

Parish Drama Groups Ready Plays For Annual Tourney

Junior Catholic Theater Guild's second annual CYO Drama Tournament will be launched at the Columbus Civic Center auditorium on April 25, and continue on May 2 with finals on Sunday, May 5 at 1:45 p.m.

Project is sponsored by the Knights of Columbus Youth Committee in conjunction with the CYO Youth Program headed by Howard Meath.

Jack Burnett has been appointed producer by the K of C committee with Miss Noreen Carey as assistant. Burnett was director of last year's prize winning offering to the tournament from St. Andrew parish. He has also directed shows for the Genesee Region Truckowners. Miss Carey is director of Rochester's Music Theatre.

St. Andrew, Immaculate Conception and St. Monica parishes will present plays on April 25 at 7:45 p.m. St. Charles, St. Monica and St. Andrew parish groups will perform in May 2. From the six one act plays presented, judges will choose the three best to participate in the finals.

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JACK BURNETT

"Oscars" will be awarded the best play, the best actor and actress, and the best supporting actor and actress. Awards will be on display in the participating parishes during the next four weeks.

Mrs. Helen Glitzer is directing "Campus Brides" at Immaculate Conception parish and John Regan is in charge of "Who Murdered Who?" for St. Charles Borromeo.

St. Monica parish offerings, "Child Prodigy" and "The Monk's Paw" are under the direction of Robert Gould, assisted by Miss Arloha McVinnie. Mario DeMaai will direct "Who Done It?" and "The Trying Place" for St. Andrew parish.

Junior Catholic Theater Guild's plans include an all-parish full length play to be produced during the summer months.

TICKETS FOR admission to all plays of the tournament are on sale at \$7.50 from cast members. Sunday afternoon finals will include the awarding of prizes followed by a record hop.

Nun, Marine Movie

'Mr. Allison' Seen Tasteful, Exciting

An Irish nun and a two-fisted Marine alone on a deserted island in the wartime Pacific smacks of contrived plot, promising either an insidious situation or at least a lack of reverence.

Somehow the directors, writers and cast have made "Heaven Knows, Mr. Allison," currently playing Rochester's Palace Theatre, a delightful and touching screenplay which never offends and often elevates.

For two actors to carry the weight of dialogue and action in a full length movie is in itself a Herculean task. That the story situation might offend Catholics or, looking from the other side of the picture, the Marine Corps, required the expert talents of director John Huston and actors Deborah Kerr and Robert Mitchum.

MISS KERR is a young and beautiful actress. As Sister Angela, she makes a beautiful nun. No one was so silly not to have the obvious thing happen. The roustabout marine, "Mr. Allison," falls in love with her.

But there is no shock Mr. Allison is basically good. He is simply ignorant of the religious vows and their meaning. His offer of love is believable and pathetic.

Sister Angela's understanding and sympathy prove the truth and depth of her vocation.

In 20th Century-Fox's production of "Heaven Knows, Mr. Allison" there is a warm and human blending of the world and the dedicated life that may never be theological but is always logical.

BOMBING SCENES on the island prior to the Japanese land



TENSE MOMENT in the 20th Century-Fox production of "Heaven Knows, Mr. Allison" shows (above) Robert Mitchum as Mr. Allison and Deborah Kerr as Sister Angela watching the landing of Japanese troops on a Pacific island. The cinemascopic movie opened this week at Rochester's Palace Theatre.

ing and again by the American troops are excitingly real. There is excitement too in the marine's watery race with giant turtle and heavy suspense when Mitchum invades the enemy's stock rooms to steal food for Sister Angela.

Filmed in beautiful color by DeLuxe, shots of the lush island jungle and the majestic Pacific are always a pleasure to the eye.

'Treasure Island' Billed For May

Robert Louis Stevenson's classic story "Treasure Island" will be dramatized by the Catholic Theatre of Rochester in Concordia Hall Clifford Ave. according to Wilford Scott, director.

Performances are set for May 10, 11, 12, 17, 18 and 19 with matinees on May 12, 18 and 19 and a special showing for Sisters on May 11.

CHOREOGRAPHY will be staged by Earl Kage and performed by members of the Ballet Workshop. Settings for the play will be designed by Carl Zollo.

Miss Mary Strife is production manager and the Misses Callista Esterguard and Phil Parker in charge of costuming.

Tickets will be \$1.00 for adults and \$.50 for children, with matinees at half price.

Organizations interested in Catholic Theatre's profit sharing sponsorship plan for this production of "Treasure Island" should contact William Mason, 1229 Plymouth Ave. S., Genesee 8-4751-R.

Theatre Group Plans Dinner Meet, Play

Members of the Catholic Theatre of Rochester will hold

a dinner meeting on Sunday, March 31 at 5:30 p.m. in Holy Redeemer School Hall.

Reservations are being taken by Miss Jean Mason and Mrs. Ronald Petrone.

A short business meeting will be held at 7 p.m. followed by a one-act play under the direction of Frank Reiserberger.

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