

Some Liked It, Some Didn't

Sisters Discuss 'Nun's Story'

Last Saturday morning Sisters of the Rochester area attended a special performance of the new movie, "The Nun's Story," at the invitation of the Paramount Theater management.

The movie dramatically portrays a missionary nurse who finally decides she is not called to such a life.

Following opinions were given by various Sisters after viewing the controversial film.

"For the reverent, dignified treatment of a grateful and difficult situation, as handled with amazing sensitivity. But... the title leads one to expect to be let in on a nun's story. What one really views is an ex-nun's story. The book and film should have been called that."

"The emphasis on a soul in unsuccessful conflict causes an element of utter joylessness to pervade the dress convent atmosphere."

"I could not live in such an environment of rigor, penance, and culpas. In the life of a real nun there is love, a love strong enough to put all externals in their proper place in her life. She knows detachment from rigor and penance as well as from herself."

"An ex-nun's story can never reveal a true nun's story. No one would concede that a mother abandoning children and husband could write a true mother's story. The element of sepioid fidelity in the heart of a mother is also in the heart of a nun. This is born of love of Christ, and it is the love of Christ that is the essence of her dedication that makes her life joyful, vibrant, and completely filled."

"The true spirit of a nun is found in another best seller, 'The Autobiography of St. Therese.'"

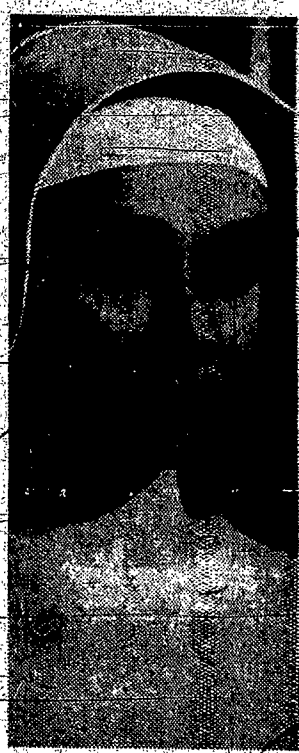
"One of the most beautiful meditations I have ever experienced 'On the vocation of a Sister.'"

"We were ready to be critical of course, more alert to interpretation of theme (our life) than to loveliness of scene or excellence of acting... the last two suggested, and present an implicit measure."

"We suffered a temporary shock at the Novitiate solemnity... was it the Biltmore way? Was it the way of two decades ago? Did anybody ever anywhere lock and lock a chapel door after a line of postulants and with a grim, castle-like yet? Was any Novitiate Mistress so unsmiling?"

"But the purpose of the Director became clear. He was intent on showing that nuns are concerned with more than baseball and picnics, are more than trimmings and trimmings. He wanted to show that they have a high and serious purpose, an earnest and difficult life to lead—and in a few moments of film-time you can't get in everything. You have to sacrifice much to make your point. You can't show the recreations and the fun, and have time left over for the deeds and the goal."

"We felt honestly bored by Sister Luke's troubles, she was right, they were all alike, they repeated. She was the only



AUDREY HEPBURN

"Sister Luke"

"How in her story her protection with herself, but trying to work out all of life from the natural standpoint of the supernatural was hers by right."

"The others—were wonderful—the other nuns, the various Superiors, the Mother, the nursing Sisters, the African hospital aides, the priests, the doctor—all these were perfectly cast and focused right on the main theme, the way of life Sister Luke had been called to."

"She prayed—but she didn't expect all from God, from Our Lord."

"There was no inner spiritual life for her. Or else you can't represent it."

Charity Ladies' Unit To Picnic At Keuka

Our Lady of Good Counsel Committee of the Ladies of Charity, Elmira, will hold a picnic for members and families Sunday, July 19, at Mrs. Joseph Milliken's, 303 East Lake Road, three miles from Penn Yan on Keuka Lake.

Mrs. J. P. Harrison is chairman and assisting her are: Mrs. Uri French, Mrs. Louise Caprio, Mrs. Joseph Svedico, Mrs. Edward Frawley and Mrs. Jerry Keck.

MEMBERS AND families are to meet at 11 a.m. at the A&E parking lot on the corner of Upper Lake Road and 14th Street in the Heights. Anyone not contacted who desires a ride, please call Mrs. Harrison, RE-2-9230.

Two new affiliates, Mrs. Sam Balash and Mrs. William Kehoe will be attending with their families.

A brief business meeting will follow the picnic. During the summer months members will continue their project of delivering meals and literature to the homes of new Catholic mothers and by visiting them at St. Joseph's Hospital.

Novena Opens At St. Patrick's

The Rev. Aurelian Sweeney, O.F.M. will conduct the annual Novena to St. Anne opening in St. Patrick's church, Elmira, tomorrow (Saturday) night at 7:30.

Services each evening will be held at 7:30 and they will include special novena prayers, sermon and Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament.

Msgr. Connors Marks 89 Years

Rt. Rev. Msgr. Thomas F. Connors, pastor of Blessed Sacrament parish, celebrated his 89th birthday Sunday evening. Bishop Kearney attended a dinner honoring the Monsignor in the parish rectory.

Monsignor Connors said: "Our only hope is to be able to work for souls as long as the good Lord wants us to."

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St. Alphonsus Parish To Host Verein Meet

Auburn—A meeting will be held by the Auburn and Syracuse branches of the Catholic Central Verein and Youth Section of America on July 9 in Assumption Hall, 812 North Salina Street, Syracuse.

Hospital Nuns Present Views

At the June 23 meeting of the Rochester Regional Hospital Chapter of the American Association of Hospital Accountants, Sister Mary Charles, St. Mary's Hospital, Rochester, and Sister Joan Francis, St. Joseph's Hospital, Elmira, presented their views of why did it become a Fellow of the American Association of Hospital Accountants.

Sister Mary Charles and Sister Joan Francis are the only two fellows in the Rochester Chapter and were among the first nineteen fellows to successfully pass the first written examination prescribed by the Board of Examiners.

Monastery Given \$1,000 Under Will

Blessed Sacrament Church and the Carmelite Monastery of Rochester will receive \$1,000 each under the will of Mrs. Nellie H. Grayson, 72, private before Surrogate Michael L. Rogers revealed.

MRS. GRAYSON died June 15. She made her home in the Normandy Apartment Hotel, 239 Alexander St., where for five years she was a part-time switchboard operator. She was a one-time Rochester Telephone Corp. supervisor. She was the widow of Otto H. Grayson, a manufacturer's representative, who died in 1948. Her estate, all in personal property, is believed to exceed \$10,000.

Corningites Hear Talk On St. Anne

Corning—The Rev. James Slattery, assistant pastor at St. Vincent de Paul's Church, gave a talk on the "Life of St. Anne" before members of the Italian-American Women's League Thursday evening, July 9, in the Marconi lodge rooms.

Phil Rizzuto Visits Hospital

Phil Rizzuto, former shortstop with the New York Yankees, and at present a radio and television announcer for the Yankees, visited the patients and personnel of St. Joseph's Hospital on Tuesday morning, July 7.

Ingersoll-Rand Names Parish

Corning—Edward H. Parish, a former parishoner of St. Vincent de Paul's Church while a student in Corning and later a member of Immaculate Heart of Mary Church, Painted Post, has been named executive vice president of the Ingersoll-Rand Co.

Painted Post Man Given Top Rank

Painted Post—Frank J. Norman, a native of Painted Post, the only man in the 4th Armored Division that was with the Division when it was activated at Pine Camp, was promoted to the Army's highest NCO rank of Sergeant Major E-9 this week in Germany.

Young Matrons Re-treat Set

A Retreat for Young Married Women will be given over the weekend of August 14-16 at the Convent Retreat House, 693 East Ave.

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MISS EILEEN GISLER "Mass beginning to shine" MISS MARY JANE SVEDEKER "hope to start very soon" MRS. ELIZABETH BACON "depends on the pastor"

How To Sing At Mass

Seventeen Catholic organists and choir members studied this week how to put into practice Pope Pius XII's instruction of Sept. 3, 1958 encouraging the active participation at both Low and High Mass.

The week-long course, which ends today (Friday), was held at Rochester's Eastman School of Music.

The Rev. Benedict Ehmann, pastor of St. Mary of the Lake parish, Watkins Glen, offered instruction in liturgy, church music and specific problems facing Catholic organists and choir masters.

Sheldon Eschrich, choir-master from St. Thomas Aquinas parish, Toledo, Ohio, stated that his church proceeded along the Pope's instruction some months before publication of the decree as an activity of the Christian Family Movement.

THE CONGREGATION takes active participation in the Mass through the Missa Choralis on first Fridays and special occasions. Children of the parish sing daily Mass. Rehearsals are arranged, he said, through the church societies.

"The people enjoyed it and took to it," the Ohio organist stated.

Mrs. Elizabeth Bacon, choir-master at St. John the Baptist and St. Cecilia Churches in Elmira, stated that good doctrinal instruction preceded active participation there.

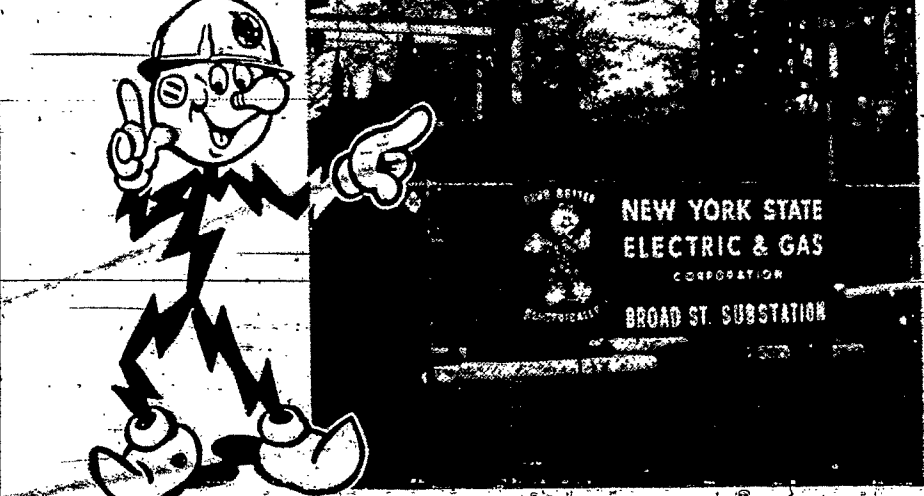
Following this, the short responses to the Mass were taught and during May and June novena services six new hymns were learned and "taken up with gusto."

The St. John's parish choir attended daily afternoon Mass during June and sang the prescribed Gregorian chant so that the congregation might become "used" to it and learn it in this fashion.

"MUCH DEPENDS" on the inspiring leadership of the pastor, Mrs. Bacon, "on the inspiring leadership of the pastor."

Organist Miss Eileen Giesler of St. Edward Church, Barre, hopes that her pastor provided the congregation with copies of "Our Parish Prays and Sings" in order to inaugurate participation.

Children of the parish have learned all responses, the Ordinary and Proper Noster from the Mass and now recite it with the



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