Girls' College Lists Actress Irene Dunne

Notre Dame, Ind. — (NC) — Irene Dunne, actress and humanitarian, will be the May, 1958, commencement speaker at St. Mary's College, Sister Mary Madeleva, C.S.C., president, announced.

Presently serving as an alternate United States delegate to the United Nations, Miss Dunne is known for her many Broadway performances, movie roles, welfare and civic activities.

John Moody Dies, Convert, Financier

La Jolla, Calif.—(NC)—John Moody, nationally known financier and a convert to Catholicism, died here (February 16) at the age of 90.

Founder and longtime president of Moody's Investors' Service in New York City, Mr. Moody came here to reside after he retired from business about a year ago.

Mr. Moody's book "The Truth About Trusts" achieved wide recognition when it was published in 1904. After he became a convert in 1931, he wrote an autobiography entitled "The Long Road Home."

Children Target Of Mail Smut

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ents tell the same story again and again. A youngster answers an ad for a cowboy picture, or a model airplane, or camping equipment.

In a few weeks the circulars begin to arrive — and keep arriving. They make their pitch in blatant terms:

"Rejected for advertising! Objectionable material! We can no longer offer our art films to you through the leading magazines. Therefore we are contacting our select list by direct mail."

"Dear friend, I have some movies that were made below the border, in Mexico. For certain reasons, I have to get rid of them quick."

"The kind of photos and films you'll be proud to show your buddies . . ."

"The censors say we have blown the lid off and may have stepped out of bounds. Because of this situation, it may be necessary to destroy our negatives. We therefore urge you to order immediately."

The distributors of such material, one Post Office inspector said curtly, are "greedy promoters who don't care about subverting youth, so long as they can make a fast buck."

UNDER CURRENT laws, persons who mail obscene material can be prosecuted only in the area where it was actually placed in the mail. At present, that means New York and Los Angeles.

But it has been pointed out that convictions on obscenity charges are seldom achieved in either New York or Los Angeles courts. The result is, as one postal official puts it, that under present laws pornography dealers can "seek out their jurisdiction and make it a sort of sanctuary."

Meanwhile, the obscene material continues to flood communities all over the country.

HELP MAY BE on the way, though, in the form of legislation now before Congress. Bills have been introduced — by Rep. Emanuel Celler of Ney York and Rep. John Dowdy of Texas — which would permit persons who mail obscene material to be prosecuted where it is received.

Such legislation has the hearty endorsement of both the Post Office and Justice Departments. They believe indignant local communities would soon stamp out the smut trade.

However, even the passage of such legislation might leave the legal picture confused. This is because the precise position of the Supreme Court has yet to be determined.

Last June, in its Roth decision, the high court said the standard for obscenity is: Whether to the average person, applying contemporary community standards, the dominant theme of the material taken as a whole appeals to the prurient interest."

POSTAL OFFICIALS say this definition "confirmed" the position their agency has taken for years. But, in the same breath, they admit that subsequent Supreme Court rulings based on it are not in keeping with Post Office views.

Notable were two early January decisions in which the high court reversed lower court of decisions which had upheld postal bans on three publications—two nudist magazines and a periodical which designates itself as "the magazine for homosexuals." The court did not explain its ruling, but merely cited the Roth decision.

"We don't know what was in back of it," one postal inspector remarked candidly.

THE POST OFFICE Department is under constant harassment, too, by the various civil liberties groups which claim to smell potential 'censorship' in every move to restrict the distribution of obscenity.

Post Office spokesmen refer to their efforts as a "hue and cry" and a "smokescreen."

While lawmakers debate and courts rule, the promoters continue to rake in easy profits and parents to write in indignation and alarm. One Milwaukee mother summed up the feelings of a lot of other people. She wrote:

"All I can do is ask that you take care of people like this in whatever way you are able."

Pope Receives African King

Vatican City — (NC) — King Mutesa II of Buganda, Africa, is shown during an audience with Pope Pius XII in Vatican City. With the King, was a delegation of his subjects. Buganda is one of four provinces that make up the British Protectorate of Uganda.

Protestant Church Restores Altar Of Blessed Virgin

Berlin, — (NC) — An altar dedicated to the Blessed Virgin has been restored and reinstalled in the Protestant church of St. Mary at Bernau in the Soviet zone, 13 miles mortheast of here.

A product of the 16th century, the altar depicts the crowning of Our Lady in heaven. She is surrounded by 35 figures of the apostles and other saints. All are carved in wood.

The church of St. Mary was originally a Catholic church, but was taken over by the Protestants early in the 17th century during the Thirty Years War between the northern Protestants and southern Catholics.

Damaged during World War II, the altar was restored with the aid of funds donated by Swedish Protestants.

Does Couple Who Adopt Children Enjoy Privilege Of True Parenthood?

By FATHER JOHN L. THOMAS, S.J.

After considerable waiting and negotiating, we finally succeeded in adopting our second child a year ago. I guess my wife and I have never been quite so happy, but others don't seem to understand our feelings of joy and pride. They hint we're cackling over somebody else's eggs. Our neighbor even commended us for our charity! We feel we're privileged to be real parents. Are we correct?

Every time I see the proud parents of adopted children, I think of those profound, beautiful words of Mary when she and Joseph found their lost Child in the temple: "Thy Father and I have sought thee sorrowing."

Mary and Jesus called Joseph father. This was no empty title, merely used to cover the mystery of the Virgin Birth, for we read that under Joseph's care, even this Child "advanced in wisdom, and age, and grace with God and men."

Are you real parents?

Well, Bob, let's consider carefully what it takes to produce a mature man or woman. To start with, of course, it requires God, the Author of all life, Who create each immortal soul; and two biological parents, who furnish the co-principles of life.

Now if man were a fere creature of instinct, like the animal, all we would have to add to achieve maturity would be the factors of time, nourishment, and, in some species, a degree of early protection.

But man is not a mere creature of instinct. His noblest qualities: supernatural life and the habit of virtuous living, the orderly development of his intellect and will, the learning of self-control, the possession of skills, ideals, and so on, are all acquired after birth.

The infant enters life unregenerated and humanly undeveloped, an amazing bundle of potentialities requiring the grace of God and the loving care of others to reach maturity.

Hence his biological parents contribute only his undeveloped nature with its hidden powers.

These basic capacities of his being do define, of course, the possibilities or limits of his later physical, emotional, and mental development. Nevertheless, although the human species, taken as a whole, includes individuals with widely varied capacities, the majority of men and women in any given nation are born with roughly the same potentialities. They differ at maturity primarily in the degree to which they have developed what they started out with at birth.

THAT IS WHY, as Pius XII recently emphasized, the most important aspect of the primary purpose of marriage is education, not procreation. This constitutes the real significance of human parenthood, the truly personal contribution fathers and mothers furnish to the making of a mature man.

In transmitting the co-principles of life, they are only, in a sense, acting as middlemen for the human species, since the qualities of the genes they contribute are not primarily the result of their efforts, but come to them from a long line of ancestors.

Yes, Bob, you and your wife share the most important aspect of the privilege of parenthood.

Just as the mother's womb forms the essential, nourishing environment in which the tiny life-cell can unfold its marvelous hidden potencies and develop to the stage of independent viability, so your family circle, characterized by loving care, affection, guidance, training, good example and grace, forms the social and spiritual womb requisite for the normal development of children to the stage of independent maturity.

Bob, when your children reach maturity, the imprint of you and your wife will be found on every facet of their character. Their lifegoals, ideals, and capacities for love and affection will necessarily bear your stamp. If this doesn't constitute human parenthood, then what does the term mean?

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BIRTHDAYS THIS MONTH

are adding up! This week we have two from the Apostolic College—St. Peter (February 22) and St. Matthias (February 24). As we celebrate these great feasts once again we may be struck by the many changes in the world since the Apostles first heard Christ command them, "Teach all Nations." The world has changed many times over in the last two thousand years—except in the East. Here time moves but slowly. The poor farmers of the village of Tannourine-El-Tahta (Lebanon) still work the same poor soil with rude equipment which has been used for countless generations. They are most anxious to have a chapel (a simple one will do) and they are eager to build it themselves . . . IF . . . we will give them the materials to do the job. Could your Lenten mortifications help to raise $2,500 to bring these poor people closer to the Son of God?

HAVE YOU THOUGHT OF THE MISSIONS THIS LENT?

THE LEPERS ARE ALWAYS WITH US throughout the mission lands of the East. Destitute and completely helpless these children of God constantly show us their tortured bodies and plead for food, shelter and medical treatment. How can we refuse them? Our LEPER FUND is under great strain at the present moment — but we are not worried. These poor afflicted are the special favorites of the Lord and He will continue to help us provide for them. Would you care to join our LEPER FUND? The dues are—prayers for the afflicted and an offering of $1 a month. The prayers of the afflicted are particularly powerful at the throne of God . . . may the gratitude of the lepers gain you many blessings.

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YOUR WILL IS GOD'S WILL WHEN YOU REMEMBER THE MISSIONS

WHAT DOES THE FUTURE HOLD? Not too much for the work of Christ in the Near East unless generous souls can be trained to continue the work. Giulio and Ablahad, for example, are most anxious to become priests. They are in the Seminary in Mosul, Iraq, but they cannot proceed unless each has a benefactor who will pay $600 to cover the costs of Seminary years. Sister Barnabas and Sister Pelagia of the Clarist Sisters, India, wish to serve Christ every hour of the day among the poor and outcast, but each must have two years of novitiate training which means a total of $300 for each Sister. Will you help us to provide for the future by supporting a boy or a girl who wishes to serve Christ in the religious life. You may send your offering in any manner you please while your priest or nun is preparing for the world of the future.

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Admirable Crichton	Gentle Touch	Plunder Road
All At Sea	Giant Claw	Persuader
All Mine To Give	Gift of Love	Return to Warbow
Alligator Named Daisy	God Is My Partner	Ride Out For Revenge
Apache Warrior	Ghost Diavers	Rock-a-bye Baby
April Love	Gun Glory	Sabu and the Magic Ring
Around the World in 80 Days	Gunsight Ridge	Sad Sack
Beast of Budapest	Hell Canyon Outlaws	Seven Hills of Rome
Beginning of The End	Hell Ship Mutiny	Search for Paradise
Bernadine	Hired Gun	Sing Boy Sing
Black Scorpion	Invisible Boy	Slim Carter
Bridge on the River Kwai	It's Great To Be Young	Spanish Affair
Campbell's Kingdom	Jacqueline	Spook Chasers
Chase a Crooked Shadow	Jamboree	Stopover Tokyo
Chasing the Sun	James Dean Story	Story of Mankind
Courage of Black Beauty	Joe Dakota	Story of Vicki
Cowboy	Johnny Tremain	Summer Love
Crash Landing	King And I, The	This Is Russia
Damon Citizen	Last Stage Coach West	Ten Star
Decision Against Time	Man from God's Country	Terero
Deep Six	Merry Andrew	Tower Like Mine
Destroyer	Missouri Traveler	Toughest Gun in Tombstone
Destination 60,000	Monolith Monsters	20 Mill on Miles To Earth
Diamond Safari	Mustang	Under Fire
Dust at Apache Wells	Night Passage	Up In Smoke
Enemy Below	Old Yeller	World Was His Jury
Escape From Red Rock	Omar Khayyam	Zero-Hour

CLASS A, Section 2 — Unobjectionable for Adults and Adolescents

Affair to Remember	Helen Morgan Story	Sea Wife
Amazing Colossal Man	Hell on Devil's Island	Sin Creature
Black Tent	Hunchback of Notre Dame	She Played With Fire
Careless Years	In the Money	Sinner
Cast a Dark Shadow	Interlude	Slaughter on Tenth Avenue
Cyclops	Johnny Trouble	So Lovely—So Deadly
Chicago Confidential	Journey to Freedom	Stakeout on Dope Street
Copper Sky	Killer on the Wall	Taming Sutton's Gal
Count Five and Die	Lard Unknown	Tijuana Story
Day of the Bad Man	Legend of the Lost	Time Limit
Dalton Girls	My Man Godfrey	Tip On a Dead Jockey
Death in Small Doses	Naked in the Sun	3:10 To Yuma
Doctor at Large	No Down Payment	Triple Deception
Escapade	Oklahoma Woman	Trooper Hook
Flood Tide	Parson & the Outlaw	True Story of Lynn Stuart
Fort Bowie	Paths of Glory	Unearthly
Fort Dobbs	Quantez	Unholy Wife
Forty Guns	Quiet American	Unknown Terror
From Hell It Came	Raintree County	Violators
Fuzzy Pink Nightgown	Restless Breed	Weapon
Green Eyed Blond	Ride A Violent Mile	Wink of An Eye
Gun Fever	Rodan	Witness for the Prosecution
Gunfire At Indian Gap	Rock All Night	Woman in a Dressing Gown
Guns Don't Argue	Safecracker	Young and Dangerous
Hard Man	Saint Joan	
Hatful of Rain	Savonara	
Hear Me Good	Scotland Yard Dragnet	

CLASS A, Section 3 — Unobjectionable for Adults

Adultress	Going Steady	Ordet
Bonjour Tristesse	Gates of Paris	Outcasts of the City
Cabiria	Gervaise	Lady Takes a Flyer
Darby's Rangers	Girl In The Woods	Peyton Place
Desire Under the Elms	Goddess	Time Without Pity
Fighting Wild Cats	Muggers	Wild Is the Wind

CLASS B — Objectionable in part for all

Action of the Tiger	Female Animal	Loving You
Affair in Havana	Fernandel the Dressmaker	Man in the Shadow
As Long As They're Happy	Flesh and the Spur	Man of a Thousand Faces
Baby Face Nelson	Golden Virgin	Man on Fire
Back From The Dead	Girls in Prison	Man On The Prowl
Band Of Angels	Gunbattle at Monteroy	Mister Rock and Roll
Bayou	Hell Bound	Monkey on my Back
Black Patch	High Hell	My Gun Is Quick
Blonde In Bondage	House of Numbers	Naked Paradise
Bop Girl Goes Calypso	Invasion of the Saucer Men	Oklahoma
Bride Is Much Too Beautiful	I Was A Teenage Werewolf	Pajama Game
Checkpoint	Island in the Sun	Portland Expose
Cop Hater	Island Woman	Panama Sal
Daughter of Dr. Jekyll	Jailhouse Rock	Pal Joey
Decision at Sundown	Jennie Eagles	Pride and the Passion
Deep Adventure	Jet Pilot	Short Cut To Hell
Devil's General	Joker Is Wild	Stowaway Girl
Devil's Hairpin	Kiss Them For Me	Sun Also Rises
Disembodied	Layfayette Escadrille	Sweet Smell of Success
Domino Kid	Les Girls	Tarnished Angels
Don't Go Near The Water	Long Haul	Teenage Doll
Dragstrip Girl	Last Lagoon	Three Faces of Eve
If & Anxious	Love in the Afternoon	Until They Sail
Escape From San Quentin	Lovers' Nest	Valerie
Every Second Counts	Love Slaves of the Amazon	Value For Money
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CLASS C — Condemned

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