Blackfriars' 'Richard II' Opens Tonight

TITLE ROLE in Shakespeare's "Richard II" will be played by Will Jam Cox shown at left with Marti Kinter as the Queen in tonight's (Feb. 8) opening performance of the Blackfriars production in Aquinas Institute auditorium. Ronald Pedrone at right, will be seen in the role of Bolingbroke. Under the direction of Wilford Scott, scenery has been designed by Carl Zollo with costumes by Don Kramer. Performances will also be held Saturday and Sunday evenings, Feb. 9 and 10. Tickets may be purchased at the box office, no seats reserved. Curtain time is 8:30.

Versatile Star Appears In Sound of Music Cast

When "The Sound of Music" arrives in Rochester for a one week engagement at the Auditorium Theatre on Monday night, Feb. 18, the romantic role of Capt. Von Trapp will be played by John Myhers.

Upon his discharge from the U.S. Army, Myhers was awarded a fellowship at the American Academy of Dramatic Arts. From there he went to the University of Rome and on to the Experimental Center of Cinematography in the Eternal City.

JOHN MYHERS

For six years he was the leading tenor of the Rome Theatre Guild.

While in Italy, he portrayed such roles as Ferrando in "Androcles and the Lion," Petruchio in "The Taming of the Shrew," Touchstone in "As You Like It" and Calimaco in "Mandragola." He began his film career with Rossellini and Fellini in "Paisan."

Besides appearing in over a dozen pictures in Rome, he also sang several performances of grand opera at the Royal Opera House and managed to find the time to cut some records for the Italian radio. He toured the country in the musical play "Kalusha," and won an award as the best performer of the year in Italian theatre. Myhers was awarded the Cross of Merit by King Umberto II of Italy.

ON HIS RETURN to the United States, he took over the Alfred Drake role in "Kiss Me, Kate," which he played for 585 performances in 38 states.

Equally at home in a comic monologue or a serious drama, a musical comedy or a Shakespearean monologue, Myhers demonstrated his range and versatility during the summer American Shakespeare Festival of 1960, appearing with the Katharine Hepburn and Robert Ryan.

Curtain time is 8:30 p.m.

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 Jan. 11 issue. Clip and save.

Class A, Section 1

Reptilicus
Seven Seas to Calais
Son of Flubber

Class A, Section 3

Fatal Desire
Winter Light

Daily of Priest Listed On TV

The prison meditations of Father Alfred Delp, convicted of "high treason" by the Nazis and executed in the Plotzensee Prison, Germany, in 1945, will be dramatized on "Directions '63" Sunday, Feb. 10. The program is carried on WOR-TV Channel 13 in Rochester at 2 p.m.

"In Face of Death," arranged for television by Robert Crean, is based on the actual writings of a diary kept by Father Delp during his internment. The diary, smuggled out of Plotzensee by Jesuit priests, will be published by Herder and Herder next March under the title "The Prison Meditations of Father Alfred Delp."

Imprisoned in Dec. 1944 for joining in the secret discussions of the Kreisau Circle, an anti-Nazi group that was planning a new social order to be built on Christian lines after the war, Father Delp clung desperately to a truth that was revealed to him in solitude, helplessness, emptiness and desperation.

Through his writings, he reflects a soul which has found new and restored faith in God and a mind that has become appalled by the dehumanized bureaucratic conscientiousness of Nazi Germany.

"My offense," he writes, "is that I believed in Germany and her eventual emergence from this dark hour of fear and distress, that I refused to accept the accumulation of arrogance, pride and force that is the Nazi way of life, and that I did this as a Christian and a Jesuit."

Family Rosary Radio Leaders

Friday, Feb. 8 — Myron Scharr, St. Ambrose.

Saturday, Feb. 9 — Perry Finks, Holy Rosary, accompanied by St. Patrick's Fraternity, Third Order of St. Francis.

Sunday, Feb. 10 — Rudolph Schwenzer, St. Joseph's, accompanied by members of Rochester Council 178, Knights of Columbus.

Monday, Feb. 11—John M. Roth, St. Joseph's, accompanied by Holy Name Society.

Tuesday, Feb. 12—Clarence Erbland, St. Philip Neri, accompanied by Holy Name Society.

Wednesday, Feb. 13 — Fred Blaszak, Holy Ghost, Coldwater, accompanied by Men's Club of that parish.

Thursday, Feb. 14 — Representative of St. George's, accompanied by Holy Name Society members.

Leslie Uggams Heads Letter Carriers Show

Leslie Uggams, star of the Mitch Miller weekly TV Show will vocalize her way into the hearts of thousands when she makes her first Rochester appearance, Saturday, Feb. 16 at the War Memorial sponsored by the Letter Carriers Benevolent Association.

Five other headline acts including the popular and versatile Van Harris, young TV comedian; the 3 Gamm Sisters and their sensational musical act; Six Armors, European Acrobatic Act; the 3 Goetschis, fabulous Unicycle Act, plus Miller and Archer the comedy music men. Two bands, Kenny Unwin and Vic Platt Orchestras, will provide dancing music.

Eddie Meath, popular radio-TV personality, will M.C. the show which promises to be the most exciting ever according to Art Argyriou, producer and director.

Tickets are now on sale, $5 a couple, at the War Memorial Box Office or write Box 231, Rochester 1, N.Y. All proceeds are to be used for the Benevolent Fund of the Letter Carriers Association.

"Wilderness Trail" Screen Tour Set

A "Wilderness Trail" is the Audubon Screen Tour to be presented at Rochester Museum of Arts and Sciences on Saturday, Feb. 9, at 10:30 a.m., in the youth lecture series sponsored by the Rochester Museum Association.

A highlight in the film-lecture is a hike and pack trip into the Bridger Wilderness area including the Wind River mountains of Wyoming and a climb to the top of historic Fremont Peak.

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Theatre Guide

RIVIERA
In Search of the Castaways A-1 (unobjectionable)

MONROE
The Longest Day A-1

CORONET
El Cid A-1

FINE ARTS
What Ever Happened to Baby Jane? A-3 (Unobjectionable for adults)

CINEMA
Manchurian Candidate A-3

PALACE
Term of Trial A-3
Confess Dr. Corda Not listed

LOEW'S
A Child is Waiting A-2 (Unobjectionable for adults and adolescents)
The Great Van Robbery A-1

PARAMOUNT
Who's Got the Action? A-3
Where the Truth Lies A-3

REGENT
Fanny B (Objectionable)
No Time For Sergeants A-1

LITTLE
Phaedra C (Condemned)

Class "C"

The film Phaedra is rated C, condemned, by the Legion of Decency. Catholics are reminded of their pledge and moral obligation to stay away from films which are a danger to their moral life.

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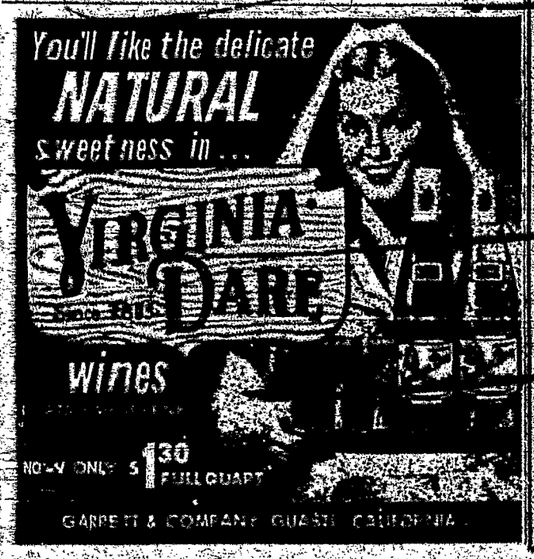
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