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Watching The Screen

'First Anniversary'

By RAY SMITH

"A-C-L-E" at the Paramount Theatre for ADULTS AND ADOLESCENTS.

Based on Max Reinhardt's famous stage play the movie dramatizes the legend of a statue of the Madonna that takes the place of a novice when her devout little worshiper runs away from the convent to join a British soldier. With settings in Spain the photography of this 122-minute film is Technicolor and Technirama is one of the studio's strongest assets.

One year ago at this time the editor of the COURIER-JOURNAL pushed the button to roll the presses and soaking up some of the ink was the above mentioned article.

I certainly couldn't let this occasion go by without expressing my sincere thanks and gratitude first to the Editor and Staff of our Diocesan paper which decided not to mind and to predeedicate herself to the service of God.

SECONDLY, to the men who have assisted me in trying to promote good movie entertainment by the written word. My sincerest appreciation to Jay Golden and Frank Lindkamp at the Palace Theatre; Francis Anderson at the Paramount Theatre; on the other side of Main Street Lester Pollock at the Loew's Theater; and Joseph Szell at the Regent Theatre. A special long-distance word of thanks to William Dugan of Dipson Theatres, Inc. in Batavia, N.Y. for his kindness.

The New Year finds a 19th Century Biblical multi-million dollar spectacle, "THE MIR-

Blessed Virgin and Child

Beth Vogel is shown as she plays the part of Mary in the Mount Carmel High School Christmas Pageant, "Blessed Virgin and Child," held at the school last week. The pageant was by the Dramatic Club of the school and directed by Rev. Robert Cattaneo, O. Carm.

Former Genevan Appears On National TV Program

Geneva — Genevans had an opportunity to see a local young woman and her husband on the Ralph Edwards TV program, "This is Your Life" recently.

The triangle of William Poenel, a native of Geneva, and his American wife, was dramatized on the Edwards program. He finally reached his goal last summer after numerous failures and frustration.

Poenel is the husband of the former Patricia Flynn, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Patrick E. Flynn, 63 West Ave. The Poenels live in Albuquerque, N.M., and are visiting their parents in Geneva for the holidays.

POENEL was born in Yugoslavia. His father was a zoologist and worked for the German Zoological Society. He was killed in a hunting accident in Brazil where his son was only 7 years old. His mother was a widow and head of the household in their native town, Ljubljana, Yugoslavia. She was killed during the bombing in World War II.

Edwards related the highlights of Poenel's efforts to become a citizen and introduced several persons who had been instrumental in assisting him. At the close of the program, he was presented a check for \$1,000 and a car.

Mrs. Poenel is a graduate of De Sales High School and Syracuse University. She is a social investigator for the State of New Mexico. Her husband is employed in a laboratory in Albuquerque. He plans to enter either a restaurant or motel business in a managerial capacity. They plan to move later to California.

CROCODILES On Way To Holy Mass

HOLY MASS — (N.G.) — Christ-

mas in New Guinea can be dangerous and unique.

Father John Goch of John-
ston, Pa., the first U.S. diocesan priest to become a missionary to New Guinea de-
scribed the holiday here.

Father Goch is pastor of the seaport of Nadang in the Alekhafen vicariate-apostolic, northeast New Guinea. As pastor he is in charge of 22 mis-
sions. He also is port chaplain, prison chaplain and in charge of a leper colony.

Speaking of Christmas, he stated that the natives begin to improvise unique Christ-
mas decorations from jungle material weeks in advance of the feast.

"And many will walk a day's journey to their parish churches where they will sing the entire Midnight Mass, from memory!" he explained.

According to Father Goch, very few natives can read or write. "And they sing the Mass beautifully," he said.

Some of the dangers en-
countered by parishioners as they wend their way to Mid-
night Mass include crocodiles in the rivers, malaria-bearing mosquitoes and deadly, poison-ous snakes.

But, according to Father Goch, these dangers do not seem to hinder the natives as they have developed a child-like love for God and the Blessed Virgin.

DELEGATE BLESSES

TV TOWER

Baltimore — (R.N.S.) — Arch-
bishop Egidio Vagnoni, Apostolic Delegate to the United States, blessed a multi-station TV tower on "television hill" here. It was the first such blessing ever bestowed by a Catholic prelate in this country.

The tower serves the three Baltimore television stations WJZ, WMAR and WBAL.

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