struggle of ambition, the struggle of hate,

the struggle of greed, the struggle of lust,

People and events of Soday were factors in the

Crucifixion as much as were the people and

events of the year \$5, according to Fr. Daniel
A. Lord S.J., in his book His Passion Forever,
Beginning with this issue, the Courier Journal
will reprint portions of the book with special
permission of the Bruce Publishing, Company,
A unique recusation of the drame of Calvary.

repeated, the groans are tediously alike.

Good struggles fiercely in the grip of

is man's most characteristic story.

rough all human drama.

achieved a novelty.



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blicity: Maurice

> CHAPTER ! OD had meant the life of

men and women to be a high and happy comedy.
Only the deliberate atupidity of the actors themselves has made of that life what it often is, a sor-

did pathetic tragedy. God the Creator and great Designer set the stage beautifully for the rising curtain. The first scene was laid against the backdrop and wings of the world's fairest garden. The program read:

Scene-Paradise Time A brief period before heaven Written clearly into the scenario, the description would have run like this:

The curtain rises on a scene of purest delight. The background is a summer sky, and there are roses everywhere. Clearly this is a garden of delights. Tall fruit trees rise within easy reach of the hand. Flower-lined paths lead off to vistas of heavily shaded trees squired by blossoming shrubs and watered by small rivers that hum and gurgle on their way to the unknown sea.

Here was a stage set for a prologue of laughter and music, of innocent and dancing and gay human love. -

Cast of Characters

Adam and Eve, the first happy actors in this drama, entered on this scene, we may well believe, dancing. They looked upon the setting for their life and love, and they knew that it was delightfully fair.

More than that: they knew, beautiful as was the setting for this curtain raiser, that a far lovelier stage would open for the real play God had written for their performance. When the present brief scene, Love in Eden, had been brought to its happy curtain, a quick scene change would open before them, the stage set for the glorious and eternal dramma called The Beatific Vision.

But the stupid actors in God's blessed and then ruthlessly rewrote the play.

stage effects, instead of the bright amber and pink of the Lord's light plot, they called for thunder and clouds, the dull grays of winter, and the purples and blacks of threatening storms.

Upon the scene entered the villain, first of a million of his breed —oily and smooth, with tricky eyes and darting tongue, and a convincing speech that was cue for rebellion and challenge to tragedy.

"You shall be as gods," he whispered. and an echoing rumble of thunder sounded the drum roll of rebellion, the premonitory artillery of the thousand wars that were to

Role of Adventures

A silly little adventuress listened. Then in an almost farcical gesture she took the apple into the very hand from which she carelessly tossed the grace of God and lifted to her lips the bright beauty of the most flavorless of foods — the forbidden fruit.

Then with her arms about the neck of her man, she lured him to partnership in her sin . . . and with him as the dubious star of the piece began the doleful tragedy of the determination that man shall be happy and Rev. Msgr William Bryne, and human race.

The world's endless dramatic struggle started at that moment. And like some former less, unending Oriental play, that struggle has continued ever since. A million different scenes, uncounted shifts of characters, but the same tiresome plot. The same basic struggle has gone on.

All drama is based, of course, on strug-

The few fundamental plots that form the thread of the dramas of all nations are endlessly repetitious: the struggle of love, the

Councr Nears 50,000

Fifty thousand subscriptions to the Courier Journal seems as aured by first reports in the current circulation drive: Two more parishes have adopted the total coverage plan of

sending a Courier to every family of the parish.
107 of the 146 parishes in the diocese are now listed as 100 per cent parishes where every family is enrolled as a subscriber to the Courier-Journal.

Rt. Rev. Magr. Thomas F. Connors, pastor of Blessed Sacrament Church, Rochester, will inaugurate this system there. This will make a significant increase in the Courier subscription lists.

Rev. Thomas K. Cleary, administrator of the Catholic Chapel at Dryden, has announced that all 120 families in that area will now receive the Courier-Journal

BOTH PARISHES in Hornell are repeating 100 per cent coverage, according to Very Rev. Laurence W. Gannon, pastor of St. Ann's, and Rev. Joseph M. Mc-Donnell, pastor, of St. Ignatius the struggle of stupidity. The names and Loyola Church. Their prompt recostumes of the characters change; the sponse has enabled their subscription list to be processed by stage-sets represent the various and passing the Courier circulation depart nations; the language differs for time and ment, said Mr. Elmer Grapenstetpeople. But the plots remain tiresomely er, circulation manager.

Other parishes renewing the The struggle in drama is like the struggle total-coverage plan are St. Pius, in wrestling matches: the contestants are Cohocton, Rev. Herbert L. Sturmconstantly changing; but the positions are er, pastor; St. John's Greece, Rev. Donald E. Lux, pastor; St. Pat rick, Mt. Morris, Rev. Robert H. Fennessy, pastor; St. Patrick, Moravia, and St. Annki Owasco, Rev. Orrin W. Feller, pastor; St James, Rochester, Rev. Francis M. Feeney, pastor; St. James Trumansburg, Rev. Francis A Marks, pastor: St. James, Waverly, Rev. G. Stuart Hogan pas-

work set he part played by people of forcy a fee Crucificial Illustrations are also from the work which can be purchased from any in the Courier circulation office. They went further; they reset the stage.

The scrapped the beautiful garden. And for strangely familiar, the grips are endlessly under His Excellency Auxillary Bishop Lawrence B. Casey, has All these dramatic struggles are, of a total of 1,604, largest in the course, part of the great world struggle that

Immaculate Conception, Rochester, where Very Rev. Msgr. John S. Randall, managing, editor of the Courler-Journal is pastor, Man leagues himself with Satan, the ranks second with 1,196.

perennial villain, who is also the endlessly re-Est. Alphonsus, Auburn, reports sourceful prompter, and together they strike the same total of 1,198, according to Very Rev. Frederick G. Straub, Cayuga dean and pastor. The cue line is whispered, hissed, and shouted and flung like a gauntlet: "You will

Holy Rosary, Rochester, lists 1.085 subscribers from that parbe as gods." And the hellish prompter hears ish. The Rt. Rev. Msgr. Charles to his own great satisfaction the human F. Shay is pastor. actors in each generation displaying their

Holy Cross, Rochester, also histrionic powers and emotional gamut in goes over the thousand mark. his own great classic line: "I will not serve." Rev. J. Joseph O'Connell pastor. The struggle of evil against good, of man counts a total of 1.007 there.

against God, is the plot of plots running. Other significantly high totals are reported from St. Stephen's. Yet each generation gives the plot the Geneva, Immaculate Conception, same strange twist — and thinks it has with respective totals of 907, 906, 866, according to ther pastors, The struggle proves to be between God's the Rev. Raymond P. Nolan, Rt.

man's determination that God shall not make Rt. Rev. Msgr. William J. Brien. Bishop Kearney's Letter was him happy. Through creation, providence, redemption, the constant wondrous action read in parish churches of the of His Grace God struggles to make the diocese last Sunday and urged earth a blessed, beautiful, happy place, on cesan paper. This letter is printed "continued support" of the diowhich men and women can live and love and in this issue of the Courier-Joursing and dance in deep happiness. Men and nat on page 4.

women with an energy and persistence that The annual circulation cam would have been vast enough to enable them paign, launched last Sunday, will to scale the battlements of heaven resist continue this Sun. Feb. 20. and God's greatest efforts — as they scorn His conclude on Sun. Feb. 27. Subwill start with the April 1 issue Old subscriptions expire March

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Divorce Court

Called 'Cemetery'

stead of offering spouses a hospital, our divorce courts offer a cemetery. They are merely a machine-like operation to bury the family unit."

This statement was made by John C. Fitzgerald, dean of Loyola University's School of Law, before a Te Deum Forum audience here, in his discussion of "Our Courts and Our Fam-

He said that since 1867 (as far back as statistics go) the United States' population increased four-fold and its divorces 60-fold. From 1930 to 1948, he said the U.S. had a ratio of 20.1 divorces granted for every 100 marriage licenses

issued. this reason, are fearful. Federal Funds For Schools!

President's Plan Bars Parish School A

Prayer, Penance Role For Lent

My Dear People:

On Wednesday of this week, the Holy Season of Lent will open with the significant sacramental of the Blessed Ashes. This ceremony aims to point out the salutary value for our souls of prayand penance which are of the es-

sence of the Holy Season. The new legislation in the matter. of fasting before the reception of Holy Communion has made the daily reception of the Holy Eucharist dura

ing Lent much more practical than ever before. It was for the increase of devotion to the Blessed Sacrament and in the hope that daily reception would bring more and more of us to the altar that Our Holy Father mitigated the rules of fasting that had been in use for

many years. Surely then, today, daily Mass and Communion is not an unreasonable pledge to make to Our-Lord as we accept the ashes on Ash Wednesday. It will sanctify the whole Lenten Season and give so much more value to our practices of prayer and mortification.

Wherever it can be arranged, the pastors are authorized to have an evening Mass on the Wednesdays of Lent as part of the Lenten Devotions. Thus, instead of the traditional practice of closing Lenten Devotions with Benediction, we shall avail ourselves of the privilege granted by His Holiness, Pope Pius XII, and offer instead the Holy Sacrifice of Mass. This will enable many to attend Mass who might otherwise find it difficult.**

Let us not forget that despite the generous concessions of our Church in the matter of fasting and abstinence, mortification remains the outstanding obligation resting upon all of us during the Lenten Season. We can easily make a farce of the ritual of Ash Wednesday if we forget its implications when the ashes are brushed from our brows. Forty days of prayer and penance will make a worth-while contribution to a world sadly in need of Divine Assistance and will also be an acceptable personal act of reparation to an offended God for the sins of the world today. Because "we know not the day nor the hour" of our personal accounting. it is a very salutary warning that comes to us on Ash Wednesday, "Remember, man, that thou art dust, and to dust thou shalt return." The thought should stay with us during this Holy Season

May God Di Holy Season.

Your devoted Shepherd in Christ, 4 James E. Kearney

Bishop of Rochester

P.S. This letter is to be read at all the Masses on Quinquagesima Sunday, February 20. The annual collection for the Negro and Indian Missions will be taken up at all the Masses on the first Sunday of Lent, February 27. **N.B. The Mass must be of the liturgy of the day and the regular Lenten sermon must be preached at it. (Requiem Masses are not permitted for this service.) Where Lenten Devotions are conducted in a Mission parish, the evening Mass may be celebrated there on the evening of the Lenten Devotions.

Regulations On Fast

And Abstinence

To foster the spirit of penance and of reparation for sin, to encourage self-denial and mortification, and to guide her children in the footsteps of Our Divine Savior. Holy Mother Church imposes by law the observance of fast and abstinence. In accordance with the provisions of Canon law, at

modified through the use of special faculties granted by the Holy See, we herewith publish the following regulations:

ON ABSTINENCE

Everyone over 7 years of age is bound to observe the law of abstinence. Complete abstinence is to be observed on Fridays.

Ash Wednesday, the Vigils of the Assumption and Christmas, and on Holy Saturday morning. On days of complete abstinence meat and soup or gravy made from meat may not be used at all.

Partial abstinence is to be observed on Ember Wednesdays and Saturdays and on the Vigils of Pentecost and All-Saints. On days of partial abstinence meat and soup or gravy made from meat may be taken only once a day at the principal meal.

ON FAST

Everyone over 21 and under 59 years of age is also bound to observe the law of fast.

The days of fast are the weekdays of Lent, Ember Days, the Vigils of Pentecost, the Assumption, All Saints and Christmas.

On days of fast only one full meal is allowed. Two other meatless meals, sufficient to maintain strength. may be taken according to each one's needs; but together they should not equal another full meal.

Meat may be taken at the principal meal on a day of fast except on Fridays, Ash Wednesday and the Vigils of the Assumption and Christmas.

Eating between meals is not permitted; but liquids. including milk and fruit juices, are allowed. When health or ability to work would be seriously

affected, the law does not oblige. In doubt concerning fast or abstinence, a parish priest or confessor should be consulted. We carnestly exhort the faithful during the periods

of fast and abstinence to attend daily Mass; to receive Holy Communion often; to take part more frequently in exercise of piety; to give generously to works of religion and charity; to perform acts of kindness toward the sick, the aged and the poor; to practice voluntary self-denial especially regarding alcoholic drink and worldly amusements; and to pray more fervents particularly for the intentions of the Holy Father.

Washington — (NC) — Secretary of Health, Education and Welfare Oveta Culp Hobby declared that President Eisenhower's billion-dollar program to aid school construction would apply only to the public schools.

But it was brought out at her news conference that the proposal for federal loans and grants would be made on the basis of both per capita income of the individual state, and on total school-age population of the state.

Thus public schools in a state like Rhode Island, where about 25 per cent of the children attend Catholic schools, would benefit far more than a state where there is a comparatively small percentage of childhen in non-public schools. As explained by Mrs. Hobby

and Dr. Samuel Brownell, chief of the U.S. Office of Education, the Administration's three-year Study Urged program centers on federal loans to local school districts and state On School school building agencies. Thus school building agencies. Thus three-quarters of a billion dollars would be appropriated to buy bonds which school districts are unable to sell to private lenders

at "reasonable rates of interest." Another facet of the proposal now exist in four states, and which the President recommended as a way to get around Philadelphia. statutory and constitutional debt limitations - which would build Catholic Standard and Times schools and rent them to local newspaper of this archidiocese. school districts. Dr. Brownell said that this part of the pro- Archbishop O'Hara stressed mogram would require appropria. bility of the population as a

Administration proposed alloca ages. tion of \$200,000,000 to provide outright grants to school districts CITING FIGURES which indithe States certify to be financial, cated that each year, nearly 20 ly unable either to lastic and sell per cent of the population moved. bonds or to pay sufficient rent from one house to enother, the for the new buildings needed. These funds would be allocated Archbishop said this must be to the States "according to their taken into account when new school age population," and the school buildings are planned. federal government's share would vary from 40 per cent in the State with the highest per capits

Another \$20,000,000 would be poor planning," he warned allocated to aid the States in

mate, that is proposal would put message dealt entirely with the seven billion dollars in federal public schools. work in behalf of public school construction during the next so out other facets of the prosective years—more than doubling the rate of construction.

THE ARCHRISHOP also point that must be given considerable the rate of construction.

the President's program would of pupils per teacher, obsoles provide the "quickest way" to cont the past the pa get the needed schools. That the proposal concerns

public schools only was brought out by a reporter who wanted to know whether the southern states which have plans to sholish their public school systems in order to circumvent the Supreme Court's ruling against race sepregation would be eligible if they put whether "only public schools" would be included, Mrs. Hobby said yes. Dr. Brownell further explained that It would include only "public schools as defined by the States."

Aid Proposals Philadelphia, Pa,-(NC)-Care-

ful study of all current proposcalls for purchase by the federal als for an emergency programgovernment of bonds from state of Federal aid for school conschool building agencies which struction has been urged by Archbishop John F. O'Hara, CSC, of In a front-page editorial in the

tions estimated at \$150,000.000. major part of the long-range. IN ADDITION to the loans, the problem of school room short.

"The construction of elaborate school facilities in what may be income to 60 per cent in the a ghost town ten years from now.

State with the lowest.

He also said closer study was planning and coordination be needed on the problem of variative tween the various local school tions in estimated construction districts. ... the Ariministration esti costs per public school public like

MRS. MOBBY told the press of the variations in money raise conference that there's an acute ing procedures in various States ieed for some 300,000 additional scrutiny of the "ultimate destina" lassrooms right now, and that tion of Federal aid, the ratio cost on bonds Boated for con-

struction costs, Archbishop O'Hara wrote that there is considerable material for such study available in two gov ernment documents printed in 1954 for use by the House Committee on Education and Labor. The first of these, he continued is "Federal Aid to School Construction," a report-prepared in their plans into effect. Asked the legislative reference service of the Library of Congress by

Charles A. Quattlebaum. The other is "Hearings bofore" the Special Subcommittee of the Committee on Education and Labor-House of Representatives."

Senate To Probe Comics, TV Fare

duct a new probe into the influence of comic books and TV. crime programs on juvenile delinquency. -Senator - Estes - Kefauver "LD"

Tenn.), who headed the Senate television programs of seven Crime Investigating Committee leading New York stations. They in 1950, has been named chair found an average of 6.2 acts of man of an inquiry group which violence an hour on these tele-

will function as a subcommittee casts. They also reported that of the Senate Judiciary Commit. children's television hours, 5.7 FIRST ORDER of business for with violence as any other the subcommittee will be to con- hours.'

sider a hard-hitting report criti-

New Movies Hit Low Moral Ebb

Annapolis, Md." -- (RNS)

- The moral quality of recent motion pictures, particularly foreign films, has reached "a pretty low ebb," Maryland's chief movie censor told the the House Judiciary Committee

Sidney R. Traub, chairman of the State Board of Motion Picture Censors, said, "Lately we have had some of the most morally corrupt pictures (before the board) that I have

cizing the television industry for known quantity." putting a constant fare of "crime children.

The report was prepared by the (D.S. C.). William Langer (R. staff of the special committee N. D.), and Alexander Wiley that investigated juvenile de (R.Wisc.). linquency last year under the chairmanship of Sen. Robert C. Hendrickson (R.-N.J.).

Comparing a test week in 1954 with a similar test period in 1953, the report charged that the trend is towards more crime and violence on TV shows. At the same time, it noted that network executives who appeared before the Hendrickson group had prom-

p.m., were "twice as saturated

ised to work for higher programming standards. **OBSERVING THAT** television is frequently the "first teacher

of young children, the report "What the effects of a child seeing five, six, and seven people killed each afternoon might

be in terms of making callous his normal sensivity to that kind of human destruction is an un-Appointed to serve with Sen. and brutality" before America's Kefauver are Sens. Thomas Hennings (D.-Mo.). Olin Johnston

Hendrickson (R.-N.J.).
Staff members of Sen. HenThorne, Jeweler, \$18, Main \$6.

drickson's committee monitored East, HA, 5031 Adv.

To Get Advice-From Democrat

Charlotte, N. C. - (NC) - A Carolina's Young Republicans with red faces.

The members of the Young GOP settled in their seats here. to listen to high school students keeping statistics on the causes busing their owned nor were in a declamation contest. The of divorce for the past three buying their own homes. In 1953, subject was "What Can Young years, but began to keep track of he said, the figure was only 88 Republicans Do To Establish A church connections of persons in out of 324, and in 1952 it was Two-Party System in North volved in divorce proceedings Carolina?"

The winner was David Foley, couples were divorced last year 17, a senior at O'Donoghue Cath- the same number as in 1953olic High. He received the Re: while there were 1,448 marriages ing, rather than buying. publicans' check for \$100.

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young Mr. Foley is director of marriage success of failure and express your thoughts and rethe Democratic Youth of Amer what he calls the stability factors. The indicated that church Blanchard Florist at Effect 9494, Young Democrats.

Republicans Pay Divorce Court Unattractive To Church-Going Couples

Madison, Wis.—(NC)—"If a couple goes to church together, one of them won't be making the long trip alone through the divorce court," according to the county divorce Sverre Braathen has reached here, and that high upon the list

Catholic student pocket 100 good that conclusion after finding that are such things as formal educa-American dollars and left North out of a total of 648 persons in tion and home ownership. volved in divorce in Dane County during 1934, only 94—less than 15 the 648 persons divorced last per cent-had a church affilia. year in his county, 416-almost

only during 1954.

one more than the previous

MR. BRAATHEN found that of two thirds-had never completed

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THE COUNTY official has been high school. And 222 of the 324 86 in 331. He said that while lack of property often was clearly a In Dane County, he said, 324 result of low income, many of the couples had had high income for years, and had kept on rent-

Then the delegates learned that there's a direct relation between sion of sympathy. Flowers often

"Society is no stronger than its paving brick, the home," he said, and many groups, for

affiliation is of major importance 58 Lake Avenue. Advi-A SE ME WIND HE WILLIAM STORE TO SERVE SERVE SERVER SERVER SERVER SERVER SERVER SERVER SERVER SERVER SERVER SE