

Barefoot Bride All Dressed Up

Pelo, Lucania. Brides are the same the world over, they all want to look their best on their wedding day.

A young, Maat, Italian girl here is no exception. She planned to be one of the most elaborate weddings in these parts and had saved for months to send to the city and rent a beautiful wedding dress for the day.

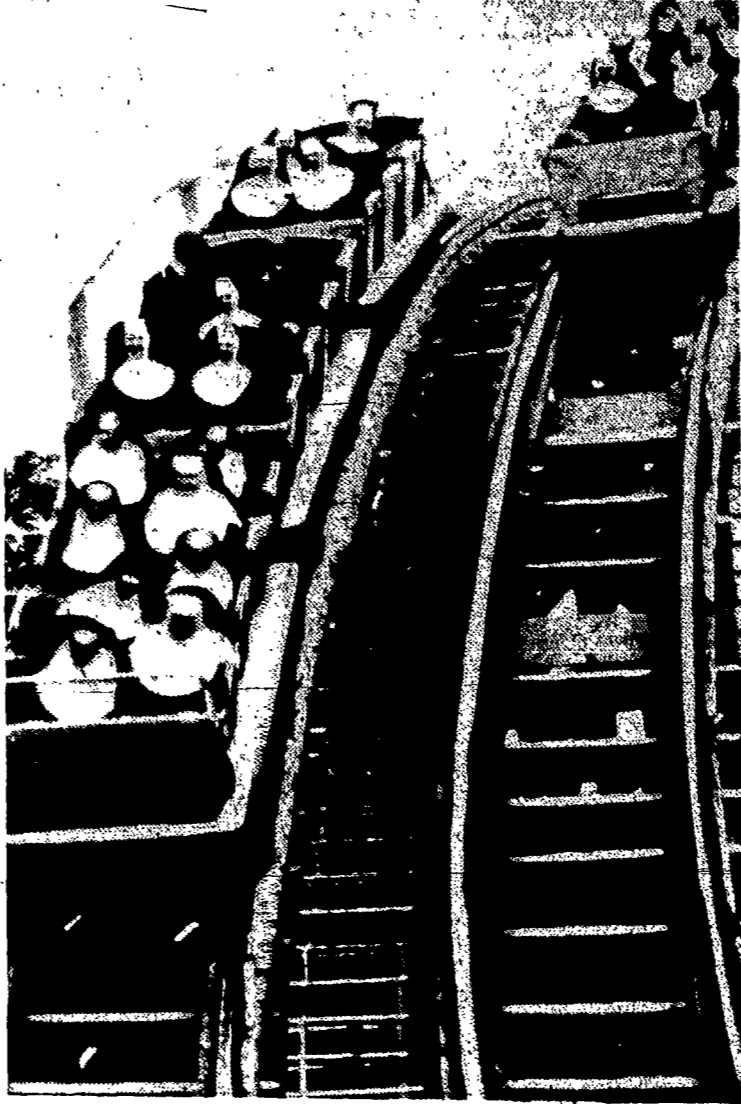
She was dressed in the best Fifth Avenue style followed by two little girls holding her train as she approached the altar of the St. Maryknoll Mission of Father James B. Nagle, M.M. of Brighton, Mass.

But the congregation was soon brought back to the reality of the locale as she knelt at the altar with her spouse. She was barefoot.



Day Of Fun For Nuns

Pittsburgh—(NC)—Labors of the day plus the difficult decisions to be made ("Shall we ride those funny little cars that bump, or shall we go back to the roller-coaster, Sister?") made a little nourishment necessary for these Sisters having a day of fun at Pittsburgh's Kenwood Park. Picture at right shows Sisters actually riding the Big Dip.



Invalids Pilgrimage Set In Rome

Rome—(NC)—Sept. 3 St. Peter's Square will resemble the Lourdes esplanade in early October when 5,000 invalids from Italy, France, Switzerland and the United States gather there.

The gathering organized by the Society of Volunteers of St. Felice, will take place from October 4 to 8 to mark the tenth anniversary of the society's foundation.

THE DETAILED program of this pilgrimage of the sick has not yet been published. However, its two main functions will be to offer homage to His Holiness Pope Pius XII and to offer thanksgiving at the shrine of Our Lady in the Basilica of St. Mary Major.

The expression of thanksgiving is characteristic of the society, whose members consider themselves called to offer their sufferings through the Blessed Mother for the welfare of the Church.

At present there are about 35,000 members of the society in Italy, France, Switzerland, the United States, Portugal, Argentina, Mexico, Jordan, Sudan, Eritrea and Malta.

Christian Principles Face German Vote Test

Bonn—(NC)—Germany's bishops have urged this country's voters to cast their ballots for candidates respecting Christian principles in the September 15 election.

This Sunday western Germans will choose a new Bundestag, main house of Parliament which will in turn elect a new Chancellor of the German Federal Republic.

THE BISHOPS reminded Catholics that in recent years "we have had to deplore disregard for our Catholic principles in matters of marriage, the family, respect for the validity of the (German) concordat (with the Holy See) school and youth policies and social legislation.

The bishops declared Catholic voters should back the parties and candidates that respect Christian demands in both word and deed.

Konrad Adenauer, 81-year-old CDU leader and German Chancellor since 1949, has toured the country in a chartered train asking the electorate to grant him another four years in office. He advocates close German ties

'No Comment' From Arkansas Catholics

Little Rock—(NC)—Few Catholics can be found in this capital and see city of the state of Arkansas who are willing to comment on the Governor Orval E. Faubus Mayor Woodrow W. Mann integration controversy.

"Look, we number less than one-half of one per cent of the population," one Catholic priest remarked. "If we stick our neck out right now, we'll accomplish exactly nothing, except to get it chopped off."

Bishop Albert L. Fletcher of Little Rock has issued no statement regarding the controversy. Few Catholics are involved owing to the small number of Negro Catholic high school students in the state.

ONE FACTOR apparent in the Little Rock dispute, which places the city in a somewhat different category from other border state cities, is the large scale migration of Negro families.

"Generally, as soon as Negro families have been educated, they move out of the state and

go north," one person remarked. "That is why our Catholic schools have so few Negroes of high school age."

In the Catholic schools located in Negro areas, four out of five students are non-Catholics.

Negroes in Arkansas have no strong Catholic tradition, and this is manifested in many ways. Not too long ago, Bishop Fletcher was confirming children in a parish elementary school where all the students were Negro.

The parents, almost all non-Catholic, were present for the occasion.

After administering the Sacrament the prelate turned to say a few words to the congregation. Suddenly a loud "Amen" swelled up, almost simultaneously from the congregation.

Bishop Fletcher continued to speak, and whenever he struck a responsive chord, another fervent "Amen" would come from the congregation.

"The good Sisters were a little upset and tried their best to signal the people to stop," chuckled the Bishop, as he related the episode. "But whenever it looked like they might succeed, I'd just raise my voice and try to think of something that would strike a note in the hearts of these good people."

The Bishop won out. If the "Amen" uttered that night any criterion.

Vatican Paper

Raps Arkansas Segregation Decree

Vatican City—(NC)—Governor Orval Faubus of Arkansas, who called out the National Guard to prevent racial integration in the state's schools in defiance of a federal court order, has been sharply criticized by L'Osservatore Romano.

THE VATICAN CITY daily stated in an editorial that no one who upholds or enforces racial discrimination should be allowed to "exercise political rights." Still less, it added, should he be eligible for public office.

L'Osservatore criticized Governor Faubus for not accepting as final the judgment of the U. S. Supreme Court making racial integration an inviolable principle throughout the nation.

THE NEWSPAPER set forth the following reasons as justifying its recommendations:

1. Racial discrimination concerns an "act of passion which is inconceivable and cannot be excused in the middle of the 20th century."

2. The Arkansas episode took place in a nation which fought in the greatest of all wars and with the costliest of sacrifices in the name of freedom and democracy and explicitly against racial discrimination of any kind.

3. Those who uphold racial discrimination have not faced the fact that Negroes also took part in that war.

The editorial also noted that communists use for propaganda purposes the recent events in Arkansas.

It commented that "those who profess political hatred, to the point of bloodshed among peoples of the same race should not be scandalized by those who do not know how to conquer hatred between different races."

Harlem Priest Appeals For Christian Charity

New York—(NC)—Interracial attitudes must be based on firm religious and philosophical conviction, Father Eugene Hicks, Negro priest of St. Charles Borromeo parish in Harlem, told the Catholic Interracial Forum here.

FATHER HICKS explained that for the Christian, especially for the Catholic, the religious basis is the spirit of charity described in the parable of the "Good Samaritan." This parable, he said, should be taken literally and applied rigorously to our own times.

That Our Lord's charity did not limit itself to members of one race or one religion is manifested throughout the Gospels as well as in this one parable, Father Hicks asserted.

"Charity was the outstanding teaching of Our Lord's career," he said.

Father Hicks explained that having served in an all-white parish at Hyde Park, N.Y., and in his present predominantly colored parish, he has come to realize more and more the basic similarity between people.

Shrine To Honor Spanish Heroes

Madrid—(FNS)—The Spanish government is expected to set a date in November for the ceremonial inauguration of a gigantic mausoleum in the Gredarraz mountain range intended to hold the remains of the 150,000 Nationalist soldiers who died in the Civil War of 1936-39.

A government decree published here designated the memorial, begun 18 years ago, a national monument under the title of "the Holy Cross of the Valley of the Fallen."

Site of the memorial, surrounded by an enormous cross and containing a huge subterranean cathedral dug into the mountainside, is the Cuadonga Valley, about 30 miles from Madrid and two-and-a-half miles from the Nationalist-occupied battle place of the Spanish King.

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