

# Playwright Lavery Listed For Catholic Drama Award

Davenport, Iowa—Emmet Lavery, noted Catholic playwright, will be the first recipient of the Father Dineen Award, a newly established honor for outstanding work in the field of Catholic drama.



EMMET LAVEREY

Award will be presented at the 11th biennial National Catholic Theatre Conference convention to be held in Kansas City, Mo., June 12-15, according to Sister Mary Angelita, president of N.C.T.C.

Lavery, a founder and first chairman of the National Catholic Theatre Conference, is the author of "First Legion" which starred Bert Lytell and "The Magnificent Yankee" with Louis Calhern. Both plays enjoyed Broadway runs.

HE ALSO is the author of "Song of the Scaffold," "Second Spring," "The Monk's Hour" and many other plays. Lavery has written many scenarios for the movies including "Hitler's Children" and the more recent "Court Martial of Billy Mitchell," a Gary Cooper vehicle.

Lavery, a past president of the Screen Writers Guild, resides in Los Angeles.

## Meeting, Play Tryouts Slated

Catholic Theatre of Rochester will hold its first meeting of the New Year next Sunday, Jan. 13, at 8 p. m. in Holy Redeemer School auditorium.

Highlighting the meeting will be the presentation of a French farce, "The Worthy Master Pierre Patelin," a one-act play translated from the medieval French by Moritz Jagendorfs. Mary McVinnie is director, assisted by Tony DeCroce, and Mrs. Jean Mason will do costumes.

Readings for "The Joyous Season," Catholic Theatre's production to be presented in March, will take place next Sunday afternoon at 2 p. m. in the school auditorium. Anyone interested is welcome to take part.

## Catholic Hour Bills Story By Bernanos

Washington (NC) — George Bernanos' story, "Under the Sun of Satan," will be the second in a new series of contemporary Catholic dramas presented by the Catholic Hour on TV.

The drama will be presented on the NBC-TV (WROC-TV in the Rochester area) network as a special time, 5 to 5:30 p. m. EST, on Sunday, January 13, according to its producer, the National Council of Catholic Men.

"Under the Sun of Satan" is the story of a pastor and curate, both fighting to prove themselves, who are thrown together in their fight to overcome their limitations and are brought into a strange entanglement with the supernatural.

MR. BERNANOS, who won the Grand Prix of the French Academy in 1938, first published this story in 1926. It established him as a major French author.

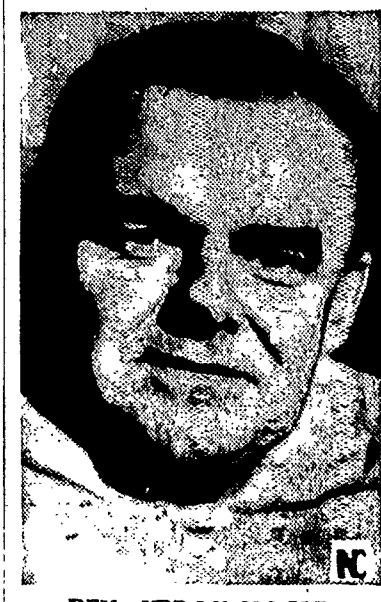
Because of differences in time and delayed broadcasts, viewers should check local listings for time and station.

# Father Nagle Scheduled For Theatre Meet

The Rev. Urban Nagle, O.P., founder of the Blackfruits Guild, author and playwright, will be guest speaker at the second annual Catholic Theatre Drama Festival of the Rochester area on Saturday, Feb. 16.

Festival will be held this year at Our Lady of Mercy High School, Sister Mary Pius, R.S.M., is chairman.

Two of Father Nagle's plays, "Our Lady of Fatima" and the



REV. URBAN NAGLE

Christophers prize-winning "City of Kings" were produced in Rochester by the Diocesan Holy Name Union.

In a recent biographical work, "Behind the Masque," the Dominican priest tells of the organizing and early days of the Blackfruits Guild.

A FOUNDER of the National Catholic Theatre Conference, Father Nagle at present is chaplain of the College of Our Lady of the Springs, Columbus, Ohio.

The Catholic Theatre Drama Festival, sponsored by the National Catholic Theatre Conference, will be an all-day affair including presentation of one-act plays, lectures, critiques, demonstrations and exhibits.

## Authorship Of Popular Marian Poem Revealed

Washington (NC) — The poem "Mary Likeness," which has been published hundreds of times in books, magazines and spiritual pamphlets over the past 25 years, has always carried the announcement that the author is "anonymous" or "unknown."

Francis de Sales Ryan, in an article in the Catholic Standard, newspaper of the Archdiocese of Washington, reveals for the first time that the author of the popular poem is Sister Rose Angela of the Sisters of Providence of St. Mary of the Woods in Indiana.

Sister Angela is now first

## Workers Pray At Guadalupe

Mexico City (NC) — Some 250,000 workers observed the first anniversary of the proclamation of Our Lady of Guadalupe as Queen of Workers by praying before the cloak which bears her miraculous image.

The workers filed through the Guadalupe basilica constantly for ten hours.

## Capsule Reviews Of Broadway Plays

**ARMS AND THE MAN**—Shaw's satirical study of the military profession in the person of a cholera-munching soldier.

**AUNTIE MAMIE**—The merry life of a Bohemian lady of the theater, sometimes recounted with rousing humor and profanity.

**BELLS ARE RINGING**—Brawny musical about an impulsive man-of-war sailor who tries to help the mothers of his comrades.

**CANDIDE**—Elegant musical, period opera, in the spirit of the original. Catchy songs, lyrical and a couple of double entendres.

**DAMN YANKERS**—Fanciful, witty, satirical comedy of a young Jewish girl who tries to outrun her family.

**DIARY OF ANNE FRANK**—Lovely, intensely dramatic story of a young Jewish girl who tries to outrun her family.

**GIRLS OF SUMMER**—Jumbled mishmash of psychological miscellany devoid of moral perspective.

**HAPPY HUNTING**—Some moderately gay Herman antics as a rich little hunter tries to outdo his snobs in her set.

**INHERIT THE WIND**—Powerful drama on famous evolution trial uprising on a strictly liberal concept of academic freedom.

**LEL ANDERSON**—Rolling musical celebrating the sexy scientist world of Dogpatch, U.S.A. Some examples of inadequate, amusing and sporadic ruse bits.

**LONG DAY'S JOURNEY**—The barroom, the redemptive of a young Jewish girl who tries to outrun her family.



## Sodalsists In Play At DeSales

PARTICIPANTS in recent holiday play at DeSales High School, Geneva, were members of the Sodality of Our Lady shown above. From left are: Patricia Flood, Andrea Jenkins, Marguerite Lynch, Elizabeth Lynch, Mary McNery and Judith Sniffen. Photo by F. B. Oakley.

## Italy's 'Miss Ideal Woman' Received By Holy Father

Vatican City — (RNS) — Pope Pius XII received in audience the 18-year-old winner of the "Miss Ideal Woman" of Italy contest. It was believed to be the first time a Pope ever had received the winner of a beauty contest.

Congratulating blonde Maria Paola Carletti on her accomplishment, Pope Pius said the prize took a praiseworthy step toward the cultural, moral and homemaking gifts higher than mere physical beauty.

He voiced the hope that the designation of Miss Carletti for the award would mark the beginning of a general moralization of beauty contests.

Attractive Miss Carletti, who was accompanied by her parents and two sisters, made the

simple black dress she wore to the papal audience.

The jury rated her not only on her looks but on her ambitions, her learning and her housekeeping accomplishments.

Miss Carletti does not want a movie career. She told the contest jury she hopes to marry and have a lot of children. She can cook, bake, mend and embroider, operate a vacuum cleaner and arrange flowers.

## Christopher Films To Use 'Unknowns'

New York (NC) — Christopher television films next year will feature 84 individuals, virtually unknown to the general public, but who are recognized by the Christophers for demonstrating "what one person can do."

Such films are in keeping with a similar plan in 1956 which introduced 96 relatively unknown persons to television viewers.

Father James Keller, Maryknoll priest, director of the Christopher movement, said that each person "has been a force for good, in applying Christian principles to such vital phases of life as education, government, etc."

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# Scholarship Month. Speech Week Launched By Mercians

The Student Council of Our Lady of Mercy High School during January is attempting to make Mercians scholarship-wise with a two-point program to boost the number of Mercians on the Scholarship List and Honor Roll after mid-term exams.

Beginning with a movie on "How to Study," shown at an assembly Monday, Jan. 7, the program then launched into a series of talks by faculty members on "How to Write a Composition" and "How to Prepare for Exams."

## Persian Choir Slated On WHEC

Nammoth Academy's Persian Choir will present a production of religious music over Rochester radio station WHEC on Sunday, Jan. 15 at 8:30 a. m. "Mother Ross' Tunes in Persian." Program includes: "The Magnificent," E. V. Kelleher; "Virgin Wholly Mary," Giuseppe Chetti; "Ave Maria," Kazuo; "We Have Seen His Star in the East," Grand; "Welcome Star of Mary," traditional carol; "Kor. Rex Admirabilis," Palestrina.

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