 Pinehurst Drive, Shannon Hayes of 75 Windemere Road, Judith Nicols of 17 Borlich Drive, Elizabeth Ryan of 189 Aldine, Elaine Siragusa of 420 Culver Parkway and Elaine Van Zeilen of 648 Mt. Read Blvd.

Sister Victoria Receives Habit

Miss Shirley M. Kruppenbacher, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Victor Kruppenbacher, 109 Flower St., received the habit of the School Sisters of Notre Dame at a Religious Reception at the Motherhouse in Baltimore, Md. She has taken the religious name of Sister Mary Victoria.

A graduate of St. Michael's School, she attended Nazareth Academy for one year and completed her high school education at Notre Dame Juniorate, Fort Lee, N. J. She entered Candidate last year at the Motherhouse in Baltimore.

Former Professor Gets Refugee Post

Washington, D. C. (RNS) - A former instructor at Catholic University of America who was himself an immigrant to the United States has been named deputy administrator of the U. S. Refugee Relief Program by the State Department.

Antonio A. Micocci, who is at present in charge of the Office of Research and Intelligence of the U. S. Information Service, was named to succeed Robert C. Alexander, a career government worker, who retired from the post July 27.

Mr. Micocci was born in Rome, Italy, 50 years ago and came to the United States in 1909 at the age of five. His family took up residence at Chester, Pa., and he went to the University of Pennsylvania where he made Phi Beta Kappa and received a master's degree in languages. He took graduate work at Catholic University and was a language instructor there.

WHAT'S DOING AT THE DALY'S

Long Distance

By Mary Tuley Daly

In sensible and thrifty moments we always resolve that the next time we talk on the long distance phone...

...I'll call Lu Anne. That's fine. Yeah, we're fine. Uh-huh, well, I'll call Lu Anne. He is...

...The head of the house quickly swallowed a big bite of blueberry pie and picked up the receiver: "Hello, Johnny, how are you? That's good. And how's Lu Anne? And Lu Anne's... Eileen... Yeah, had a wonderful birthday. Thanks for the nice handkerchiefs. I sure needed 'em. Oh, we're all fine. Ginny had a sunburn but she's better now. How's the weather out there? ... With we had it like that, you know, 97 today. Lu Anne's out here on... Hello, Lu Anne? ... Good. And Lu Anne? ... Sure, I hear her. Hi, Lu Anne! Tell your father I understand your Chinese - just like his own at thirteen months. ... That you, Johnny? Well, the little girl said "Happy birthday, Grandma" in a gobblegook. Thanks for calling, Johnny. Now, here's your mother."

...BY THAT TIME, the other girls were on the uptown phone. So, with the open switch-plate radio, that nobody thought to turn off, the conversation was a little less than perfect!

"Hello Johnny! How are you? And how's Lu Anne? ... Good. And Lu Anne? ... Could I talk to her too? ... Hello, Lu Anne? How are you? ... Oh, we're all fine. Yeah, Ginny's sunburn is all right. Hello, Lu Anne? ... There was a wall at the other end of the line, Lu Anne had obviously had enough of this nonsense - and it was time for the upstairs contingent to cut in: "Hi, Lu Anne! This is Markie. ... I'm fine. How're you? ... That's good. And how's Johnny? And Lu Anne? ... That's good. Yeah, it's awfully hot here. Is it hot there? ... Uh-huh, finished the typing course - and I GOT MY DRIVER'S LICENSE! ... I'll say it's fun. ... Say, Pat wants to talk. ... "Hi, Lu Anne! How're you? ... And Johnny and the baby? ... Fine. ... Yeah, we're all fine. ... Yes, I'd love to talk to Johnny. Hello, Lu Anne? ... We're all fine. Wrote to you yesterday. ... No, no special news."

...THUS, it went, with everybody at this and talking to everybody at that. Once getting coldly mathematical, we discovered that the minimum call to Johnny - after six, station-to-station - is \$2 plus 10%, and approximately a 50-cent rise for each additional minute.

...Goodness - and the San Diego operator - only knows how long we talked that night, exchanging the sum total of knowledge that:

1. Johnny, Lu and Lu Anne are fine.

2. Everybody at our house is fine.

3. It's hot here, cool in San Diego. (The weather report could have told us that.)

4. GINNY had a sunburn but is all right now.

5. Markie finished her typing course and got her driver's license.

6. The Head of the House had a wonderful birthday and this was the best part of all, actually hearing the voices of those loved ones so far away.

Come to think of it, could you really get your money's worth in a more heart-warming family way?

Miss Nolan Weds In Auburn Rite

Auburn - Phyllis Ann daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Vincent T. Nolan, 35 Fitch Ave., Auburn, and Daniel Dido, son of Mr. and Mrs. Vito Dido, 16 Holley St., Auburn, were married on Aug. 7 in Holy Family Church, Rochester.

The Rev. John P. Norris, assistant pastor of St. Charles

Church, performed the ceremony and was celebrant at the Nuptial Mass.

Son In Seminary Mother Joins Nuns Both Reach Goals

Techny, Ill. (NC) - Shortly after her youngest son, Paul, went off to the seminary in 1941 to become a Divine Word Missionary priest, Mrs. Amelia Jacob, widow and resident of Milwaukee, applied for entrance into the congregation of Parish Visitors of Mary Immaculate at Margaret Convent, Monroe, N. Y.

She is now Sister Mary Denise, R.V.M., and this morning had the happiness of seeing her son ordained a priest here. Recently Sister Denise pronounced her perpetual vows.

Father Paul A. Jacob, S.V.D., will be assigned to home or foreign mission work after another year of theological studies here. He was ordained by Archbishop William D. O'Brien, D.D., Auxiliary Bishop of Chicago.

Question of Satan

Very few today believe in the devil. This is exactly what the devil wants. He is always circulating the news of his death. The essence of God is existence, and He defines himself as: "I am Who am."

The essence of the devil is the lie, and he defines himself: "I am who am not."

Satan never has to bother with those who do not believe in him, they are already his. - Bishop Fulton Sheen.

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In addition to their private devotions the group attended Saturday evening services in honor of the Martyrs and Sunday morning Mass at the Shrine. They visited the site of the martyrdom of St. John de Brebeuf and St. Gabriel Lallemant and the site of Sainte Marie among the Hurons, the recently excavated and partially restored central mission residence, which was begun by St. Isaac Jogues and served as Headquarters for the missionaries of Huronia, including six of the eight canonized martyrs. At both places historical and devotional background talks were given by the Rev. Denis Heagerty, S.J., of the Shrine Staff.

Mrs. M. De Yeager is President of the Rosary Society and Mr. P. Hayes organized the pilgrimage.

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