Theatre Guide

RIVIERA
The Alamo (Unobjectionable) — A-1

MONROE
Spartacus (Unobjectionable for adults) — A-3

LITTLE
Please Turn Over — A-3

LOEW'S
Go Naked in the World — B

FINE ARTS
The Mouse That Roared — A-1
The Detective — A-1

PALACE
Sanctuary — B
One Hundred and One Dalmatians — A-1

PARAMOUNT
All in a Night's Work — A-2

CINEMA
Carry On, Nurse — B

Novena Opens To St. Rita

Annual Novena in honor of St. Rita will be held on Monday evenings at St. Rita Church, West Webster, March 27 at 7:45 p.m. according to the Rev. Francis A. Kleehammer, pastor.

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Theatre News

Comedie Francaise

By EUPHEMIA WYATT

EXTRA! An exciting new Hamlet is to be seen at the Phoenix.

THE COMEDIE FRANCAISE:—The celebrated company from the three century old national French theatre was brought to the New York's City Centre at popular prices thanks to Mr. Sol Hurok. Sold out during its three weeks' engagement, it offered to many young people who attended a new theatrical perspective.

Even more popular than Moliere's Tartuffe was Racine's Brittanicus in which a youthful Nero perpetrates his first murder. The driving force of the tragedy, the dignity and power of the cast, their flawless elocution and the stately rhythm of the Alexandrine couplets are a hoarded memory.

THE DEVIL'S ADVOCATE:—An unusual play because it not only deals with ideas but nobility of purpose. Mr. Dore Schary's dramatization of Morris West's very popular novel emphasizes its best attributes and succeeds in the first scenes in making the characters so interesting that the kernel of the drama shown in flashbacks of the locally proclaimed saint executed by the Communists, whose miracles the "Devil's Advocate" has been sent from Rome to Calabria to investigate, becomes secondary.

This in part is due to the inner warmth brought by Leo Genn to the lonely and dying Monsignor Meredith, the Advocate, who must sift the evidence about Nerone's sanctity and who finds in human friendship a renewed love of God. Before he dies, the Monsignor is able to save Nerone's boy from the sinful and unhappy Countess and her friend, the Roman artist.

The Countess is given a gossamer quality by Miss Olive Deering and the Roman, a tragic forcefulness by Michael Kane. Tresa Hughes has a full and earthy honesty as the girl who loved Nerone; Eduardo Cianelli and Boris Tumarin combine dignity with spiritual awareness as the Cardinal and the agrarian minded Bishop.

Sam Levene, erstwhile comedian, adds fine solidity to the cast and the play with his wise Jewish doctor who has given his life to the Calabrians but who still feels an outsider. Only Edward Mulhare (from My Fair Lady) seems miscast who, as the mysterious British ex-officer known as Nerona, becomes the popular leader but who plays with such restraint that he remains much more British officer than either romantic or mystic.

Jo Mielziner's platform sets slide in and out from the wings with miraculous speed and add simple but beautiful backgrounds to a stimulating play. The ending is less sensational and more satifying than in the book.

MARY, MARY:—Mrs. Kerr writes for laughs and dispenses them liberally, hitting the bull's eye in the current scene. The uptodate comedy centers on divorce, remarriages and its aftermath; the tax return being the excuse the shrewd old family lawyer uses to summon Mary to help with tax deductions two weeks before the divorce decree becomes final and Bob can marry a young heiress.

Incidentally Bob learns the ugly expense of alimony and Mary's desirability is enhanced by the advances of an ageing screen star. Bob and Mary dispose of the amoral young heiress between them. What emerges is the present generation's facility for divorce, their moral irresponsibility and the ebullience of Mrs. Kerr's wit. Tvsewmes

Barbara Bel Geddes and Barry Nelson add tenderness and exasperation to Mary and Bob. Michael Rennie and Betsy von Furstenberg do well by the heiress and the screen star and John Cromwell is excellent as the sage lawyer. Joseph Anthony's direction keeps the action lightly but swiftly in motion. Broadway needed a comedy.

THE IMPORTANCE OF BEING OSCAR:—A monologue by Michael Mac Liammoir of the Gate Theatre Dublin. Act I is witty and spirited, describing Oscar Wilde's triumphant years in London with excerpts from his comedies and Dorian Grey. Act II is long and dreary with a recitation of The Ballad of Reading Gaol, a description of Wilde's poverty in France but ending with the good news of his being received into the Church on his death bed. It is a pity that Oscar lets Michael down. Mr. Mac Liammoir himself is brilliant throughout.

BIG FISH, LITTLE FISH:—John Gielgud, as the director, has guided his cast with the sensitive penetration which brings out the best in each actor. The play is a satiric study of a frustrated university man who, having ruined his own career, has surrounded himself for 20 years with assorted misfits who might appear as his parasites but are actually his life line.

Jason Robards is the Big Fish who makes one last effort to leap out of his muddy little pond. Hume Croyn is unique and superb as the prickly, wispy shabby, jealous, loyal agoist with his Philharmonic tickets as his badge of culture. Martin Gabel contrives to put pathos into his old crustacean with a bad temper and a bad heart and a troubled "pussykins."

Ruth White is the sentimental matron who has deceived her husband cheerfully for twenty years. Hugh Wheeler, who has published twenty novels knows how to write but he is casual about morals and his taste can be raw.

Family Rosary Radio Program

Friday, March 24 — Henry J. Gabe, Holy Cross.

Saturday, March 25 — Bishop Kearney.

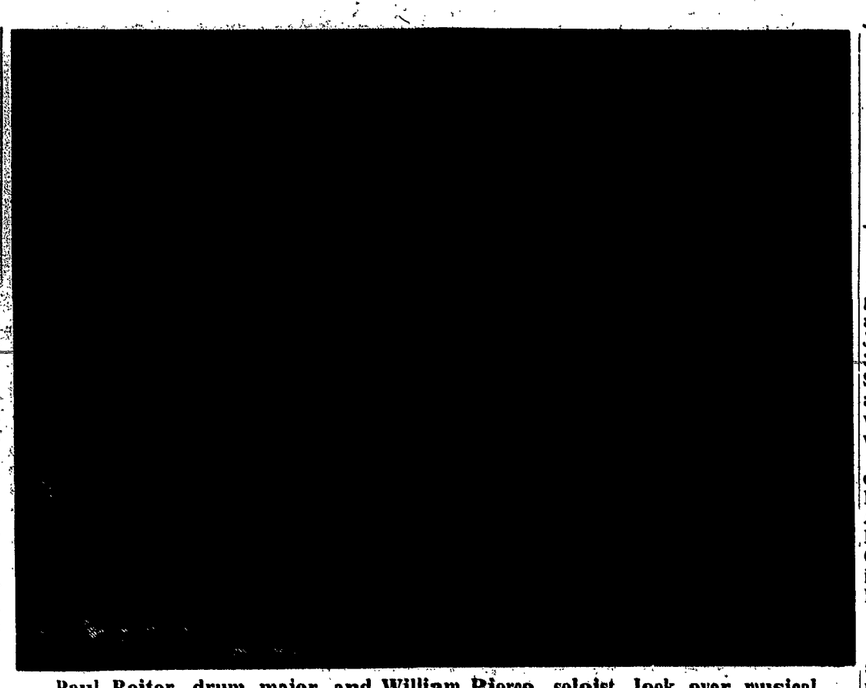
Sunday, March 26 —Thomas McKay, St. Monica.

Monday, March 27 — Joseph Beauchamp accompanied by Monroe County Chapter, Catholic War Veterans Auxiliary.

Tuesday, March 28 — Joseph Lo Sapio, St. Theodore accompanied by Better Men's Club.

Wednesday, March 29—James V. McGrath, St. John the Evangelist, Rochester.

Thursday, March 30 — Robert H. Kalb, Blessed Sacrament accompanied by Laymen's Retreat League.



Paul Reiter, drum major, and William Pierce, soloist, look over musical score for Aquinas Spring Concert with the Rev. Cyril R. Udall, C.S.B., director.

Musicians At Aquinas To Display Talents

Musicianship, technical skill and assured stage presence will be on display in Aquinas auditorium tonight and tomorrow evening at the annual Spring Concert of the Aquinas music department.

Under the direction of Rev. Cyril R. Udall, C.S.B., M.M., the program will include choral offerings by the 72-voice Glee Club, selections by the concert band and a variety of pieces played by combos ranging from ragtime to progressive jazz.

TONIGHT'S PROGRAM, conceived for an adult audience, will feature a band intrepretation of the Warsaw Concerto and a glee club rendition of the Battle Hymn of the Republic.

Saturday's presentation, aimed at the younger set, will concentrate principally on popular styles in music.

Soloists on tonight's program will include William Pierce on trumpet and William Campbell at the piano. Pierce's number will be Premier Polka, a test piece in agility, eveness of production and difficult figuration. Campbell has accomplished beautiful breadth of tone, assured technique and a real understanding of music, according to Father Udall.

Bruce Kolb will open proceedings on Saturday evening in a solo for trombone and orchestra, with the trombone set perfectly into the orchestral texture, which has a great number of syncopated figures. Kolb has a splendid tone all the way up and down the range and plenty of technical control, the director stated. Richard O'Connor will be featured on the drums.

Curtain time for both performances is 8:15 p.m.

Emil Riesbeck Requiem Held

Corning — Emil C. Riesbeck, well known South Corning merchant and village trustee and a very active member of Corning Council, Knights of Columbus, died last Friday following a heart seizure in his feed and grocery store on Park Ave.

REQUIEM MASS was celebrated Monday morning at St. Patrick's Church, with burial taking place in St. Mary's Cemetery.

Mr. Riesbeck worked in the hand shop at Corning Glass Works for 23 years, and in September 1923, opened the feed and grocery store at the Park Ave. address.

He was a member of St. Patrick's Parish and its Holy Name Society, as well as the fourth degree of Corning Council, Knights of Columbus. He had been a trustee for the Village of South Corning since 1945.

SURVIVING ARE: his wife, Katherine; one son, Paul E. Riesbeck, justice of the Peace and collector for the village of South Corning, who is associated with his father in operation of the store; two brothers, John of Hampton, Va. and Harry of Elmira Heights; one sister, Mrs. Fred Phillips of Corning; five grandchildren, all of South Corning, and several nieces and nephews.

Third Order To Meet

The regular monthly meeting of the Third Order of St. Francis of Assisi will be held at 3 p.m. on Sunday, March 26, at St. Patrick's Church, 445 Plymouth Ave. N.

Instructions for postulants and novices will be given in the church basement at the usual time, 1:45 p.m.

RELIGIOUS SERVICES, which consist of the recitation of the Franciscan Crown, a sermon, Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament, and veneration of the relic of St. Francis, will be conducted by the Rev. Bonaventure Brown, O.F.M., Provincial Regional Director of the Third Order.

Recent postulants are to be received into the Order as novices and will receive, as gifts, their habits, signified by a scapular and a cord.

Those who will begin their noviflate of a year and a day before being professed as Tertiaries are: Mrs. Patrick Beagan, Clifford W. Joslin, Mrs. Elizabeth Klemm; Mrs. Michelina Lamendola, Mrs. Katherine Lang, Miss Pearl Monacelli, Mrs. Francis Pack, Mr. and Mrs. John A. Perivich, Miss Dorothy Schoen, Mrs. Jane Zirpolo and Mrs. Helen Yacano.

A social hour, during which refreshments will be served, will follow. The library will also be open to members who may wish to avail themselves of a variety of books for meditation and Lenten reading.

Legion Of Decency

The following are the titles of the films reviewed this week to be used in their respective classification of the Legion of Decency. The last complete listing appeared in the Mar. 17 issue. Clip both and save.

Class A, Section 1
Last Dawn
Trapp Family, The

Class A, Section 2
Homicidal
Secret Partners
Steel Claw

Class A, Section 3
Operation Eichmann

Class B
Curse of the Werewolf
Objection: Suggestive costuming; excessive brutality; tends to equate religion and superstition.
Minotaur
Objection: Suggestive costuming and dancing; excessive brutality.

Maurer Named At Holy Cross

Arthur W. Maurer, a 1958 graduate of McQuaid Jesuit High School, has been named technical managing editor of the "Crusader," weekly newspaper, and assistant manager of WCHC, campus radio station, at Holy Cross College.

Maurer is also a member of the Junior Prom Program committee and Air Force ROTC Drill Team. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur G. maurer, 1634 Monroe Ave.

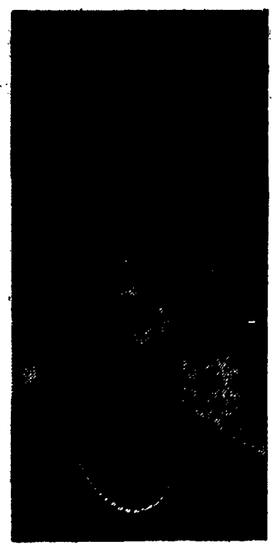
St. Rose Alumnae Hear Gail Wyld At Luncheon

Alumnae of The College of St. Rose held their annual Communion and luncheon Saturday, March 18. The luncheon was at Treadway Inn.

Miss Gail Wyld, director of public relations at The College of St. Rose addressed the group on "Growth and Development of The College of St. Rose in Recent Years."

Miss Wyld, a graduate of St. Rose, holds a Masters degree in Education from St. Bernadine of Siena College in Loudonville, N.Y. where she also took postgraduate studies in guidance counseling in addition. Miss Wyld has taught and done extensive counseling in schools and summer camps in the Albany area.

HER VARIED activities include memberships in the American Association of University Women, the Central New York College Public Relations Council, the American College Public Relations Association, the Communications Arts Guild of the Diocese of Albany and the Albany County Chapter of the American Red Cross for which Miss Wyld served as chairman of the 1961 Colleges Membership and Fund Drive.



GAIL WYLD

Miss Wyld has written articles for publication in the Catholic School Journal and Rosetta, the alumnae magazine of St. Rose.

The Date Book

Capri Club

Capri Club members and guests will attend celebration of an Eastern Rite Mass at St. Josaphat's Ukrainian Church, 303 Hudson Ave. at 10 a.m. on Sunday, March 26. After Mass any who desire will go to Treadway Inn for breakfast. No reservations required.

In the club's election, Malcolm Picard succeeded Gerard Keenahan as president. Mary Ann Salisbury succeeded Lois Enders as vice president; James Cassidy, treasurer, succeeding Henry Ballastry and Mary Lippa reelected as secretary.

Aquinas Mothers

Final plans for the rummage sale to be conducted by Aquinas Mothers Club, Wednesday, March 29 at 200 W. Main St. are being made over the week end under direction of Mrs. Paul Gears and Mrs. Earl Hieb, co-chairmen.

Mercyhurst Grads

Members of Rochester Chapter, Mercyhurst College Alumnae Association will meet with Rochester students presently enrolled at the college at a luncheon, Saturday, March 25 at Town House Motor Inn. Guests of honor will be two high school seniors who expect to enter Mercyhurst next September. They are Miss Barbara Brairton, 64 Overbrook Rd. and Miss Martha Proud, 116 Cedar Grove Drive.

LCBA Senate

Advisory Senate of Ladies Catholic Benevolent Association will meet Monday, March 27 at 8 p.m. in Columbus Civic Center with Mrs. Georgianna Nientimp residing. Rosary will be said in chapel with Miss Marie Reger and Mrs. Irene Lussier leading. A speaker from the DCCW Speakers Bureau will be heard. Members and friends are invited.

AOH Stag Party

Division 2 of the Ancient Order of Hibernians will conduct a stag party in honor of their senior members Sunday, March 26 at the club house, 48 Alexander St. A roast beef dinner will be served at 5:30 p.m. County President Ross McMahon is in charge.

Noted In 'Life'

Harry C. Hagerty, a graduate of old Cathedral High School was noted in a group photograph in the March 17 issue of Life magazine, page 132. A vice president of Metropolitan Life Insurance Co., Hagerty is on right in second row of a distinguished group of New York City's Friendly Sons of St. Patrick.

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