



The Mousetrap

An Agatha Christie mystery thriller, *The Mousetrap*, will be performed at Dec. 6 and 7 by these Aquinas Institute students and friends: Mark Hannan, Kathy Finucane, Michele Murray, Mary Ellen Bragg and Steve Caramia, and, standing, Tim Gallagher, Dan Tomkinson, Carl Hartz and Bob Coyne. Curtain time is 8 p.m., at the school, 1127 Dewey Ave.

Deaths

Mary Riccardo, Priest's Mother

Hornell — A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated Nov. 13, in St. Ann's Church, for Mary L. Riccardo, wife of Felix Riccardo. Mrs. Riccardo died at the age of 83, Nov. 9, 1974.

Surviving Mrs. Riccardo are her husband, three daughters, Sister Mary Antionette, Rochester; Mrs. Jean Alexin, Hornell and Mrs. Mary Theresa Sheridan, Wyckoff, N.J.; two sons, Father Benedict F. Riccardo, associate pastor of Cure of Ars Church, Merrick, L.I. and Peter J. Riccardo, Pine City, N.Y.; six grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. Con-

celebrating the 11 a.m. Mass were Fathers Riccardo, Robert C. MacNamara, pastor of St. Ann's Church, Leo J. Mans, pastor of St. Ignatius Church and William J. Cosgrove, chaplain of St. James Mercy Hospital.

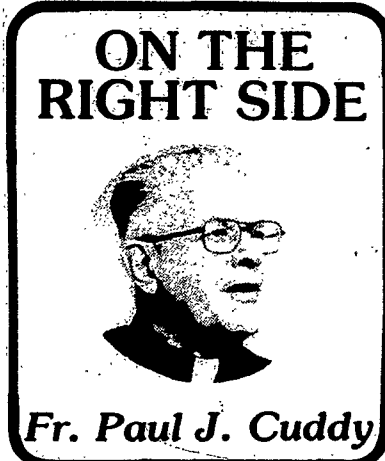
In attendance from Rochester were Sisters Mary Judith, Janet Wall, Irene Gardner, Celine, Louise Gabriel, Edward and Andrew. From the Hornell area present were Sisters Louis, Cornelia, Rene, Colette, Miriam Joseph, Adolphine and Andre. Father MacNamara conducted committal services at St. Mary's Cemetery, Hornell.

ADVENT SERVICES

Special Advent devotions at Holy Trinity, Webster, begin tonight and will be held also on the next two Wednesdays, Dec. 11 and 18, at 7:30. Each Sunday during the season, a family chosen to represent the congregation will come forward before the consecration to light a candle in the Advent wreath.

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Fr. Paul J. Cuddy

Recently a quite charming and talented lady engaged in parish work loomed in and exclaimed: "Oh, so here is the famous Father Cuddy, who writes for the *Courier*." With great cheerfulness she delivered a ten-minute address on the dullness of the recent columns, in contrast with those which "used to be so interesting." She invited me to return to the style and substance which had her attention, especially the diocesan travelogues which interest so many. Since she paused neither for question nor explanation, and since she left the room still expostulating, I never did get an opportunity to explain. So this is it. Will she read it?

Your dissatisfaction with the recent OTRSide articles seems to indicate a mild paranoia regarding Bishop Sheen. It also evidences that you have not read the articles for weeks, so you are talking from a void. Please do read this kindly.

You are discontented because the OTRSide column is always about Bishop Sheen's tapes. Who wants to read about them? Now, dear friend, the function of this column is to be an instrument — not of creativity; but rather an instrument to advertise the precious traditions, prayers and practices of the Church; and to attend to the directions of the Pope and our bishops.

For example. In February Pope Paul wrote to the bishops of the world to encourage Catholics to recite the rosary, stressing meditation on the mysteries. Now, I do not know of anything more helpful to biblical meditation on the rosary than the little book, *The Scriptural Rosary*. The Nov. 6 OTRSide column was entirely on the *Scriptural Rosary*. Result? Two days later a letter came from a school teacher in Elmira ordering 50 rosary books. The next day a telephone call came from a CCD teacher in

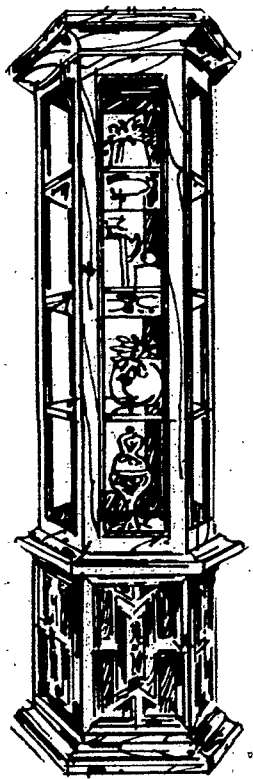
Queen of Peace parish, Rochester, ordering 10 copies, one for each student in her class. A CCD teacher, male, from Holy Spirit Parish, Webster, dropped into the office for rosary books, explaining: "We started the rosary for our 9th grade CCD recently, and they love it." Legionnaires Father Trott, Lucille Kunz and Frank and Pat Shaughnassey got a quantity, to make the meditations available through the Legion praesidia. I am glad if people get their books from Mt. Carmel Studio or Trant's in Rochester, or Nolan's in Auburn; or from their parish CCD, Catholic schools or adult education offices. My offer is meant only as a convenience for those who do not have easy access to these sources.

But tell me: what is your aversion to the Sheen conferences? You have not heard even one! Why not? Last week a man phoned, having made a retreat at Notre Dame Retreat House, Canandaigua, and asked for a set of Sheen tapes 'as a follow-up of the inspiration from the retreat.' I wish you could read the letters which have come because of my huckstering. Let me share part of one with you. It is from a radio engineering consultant in Washington. He is an ardent Catholic. His consulting fee to radio stations is one hundred dollars an hour. On Sept. 9 he wrote: "When the Sheen tapes came I decided to sit and listen to one tape, saying to myself that I would listen to the rest over the month. Well, one tape led to another. Five hours passed and I was still listening . . . I am making a list of people I owe something to whom I know would enjoy them, and see that they get a set of tapes. As a newly elected member of our parish council I am going to suggest that these be used in our CCD and classroom programs."

"Father, I appreciate this gift for several reasons. It helps to reassure me as a disturbed Catholic as to where our Church is going; and it reassures me that I am not alone in my concern for keeping and restoring Our Blessed Mother to her rightful place in the Church."

So, dear friend, I hope that the heart of this blessed engineer may touch your own, and that you will send for a set of the Sheen taped conferences. You can get them from Our Sunday Visitor, 3855 Broadway, Gary, Ind. 46409, for \$20.00. Or from The Priest Huckster — Holy Trinity Church — Webster, New York 14580, for \$20.25. The extra quarter is not for profit. It is for postage.

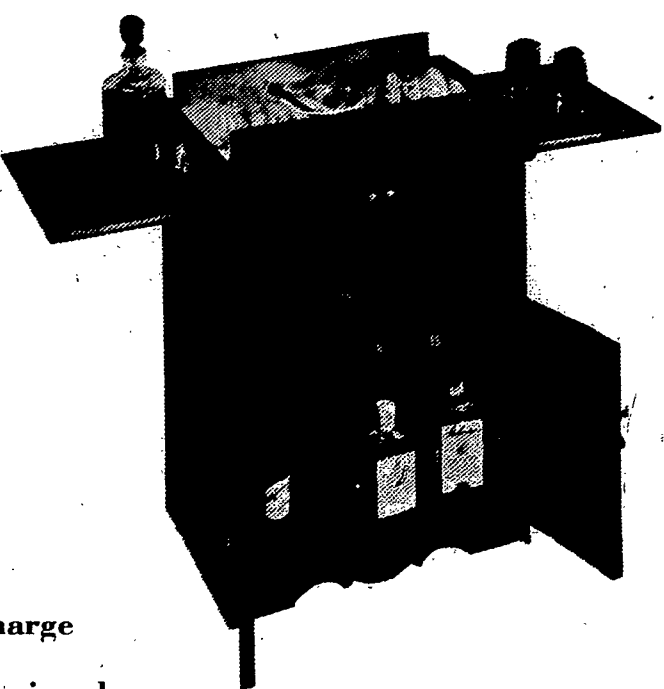
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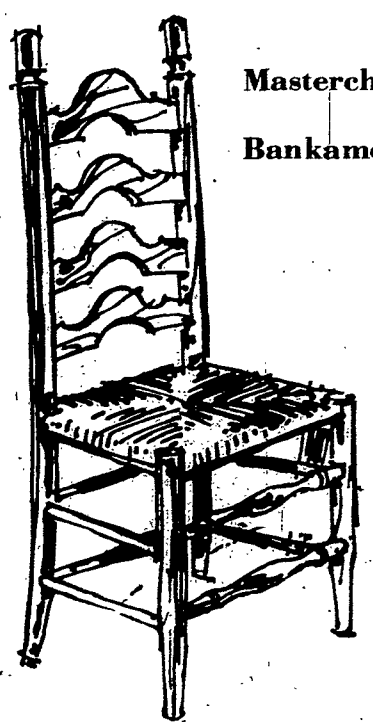
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