

BOOK SHELF

Waugh Excerpts

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The World of Evelyn Waugh, Selected and edited by Charles Rolo, Little, Brown '58, 411 pp.

A book of pointed fun by Evelyn Waugh, ranging from 1928 through 1957, every piece a self-contained story, every novel well represented, the Californian spoof called The Loved One given in full—here is a rich education in the follies of modern man, and a rather direct plea for wiser and more personalized living.

Waugh has "transformed the Wasteland into a circus," and runs about like an earnest clown thrusting the rapier of his fun into windbag formalities of human beings. He lights so quickly, thrusts so surely, runs on so fast that you can only laugh or be shocked—but you think later.

WAUGH IS EASILY the most powerful of English Catholics writing in the comic spirit; he has been called as the Bernard Shaw of the Church. He reveals, as Shaw did, in driving home big thoughts by every technique of the trade, not dissolving even the good old trick of character names (Mr. Joyboy, Lord Copper, Lady Circumference, Ambrose Silk, Father Rothschild, S.J. with a false beard in his suit case).

It is a surprise, therefore, and a moving one, to reread Brideshead Revisited against this up-to-date background and discover that the brilliant, brittle fun-maker has overreached himself and fallen into pity and love for his characters. Maybe the love was always there—maybe you can't be that funny and that mad if you don't care a lot.

But the effect of this more serious interest is to make Waugh a greater writer. Charles, his hero, for instance, begins to see that Julia will try for no divorce in order to wed him. He has a vision then of an arctic hut and a trapper alone in it, and an avalanche forming that will crush him.

Much later, when the moment comes and they quit each other part forever, the last line of the book recalls and completes the vision. "The avalanche was down, the hillside swept bare behind it; the last echoes died on the white slopes; the new mound glittered and lay still in the silent valley."

There are two regrettable omissions: no selection is offered from Waugh's Edmund Campion, a major and splendid work in biography; and not even a whisper is recalled of his extraordinary, friendly, clever and learned 12-column piece in Life Magazine in 1949, "The American Epoch in

the Catholic Church"—which is still what America called it then, "profoundly newsworthy."

The Campion biography is called "too fiercely partisan," and no doubt the Life Magazine article might be presumed to be so too—or might never have been noticed if it was good, though.

Of an Ash Wednesday in New Orleans, Waugh said: "All that day, all over that light-heated city, one encountered this little black smudge on the forehead which sealed its members of a great brotherhood who can both rejoice and recognize the limits of rejoicing."

And of Catholic education he said: "Without help from the state—indeed in direct competition with it—the poor of the nation have covered their land with schools, colleges, and universities, boldly asserting the principle that nothing less than an entire Christian education is necessary to produce Christians."

Making Marriage Click

Will The Church Ever Allow Contraceptives?

By MSGR. IRVING A. DeBLANC

The Catholic Church obviously changed its mind about Rhythm, for we know that Saint Augustine's position on birth control is not so different from the present practice. Why doesn't the Catholic Church change its mind about contraceptives and birth control? You Catholics are turning most Protestants against you in your unreasoning stand.



Monsignor DeBlanc

It is, of course, wise to realize that there is a vast difference between Saint Augustine and the Church. Saint Augustine was by no means inflexible. He could err in doctrine and did go overboard on some questions as did Saint Jerome in certain books of the Bible which he rejected.

Saint Thomas Aquinas, also, erred concerning the Immaculate Conception. The Church, however, can never err and could never change its position concerning contraceptive birth control.

I AM GOING to insist only on one point to show that the



Epiphany Church at Carter St. and Willite Dr.

New Church Opened For Ukrainians

Eastern rite Catholics in Rochester have a new parish church, the Church of the Epiphany, at the corner of Carter St. and Willite Dr.

Bishop Ambrose Senyshyn visited the church Sunday to say Mass and preach to the congregation of 250 Ukrainians, most of whom have fled Soviet tyranny to practice their faith in freedom in America.

Pastor of the new parish is also a displaced person, Father Stephen Horodecky, who previously served as an assistant to St. Joseph's Church on Hudson Ave.

Parishioners at St. Joseph's recently voted to adopt the Gregorian calendar so they could celebrate their feast days on the same dates as other Catholics in America.

The newly arrived refugees wanted to keep their old style Julian calendar which is approximately two weeks behind schedule. They received permission to organize the new Epiphany parish to keep their feasts according to that calendar.

Bishop Senyshyn, who is spiritual shepherd of all Ukrainian Catholics in northeast United States, urged the parishioners to preserve the faith and heritage of their fatherland. He told them they will serve their new country best by contributing the riches of their native culture to the nation they have now adopted.

Religious Vocation Promoter Dies

Bayonne, N.J.—(NC)—Funeral rites were conducted in St. Vincent de Paul church for Msgr. Joseph F. Dolan, 82, who during his pastorate here supervised a parish building program, all paid for, which amounted to \$1,500,000. But he was most proud of the record of 21 boys from the parish who became priests and 33 girls who became nuns.



Father Stephen Horodecky stands at the altar of the new Epiphany parish church for Ukrainians. Parishioners paid \$55,000 for church and rectory which formerly served a Protestant denomination.

Holy Name Men Said Lay Apostles

St. Louis—(NC)—The Holy Name Society can be a "main-spring for manpower for Catholic action," St. Louis Archbishop Joseph E. Ritter told the annual meeting of the Archdiocesan Union of Holy Name Societies here.

He mentioned the spiritual training the Holy Name Society provides, and gave its members credit for making a program of lay Catholic action a success in the archdiocese through the leaders it had developed.

Lay Missioner Couple Head For Africa Post

New York—(NC)—A young married couple, with their six-month-old daughter, left here by air to begin a two-year period of service as lay missionaries in Africa.

They are Joseph and Alexa Kane, members of the Association for International Development (AID), Paterson, N.J., voluntary organization that recruits Catholic laymen for service in underdeveloped countries of the world.

The Kanes' destination is Roma, Basutoland, South Africa. There Mr. Kane will teach economics and accounting at the Pius XII University College in Roma for a minimum period of two years. A native of Philadelphia, Mr.

Kane is a graduate of St. Salvo College there and has a master's degree from the University of St. Louis. His wife, who was born in Detroit, attended schools in that city.

Pius XII University College, operated by Oblates of Mary Immaculate, is an undergraduate school situated in the mountain country of Basutoland, a British protectorate in the southern part of South Africa.

Farm Life Changes Forecast

Milwaukee—(NC)—Agriculture in this country faces economic and sociological changes in the next decade that may be greater than those of the previous century.

This was one of the conclusions of a policy statement issued here during a meeting of the executive committee of the National Catholic Rural Life Conference.

THE CONFERENCE asserted that the ability of the "family farm" to survive in competition with larger agricultural enterprises has been "impaired rather than helped" by the current Federal government farm program.

It warned that "many of the religious, social and cultural advantages of family farming will be lost if independent farm operators are replaced by hired farm workers or farm operators dominated by... non-farm agencies."

The conference offered a series of suggestions and recommendations to promote the welfare of family farms.

It urged operators of small farms to investigate the advantages of incorporation, declaring that this often helps reduce income, property and inheritance taxes.

The conference said that state income taxes may be "more just" than either property or sales taxes. It said that property taxes encourage "non-ownership of property" and hence threaten the family farm, while sales taxes, "particularly on essential items," do not "equitably distribute the burden," according to the ability of the citizens to pay.

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