

Variety Show Delights Elmira Audience

By Courier Staff Correspondent
The St. Bonaventure University Concert Band once again demonstrated a keen sense of interpretation in its Variety Show appearance, Saturday night, April 18, at Notre Dame High School.

The show, sponsored by the Msgr. John J. Leahy Division, Ancient Order of Hibernians, attracted over 250.

Not dampened by the rainy evening, the band bounced through a 20-piece program, under the direction of the Rev. Paul J. O'Leary, O.F.M.

Augmenting the band's performance were selections by the Bonnie Combo, the solo voice of Walter Ulrich, Thomas Smith with piano passages and Orris Jirele—a violin soloist.

THE PROGRAM ranged from the deeply religious "Pans Angelicus" and "Ave Maria" to rousing marches, such as "Lexington and Concord" and "On the Mall."

Also heard were selections from the hit-musicals, "My Fair Lady" and "Brigadoon."

Equally well-received were heavier musical renditions, such as "Elsa's Procession to the Cathedral" and "Overture in Dorian Mode."

Orris Jirele, talented all-state basketball star from Austin, Minn., scored a hit with the audience, following the most embarrassing experience that can befall a violinist.

While "tuning to the piano," he snapped the only string for which he had no replacement—the A string. (Orris had an extra string for each of the others, but his "A" was supposed to be a long-life plastic one).

TAKEN TO A westside Elmira music studio by an A.O.U.M. member, Orris secured the string and spent intermission getting the string in shape.

Beating the known danger that a new string becomes slack very quickly when first played, the Bonaventure freshman took the stage to please with "Meditation from 'Thais'."

John Danahy of Buffalo, formerly of Elmira Heights, again was master of ceremonies.

The show marked the second appearance of the concert band, and the fourth straight showing of St. Bonaventure musical groups in Elmira.

On the same weekend, the band performed at the Veterans Administration Center, Bath, and St. Joseph's Seminary, Calhoun.

PROCEEDS FROM the local show will be used in Hibernian youth projects. These efforts include the Msgr. John J. Leahy Award, given to an outstanding male graduating senior at Notre Dame High School and six awards in the annual Hibernian Essay Contest, which is open to all students in Chemung County.

THE GRANT was part of a \$2,350,000 aid to education program announced by the foundation. The Catholic University was one of four Catholic schools receiving the \$100,000 grants.

(The University of Rochester also received a similar grant.)

In addition, Holy Cross College, Worcester, Mass., and Our Lady of the Lake College, San Antonio, Tex., were named among 24 liberal arts and science colleges which will share in \$450,000 for major-purpose or capital grants.

Fordham University, New York, and Notre Dame University were each named recipients of \$7,200 graduate study fellowships. A total of 45 fellowships were given.

Also, the Foundation gave \$445,000 in operating aid to all 428 accredited four-year institutional members of all 40 state and regional liberal arts state associations.

Liberty Award
Given Jesuit

New York — (RNS) — Father John LaFarge, S.J., of New York, warned here that the increased "diffusion" of hate literature in the United States can have a disastrous and long-range effect on the youth of this country.

The priest, associate editor of America, national Jesuit weekly, addressed a dinner at which he received the American Liberties Medalion of the American Jewish Committee for exceptional advancement of the principles of liberty and equality.

The dinner was held in connection with the committee's 52nd annual meeting.

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What is the relation between a grave illness, an automobile, and the shrine of Good Saint Anne at Quebec? Faith answers instantly: A pilgrimage, and it might bring about the cure of my loved one. It would surely bring to the sufferer a great spiritual blessing, a solid and lasting peace.

Difficulties, obstacles in the way, sacrifices, required, much planning? Yes — what good would a pilgrimage be without these proofs of its authenticity?

If countless crucifixes and braces have been left at the shrine, if 500,000 letters of gratitude have been received there since 1873 (that's half a million), and if most people are more inclined to thank the dear Mother of Mary in their hearts than to write letters to shrine-keepers, and if two million people visited there last year and at least that many will go this year, and if everyone who goes is happier for it — and these things are so — doesn't it look as if...

Episcopalian
Step To Unity

Santa Fe. — (RNS) — Parishoners of Holy Faith Episcopal church here turned over most of its collection at a service to the director of Catholic Charities in Santa Fe.

This act of good will followed a sermon by the Rev. Henry R. Seaman, rector, who drew parallels between St. Paul, Apostle to the Gentiles, and the divided Churches of today — Anglican, Roman, Orthodox and Protestant.

"In this we are following the Biblical example as given by St. Paul," he added. "Our only purpose is a gesture toward Christian unity."

Unions Honor
Msgr. Boland

Buffalo — (RNS) — Msgr. John P. Boland of Buffalo was named by the state AFL-CIO to receive its 1959 Union Label Award of Merit for his 39 years of "outstanding contributions toward effective labor-management relations."

Msgr. Boland, a member of the New York State Mediation Board, will be presented the award on May 26 in Utica, N.Y.

Men With Six Wives

By MSGR. IRVING A. DEBLANC
(Director, Family Life Bureau, N.C.W.C.)

How Does Missioner Eliminate Five?

Portland — (NC) — Spreading the Faith in a land where a man can — and usually does — have a half dozen wives or more, is a difficult job.

But not an insurmountable one, says Father David Motzny, O.S.M., Superior of the Servite mission band in Zululand, the vast bush country in the northern part of the Union of South Africa.

"Actually," Father Motzny said, "we're working a generation ahead. We know that many of the girls whom we baptize and teach the Faith are already pledged as a second or third wife. But we hope that their children, because of our teaching, will escape the fate of polygamy."

Women in Zululand are a valuable commodity—as a husband must pay eight head of cattle for a wife in addition, the women do all the work in the Zululand, said Father Motzny, who is a native of Chicago.

In the 10 years the American Servite Order has been in the Zululand missionary field there have been about 2,000 converts among the native population of 200,000. Working now in the strip 160 miles long and 30 miles wide along the coast of the Indian Ocean are 12 priests and five brothers.

Eight native Servite Sisters teach in the schools. One of the priests serving the area is Servite Father Edwin Kinch of Portland.

A major difficulty for foreigners in Zululand is the language. Father Motzny said, "Many of the letters consist of clicking and popping sounds, but the language is being written into an English translation. American letters are designated for clicks and pops made with the mouth and tongue."

The Zulus believe in God and the hereafter. Most of their religious ceremonies deal with the changing seasons, Father Motzny said.

There are reports that in some areas human sacrifices still are offered, he noted. He said that one year the children stayed on at the mission after the close of school, reluctant to leave. Inquiry disclosed, he continued, that work had reached the children that

ing each other, there would be a grunting and a panting from the depth of a child's heart for his parent's togetherness.

The mission of a wife is to partake as totally as possible in a husband's life. She must help him to resist the temptation which menaces him to forget his paternal duties. The masterpiece of a real lady is the man she has inspired to be a good father.

Her intelligence, her patience, her tenderness work day after day to turn the "little boy" she married into the sovereign of her home. It is he who determines the social class in which the family will live; it is he who sets the moral order which will reign in a home. By accepting him as he is, by inspiring him onward, she helps to make him a real father.

He is the authority in the home because he is primarily the lover. Authority and love can almost be synonymous. He became an "author" because he loved. Authority is love in action; the "author" is to make a thing exist, to make it is to want it, to want it is to love it.

A father's authority is derived from God, the source of love. If authority is not associated with God, it can easily become cruel authoritarianism and a counterfeit of fatherhood.

Yes, love is a synonym for authority as submission is a synonym for filial devotion. As a wife surrenders to a husband to help him to be the head of the home so a child must be submissive if a father is to fulfill his other God-given purpose.

Making Marriage Click Father's Role

By MSGR. IRVING A. DEBLANC
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I have six children... an yet to see one from toddler to teenager who did not at least try to run our house in some degree. Without my husband to lean on and to direct me, I think we would have reared a brood of tyrants." Mrs. J.T.

Your letter was a welcome one, Mrs. J.T. You are obviously the right kind of wife and helped him to be the right kind of father. Children do not need another mother. One is enough. They must also have an aggressive, protective father, one who is able and willing to defend and fight for his family. He must be identified with strength.

For a generation or so it seemed that we were draining fatherhood of maleness, we were emasculating a role whose central attribute was masculinity.

I think we are beginning to establish now a more genuine father-pattern. He is not to be an authoritative tyrant, he is not to be a pamper-pamper mother-substitute. Our Catholic concept of the father may well be the needed blood transfusion of good red blood into the veins of what was far too long an anemic fatherhood.

The father is to be firm without being despotic, decisive without being dictatorial, gentle and yet not weak.

As you indicate, Mrs. J.T., the mother alone is quite as helpless in playing both parental roles in child rearing as she is in child conceiving. This is the great secret of education—the intimate working together of a father and mother.

Their mutual love is the daily bread of a child. If parents were ever to fail in love...

The new parish will serve as the headquarters from which the Oblates will set out in several years to establish the Catholic mission in Greenland.

The American Oblates, who came here last fall at the invitation of Bishop Johannes Theodor Suhr, O.S.B., of Copenhagen, are to be joined in the Greenland mission by two Danish members of their congregation.

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