Protestants Deplore 'Sag' In Morals Of Students

Kingston, Ont. — (NC) — "Christian education is the only answer to the present "tremendous sag in morals", a Toronto Protestant clergyman, Rev. Canon F. J. Nicholson, told the Canadian Council of Churches here.

Canon H. R. Hunt of Toronto, chairman of the Council's department of evangelism, said a study by the Student Christian Movement, showed that only 30 per cent of university students have any church connections, and only a minority of the 30 per cent could be called mature Christians.

Canon Hunt, who is general secretary of the executive council of the Church of England in Canada, said that the lives of a majority of the students lack coherence.

"Many, even from Christian homes, have come to look upon the Christian religion as something in which they need not become seriously involved," he said.

Journalism Professor

Milwaukee — (NC) — David R. Host, a member of the journalism faculty at Marquette University since 1939, has been promoted to the rank of professor of journalism.

GOD LOVE YOU!

By MOST REV. FULTON J. SHEEN

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Bishop Fulton J. Sheen will appear on a special telecast this Sunday afternoon at 2 p.m., Eastern Standard Time, over NBC-TV.

THE two most important instants in the earthly existence of Our Lord were His Birth and His death. These two instants were practically one, for He was the only Babe who ever came into the world to die; every other babe came into the world to live. How more beautifully could He show the purpose of His birth and His death than to surround both of these instants with the foreign missions: the Wise Men from the East at His birth; the centurion of Rome at His death. The Wise Men proclaiming Him a "King", a "Captain" of salvation, and recognized Him as God for they said they "came to adore." At His Death the Roman soldier made the first public affirmation of His Divinity—"Indeed this was the Son of God."

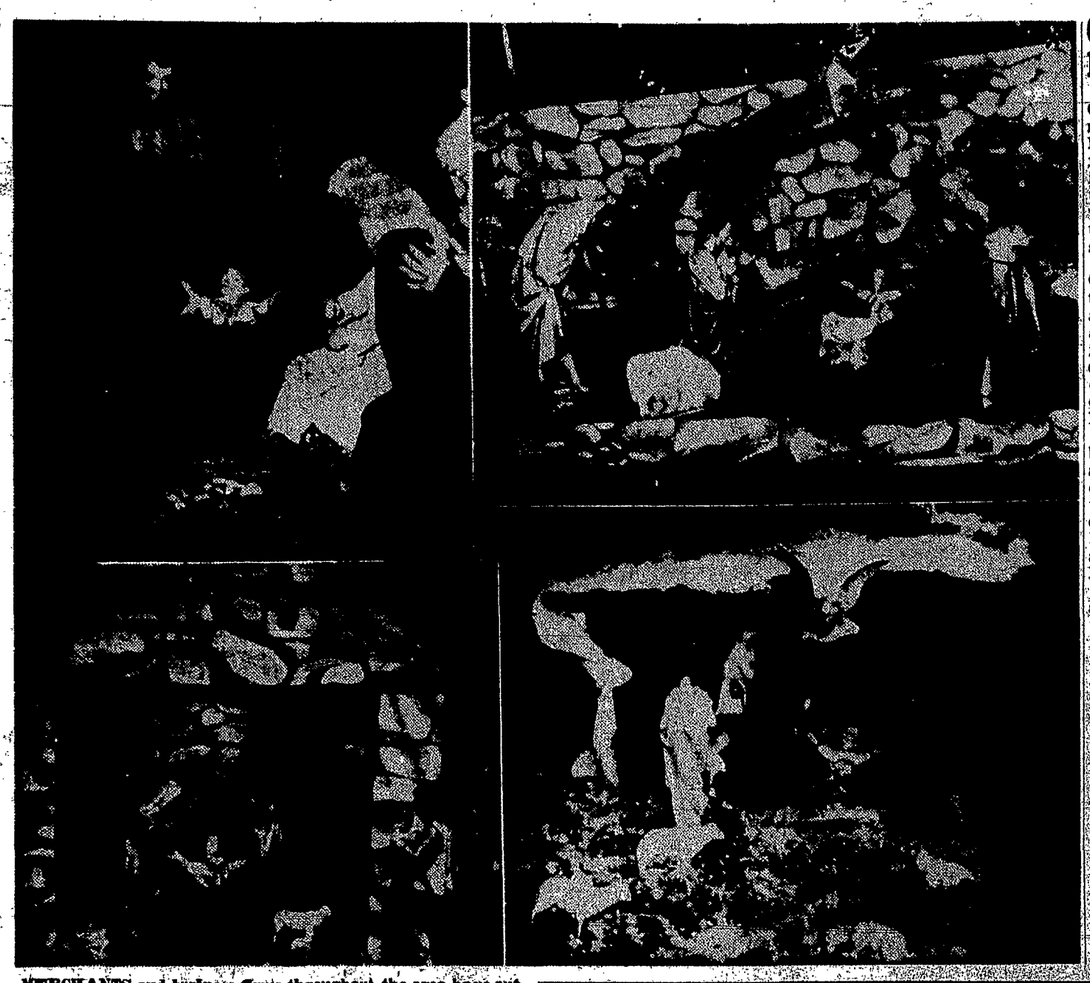
Since birth and death are twins in the life of Our Lord, then celebrate His birth to you by a death to your ego. For the sake of a sacrifice for the foreign missions, you will adore Him in birth and glorify Him in death.

Have you, for example, sent your dime to aid the Holy Father's missions? A sacrifice, however small, is the means you have at hand to partake of that great spirit of love which prompted a King to come into the world, clothed in poverty.

GOD LOVE YOU to H. S. for $35.85. "Please accept this money, which I earned teaching a night school class." . . . to G. H. K. "Enclosed please find a check for $4. It represents the penny I promised to the Missions for every bushel of seed corn we sold." . . . to J. D. "$45 for the Holy Father's Missions, in honor of the Blessed Mother." . . . to M. H. S. "In this letter you will find $20. It is my month's wages for cleaning an office once a week." . . . to P. H. M. "While in the midst of Christmas shopping, each member of our family decided to give $5 toward a Holiday donation to the Missions. Here is our $20—Merry Christmas!" . . . to B. M. C. for a $100 sacrifice to the Holy Father's Missions. . . . to A. L. "I promised $1 a week for a year if I was granted a very special favor. My prayers were answered, so here is $52."

Out of towners visiting New York during the holidays will want to see the permanent Mission Exhibit at our National Office, 366 Fifth Avenue. Be sure to stop in at this timely exhibit. There is no admission charge.

Cut out the column, pin your sacrifice to it and send it to the Most Reverend Fulton J. Sheen, National Director of the Society for the Propagation of the Faith, 366 Fifth Avenue, New York 1, New York, or your Diocesan Director, Very Rev. Msgr. John S. Randall, 50 Chestnut Street, Rochester 4, New York.



MERCHANTS and business firms throughout the area have put into reality the slogan "Put Christ Into Christmas." Shown above are four of the many display windows, large and small, showing a Nativity scene during the holiday season. From left: Top, Rochester Gas and Electric Corp., 89 East Ave., and Bill Hall's Gulf Service Station, 759 South Ave.; bottom, Lawrence A. Weider & Son, Inc., plumbing and heating supplies, 495 Clinton Ave. S., and Silver Dry Cleaning Co., 245 Andrews Street. (Photos by Thomas Casey)

30,000 Brave Storm As Marian Year Closes At Lourdes

Lourdes, France — (NC) — Storms and heavy rains which had lasted for several days let up for a few hours to permit the closing ceremonies of the Marian Year here to be held out of doors in front of the Lourdes basilica.

Some 30,000 persons attended, including 20 Bishops from all parts of the world. Present were His Eminence Jules Cardinal Saliege, Archbishop of Toulouse; Archbishop Jean Deymier of Hangchow, China, and Bishop Joseph Troceller, Vicar Apostolic of Mackenzie, Canada.

His Eminence, Paul Emile Cardinal Leger, Archbishop of Montreal, Canada, presided as Papal Legate.

During the ceremony the Papal Legate moved the large crowd by an act of kindness. Noticing from his throne that aged, partially paralyzed Cardinal Saliege appeared to be cold, he sent one of his assistants to take his own robe to keep the Cardinal warm.

THE MARIAN YEAR'S last day here began with an early morning Mass for school children. This was followed by Pontifical Mass celebrated by the Papal Legate, at which he preached a sermon praised for its eloquence by the non-Catholic as well as the Catholic press. The Cardinal said that for the past hundred years Lourdes has been a school of faith, a rock of hope, a city of love and a harbor of peace.

At the end of the Pontifical Mass Bishop Pierre Theas of Lourdes read a letter from the Holy Father written during his critical illness, in which the Pope sent a special Apostolic Blessing to the pilgrims who had come here for the ceremonies.

Catholic Lawyers Magazine Planned

Brooklyn, N. Y.—(RNS)—The Catholic Lawyer, a quarterly magazine "by, for and about the Roman Catholic in the legal profession" will make its appearance in January under the auspices of the Law School of St. John's University here in cooperation with the St. Thomas More Legal Research Institute.

The Rev. Joseph T. Tinnelly, C.M., dean of the school, will edit the publication, with the assistance of Dr. Harold F. McNiece, assistant dean and director of the institute, and a staff of associate editors. The institute acts as a clearing house for information of particular interest to Catholic lawyers and Church authorities.

Featured in the first issue will be articles on "Bingo, Morality and Criminal Law," "The Concept of 'Church' in the 1954 Internal Revenue Code," "Relations of Church and State," "Canon Law of Marriage and the Press," and "The Life of St. Thomas More."

It also will contain digests of articles printed elsewhere dealing with the law as it affects Catholic interests, and legal problems having special reference to canon law, theology and moral theology. In addition it will carry sections on recent court decisions, current news, book reviews and a question box.

Set Prayer Crusade For Prisoners In China

Chicago—(NC)—A nation-wide appeal for prayers for the liberation of Americans held prisoners by China's communists behind the bamboo curtain has been launched by 137 seminarians at the Society of the Divine Word headquarters in nearby Techny.

Louis A. Wehle

FISHING CONTEST

HERE'S the News you have been waiting for! The Grand Prize Winners for 1954. These are the thirty-six anglers, out of the 209 monthly prize winners, who caught the three largest fish in each classification. Congratulations to the winners—and we look forward to the entries of all fishermen in the 1955 contest, which will begin in April, 1955.

GRAND PRIZE WINNERS for 1954

BROWN TROUT	Tomas Klink	Auburn	21 lbs. 5 ozs.
	Delbert Chase	Hammondsport	13 lbs. 9½ ozs.
	David Ostrowski	Mattydale	10 lbs. 2 ozs.
BROOK TROUT	Wilfred F. Maloney	Canaseraga	7 lbs.
	Luther Billings	East Syracuse	4 lbs. 14 ozs.
	Philip T. White	Selkirk	4 lbs. 5½ ozs.
RAINBOW TROUT	Alden Lindgren	Elmira	16 lbs. 12 ozs.
	Harry R. Clark	Beaver Dams	15 lbs.
	John C. Mace	Elmira	13 lbs.
LAKE TROUT	George Smith	Buffalo	22 lbs. 15 ozs.
	Kermit DuMoulin	Lima	22 lbs. 8 ozs.
	Paul Rime	Canandaigua	21 lbs. 8 ozs.
Small Mouth BASS	Alfred Young	Akron	8 lbs. 1 oz.
	Philip T. White	Selkirk	7 lbs. 12 ozs.
	Paul Schoff	Yorkton	7 lbs. 3 ozs.
Large Mouth BASS	George Smith	Mountainville	8 lbs. 6 ozs.
	Robert Morton	Utica	8 lbs. 5½ ozs.
	Ronald Sotsrock	Belmont Lake	7 lbs. 15 ozs.
NORTHERN PIKE	Eugene Leinenfelder	Albany	22 lbs. 2 ozs.
	George Kramish	Schenectady	21 lbs. 7 ozs.
	Leon E. Bagley	Bolton	21 lbs. 4 ozs.
WALLEYED PIKE	Hazel Heidenfelt	Kenmore	11 lbs. 1 oz.
	Warren Rogers	Ilion	11 lbs. 3 ozs.
	Ernest Tiberio, Jr.	Holly	10 lbs.
PICKEREL	Harold Becraft	Hoosick	7 lbs.
	Harry L. Peterson	Rochester	6 lbs. 13 ozs.
	Milton L. Gould	Newcomb	6 lbs. 11 ozs.
ROCK BASS	Walter Schultz	Buffalo	1 lb.
	Katie Flannery	Medina	1 lb. 12 ozs.
	Abner Farley	Rochester	1 lb. 2½ ozs.
PERCH	Harvey Lange	Medina	3 lbs. 11 ozs.
	Francis Lombardo	Medina	3 lbs. 7 ozs.
	C. A. Burton	Cassilian	3 lbs. 1 oz.
MUSKALONGE	Raymond Ashley	Ogdensburg	40 lbs. 13 ozs.
	Harold Dancer	Ogdensburg	40 lbs. 3 ozs.
	Steve Sroka*	Richfield Springs	35 lbs.

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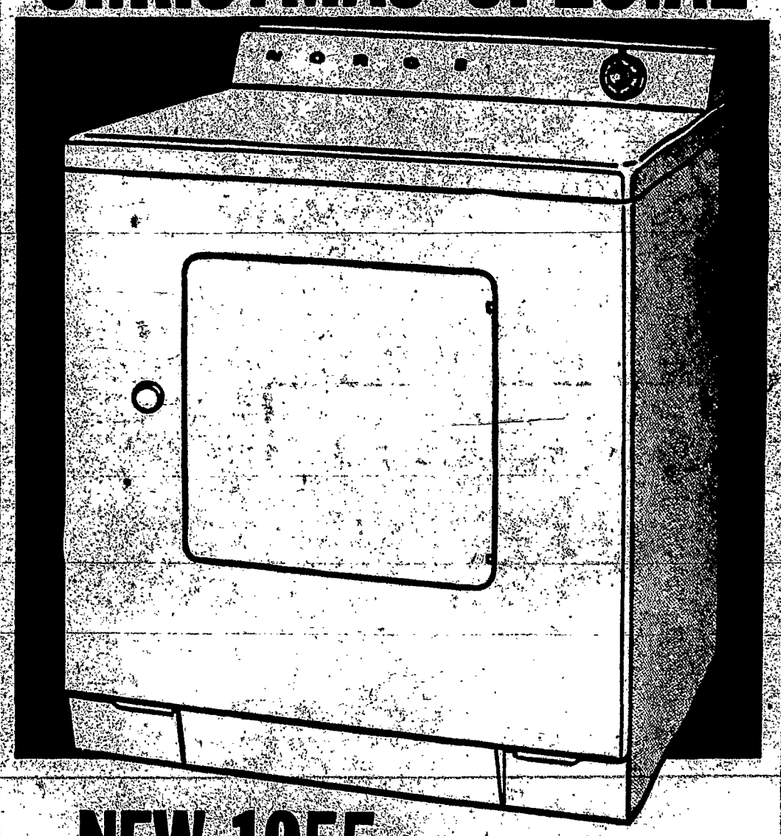

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