Theatre News

Dear Liar

By EUPHEMIA WYATT

DEAR LIAR: The Correspondence carried on between George Bernard Shaw and the celebrated English actress, Mrs. Patrick Campbell, has now been arranged by Jerome Kilty and is being read by Miss Katherine Cornell and Mr. Brian Aherne from separate corners of the stage. They only join each other stage centre to play a short scene from PYGMALION and THE APPLE CART.

I saw Mrs. Campbell once in her prime, beautiful and spirited and then again years later over a cup of tea at the Plaza when her beauty was gone and her spirit debilitated. I also reviewed the "LETTERS" when they were published in 1952 and was more struck by their duel selfishness than by their wit.

Shaw first wrote her in 1899 to ask her to appear in his CAESAR AND CLEOPATRA. She refused. He was then trying to climb the dramatic ladder and she was at the top. Thirteen years later she did play Eliza Doolittle triumphantly in PYGMALION although she was then forty-seven. This was the peak of their romance which ended with a jolt when Mrs. Pat suddenly married a dashing young Captain, George Cornwallis-West, who had been briefly Lady Randolph Churchill's second husband and Winston Churchill's stepfather.

SHAW NEVER forgave his Stella's lapse from loyalty and an acrimonious correspondence continued till her death about her right to publish his letters. She badly needed the money. Shaw was rich by this time but he wrote her, "I could not love you, dear, half so much, loved I not money more." Nor did he fail to gibe when Cornwallis-West walked out on her.

Mrs. Pat made herself unpopular in Hollywood and died in cheap lodgings in France, unwilling to return to England because it meant leaving her Pekingese 'Moonbeam' in quarantine.

Although a program note states that neither Miss Cornell nor Mr. Aherne seek to impersonate the authors of the letters, Mr. Aherne reads his with evident enjoyment and at times virulence, springing about as Shaw might have done on his toes but Miss Cornell's native dignity and kindliness are so alien to the waspish side of Stella that Shaw's rude allusions to her unpopularity with producers and her tempers seem quite unwarranted. "Lustless lions at play" is Stella's comment on her Shavian romance. At the Billy Rose.

THE PRODIGAL: A youthful playwright of twenty-four has now aligned himself to Greek genius and dares retell the return of Agamemnon from the point of view of Orestes.

This Orestes and his pal, Pylades, are on their way to being the "beatniks" of Argos. Only Electra still has faith in her brother but is duly shocked that he has decided that the cult of their august father is founded on the myth of his greatness.

Agamemnon, says Orestes to their old nurse, is really an opportunist who will sacrifice his subject gustily for his own glory. All Orestes wishes is his personal freedom.

He is delighted when Aegisthus suggests that he and Pylades go and enjoy themselves in Athens and is coldly indifferent to Agamemnon's desperate plea that his son stand by him against the fatal plotting of Aegisthus and the Queen.

Orestes scoffs at the King's warning that destiny cannot be eluded. But just as his father had foretold, Orestes in Athens, finds himself trapped like Hamlet. The avenging of Agamemnon's death is closing in upon him and public opinion takes the place of visible Furies.

The play is written in simple forceful English and is not only worth seeing but will be worth reading. High praise is due the entire cast. At the Downtown (4th Street, East of Second Avenue).

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Condemns Anti-Semitics

Berlin — (RNS) — A statement of the Central Committee of German Catholics condemning anti-Semitic excesses in West Germany was broadcast here by the West German Radio.

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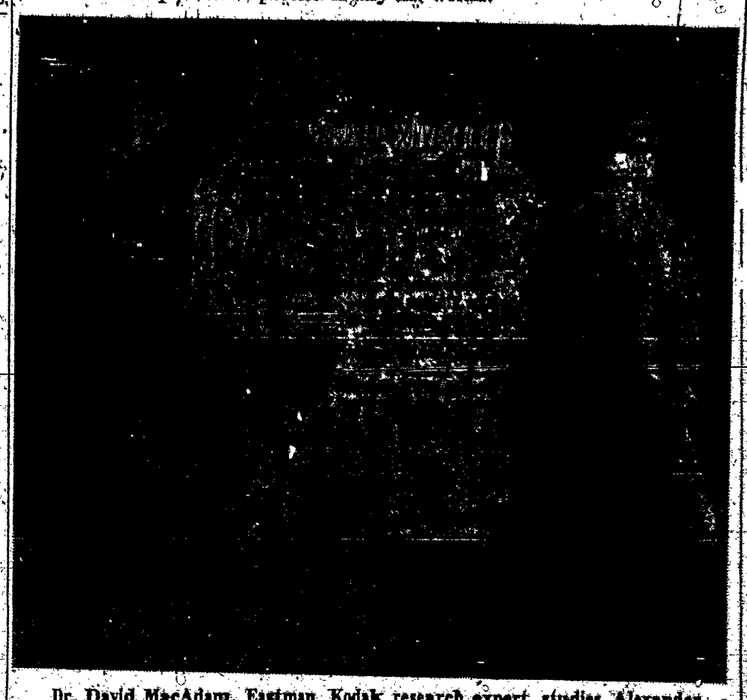
Young Scientists

Twenty three pupil-made exhibits won gold or silver medals at the diocesan schools second annual science fair held Saturday, March 26, at St. Agnes High School, Rochester. Over 103 displays showed science study and research going on in parochial and high schools throughout the Diocese. These pictures give a glimpse of the varied interests of the young scholars.

Neil Pappalardo, McQuaid senior, explains radio isotope analysis of cancer growth in mice.

Kenneth Schreiber and John Whipple, eighth grade pupils at Holy Trinity School, Webster, demonstrate a transistor radio that operates on a light-energetized battery.

Nazareth Academy's Ann Kastner checks her microscope slides which show her experiments on the effects of colchicine, a chemical which retards the reproductive process in tiny flat worms.



Dr. David MacAdam, Eastman Kodak research expert, studies Alexander Testa's display on convex lenses.

• Little Mary was lying on her back on the floor, singing a happy song. When next her mother glanced at her, Mary was lying on her stomach, shrilling a different song.

"Playing a game, dear?" her mother asked.

"Yes," replied the child. "I'm pretending that I'm a phonograph record, and I've just turned myself over."

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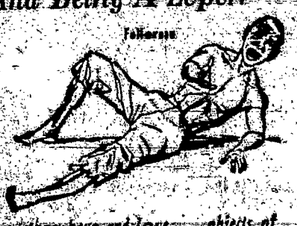

Leprosy is terrible enough, slowly eating the body away, feature by feature and limb by limb. *But in most mission lands, "being a leper" is by far the greater torture. Driven away from all they have and love . . . objects of screaming horror . . . untreated . . . unbandaged . . . scorned . . . chased hopeless . . . these victims are considered human only in that they are allowed to keep suffering.*

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Sodalists List Prayer Day

A Day of Recollection for high school students from four area parishes will be held in Holy Trinity Church, Webster, on Palm Sunday, April 10, from 3 to 6 p.m. The participating parishes are: Holy Trinity, Webster; Assumption of Our Lady, Fairport; St. Rita's, West Webster, and St. Mary's, Ontario.

The day will consist of Mass and Holy Communion in the evening, conferences by Rev. Richard Hart, chaplain of DeSales High School, Geneva, recitation of the Rosary, spiritual reading, and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

LUNCH WILL be served by sodalists from the host parish in Holy Trinity Hall and the inspirational movie, "The Miracle of Marcellino," will be shown afterwards.

Committees that will make arrangements are in charge of Thomas Crombach and Carol Vincent of St. Rita's Parish; Peter Lareau and Ann Bartoletta of Assumption Parish; Dennie Williams and Penny Bonjorno of Holy Trinity Parish; and Leo Harkenrider and Jean Crook of St. Mary's Parish.

Cathedral Rededicated

Hildesheim — (RNS) — A message of greeting from Pope John XXIII was read here as thousands of Catholics attended the solemn rededication of 900-year-old Hildesheim Cathedral which was rebuilt after having been destroyed by bombs in World War II.

Bishop Heinrich Janssen of Hildesheim officiated at the rededication rites. Reconstruction work on the church took ten years and was executed at a cost of about $1,200,000. The first dedication of the cathedral was carried out in 1060 by Bishop Hezilo, one of the most renowned of the Bishops of Hildesheim.

Pilgrimage

The Hague —(NC)— Dutch Catholic members of the country's armed forces will be granted special leave to take part in the NATO pilgrimage to Lourdes June 9 to 15.

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