

Theatre Day Scheduled at St. Agnes High

Eleventh Annual Theatre Day of the Rochester Unit, National Catholic Theatre Conference will be held Saturday, March 5 at St. Agnes High School.

Activities will begin at 9 a.m. in the gymnasium.

Schedule for the day will include theatre workshops, demonstrations and productions.

Bishop Kearney will be honored guest at a luncheon at 12:30 p.m.

Membership schools will have exhibits of their drama work, take part in scholarship auditions and presentation of awards.

Sister M. Claudia, S.S.J., is chairman.

Meri-macs Luncheon

Meri-macs luncheon meeting will take place on Wednesday, Mar. 2 at 12:45 p.m. at the Columbus Civic Center. Mrs. Mary Wild is chairman.

'The Cardinal' Set at Little

Otto Preminger's film "The Cardinal" will return to the Little Theatre February 25th, for a limited engagement. It is said that as a film about Catholic life, "The Cardinal" is superb story-telling, film-making and drama.

It has been suggested that "The Cardinal" will best be appreciated by mature moviegoers, though many of our youngsters-acting, perhaps upon the advice of grownups could derive much from it as well.

Jeep Given To Aid Lepers

New Holstein, Wis. — (NC) Bishop Edward R. Swanson, executive director of Catholic Relief Services-National Catholic Welfare Conference, donated a 1965 Kaiser Willys jeep to the local Irapuato Leprosy Association of Guanajuato, Mexico.

The jeep will help Father Daniel Carroll, S.D.S., a Salvatorian missionary, in his work of visiting leper patients and their families, transporting food, clothing and medicine.

Words Without Music From Mr. Perry Como

There is not very much that is new or original that can be written about Perry Como, who has just been honored by the New York Archdiocese's CYO for "outstanding service and inspiration to youth."

People know he's the "Mr. Nice Guy" of show business (reporters have looked in vain for facts to disprove it), that he's the homebody family-man type, that he went from a barber shop in Canonsburg, Pa., to the top in records, radio and television, and that the adjective most often used to describe him is "relaxed."

"A lot of nonsense," Como says about the last item. "I'm not relaxed, I'm just tired."

But the "service and inspiration" for which Como received the CYO gold medal from Cardinal Spellman can be found in the words he has offered without music as well as in the lyrics that have helped put him where he is.

Here then, as announcer Frank Gallop would say, "is Mr. C":

Teen-agers and Music

Como takes a "c'est la vie" attitude toward the current long-running fad that keeps his style of song out of favor with them.

"The kids adopt a rock 'n' roll singer, and it's a kind of pact. They swear to be loyal, as if they were taking some sort of a solemn oath—and you can't break through that."

But the screeching and screaming that teen-agers substitute for applause is something that Como's never been able to buy, even when it was directed at him in the early 1940's.

"To me, it's always been a mark of disrespect, rather than admiration. If they're yelling they certainly can't hear what you're singing. Years ago, when I first started in the business, I'd ask them: 'What in the world are you screaming about?' Well, they'd say: 'We want to show you how much we like you.' That's when I'd tell them if they liked me, to sit down and be quiet and listen."

A Celebrity's Home Life

Not long ago, a photographer asked—and was refused—permission to take pictures of Como's home. (He wouldn't even let Edward R. Murrow in when "Person to Person" was on TV.)



"If I were something special, or if we had something worth looking at—like a dinosaur in the bathtub—okay. But we got just another house and pool. People have seen enough of those."

"Nobody has gotten inside the house because we never wanted the kids to get the idea they were different or worth writing about. Kids can get pretty stuffy if the guy who sits next to them in math class spent last night reading about them."

"I love an audience, but not at home and not in church. If I show up at 10 a.m. Mass three Sundays running I'm dead, so we keep switching hours. I want to run my private life and my religion on my own timetable."

Coping With Success

"Look, I'm 53, I've been around a long time. I'm not trying to prove anything. I am what I am. I've got a good voice."

At McAuley

New Lecture Series On Entertainment Arts

Five views on "The Arts of Entertainment" will highlight the Sunday night sessions of the new McAuley College Lectures, while the Friday night series will feature five well-known French writers.

First of the Friday lectures, to be handled by Mercy's Sister Mary Gratia, begins tonight (Feb. 25) with a discussion of Paul Claudel's "Tidings Brought to Mary." Other topics in the Friday series include:

- Mar. 4 — Francois Mauriac's "Viper's Tongue."
- Mar. 11 — Antoine de Saint-Exupery's "The Little Prince."
- Mar. 18 — Albert Camus' "The Plague."
- Mar. 25 — Eugene Ionesco's "The Bald Soprano."

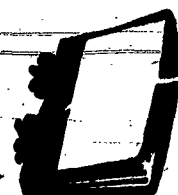
Lecturers in the Sunday night series bring wide experience in their fields to their talks. They include:

- Feb. 27 — "Music." Lecturer is Sister Mary Pantratus, R.S.M., a doctoral candidate at Eastman School.
- Mar. 6 — "Films." James Card, director of the Eastman Theatre.
- Mar. 13 — "Television." Robert Keefe, of WROC television studio.



TV Interview

U.S. Senator Jacob K. Javits and Frank D. O'Connor, New York City Council President, will discuss "The Vocation of Public Service" on "Look Up and Live," CBS-TV network, Sunday, Feb. 27, 10:30 to 11 a.m. The program, moderated by editor-writer-lecturer Philip Scharger, will explore the ideals and practical realities of governmental careers and the importance of high-caliber youth entering political life.



The Date Book

First Saturday Mass

Bishop Kearney will celebrate the First Saturday Mass for the International Federation of Catholic Alumnae at Our Lady of Mercy High School on Saturday, Mar. 5 at 8:30 a.m. Breakfast will follow. For reservations, call Miss Mary Jean Bishop, HO 7-1517, or Mrs. W. John Kelly, CH 4-1833.

Alumni Prayer Day

McQuaid Jesuit Alumni Association will hold a day of recollection on March 6, conducted by Monsignor George A. Cocuzzi. The day begins with a 1 p.m. Mass at the school. Two talks will be given, each to be followed by a discussion period. Alumni can make reservations by calling the school, GR 3-1130.

Pioneers To Meet

Members and prospective members of the Pioneer Total Abstinence Association will meet at Our Lady of Victory Church on Sunday, March 6, at 1 p.m. Program includes Rosary, Pioneer Talk, reception of new members and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. Refreshments and get-together at Our Lady of Victory Hall immediately after.

Rummage Sale

Ladies Auxiliary of the Knights of St. John, District No. 1 of New York will sponsor a rummage sale, Wednesday evening, Mar. 2 and all day Thursday, Mar. 3, at 212 West Main St. Donations may be left at the Knights of St. John Club, 365 Andrews St. any time, or after 6 p.m. on Wednesday at the sale site. Proceeds will benefit the Knights and Ladies of St. John Club. Volunteers may contact Catherine Wakefield at UN 5-6993.

Holy Angels Guild

Holy Angels Guild will meet on Monday evening, Feb. 28 at 8 p.m. at the Manger Hotel.

Mrs. Theodore Strohmeier, chairman of the Membership Drive, will receive reports on the progress of the drive at this meeting.

Miss Helen O'Harrigan will show pictures of her recent trip to the Scandinavian countries and Ireland.

The Rummage Sale will be held on March 7 and 8 at 473 Main Street East. Mrs. Edward Delaney, Mrs. Robert Stall are co-chairmen of the fund raising event.

Auxiliary Sale

The Ladies Auxiliary of the Knights of Columbus will hold its annual Rummage Sale on Thursday, March 10, from 8 p.m. to 9 p.m. and on Friday, March 11, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at 473 Main Street East. Mrs. Jack (Ruth) Ward is Chairman. For rummage pickup, call one of the following or leave it at the clubrooms at the next meeting. Mrs. Richard Seaton, CH 4-7852; Mrs. John Gartland, ID 6-8527; Mrs. Robert Farrell, ID 6-8820.

Mooney Women Meet

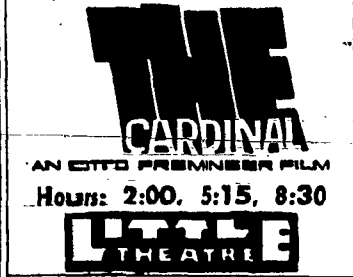
Cardinal Mooney Women's Guild will meet on Monday, Feb. 28 at 8 p.m. in the cafeteria. A Pink Elephant Sale will

be held for the benefit of the Sisters of Mercy. Mrs. Clifford Neilson will be auctioneer. Refreshments will be served, according to Mrs. Francis Wischmeyer, president.

Hat Sale

Ladies Auxiliary, Knights of St. John, District No. 1 of New York will sponsor a Hat Sale on Saturday, March 12, at the Knights and Ladies Club House, 365 Andrews St. from 12 noon to 9 p.m. Free admission and refreshments.

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