Father Merton Play 'Tower Of Babel' Slated For TV

Washington —(NC)— "Tower of Babel," a story by Father M. Louis, of Our Lady of Gethsemani Monastery in Kentucky, will be the Sunday, January 27, presentation on The Catholic Hour on television.

Father Louis, better known to the literary world as Thomas Merton, wrote this dramatic commentary on the Old Testament story of Babel in October, 1955, for Jubilee magazine.

The television production will have original choral music by Harrison Muller and choreography by Alfred Wideman. More than 30 actors and 35 singers will enact the symbolic tale of man's pride and false sense of self-sufficiency without God.

The Catholic Hour on television sponsored by the National Council of Catholic Men, can be seen on NBC-TV from 1:30 to 2-p.m. EST, January 27, in most areas. However, in some localities, it is shown at a different date and time by film recording. A check of local listings is advised.

Sister M. Pius Announces Festival Program At Mercy

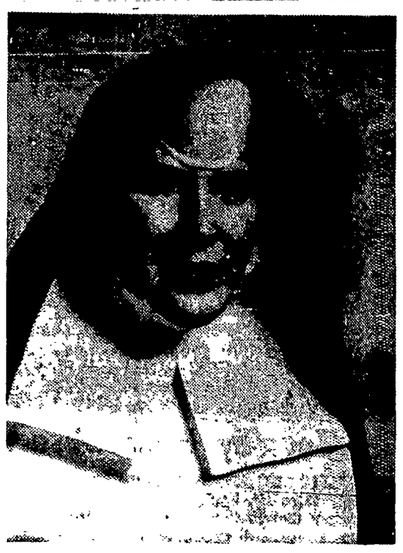
Schedule for the second annual Rochester Catholic Theatre Drama Festival was announced today by Sister Mary Pius, R.S.M., chairman, and director of drama at Our Lady of Mercy High School.

Festival will be held at Mercy on Saturday, Feb. 16.

Exhibits, a makeup film demonstration, a directors' critique and tea, and a student mixer, featuring the Aquinas Maroon and White Swingsters are scheduled.

In the evening, a full length musical offering is listed by Rochester's Music Theatre.

Groups which have reported their intention of participating in the Festival include: St. Agnes High School, Nazareth Academy, Our Lady of Mercy High School, McQuaid Jesuit High School, Aquinas Institute, Notre Dame High School, Elmira, Nazareth College, St. John Fisher College, Catholic Theatre of Rochester and Rochester's Music Theatre.



SISTER MARY PIUS, R.S.M.
Chairman

Honored guests of the day will be the Rev. Urban Nagle, O.P., of Columbus, O., well-known playwright and founder of the Blackfriars Guild and Sister Mary Angelita, B.V.M., of Davenport, Iowa, president of the National Catholic Theatre Conference.

Purpose of the festival is to enable Catholic drama groups in the area on high school, college and community level "to observe each other's work, discuss the ideas and ideals of Catholic Theatre, and learn from the instruction of experts in the field," according to Sister Pius.

High school theatre will be represented by St. Agnes High School with a presentation of a scene from "Lute Song"; college theatre will offer a portion of "The Lark" by Nazareth College; and community theatre lists "Bonsche Swieg" by the Catholic Theatre of Rochester.

A highlight of the day will be a demonstration on television techniques by Bob and Anne Keefe of Rochester's station WROC-TV.

MUSIC AND GROCERIES have played a large part in the life of Jerry Tracy, young Rochester musician. Jerry, who composes and plays his own music, has recorded his first disc which will be released this week.

First Recording Released By Store Clerk-Musician

Fifteen years of study and work have resulted in the first recording by a young Rochester musician. Jerry Tracy, who has alternated his study of music with work in a grocery store, is featured on a new record called "Offtime" to be released by Tradisc.

Jerry, who composes and plays his own music, began his study of music 15 years ago on the accordion. A year later he began practice on the guitar and then on the violin. During the succeeding years he studied the piano, base, vibraphone and drums. At present he is working on the trombone.

TIME FOR STUDY has been necessarily hampered by work, according to Jerry. He spends as much as 15 hours a day working in the family grocery store at 189 Broadway.

Jerry always manages to find time for music however and even for his favorite hobbies, weightlifting and boxing. He celebrated his 21st birthday yesterday.

A parishioner at SS. Peter and Paul Church and graduate of Madison High School, Jerry is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Tracy of 33 Hertel St. He has appeared at many night spots in and around Rochester and has also toured with the Joe Lento Trio.

"OFFTIME" FEATURES Jerry in five guitar parts and on the bass. John C. Aliotto, Jerry's manager, has planned a personal appearance tour for Jerry following the release of his first record.

Former City Woman, Miss Sayrahder Launches New Venture In TV Films

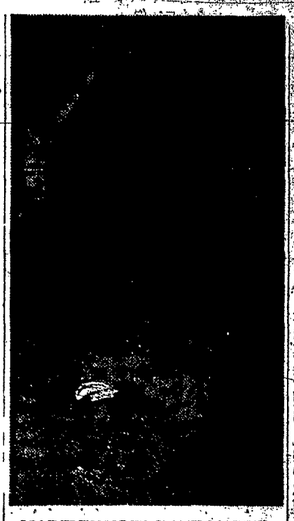
Mary-Eunice Sayrahder, a native Rochesterian and founder of Mary Productions, has formed a films company "to produce wholesome TV productions."

Working on the Marian Films project with her are her husband, Joseph Spagnola and the Rev. Marian Salandrano, S.S.P. of St. Paul's Seminary, Staten Island.

A charter member of the Rochester chapter of the Blackfriars Guild, Miss Sayrahder was well known in local theatre circles. A convert, she and her husband for ten years have been directing a little theatre group in the New York City area called Mary Productions which is "dedicated to the presentation of good entertainment with high moral standards."

THEY HAVE presented their programs, mostly on a gratis basis, at parish and other functions.

Their first production in the film venture will be a movie on the life of Kateri Tegakwitha, Mohawk Indian maiden whose cause for beatification is under consideration.



MARY-EUNICE SAYRAHDER

The Spagnolas are seeking backers for the venture which they hope to launch in the Spring. They plan to use Joe's G.I. loan to build a studio. But they will need a $5,000 down payment.

Although Mary-Eunice has written a number of plays, they are all distributed on a non-royalty basis. She also is an actress and monologist whose talent has been compared to that of the late Ruth Draper. But her work has been confined to Mary Productions on a non-profit basis.

THE SPAGNOLAS [illegible] to raise money [illegible] Eunice's drama[illegible] Joe's part-time [illegible] between their [illegible] that they can't see how [illegible] the $5,000 by [illegible] the G.I. loan runs out.

Father Salandrano also is contributing to the fund-raising activity. He had a large reproduction of Veronica's Veil executed in quantity on plma cloth, but so far sales have not been too good.

Mary-Eunice has written the script for the Kateri film. Father Salandrano has adapted it for film production, and Joe has been handling the drum-beating chores.

They have the camera equipment and Father Salandrano's production knowledge; they can get the actors through Mary Productions and have made arrangements to use professional technical workers. Now all they need is the money.

Family Rosary Radio Leaders

Friday, Jan. 25 — Matthias Kuebel, St. Boniface;

Saturday, Jan. 26 — Donald McCarthy, St. John the Evangelist, Greece, accompanied by employees, Bldg. 23, Machine Shop, Kodak Park;

Sunday, Jan. 27 — Robert Steire, Holy Trinity, Webster, accompanied by members of the St. Christopher Society;

Monday, Jan. 28 — William Kesselring, Holy Family, on the 25th anniversary of parents, Mr. and Mrs. John M. Kesselring;

Tuesday, Jan. 29 — Joseph H. Gervais, St. Monica;

Wednesday, Jan. 30 — Michael Tedone, St. Andrew;

Thursday, Jan. 31 — Charles Northcote, Holy Rosary, accompanied by Laymen's Monday Evening Rosary Group.

Theatre Guide

LOEW'S
Teahouse of the August Moon — A-1

PALACE
Rock, Pretty Baby — B

CINEMA
La Strada — B

REGENT
Key Largo — A-2
Captain Blood — A-1

Legion of Decency Listings

CLASS A-1 — Unobjectionable for General Patronage

Above Us The Waves
Albert Schweitzer
Anastasia
Around The World in 80 Days
Away All Boats
Barefoot Battalion
Battle of Gettysburg, The
Battle Hymn
Beast of Hollow Mountain
Bespoke Overcoat, The
Best Things in Life Are Free
Brave One, The
Canyon River
Come Next Spring
Cross Channel
Dance With Me Henry
Daniel Boone, Trail Blazer
Eddy Duchin Story, The
Everything But The Truth
Fastest Gun Alive
First Texan, The
First Traveling Saleslady
Five Steps to Danger
Footsteps In The Dark
Francis in the Friendly Persuasion
Haunted House
Giant
Great American Pastime
Great Locomotive Chase
Glory
Goodbye My Lady
Gun For A Coward
Helen Keller in Her Story
Hidden Guns
Hua
Invaders From Mars
Jaguar
Julie
Kettles in the Ozarks, The
King and I, The
King of the Coral Sea
Last Wagon
Leather Saint, The
Littlest Outlaw, The
Lord of the Jungle
Magnificent Roughnecks
Marcelino
Maverick Queen, The
Maxist of Cortona
Match Making Marshall
Moby Dick
Mole People
Mountain, The
Navy Wife
Outlaw Stallion, The
Outside The Law
Partners
Peacemaker, The
Pueblo Pigeon No. 1
Proud Ones
Quadrascan, Frontier Scout
Revolt at Fort Laramie
Richard III
Rock, Rock, Rock
Satellite in the Sky
Screaming Eagles
Secrets of the Reef
Seven Wonders of the World
Secrets of Life
Ship That Died of Shame
Silent World
Storm Over The Nile
Suicide Mission
Teahouse of the August Moon
Ten Commandments, The
Thunder Over Arizona
Tiger and the Flame The
Toward the Unknown
Toy Tiger, The
23 Paces to Baker Street
Unconquered
Unidentified Flying Objects
Vagabond King
Walk the Proud Land
War and Peace
War Drums
Wee Geordie
X The Unknown
Yang Kwei Fei
Yogi Drums
Young Stranger
Zanzabuka

CLASS A-2 — Unobjectionable for Adults

Amazon Trader
Ambassador's Daughter
As Long As You're Near Me
Attack
Back from Eternity
Bad Seed
Barrets of Wimpole St.
Behind the High Wall
Between Heaven and Hell
Beyond a Reasonable Doubt
Bhowani Junction
Bigger than Life
Black Sleep
Boss, The
Brass Legend
Bundle of Joy
Burning Hills
Calling Homicide
Chain of Evidence
Congo Crossing
Creeping Unknown
Cry in the Night, A
Dakota Incident
Deadliest Sin, The
Death of a Scoundrel
Don Giovanni
Edge of Hell
Edge of the City
Emergency Hospital
Evil Forest, The
Fighting Chance
Finger of Guilt
Foreign Intrigue
Gun Brothers
Gun the Man Down
Guilty
High Terrace
Hold Back The Night
Hot Shots
Illegal
Invitation to The Dance
Istanbul
I've Lived Before
Johnny Concho
Kid For Two Farthings
Lady Killers, The
Last Man to Hang
Last Ten Days, The
Lovers and Lollipops
Lust for Life
Madame Butterfly
Magic Fire
Man in The Gray Flannel Suit, The
Man in The Vault
Man Is Armed
Massacre
Mau Mau
Man from Del Rio
Miami Exposé
Nightfall
Murder On Approval
Naked Hills
Narcotic Squad
1984
Night Runner
No Place to Hide
Not of This Earth
Odongo
One Desire
Operation Murder
Our Miss Brooks
Papa, Mama, the Maid and I
Pharoah's Curse
Port Afrique
Pillars of the Sky
Power and the Prize
Prisoner, The
Private's Progress
Proud and Profane, The
Rawhide Years
Rebel in Town
Ride the High Iron
Reprisal
Run for the Sun
Running Target
Scandal, Inc.
Safari
Santiago
Secret of Treasure Mountain
Seven Men from Now
Shake, Rattle and Rock
Sharkfighters
Silken Affair
Slander
Solid Gold Cadillac
Somebody Up There Likes Me
Spring Reunion
Stagecoach to Fury
Star of India
Steel Jungle, The
Strange Intruder
Stranger At My Door
Tension at Table Rock
Terror at Midnight
These Wilder Years
There's Always Tomorrow
They Can't Hang Me
Three for Jamie Dawn
Three Violent People
Tomahawk Trail
Track the Man Down
Treasure of Pancho Villa
Unguarded Moment
Werewolf, The
White Squaw
When Gangland Strikes
Wild Oat, The
Women of Pitcairn Island
Woman's Devotion
Written on the Wind

CLASS B — Objectionable in Part

Abdullah's Harem
Ain't Misbehavin'
Autumn Leaves
Bandido
Battle Cry
Betrayed Woman
Big Boodle
Big Knife, The
Big Night, The
Birds and The Bees, The
Blackboard Jungle
Black Whip
Blonde Sinner
Bus Stop
Cash on Delivery
Cha, Cha, Cha Boom
Come On, The
Conquerer, The
Crime Of Passion
Cruel Tower
Curucu; Beast of the Amazon
Dance Zone
Doctors, The
D-Day, The Sixth of June
Desperadoes Are In Town
Diabolique
Doctor at Sea
Edge of Fury
Fighting Trouble
Finger Man
Flame of the Islands
Flight to Hong Kong
Fort Yuma
Four Girls in Town
Four Boys and a Gun
Frisky
Girl Rush, The
Girls in the Night
Girl He Left Behind
Girl Can't Help It
Grand Maneuver
Great Day in the Morning
He Laughed Last
Hell's Half Acre
High Society
Hilda Crane
Hoodlum, The
Hot Cars
Hot Blood
Indestructible Man, The
Indian Fighter
Invasion of The Body Snatchers
Iron Petticoat
Jedda
Joe Macbeth
Kentuckian, The
Killer's Kiss
Killing, The
King and Four Queens
Kiss Before Dying, A
Kiss Me Deadly
Last Hunt, The
LaStrada
Las Vegas Shakedown
Love Is A Many Splendored Thing
Love Me Tender
Lawless Street, A
Lieutenant Wore Skirts, The
Lisbon
Loser Takes All
Love Me or Leave Me
Lover Boy
Maddalena
Magnificent Matador
Mambo
Magnificent Seven
Manfish
Man With the Golden Arm, The
Man Who Loved Redheads
Meet Me in Las Vegas
Mister Roberts
My Seven Little Sins
My Sister Eileen
Naked Dawn, The
Naked Amazon
Night Holds Terror, The
Nightmare
Night of the Hunter
No Man's Woman
None As a Stranger
Oasis
Oklahoma
Opposite Sex
Other Woman, The
Outlaw Girl
Pataloons
Paris Follies of 1956
Pete Kelly's Blues
Proud and the Beautiful
Phenix City Story, The
Picnic
Please Murder Me
Prize of Gold
Queen Bee
Queen of Babylon
Quiet Gun
Raw Edge
Riff
Riviera
Revolt of Mamie Stover, The
Robbers Roost
Rock Pretty Baby
Rumble on the Docks
Rose Tattoo
Run for Cover
Running Wild
Runway Daughters
Sea Chase
Search for Bridey Murphy
Second, Greatest Sex, The
Seven Year Itch
Shack Out on 101
Sheep Has Five Legs, The
Simon and Laura
Shotgun
Showdown at Abilene
Slave, The
Slightly Scarlet
Soho Incident
Soldier of Fortune
Strange Adventure
Summertime
Tall Men, The
Tea and Sympathy
Teen-age Crime Wave
Teenage Rebel
Tender Trap, The
Tennessee's Partner
That Certain Feeling
They Were So Young—
This Angel So Innocent
This Man is Dangerous
Three Bad Sisters
Thunderstorm
Too Bad She's Bad
Top of the World
Trapeze
Trouble With Harry, The
Umberto D
Unnatural
Untamed
View from Pompey's Head, The
Violent Saturday
Wages of Fear
Wayward Wife
While The City Sleeps
Wild Party
Wicked As They Come
Widow
You Can't Run Away From It
Young Guns
You Know What Sailors Are
Volcano
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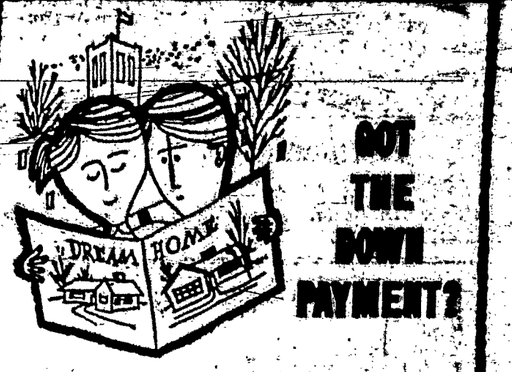

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