

**"THIRST OF KERALA RED REGIME FOR CHRISTIAN BLOOD" — SAYS "DEEPIKA," KOTTAYAM CATHOLIC DAILY**

## POLICE FIRE ON CATHOLICS

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### Archbishop's flat Denial

Countering Red propaganda seeking to make out that the Catholic Church was engaged in leading the campaign for resignation of the constitutionally-elected Communist government, Archbishop Joseph Attipetty has denied that the schools struggle was a "Catholic Bishop's agitation." He pointed out that the Catholic hierarchy in Kerala was interested only in the schools question. He also emphasized that Bishops of the Protestant, Jacobite and Mar Thomite denominations also were in the struggle.

### "Cent per cent success"

Authoritative Church spokesmen have described the closure action as a "cent per cent success." Branding the schools' closure move as "illegal," the State's education department has sent out a warning to Catholic school managers in Trivandrum district. Catholic spokesmen state that the Managers will ignore the government warning.

### Police desecrate Chapel

The Secretary to the Auxiliary Bishop of Trivandrum states that Police broke open the chapel of Trivandrum's leading Catholic school and desecrated it.

The incident was part of an outbreak in the premises of the St. Joseph's High School owned by the Diocese of Trivandrum. It was climaxed by a prolonged exchange of stones between Catholic "volunteers" and supporters of the Kerala government.

The secretary said the first set of 137 volunteers posted inside the school were arrested by the police. The action followed a "not true" report to the police to the effect that the volunteers were kept there for the purpose of picketing government schools.

### Reds break open church school

A grim street fight raged for about 30 minutes outside a Catholic school in Trivandrum following an obviously Communist-inspired attempt to defeat the schools closure move.

Communist-backed students broke open the barred gates of St. Joseph's High School. They were locked in a 30 minute fight with Catholic volunteers who tried to defend the school from inside. The incident was the first "show of force" by opponents of the closure move.

Earlier, police entered the school and emptied it of its original set of volunteers. More than 130 Catholic youths were arrested, leading to a protest to the central government by the school's owner, Bishop Vincent V. Dereere of Trivandrum.

**"Why this selective shooting?" asks Bishop**

[INC News Service]

**INVESTIGATIONS** into three brutal police firings on unarmed Catholic populations strengthen the widely-held belief that the Kerala's Communist Government is adamant in exterminating Catholics.

In Trivandrum Chief Minister Nambudiripad refused flatly to order the usual judicial inquiry into the Police attacks.

Leader of the Kerala Socialist Party, Mathai Manjuran, charging Kerala's police minister with giving distinct orders to begin the firing in Angamali, stated that the Kerala government's intention was to "isolate" Catholics in preparation for a "religious persecution" against them.

Bishop Peter Bernard Pereira, Auxiliary of Trivandrum, has written to Governor Ramakrishna Rao protesting against what he calls the "selective shooting" of Catholics by the Communist government. Two of the firings were in the Bishop's diocese.

The Bishop has said that they were "on a pattern" and "were pre-planned to terrorise the Catholics." In the letter, Bishop Pereira also named two Communists who he said went to the police station and brought the police to fire on the Catholic crowd.

The Bishop denied government claims that Catholics were assembled by the tolling of church bells. "After having made local enquiry, I can safely deny this," he said.

There is strong reason to believe that the butchery in the three centres specifically Catholic is a pre-determined move. Newspapers point out to a statement allegedly made by a

**Governor to meet Bishops?**

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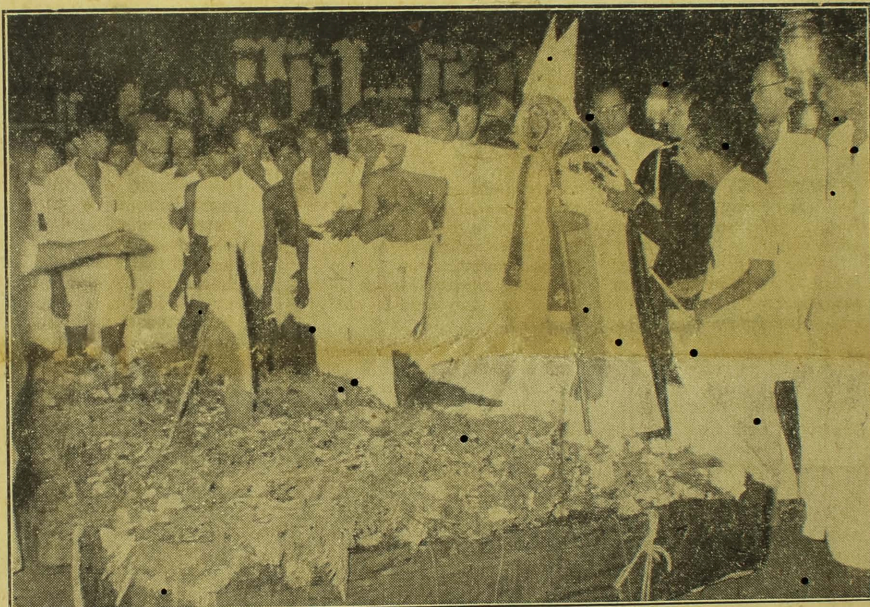
RELIABLE sources revealed that there was no Church confirmation here to a newspaper report which said that Kerala's Governor Ramakrishna Rao was planning to invite the state's Archbishops and Bishops for a conference on the present situation.

Newspaper reports had held that it was based on disclosures made by "highly-placed spokesmen." However, the houses of both Archbishop Joseph Attipetty of Verapoly and

Archbishop Joseph Parekkattil of Ernakulam stated that they had no knowledge of the reported move.

The report had also stated that Mr. Rao was feeling "diffident" over some aspects of the situation. He was cited as wanting to explore the possibilities of a settlement during the reportedly projected conference with prelates.

The sources said the alleged conference will probably take place next week.



Covered by a homage of flowers the bodies of the first five victims of the Angamali firings await burial. Archbishop Joseph Parekkattil, is seen conducting the funeral prayers. (INC Photos)

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## SCHOOLS TAKE-OVER A "NATIONAL DISASTER"

says Justice Pulle

(by a Messenger reporter)

Presiding at the annual Prize-giving of St. Aloysius' College, Galle, last Saturday, Justice M. F. S. Pulle had some very forthright remarks to make on the campaign for the take-over of assisted schools. "The day that happens," said the Judge, "we shall find ourselves face to face with national disaster of the first magnitude."

"Catholics have built schools," he said, "for the education of their children as a duty of obedience to the Church. If this right is denied, in the name of honesty let there be a stop to all this talk of freedom and fundamental human rights, and let a plain confession be made that under a so-called democratic system a demand can be made that certain minority groups, whether religious or racial, must submit themselves to a process of strangulation. Those who, in the name of ushering in a new and supreme system of education, make false accusations against institutions which have served mankind, do not realise that they are doing a disservice to education."

Justice Pulle also referred to the malicious campaign against Catholics. He decried the tendency to hurl accusations with reckless abandon

with perhaps no other object than that of inflaming passions which ought rather to be submerged in these troublesome days, when citizens of

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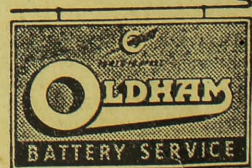
**"Don't be Telegraph Poles!" — Says Pope**

PEOPLE at Mass should not be "like telegraph poles" but should all join with the priest in the offering of the Holy Sacrifice, stated Pope John XXIII during a general audience last week. The Mass occupied the highest and most exalted place in the mind and heart of every Christian, he added.

**INSIDE...**

Special articles for June Brides and Bridegrooms

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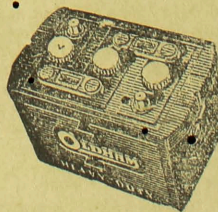
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**DURING** the month of June many a young man will be making his first and last move into marriage, which move will be irrevocable and never again, short of death, open to appeal. This plunge, if not fatal, at least will be final.

While still there is time, then, a bit of advice should be given to these happy victims of heart-disease. Such advice is not quite so necessary for brides. Magazines, papers, people of all beliefs and of no beliefs persistently give advice to brides. The world, weaves and wobbles under patterns for bridal dresses, under diagrams for bridal parties, under ponderous articles by weighty doctors and professors on how brides can best preserve their marriage.

But little attention is given to the bewildered bridegroom. He is left to lurch forward in the dark, his eyes blind to possible snares and traps ahead, his feet unprotected against the webs that lie in wait in matrimony to ensnare them. It is a deed of charity to help this vulnerable adventurer, to take him by the hand and lead him along the way that he must go if his relationship with his bride is to bring him happiness.

### Neglected bridegroom

This neglect of prospective bridegrooms on the part of the world at large is not right. In

fact, it is the very opposite of right in view of the fact that the young man entering marriage becomes the bridegroom of a bride who is a woman. That fact, that a bride is a woman, makes all the difference in the world. It is generally believed by men that women are mysterious, unfathomable, unpredictable, inexplicable and far beyond the understanding of the wisest man, even as they are beautiful and more precious than all the precious gems of the world. Men believe rightly or wrongly that women must be dealt with cautiously, watched carefully at all times, guarded against assiduously because of the apple that they carry about with them which is a direct descendant of the apple that Eve persuaded Adam to bite into and thereby started all the trouble.

### Let him remember

A young man about to fall into marriage without a few words of advice from his elders on how he is to treat and how he is not to treat the strange and wonderful person who will be his companion and until death is the equivalent

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of a baby being tossed into a den of lions, of a high school football team being pitted against the Chicago Bears, of an amateur boxer taking a stand against Rocky Marciano. He should be told what to expect. Or rather,

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he should be told what pitfalls he must avoid. The part he plays in the business of a successful marriage should be clearly outlined. That is what is intended here.

Let the bridegroom remember

## BRIDEGROOMS

that, while God ordained that the man is the head of the family, this does not give him the rank of a dictator or tyrant over his wife. He must realize that his wife is endowed with intelligence and free will equally with him-

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self and must respect her judgments, opinions and advice. There are some who say that the bridegroom is wise who establishes his authority over his bride almost immediately on the pronouncement of the vows. Their only doubt in the matter is the method that should be followed in making the bride understand that it is the privilege of the bridegroom to command.

### She's not a gong

A minority opinion holds that the method of the slap or the swipe or even the stick is the best method for putting and keeping a bride in her place. The argument is that a woman is like a gong. A gong produces sweet music only when it is struck a blow—not the kind of blow that breaks the fabric of the instrument but sharp enough to cause a tingle or a reverberation. So, a wife produces the music that is proper to her place in the scheme of marriage, namely in the making of good meals, in the keeping of an orderly house, in the maintaining of a thrifty yet sufficiently abundant budget, when she is dealt with as is a gong.

This opinion is erroneous. Never should it be subscribed to by the bridegroom who considers himself a Christian and a gentleman. A man is a coward who strikes his wife even though she disturbs him almost to the point of leaping off a cliff or of returning to the irresponsibilities and untrammelled freedom of the days of bachelorhood through her extravagances and her illogical intuitions and conclusions.

### Let him wait

These strange things eventually pass away in a wife. They are like the dark and lowering clouds that shadow and chill the earth and hide the sun. But after the darkness has disappeared, what a wealth of warmth and brightness comes forth from the emerging sun. Black clouds are nothing more than a symptom of a mood that the sky is suffering. Everything (even the sky) and everybody is allowed an occasional mood. The sun is all the more brilliant because for a moment it was not seen nor its influence felt. A wife is all the more winsome and winning because of the intermittent and unaccountable moods that sweep over her.

Let not the bridegroom think that he can drive away these moods from his bride by the back of his hand, by the persuasion of a small mallet or by the sting of a switch of stout material that will not break easily when applied to a resisting substance. Let him wait in patience, using soft and soothing words, the crook of his arm for the cradle of caresses, the medicine of an

understanding silence. When the clouds have passed over the horizon, what a glorious thing will be the warmth and brightness of her love. Once more the sun shall have come out. There are various kinds of

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**June, customarily, is the time for advice to brides. This year we offer a bit of counsel to prospective bridegrooms.**  
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with a cruel, a deep, an unbending silence, a silence that goes on for days and comes to an end only when his offended dignity has been sufficiently placated and his tortured bride brought to her knees in supplication that the siege be raised and peace established once more. Only then does he consent to talk. More than one bride would rather be struck with the flat of her husband's hand than he turn to pieces by her husband's contrived and bitter silence.

### Let him beware

That such a thing could happen, or rather that the prospective bridegroom should ever act in a way like that seems incredible now, with the June ceremonies pressing hard upon him, and a feeling of almost overpowering affection for the delicate and beautiful girl who is about to put her life in his hands, driving deep shafts of love into his heart. Refuse to talk to her? Preposterous! Impossible! A suggestion of a devil!

Yet, bridegrooms have been known to punish with the weapon of their silence in the past. It could happen to the bridegroom of the present, even to the bridegroom of the present who is willing to swear before all the heavens that he intends only to adore his wife and never hurt her, that all the years of the future that are granted him will not be enough for him to tell her how much he loves her. Silence, indeed! His trouble probably will be the opposite—too much talk rather than too little! So he thinks. Let him beware.

### The testing

The last advice to be given to the June bridegroom (not the last advice that can be given, for a book would not contain enough pages to cover all the advice that could be given) is that which concerns the amount of time a hus-

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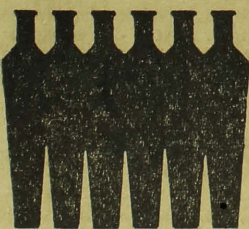
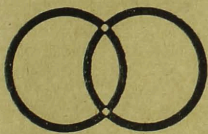
## ROUNDTABLE ON MARRIAGE

COUNTLESS marriages exist today that are not happy. What can be done about them?

A few years ago couples began to get together just to talk about happiness in marriage. And before they knew

instantaneous and enthusiastic. It has effected a unity, a joy, and a love in the husband and wife relationship which has shaken many couples out of the dull, jog-trot routine in which they may have become ensnared.

The wife sees that she has a husband who is not only an economic man, but a man standing in the place of God to her, complementing and



perfecting her and in turn being completed by her.

The husband begins to see marriage as a tremendous vocation of love to which he and his wife are called. In it they continue God's creation by making of each other better lovers of Him and giving to God more lovers of Him in their children.

• Cana is not a cure-all for the problems affecting modern marriage and family life. It is, however, a positive attempt to help couples find in marriage the satisfaction and joy that Christian marriage, lived according to the pattern of Christ, can give. For this reason, it is hoped sincerely that its influence will soon be extended to many more couples to help them achieve the full potentialities of married life.

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Director of Cana Conference Movement.

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it, a movement was started. This movement has taken the name of the Cana Conference.

The name Cana recalls, of course, the marriage feast at Cana of Galilee at which Christ worked His first miracle and evidenced His concern for the happiness of married couples. The Cana Conferences take varied forms, but in general they can be described as a movement which has as its purpose the indoctrinating of married couples with the Christian ideals of marriage.

While the Conferences discuss the meaning of marriage and the problems of family life, emphasis is rather placed on the Christianizing of marital and parental attitudes than on the here and now solution of a peculiar problem of a particular married couple.

The atmosphere at a Cana meeting is one of marked informality. Husbands and wives sit side by side. Where possible, comfortable chairs are provided and smoking is permitted. Questions are invited by the speaker. All types of couples of varied educational and economic background participate.

A characteristic note of Cana is that it is a couple movement. It is not a husband movement, nor is it a wife movement. It is a married couple movement designed to benefit the spiritual and temporal welfare of both parties as a unit.

• Since its beginning, Cana has enjoyed a spontaneous growth throughout the country. The response from couples has been

## Woman, Thy Name Is...

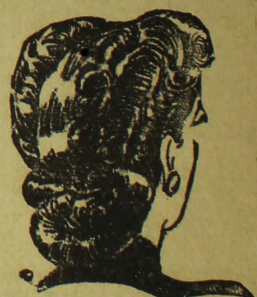
There is a vast difference between the right word and the word that is almost right.

For example, you can call a woman a kitten, but not a cat; a mouse, but not a rat, a chicken, but not a hen; a duck, but not a goose; a vision, but not a sight.

mind to decide, or she has pushed him too hard in the accomplishment of a task that he does not want to be accomplished or she has criticized him in a way whereby she showed him how sharply her tongue came to a point—a phenomenon that he had never noticed before. He is deeply hurt.

He has no thought of striking her. He would rather strike himself. There is no question in his mind of calling the police. And he is too much of a man to surrender his position and return to the home of his mother. Yet, his bride needs punishment. So, he punishes her with silence,

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## There have been letters written to brides and bridegrooms. Here is a novel letter from a BRIDESMAID to the BRIDE containing her inmost thoughts and reflections on the Marriage Ceremony...

Dear Mary Rose,

Being a bridesmaid has meant more than an act of friendship. It has been the opportunity of coming within praying distance of one of the Church's most patently beautiful and binding sacraments. Thank you for that holy opportunity.

Brides are so busy being brides that they rarely notice their own weddings. It is not that way with bridesmaids, though.

Snatches of the instruction before marriage echo in my heart yet. "These words (of your marriage vows) are most serious. It is a beautiful tribute to your undoubted faith in each other, that recognizing their full impact you are nevertheless so willing and ready to pronounce them. It is most fitting that you place the security of your wedded life upon the great principle of self-sacrifice. Sacrifice is usually difficult and irksome. Only love can make it easy, perfect love can make it a joy." Look up that instruction, Mary Rose. Reading it over would be a wonderful way for you and James to celebrate (and sanctify) your wedding anniversaries.

JOY. I kept hearing that word throughout the ceremony. First in the instruction. Then during the prayers at the foot of the altar. "I will go unto the altar of God. Unto God who giveth joy to my youth." Happiness is in our hearts, but joy is a sensation of the soul, so I prayed

that you will experience joy not only in the youth of your marriage, but joy that will permit you to "see your children's children even unto the third and fourth generation."

by  
**ADELINE  
FERNANDOPULLE**

Despite an effort to prayerfully follow your Nuptial Mass, my mind roved off to things I've heard and believed about marriage.

Like the wise priest who one ordinary evening gave an extraordinary formula for successful unions: "Remember that children and happy homes aren't the ideals of marriage, they are only aspects of an ideal—the ideal that through marriage two persons are striving to save each other's souls."

THE RING. James gave you the Ring because it has been blessed. I think of it as encircling not only your finger but both your lives.

Then I mused about how the world shuns marital triangles, and about how Catholics must

build their marriages on an eternal triangle. Three isn't a crowd when Christ is the third party.

THE CONSECRATION. It reminded me of Cana. There and also on the morning of your marriage, the mysterious ways of God were in action. But His mysteries are also miracles, thus just as truly as a miracle made joyful a wedding aeons ago, so a miracle will make joyful your wedding—the miracle of God's grace.

THE NUPTIAL BLESSING. Shortly after the Consecration, the priest turned to confer the nuptial blessing. I loved these lines; they were the Church's best wishes to you—"Let her ever follow the model of holy women; let her be dear to her husband like Rachel, wise like Rebecca, long-lived and faithful like Sara."

Of course you remembered Mary, the Mother of Jesus, on that day of all your days by bringing Her your bridal bouquet.

"On this day, O Beautiful Mother,

On this day, we give Thee our Love."



## UNTIL DEATH DO US PART...

WITH THESE WORDS MANY A YOUNG MAN AND MANY A YOUNG WOMAN IN THIS FAVOURITE MONTH FOR WEDDINGS, WILL MAKE A BEGINNING THAT WILL LAST UNTIL DEATH. THIS ARTICLE IS A SINCERE ATTEMPT TO PORTRAY TWO DISTINCT TYPES OF BRIDES—THE WISE AND THE NOT-SO-WISE!

AT this time of year it might be interesting to look in on two young brides-to-be: Roma Fernando and Hyacinth Perera. Both live in the same parish. Both are going to be married in June. Let's eavesdrop a bit.

Here's Roma. She has just come home from the office to find a pile of mail waiting on the hall table. The announcement of her forthcoming marriage has appeared in the local paper and it takes only a hurried glance to see that these are merely letters of solicitation from photographers, dressmakers, caterers, and other such enterprising merchants. At first it's exciting and novel, like being a princess and having the world laid out at one's feet to pick and choose.

Her father smiles indulgently. "Sure now, you can't blame those people for trying to make a living. Your wedding is their business—or so they think. It's a keenly competitive world we live in, you know. But if that's the way you feel, young lady, why don't you have the courage to make your own decisions and forget the rest?"

Mrs. Fernando withers him with a look. "Why, I never thought you'd begrudge our only daughter a fine wedding! How could we disappoint all our friends! They expect it to be a big social event."

Mr. Fernando shrugs his shoulders helplessly. "I don't begrudge—"

Roma quickly sides with him. "I know you don't,

everyone has taken—because it's the fashion. (Later, he makes a nuisance of himself in church during the ceremony coming up almost right on the altar steps to get a better view

She's lost sight of the real meaning of the marriage ceremony and turned her attention only to the external show—partly out of foolish vanity and partly because it was the current custom.

Started on this line of action, Roma will also become a good target for salesmen who will convince her that she has to have all the latest in home appliances and furnishings. (Never mind that she will have to keep on working to help pay the instalments!)

By  
**ANGELA  
CORDE**

Now, let's look in on Hyacinth. Her banns were announced in church at the same time as Roma. Hyacinth Perera active and zealous in parish and community projects, is a Convent girl and a member of Our Lady's Sodality. In short, Hyacinth is an intelligent and serious-minded girl, raised in a home where religion is part of everyday life and respect for the ancient Christian traditions is upheld.

Thus, when Hyacinth's parents announced her engagement, it was in the form of a solemn betrothal ceremony, in church, in the presence of a priest and two witnesses. The engagement ring was blessed and the young couple exchanged promises that they would one day be bound in holy wedlock, meanwhile preparing for that state by a chaste courtship.

During their engagement period, Hyacinth reflected up

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Daddy. But I guess Mother's right. How can we disappoint our friends?"

And so Roma goes ahead and picks a dressmaker who talks her into having a strapless gown with a Dior look. ("You can take the jacket off after leaving the church...")

And her six bridesmaids are also bedecked in low-cut gowns with just a cloud of tulle about their shoulders which conceals nothing of their charms.

She selects a photographer who "sells" her on taking a complete album of pictures from start to finish, including all the silly stock poses that

of the wedding party, flashing his bulbs right into their faces. At the moment when Roma and her bridegroom should be concentrating on the sublime words of the marriage rite, they are conscious only of the antics of the photographer and his assistant.

She goes down the line, selecting the merchants who are either more persistent or have more attractive offers. "After all," she exclaims in a moment of dizzy exhilaration, "one gets married only once! Might as well have the whole show!"

The whole show... Unintentionally perhaps, Roma defined it to herself correctly.



### POINTERS for the JUNE BRIDE

DO not marry a man for his handsome profile. It may develop into two mezzanine chins. But do marry a man of principles.

Do not marry a set of circumstances; marry a man.

Do not fall for wavy hair—it may soon fall out.

By all means give your heart to the man you marry—but keep your head as cool as dry ice.

Ask your mother. She may not have an X-ray eye, but she may turn thumbs down on the boy friend's character before you stick your finger out for his ring and end up wearing it on your nose.

Never go window shopping for a husband; see what he is at home.

Do not marry a heavy drinker. Do not marry a gambler and put yourself in a position of being a rival to a horse. Do not marry a younger man—he will want to rhumba when you are a rheumatic.

See that your choice's interests are in creation—not recreation.—J. E. Manton, C.S. S.R.



# A Clue for the Knowledgeable

## Fr. Vaz Feature



RESPONDING to the call of the Cause, Mr. G. Kurukulasuriya, familiarly referred to by Fr. Justin as G.I.O.M., has through him made available to us several papers that only experts in the field can adequately appraise, but that all of us can enjoy for their connection with the Cause that holds our hearts.

We believe we will be serving the Cause by producing these papers for the scrutiny of the knowledgeable and the delight and consolation of

of Vahacotte with permission to rebuild their church and enjoy their religion." (Harvard's Narrative of the Mission to Ceylon and India p. 331.3. Orientalists p. 40).

A footnote in our copyist's hand points out: Reference above is not to King Narendra Singhe, known as Kundasale (1706-1739), but to Sri Vijaya Rajasinghe (1739-47) who was succeeded by Kirti\* Sri Rajasinghe.

On our own we would make the following points:

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the rank and file of Father's indebted children.

We begin with the following Extract from *Lauries Gazetteer*. Vol. 1. p. 104: "On the borders of the lake at Kandy at a place called Bogambara was the principal R.C. Church and 12 padres were attached to it.

King Kundasale would not allow the Roman Catholic religion to be exercised in his dominions and caused the principal church of Bogambara to be destroyed and ordered the padres to quit it.

His successor King Kirti Siri continued the persecution but afterwards attributing a famine and plague which afflicted the country to this cause, he ordered the images which had adorned the church of Bogambara and which had on its destruction been deposited in his stores to be given to the people

1. The narrative is clearly drawing from tradition and so mixing up names and the sequence of events: but it embodies historical facts.
2. When the narrative speaks of 12 padres being attached to Bogambara, it obviously means that this church was the headquarters of the mission that had 12 priests working in its various stations.
3. This is, as far as we know, the first reference to King Kirti Siri having restored the statues of the former Bogambara church (Fr. Vaz's) to the Catholics of Vahacotte.
4. We now ask ourselves whether those Catholics did not apply for the restoration to Catholic hands of a still greater treasure that had "adorned the Church of Bogambara," namely, Fr. Joseph Vaz's holy body? Since the king was thus favourably disposed and accorded them full "enjoyment" of their religion at Vahacotte, why did they not ask for this favour? If they did and really got their request and transferred Father's holy remains to Vahacotte, how is it they have not left us any record or tradition about it.
5. Such a suggestion is based of course on the assumption that the Catholics of Vahacotte were sufficiently organised and not just a group of frightened Christians of the Catacombs at the time.

Quite possibly then, our holy Apostle's remains are still in Kandy and we suggest that the young Levites of holy Israel — our Seminarians — should in their weekly walks and excursions go circling round the walls of Jericho sounding the trumpets of the Lord — i.e., say their Rosary as they trudge along round and round, again and again, the areas declared by one or other expert as probable: the Police Barracks, the Railway Station, the Hospital and the borders of Hantanne Estate, round Pillaiyir Kovil, Palledeniya Vidiya.

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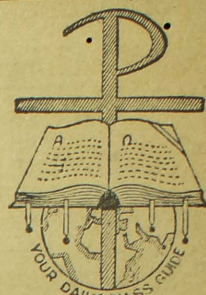
## MORNING OFFERING

**DIVINE** Heart of Jesus, I offer Thee, through the Immaculate Heart of Mary, all my prayers, works and sufferings of this day, in reparation for our sins and for all the intentions for which Thou dost offer Thyself continually in the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. I offer them in particular for the intentions of the Apostleship of Prayer and for those proposed by the Holy Father for this month.

### INTENTIONS FOR JUNE

**GENERAL:** That the devotion to the Sacred Heart may bring peace and Christian charity among men.

**MISSIONARY:** For the eternal salvation of those Asian countries where the Church is not allowed to work freely.



Sunday, 28 June: SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST. White. 2nd Prayer of St. Ireneaeus.

Monday, 29 June: STS. PETER AND PAUL, APOSTLES. Red. Omit prayer prescribed. Creed.

Tuesday, 30 June: Commemoration of St. Paul, Apostle. Red. 2nd Prayer of St. Peter.

Wednesday, 1 July: Precious Blood. Red. Omit Prayer prescribed.

Thursday, 2 July: Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary. White. 2nd Prayer of Sts. Processus and Martinianus.

Friday, 3 July: St. Leo II, Pope. White.

Saturday, 4 July: Mass of Our Lady. White.

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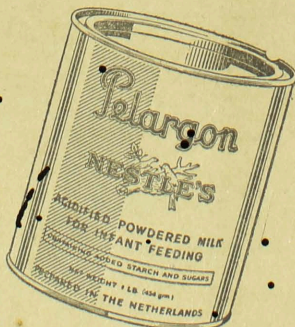
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## A DEDICATION

Wedding bells ring for many brides in this favourite month of weddings. The Messenger dedicates this special issue to June Brides in particular and to Brides of other months too, with the prayer that God's blessings will always be with them...

**L**AST week my best friend Marie entered the State of Matrimony. It was no doubt the most important and thrilling day in her young, sweet life. To me, too, it was a day of great happiness, for Marie and I have been very close friends since childhood and it gave me joy to see her dreams fulfilled.

Marie's wedding morn. turned out to be unusually bright for June. The angry skies that had scowled for the past few weeks smiled amiably, sending mischievous little rays of sunshine skipping through the open windows of the church. Sitting in a pew alone, for I had arrived early, I thought how good God was to have provided good weather on my best friend's wedding morn. Yes, God was so thoughtful.

## Wedding March

Time passed, the brightly decorated church filled up and the bridal car arrived. Marie was always punctual. The Band struck up the "Wedding March" and the congregation stood up. I gasped as I watched Marie enter the church, leaning on her father's arm. Oh! what a delightful picture she did make — so radiant, youthful and charming. She looked a dream in her white bridal attire, her veil floating gently behind her. As she passed me on her way up the aisle her eyes met mine for a few seconds and she smiled shyly.

It seemed to me that in her shining eyes were mirrored the serenity and pure beauty of her soul and in the curve of her head lay all that gentle strength of character that is so essential in a Catholic woman.

As she took her place demurely beside her Bridegroom, I thought what a handsome couple they made. Tony was indeed a very fine Catholic young man and he could not have chosen a sweeter, gentler wife than Marie. They were both suited to each other and with the blessings and help of God they could lay the strong foundations necessary for the building up of a God-fearing Catholic family.

## A maiden's dreams

Marie, my friend, comes from a respectable middle-class family. She had been my class-mate at the Convent and under the gentle hands of the good Nuns she had grown up from a lively child into a thoughtful teen-ager — sensitive, and warm-hearted. When Marie left school at the age of eighteen, I knew that she left with the blessings of the good Mothers and with an excellent record for good conduct.

Marie's parents were kind but strict to a certain extent with their

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children. They gave their daughter many opportunities to enjoy the normal life of a girl and to meet other girls and boys of her own age. But they very wisely guarded her from the dangers and pitfalls of society too. Not for Marie the false glamour of night clubs and ballrooms nor was she permitted to frequent theatres and to attend parties unchaperoned. Marie's mother taught her to be a modest young woman, deeply religious and very pleasant to keep company with. Marie was a perfect example of youth unspoiled by the superficialities of the modern world.

## Love and marriage

Talking about love and marriage with me one day just after she left school, Marie confided in me that it distressed her to see so many young men and women treat love as if it were a mere plaything. To her, she confided, love was a most precious possession given by God which she guarded carefully. She had no time for idle fancies and infatuation; if she fell in love it would be genuine and she would only give her heart to the right person and at the right time. Love, to her, should

eventually lead to marriage, a home and children. One day she told me laughingly, "My home will resound with the glad laughter of children and the patter of baby feet."

Suddenly I remembered with a suppressed giggle an incident in school when Marie was just a little skinny child with large, wicked

So, instead, I sat back in my pew and thought of Marie's romance — her meeting with Tony, their falling in love and the obstacles to their marriage which Tony and Marie had to overcome.

Theirs was a love that was genuine from the start — a pure love and admiration for each other's good qualities. It was certainly

Picture by Leo G. Fernando



eyes. At the Religious Knowledge Class one day she had very sweetly defined Matrimony as "A Sacra-

By

Glenda Jayasinghe

ment instituted by Jesus Christ to give us Fathers and Mothers." How the whole class had laughed! I felt an irresistible impulse to run up to the altar rails and remind Marie of the incident. But it would have been improper.

not physical attraction, for Tony found Marie's gentle, warm nature and unassuming demeanour very attractive and Marie admired Tony's kind heart and reserved manner. To Marie, Tony was quite different from all the other boys she knew.

It was not long before Tony told Marie of his desire to marry her. Marie was of course overjoyed but unfortunately, through no fault of their own they both belonged to two different castes and there were many objections raised by both the parents. Marie

and Tony loved each other but they loved their parents too, so while being very good friends they prayed continually to Our Lady and St. Jude.

How very happy Tony and Marie were when eventually both the parents of Marie and Tony realised that Marie and Tony were ideally suited to each other. Marie was indeed very grateful to Our Lady and St. Jude for having heard her prayers and convinced her parents.

Marie and Tony were formally engaged and the wedding date was fixed. Their period of courtship was short and pure. Tony was a frequent visitor at Marie's home and in the presence of the members of her family Tony and Marie discussed their future plans for their life together. Theirs was a chaste courtship — a period in which they learned to love, respect and understand each other more deeply, and sincerely.

I roused myself from my thoughts with a start. The Choir was singing out jubilantly, "Happy We Who Thus United," and I knew that the vow was made. There would be great rejoicing in Heaven for God had joined two hearts in the Holy Sacrament of Matrimony.

that the next Cana Conference for married persons will be held at Holy Family Convent, Bambalapitiya, on Sunday, 5th July, at 4-30 p.m.

## Choral music

YOU can hear the popular Song of the Volga Boatmen if you tune-in to the National Service of Radio Ceylon on Sunday, 28 June 1959 from 11-45 a.m. to 12-15 p.m.

The Catholic Choral Society will present a programme of choral music which promises to be a treat to all music-lovers. Also included in their programme are the Pilgrim's Chorus, and selections from Palestrina.

## ROUNDABOUT

### Blessed Sacrament Fathers Radiate Glory

By ROBIN HOOD

In recent times, St. Philip Neri's Church, in the Pettah, has witnessed a living transformation that will continue to be its shining glory in the future years.

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Those who regularly drop in here and others, will be delighted to hear that one from their own ranks will be invested with the Holy Habit in the Congregation of the Most Blessed Sacrament, shortly.

He is Nicholas Hettiarachchi who has completed his 6-month Postulancy as a Laybrother. The ceremony is scheduled to take place after the 8 a.m. Mass on 2nd July.

Nicholas Hettiarachchi follows in the footsteps of two of his sisters both of whom are members of the Good Shepherd Convent.

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SATURDAY, JUNE 27, 1959

## Here Comes the Bride!

SOMEHOW or other, the month of June has come to be associated in a very special way with brides — and so we have that exquisite creation known as the "June Bride," the one who symbolises all brides of every month and every week of the year; those radiant young women, with the joy of youth on their faces, the happiness of love in their eyes, and the faith of God in their hearts.

It is to all such women that we turn today, as we too join the general chorus and bow in respect before the brides of today — women with a vocation, women stamped with one of the noblest missions in life.

And yet, it is not so much of the sublimity of marriage or of the life that the bride is commencing, that we wish to speak today; it is not so much the joy that fills her life, nor the family that she is founding. We would wish to turn from all these joyful and pleasant thoughts, to other thoughts which may not be quite as pleasant; we would wish to take our gaze away from the incense-filled church and the flower-bedecked altar to something else which should be the logical consequence of the tremendous change that came over bride and bridegroom before the altar of God.

As she comes down the aisle on this her wedding-morn, the face of the bride lights up with happiness. This is indeed the day for which her heart longed. But what a change has come over her! A brief hour or so ago, she had entered the Church, free and independent. Now, she leaves God's Church, no longer free nor independent, on the arm of her husband — and they are now *two in one flesh*. Bound together for life! Linked together in time and in eternity! Ministers of salvation unto each other! A life-long partnership has commenced — a partnership which so interweaves one life with another, that they can no longer be separated. A most extraordinary unity, because there is nothing else similar to it in the whole wide world — this unique, responsible, but ever-so-beautiful unity of husband and wife.

And this is precisely the note that we wish to strike today. Decked in all her splendour, smiles greeting her everywhere, the Church herself lavishing every happiness on her — is it not more than a possibility that the Bride should forget the essential core of her entire life? Is it not more than a possibility that she should forget the real significance of this entire new life that has come upon her, and which she has embraced with eagerness and with love? Is it not, in fact, even a strong probability that amidst the cake and the wine and the finery and the music, the real *vocation of a bride* is apt to be forgotten and put away among the unremembered things of life?

That is why, we would wish to fix the attention of our readers on this aspect of the Bride — the sublime vocation which is hers. Newspapers will talk of the June Bride; others will immortalise her in song and verse; still others will talk of fashions and dresses for her. But alas, how few will even mention what does indeed make the Bride the all-important personage that she is: the fact of her vocation in life!

Bishop Fulton Sheen has said in his own inimitable way that in marriage, there are three rings — the engagement ring, the wedding ring, and suffer-ing. And strangely enough, this is the very point that we wish to make today. It may not be very gracious to stress the role of suffering in marriage, in a Special Bridal Issue of our paper when our readers would perhaps expect us to concentrate on the beauty of the life of the bride. And yet, that is precisely what we are doing.

Suffering suggests strength; it suggests a virile, unflinching approach to life; it points out to a person who puts his shoulder to the task, never looks back, and never deserts at the first sight of difficulty or trouble. And all this and more the bride needs; all this and more she must address her mind to. For, the tragedy of today is the broken home, and the broken marriage — which, in almost every single case, is due to the total absence or lack of true suffering.

Why is it that so many wives succumb so easily today to the difficulties that face them? Why do so many so quickly stumble and fall by the wayside, the moment the cross begins to weigh somewhat on their shoulders? Why is it that there is a constant looking-back, and an early desertion in the face of difficulty? The answer is just this: *the approach to marriage has been all wrong!* The approach to the biggest thing in her life has been messed up! Problems and difficulties there have always been in marriage — and yet how valiantly and how admirably our own parents battled through life, and struggled through difficulties, till in God's good time the sun of achievement and fulfilment shone in their lives!

And so, in this our special issue dedicated to brides everywhere, this is the thought we would wish to leave with her — happiness has to be *earned and won* — often, the difficult way. It has to be enthroned on the altar of selflessness and sacrifice and even of suffering. And so, the preparation for marriage has to be serious — it has to be one of facing up to the life that she is about to commence, and an understanding (as our parents understood) of the strength and fortitude that go together with love and joy in marriage.

## CURRENT COMMENT

by the Editor

### LORD BUDDHA A "REACTIONARY"? Grave words from the Dalai Lama

OVER 65,000 Tibetans killed since 1956, numberless monks killed, over 1,000 monasteries destroyed, valuable Buddhist manuscripts destroyed or removed to China, all-out war against Buddhism, and the Buddha himself labelled as a "reactionary" in true Marxist style — these are some of the accusations that the Dalai Lama has made against Red China in the course of his first Press Conference which he gave last week.

Considering the position of the Dalai Lama, one would not expect him to make irresponsible charges against the regime from which he was compelled to flee. And yet, when he chose to break his silence over 2 months after his arrival in India, the indictment that he has made against Communist China has been extremely serious indeed.

The ultimate Chinese aim, as far as he could see, was the extermination of the Buddhist religion and culture in Tibet, —grave words these, for a person of the position of the Dalai Lama. Still graver indeed for the Buddhists of Ceylon, some of whom have sometimes preferred to believe that Communism was only anti-Catholic, and not anti-religious as such.

If his charges were repudiated, the Dalai Lama went on to say, "let them agree to an investigation by an international commission." This is a very serious challenge that he has thrown out to Peking — and perhaps also to Marxists everywhere who have been trying sedulously to whitewash the rubbish-heap of their creation in Tibet.

But for us in Ceylon, this first Press Conference of the Dalai Lama is full of possibilities. For years now, we have ourselves tried to point out that Communism is hostile to all forms of religion; that it carries out a constant war on the religious front; and that, even if, as sometimes happens, it will pretend to be gracious towards "eastern religions" (witness, for example, Chou-en-lai's gift to the Dalada Maligawa), it is always only a well-calculated phase in its ultimate objective of wiping out all religion.

If the lesson of the Eastern European countries has been in vain, one can only hope that the grave words of the Dalai Lama will find a chord somewhere in Ceylonese hearts. Perhaps Buddhists of Ceylon will find a familiar ring somewhere, when they hear the Communists brand Lord Buddha as a "reactionary." We have ourselves heard that language before!

#### • Strange contradiction

MUCH was made of the Prime Minister's public declaration at the annual sessions of the S.L.F.P. recently at Kurunegala that he was opposed to Communism. There were those who were elated that at long last the P.M. had made the open disavowal of Marxism which lovers of freedom had eagerly awaited. And we ourselves felt a certain sense of relief that the P.M. had made so frank and outspoken a statement.

But what strange conduct is this? We would expect a man of the calibre and position of the Prime Minister to be constant and firm in his protestation; we would expect him not to negotiate with one hand, what he has tried to achieve with the other. And yet, that is precisely what seems to be happening.

The World Festival of Youth to be held at Vienna is undoubtedly a Communist performance. The whole world knows it, and no one

bothers any longer to make any pretence about it. And the largest contingent of representatives from this country to the Festival is not from the Communist Party of Ceylon, but from the Sri Lanka Freedom Party which is pledged to democracy! In fact, the S.L.F.P. contingent bids fair to be one of the largest representations at Vienna.

Which all just goes to show... And it makes us wonder still more, when we find public performances being held under the patronage of the P.M. in aid of the delegation.

Strange contradiction this! The S.L.F.P. is not for Communism, they say — but they will further Communist aims!

#### • Fiddling while Rome burns...

THE re-shuffling of the old pack of cards is still going on. What a glorious re-shuffle this must be, to occupy so much time and use up so much energy! The Ministerial appointments in Sri Lanka's Cabinet seem to be over, with the increase in the number of Ministers to 16 (and this, by the very persons who cried out from the house-tops that they would decrease the Cabinet to 10). And now, it is the same old game with the Parliamentary Secretaries.

Necessary as this may seem to be, what perturbs us is the fact that while so much attention is being focussed on this delicate balancing-trick of Ministers, Parliamentary Secretaries and the precarious governmental majority, a far-reaching tragedy is being enacted in the Port and elsewhere. At the time of writing this comment, the Port is once again paralysed, and work is at a complete standstill. Ships are bypassing Colombo, others have to be paid heavy demurrage, and still others refuse to take cargo for Colombo, while tons of food keep rotting.

It would appear that our politicians are being hoisted on their own petard, and that the boomerang has come back most effectively. They who, in their early months of office, even gave official patronage to some of the unruly elements, and later imagined that the solution lay in haphazard yielding, are now confronted with the giant problem. But the trouble is that the country — and by that, we mean primarily, the common man in whose name so many crimes are being perpetrated — is in the throes of a crisis the effects of which will be felt for a very long time indeed.

#### • Ten years of tragedy — and glory

ON the 19th of June this year, it was ten full years since His Excellency Mgr. Joseph Beran, Archbishop of Prague, Czechoslovakia, was made a prisoner by the Communists. They have been ten years of tragedy — but also ten years of glory and of bearing witness to the faith in the most difficult circumstances.

Today, ten years after his imprisonment, Archbishop Beran still remains in confinement, prevented

from exercising his office as Archbishop. Where he is imprisoned just now, what his future is to be, the free world will never know. But today, ten years after the curtain of silence and tragedy descended upon him, he still stands out a symbol to the entire world — for, it was from his lips that, ten years ago, there emanated the last fearless defence of religious liberty in the countries where it had been oppressed and violated. His defiance and his courage still remain unforgotten — for, he chose to throw himself into open opposition to the tyranny that aimed at crushing all religion and freedom.

But that was not the end of the story — for, since then, every single Prelate in Czechoslovakia has suffered the same fate — cruelty and imprisonment — and every single one of them has had his freedom made a mockery.

And so, today, the Church goes on in silence in this oppressed land — and ten years after the gates of Prague's Archbishop's House were locked and barred, the Archbishop remains a prisoner, and the Catholic world bows before him in reverence and prayer. Another martyr of our modern world!

#### • Rajendra Prasad — ray of light and hope

WHEREVER India's President Rajendra Prasad went during his week-long visit to Ceylon, he blazed a trail of light and hope for Ceylon to follow.

Two impressions remain in our mind after this distinguished visitor left our land this week. First, he himself said somewhere that he had come to Ceylon as a pilgrim — and so, perhaps it was: a pilgrim who had brought with him an abundance of sincerity, humility and dedication, which it would do well for us to emulate. Secondly, there was no mistaking it — he was a giant among smaller men; a giant of true nationalism that uplifts, and not a pygmy devoted to the lower form of nationalism that divides and kills.

And that perhaps is why we ourselves would prefer to think of India's Rajendra Prasad in our midst more as a symbol than as a pilgrim. For, whenever he made a speech, he always had a message for this land of ours. And looking back on his days with us, we keep remembering the aged leader telling Ceylon, "Shun intolerance and narrow nationalism;" we think of him pleading for unity and harmony; we recall his appealing for tolerance and understanding; and we also remember his saying frankly that the English language is still indispensable for countries like India and Ceylon.

The red carpet has been rolled up, and the celebrations are over. Is it too much to keep hoping that at least something of the example of Rajendra Prasad will linger? That at least something of his call to shun intolerance and narrow nationalism will be answered? One wonders if even Mr. Rajendra Prasad himself realised how very, very necessary his words of sincerity were to our country.



# FIRST-EVER SEMINAR FOR MOTHERS

(from a "Messenger" correspondent)

THE first ever Mothers' Seminar held at Ave Maria Convent, Negombo, from 16 to 18 June and conducted by Rev. Fr. Conolly, C.S.S.R., was such a great success that all those present pledged their whole-hearted co-operation to help make this Seminar an annual feature in order that they may thus be able to do something positive, collectively and constructively, for the benefit of the mother, the home and the child.

The talks given by Fr. Conolly on such subjects as "The Sacrament of Matrimony," "Mother and Child" and "How to make a Happy Home," were each followed by a lively group discussion and a questionnaire which was answered to the satisfaction of anxious mothers.

Study Circles were inaugurated to meet once a month or once a term in order that all the diverse problems pertaining to a mother's vocation might be thrashed out and satisfactory solutions found.

From 9 to 11 June a Seminar was held at the Convent premises for Sinhalese-speaking mothers as well. This was conducted by Rev. Fr. Vincent Dep.

## Borella Legionaries hold Acies function

(by a "Messenger" reporter)

THE Acies function of the Legion praesidia of Borella, Dematagoda and Rajagiriya was held on Sunday, 7 June, at the Sacred Heart Church, Rajagiriya, when all the Legionaries present, both Active and Auxilliary, pledged their loyalty to Mary, their Legion Queen.

Rev. Fr. Severinus Fernando addressed them in Sinhalese, whilst Rev. Frs. Edwin Fernando and Henry Gunawardena addressed them in Tamil and English respectively.

After Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament, imparted by Rev. Fr. Felician Fernando, there was a social at which lively discussions took place on various Legion topics.

## ELPITIYA'S BIG FESTIVAL

(from our Elpitiya correspondent)

AN unprecedented number of estate workers thronged Sacred Heart Church, Elpitiya, last Sunday when its feast was celebrated on a grand scale preceded by Vespers sung by Rev. Fr. Paul Caspersz, S.J., and a Retreat preached by Rev. Fr. Vecchioni, S.J.

At the festal High Mass on Sunday, Fr. Caspersz preached on "The Parish in Church Organisation," stressing the need for the lay apostolate because, as he said, the future of the Church especially in Ceylon depended chiefly on the vital part lay Catholics had to play.

The celebrations ended with a variety entertainment at St. Theresa's Convent where special items were given by the Gymnastic Club of St. Benedict's College and by other visiting artistes from Colombo. The Legionaries of Mary rendered a great service seeing to the meals of the estate workers and their transport to and from the church.

## Rajagiriya Feast

(from a "Messenger" correspondent)

THE Church of the Sacred Heart celebrated its feast last Sunday when Rev. Fr. Marcel, O.C.D., sang High Mass at 7 a.m. and Rev. Fr. Severinus Fernando, O.M.I., delivered an impressive sermon.

The feast was preceded by novenas and on Saturday solemn Vespers was sung by Fr. Severinus, assisted by Fr. Marcel and Fr. Timothy Peiris.

## MAHAWATTA'S GOLDEN JUBILEE

(by a "Messenger" reporter)

THE feast of St. Anthony's Church, Mahawatta, and its Golden Jubilee were celebrated with great rejoicing last Sunday by Catholics as well as the non-Catholics of the area who participated in the hoisting of the church flag, the novenas on thirteen days, the procession and Vespers on Saturday, and the festal Mass on Sunday.

As the flag was hoisted and the band played "Si Quaeris Miracula," there was *rabana* playing by the non-Catholic women folk, and all partook of the *kiributh*

which was blessed and served afterwards.

His Grace the Archbishop of Colombo, Dr. Thomas Cooray, O.M.I., assisted by several priests, officiated at Vespers on Saturday. The success of the Jubilee was due to the untiring efforts of the Parish Priests and parishioners of Mahawatta and Grandpass who co-operated so well to make the celebrations a fitting tribute to the great wonder-worker saint whose intercession is sought by thousands from all creeds and communities.

## Kalutara Toddy Tappers Honour St. Anthony

(From JOSEPHIAN—"Messenger" correspondent)

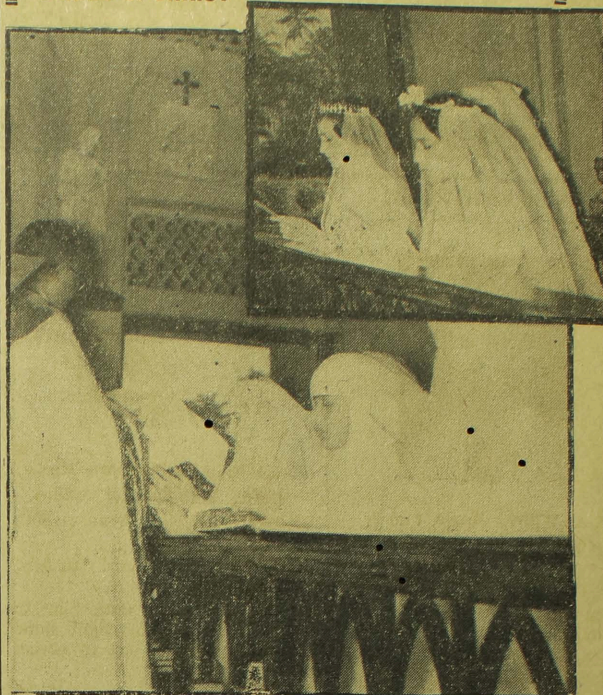
OVER one hundred Catholic Indian Tamil toddy tappers from the entire Kalutara Totamune—from Wadduwa to Beruwala—supported by their respective employers, were *en fete* on Sunday last, when they celebrated for the first time a special feast in honour of St. Anthony of Padua at St. Philip Neri's Church, Katukurunda, Kalutara.

The Parish Priest, the Revd. Father Henry Rodrigo, O.M.I., sang Vespers at 8 p.m. preceded by the recitation of the Rosary and litany of the Saint. A special feature of the procession that went round the church premises was the carrying of lighted candles by all the tappers who walked solemnly in front of the

statue, borne by the priest.

On Sunday, at 5-30 a.m., before they commenced their day's work, Fr. Rodrigo sang High Mass at which all the workers received Holy Communion in a body. The Rev. Fr. Edward Muttupulle, O.M.I., preached for the occasion.

## BRIDES of CHRIST



Our picture shows a recent runique ceremony when a Ceylonese girl from Mutwal and a Burmese girl together became Brides of Christ. Their clothing ceremony took place at the Franciscan Missionaries of Mary, Mattakuliya. — [Photo by Ralex]

## FILM REVIEW

### Inn of the sixth happiness.

PRESENTLY running at the New Olympia Theatre is the eagerly awaited film "Inn of the Sixth Happiness." Gladys Aylward, a domestic servant in England feels a strong compulsion to

do missionary work in China, and this urge is based on the conviction that people are responsible for each other. It fills her with so much dedication and single-mindedness of purpose that even though the China Missionary Society finds that she is not "qualified" to go to China, she goes there and finds a fulfilment of her mission.

The film stars Ingrid Bergman as Miss Aylward and the wide sweep of the narrative gives her ample scope for her versatility. Further strength is lent to the film by Curt Jurgens and the late Robert Donat (as the Mandarin).

In the two and a half hours running time of the film, it covers many moods and the pace is therefore not allowed to drag. There is plenty of action to sustain the interest throughout, and to Christians it should have the special appeal of seeing faith blossoming into heroic action and finding fulfilment in the unlikely places.

The religious aspect of the film—in the narrower sense of the term—is done with delicacy, and is always secondary to the narrative. There is no loud appeal to follow any particular thought. There is, rather, the quiet attraction of an evident faith. As the Mandarin says on beholding the undaunted courage of the English girl, "I would like to share the faith from which this strength comes."

"The Inn of the Sixth Happiness" is a very memorable film. J. K.

## School Front

### Feast of St. Anne's Talawila

THE Principals of Schools are kindly requested to leave the 24th of July free from term tests, so as to enable our school children to go on pilgrimage to St. Anne's, Talawila, along with their parents, if they so desire. The feast will be on Sunday, the 26th July. Philip C. Dissanayake, O.M.I., General Manager of R.C. Schools, W.P. Borella 18-6-59.

## Rakwana's Feast

(from our Rakwana correspondent)

AFTER preparatory novenas from 5th to 13th June and a Retreat preached by Rev. Fr. Weeratunga of Deniyaya, Vespers was sung on the 13th and the statue of St. Anthony was taken in procession round the town. The following day, Rev. Fr. N. M. Rodrigo, General Manager of Schools, Galle, sang High Mass and preached in Tamil.

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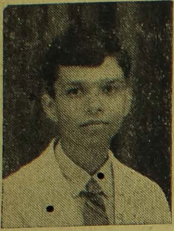
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A Requiem High Mass was sung at St. Sebastian's Church, Katuwapitiya, for the repose of his soul on 20-6-59.  
Please pray for the repose of his soul.  
Fondly remembered by his mother and four brothers. 292



**Florence Bastianpillai**  
Born 6th August 1925  
Died 23th May 1959  
A Requiem High Mass will be said for the repose of her soul at 6-45 a.m. on Saturday 4th July at St. Anthony's Cathedral, Kandy. Presence and prayers of all relations and friends will be much appreciated.  
Eternal rest grant unto her O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon her — May she rest in peace. Amen.  
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Your smiling face and loving ways No lapse of time can ever erase From your celestial Home in Heaven above  
Watch over us, Mama, with protecting love  
Lead us, guide us, onward, Heavenward  
Until we all in Eternity meet.  
Fondly remembered by her Husband, Sons, and Daughters. No. 446, Hospital Road, Jaffna.



**Joseph Maurice Bonaparte Roche**  
Born: 13th October, 1913  
Died: At Nice (France) 30th June, 1955  
Interred in Colombo: 7th July, 1955  
Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him. May he rest in peace. Amen.  
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**Don Martin Trimanna**  
Died 25th June 1955  
Eternal rest grant unto him O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon him. May he rest in peace. — Amen.  
(Fondly remembered by his wife and children).  
Villa Bridgetta, Kandana.



**Mrs. Irene May Pestonjee**  
Died 14-6-58  
Twelve months have elapsed Since we laid you to rest Yet like the masters Your fame will not rest.  
The Masters do live In the Pestonjee School Now empty is the stool In Ceylon's only school.  
Now may you in peace rest This year as we our knowledge test To keep your name we'll try our best  
So may your soul be blessed.  
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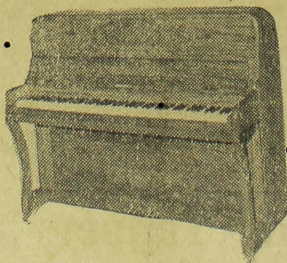
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## Until Death Do Us Part...

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on and studied practical ways to centre family life in Christ, observe the liturgical cycle, the laws of the Church, Catholic family customs, teaching religion to children—and on the material side, the art of home-making, food preparing and so on—for she knew that the home is a sanctuary and marriage a sacred vocation.

Asking God's grace to help them solve the problems of married life even before they start, Hyacinth and her fiancé found time even in the midst of the hectic rush of pre-wedding activities to make a week-end retreat. It was time well-spent, they both agreed, for it provided a solid foundation for their life together and the family they intended to establish.

It is now the morning of

her marriage. Before leaving for church, Hyacinth—following an Old-World custom—kneels before her father and mother to ask their blessing on her new way of life, and to thank them for all their goodness to her.

Now the Mass is over, the newly wed couple have received the final blessing. Pausing briefly to kiss her husband, Hyacinth is led by the officiating priest to the side altar of the Blessed Virgin where she leaves her bridal bouquet of orchids and madonna lilies. In a tremulous voice, but loud enough to be heard by all present, she repeats after the priest the words of consecration to Mary's Immaculate Heart... It is a reverent and deeply moving sight, even to some lax Catholics and people of other faiths who came to church to see the wedding.

## FOR BRIDEGROOMS

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band should spend with his wife. This is a very important question. Of course, there will be times when it will be perfectly permissible for him to be abroad for the evening (bowling, a lodge meet-

ing, a special party, work at the office), and his wife will be the last to say that it should not be. But this should be the exception rather than the rule. The rule should be that the bridegroom and the bride grow old together, not the one spending most of his free time in a saloon or the likes of a saloon, and the other spending most of her free time at home, waiting for her husband to return. The following of such a rule will make short shrift of taverns and smoke shops as places of escape from her whom the bridegroom is about to promise to love and to live with until death.

## Let them...

Over and above all this, let bridegrooms, approaching now so close to their final hour, make firm their minds to observe always these time-tried and divinely approved prescriptions in all their relations with their wife.

Let them be true to their wife until death, never philandering or cheating or dispensing their love to such as have no right to its possession or enjoyment.

Let them avoid the pitfalls of the bottle, knowing that liquor is capable not only of befogging a mind but also of destroying a home. The less the bridegroom drinks, the better the chance of his never losing the love of his wife.

Let them beware of the incantation of pagan priests and people who bear the name of doctors and social workers who would tell them that they are justified in immoral practices like contraception and "being careful" for the satisfying of their own passions and the protection of their wife. Contraception, if practised, will be no more than a besmirching, a degrading, a prostituting of their wife, and a condemnation of themselves as cowards and weaklings in the face of a difficult law of God. Contraception always will be wrong and no circumstances can ever arise in the future that will make it right.

That sums it up. All that remains is the word of congratulation to the bridegrooms of the June of 1959. May God give them great happiness in their marriage and a precious prize in the wife they take. May their marriage lead them and their future family to heaven.

## Feast of the Precious Blood PAMUNUGAMA 5TH JULY 1959

21st June: Novenas begin  
28th June to the 4th July: Retreat.  
4th July (Saturday): Vespers at 8 p.m. presided by Very Rev. Fr. Vicar General  
5th July (Sunday): Masses at 5 6, 6.30  
High Mass at 8 a.m. followed by the Procession of the Blessed Sacrament.  
Parish Priest, Pamunugama.

## BANDIRIPPUWA Church of Our Lady of the Rosary

As usual the feast will be celebrated on the 2nd of July. 313  
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## Feast of St. Pius X (Friend of the Poor)

HORAGOLLA, (Marawila Mission)  
11th July: Vespers at 7-30 p.m.  
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High Mass at 8 a.m.  
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## St. Anthony's Centenary Jubilee NITTAMBUWA.

Pontifical Vespers on 27th June at 7 p. m. by His Grace the Archbishop of Colombo.  
Feastival high mass at 8.30 a.m. on Sunday the 28th June. The presence of all the faithful will be greatly appreciated.

Rev. Fr. D. E. Weerakkody O.M.I.  
Parish Priest Nittambuwa



# messenger SCHOOLS-MAG

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FREE



## More Teachers enrol Pupils

Dear Editor,

Please enrol these eight boys in the Catholic Schools-Mag.

They are all boys of Std. VI (Eng. medium) of St. Joseph's Boys' School, Nugegoda.

Miss Rita Herft,  
Class Teacher.



Dear Editor,

I enclose 28 enrolment forms from the girls of St. Joseph's Convent, Kegalle.

They are all equally interested in the Schools-Mag and I am sure they will do their best to take an active part in the Schools-Mag in every little way and make it a success. I don't think they'll bear the name of the Schools-Mag in vain, thus violating one of the Ten Holiday Commandments given by Uncle Ashley.

With all good wishes,

Miss C. M. Perera.

## COME TO CEYLON!

PERHAPS there is no other thought more inspiring to the foreigner than the prospect of a visit to Ceylon. Our dear land of Ceylon abounds in beautiful scenery. The hill stations in particular, have much to recommend themselves to tourists, holiday makers and to all those in search of an ideal place for rest of body and mind.

### • Kandy

The most fabulous hill station that strikes the tourist's eye is Kandy. It is from here that he loves to see the hills opposite him as they rise and pierce as it were the horizon from which the sun emerges at dawn, or sinks down in the evening, leaving behind on the canvas of the sky a rich painting.

Perhaps no spot in Ceylon has more admiration lavished on it than the Peradeniya Gardens. "An earthly Paradise" is in fact none too extravagant a description. Her charms lie in the wonderful specimens of nature. The mere nature-lover will rejoice in the beautiful view afforded him.

### • Perahera

The amazing Kandy Perahera gives the tourist a glamorous picture of a Ceylon procession. Fifty to sixty elephants take part in it. The elephants are decked in gaudy trappings of crimson and gold. The tantalising tom-tom beaters, the deafening whip crackers and frantic dancers perform right before masses of eager excited human beings. Every

moment the procession increases in splendour and majesty. While the huge tusker passes with golden palanquin on his back, the people with eagerness look in admiration and in envy at the gold and silver and gorgeous trappings on the elephant's back.

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### Milroy Paes

At full moon it is a delightful experience to motor down to Colombo from Kandy by moonlight. Eastern moonlight makes the night as bright as day, only with a more wonderful radiance, and the roads less congested with traffic.

### • Negombo

When you are in Negombo you are in a place which seems holy. None of your city uproar of trains, trams, lorries, hawkers, the hubbub of business and what not; none of the smoke and impure air of the factories of the industrial quarters, no filth and squalor of the slums. Life is so simple here and so natural.



I HOPE  
TO BE  
A  
DOCTOR

## Pen-Gem of this week

MY name is Vasantha Nagendran and I am ten years old. I go to Carmel Girls' English School, Kalmunai. At present I am in form one. My hobbies are stamp collecting, gardening, cooking and music. I take piano lessons at school, and will appear for my music exam for the first time this year. My favourite subjects are English, Geometry, Home Science, Needle Work and Drawing. I enjoy going on picnics with my parents, brothers and sister. At school we have Brownie meetings on Mondays, which I enjoy thoroughly. When I grow up I hope to be a Doctor.

Carmel Girls' English School,  
Kalmunai.

... says VASANTHA NAGENDRAN  
Schools-Mag, No. 2254.

The village is a little world in itself and the drama of village life has both its comedy and tragedy mingled with beauty and pathos.

### • Mt. Lavinia

The quiet shore of Mount Lavinia, with its curve of yellow sand and serried palm trees, tempts one to linger. Damsels in attractive clothing selling pineapples, coconuts etc. are a familiar sight. The coconut, called KURUMBA when young, yields a cooling drink. The pineapple soothes the parched throats of the wearied travellers.

### • Tewatte

Who hasn't heard of Tewatte? Most Catholics will go to the Church of Our Lady of Lanka during the festive season. No more beautiful practice is found in Ceylon than the recital every evening day after day without a break, of the Rosary.

### • Anuradhapura

Everyone who comes to Ceylon necessarily goes to Anuradhapura and Polonnaruwa. A glimpse of the sculptural art reveals to him the value of these ruins. To the discerning eye and the sensitive imagi-

## Recipe Corner

### • Golden caramels

Ingredients:—1 lb. sugar, 2. table-spoons water, 2. oz. butter, 2 table-spoons Golden syrup, 2 teaspoons of lime juice.

Method:—Melt the butter in a preserving pan and add the sugar, water and lime juice and continue to boil without stirring until the toffee will harden when tested in cold water. Pour into a shallow buttered dish. And when firm cut into squares.

Sent by Enid Reil

(Schools-Mag, No. 2346).

St. Anne's Girls' English School,  
Puttalam.

nation, there may be no less beauty and meaning in these glimpses of the ancient city.

Yes! my dear friends, this is what you really witness in Ceylon. How our days go flitting by! The days seem all gold; the nights all silver; the trees seem to dance; and the whole place is a magical fairyland we love.

Patience Hope writes about the

## NUNS OF THE HOLY CROSS OF MENZINGEN

(Patience Hope regrets that the article scheduled for this week on THE SISTERS OF CHARITY OF JESUS AND MARY OF GHENT (Belgium) is held over for next week. Instead, she brings you a glimpse of the Congregation of SISTERS OF THE HOLY CROSS OF MENZINGEN (Switzerland):



The Holy Cross Nuns of Menzingen started working in Ceylon just over 25 years ago. They undertook hospital work in Kayts.

Friends of the poor and destitute, irrespective of differences in religion or race, their record of service in the Jaffna Civil Hospital, Kayts Civil Hospital, St. Joseph's Home for the Aged at Colombogam and the Gurunagar Housing Scheme have become proverbial.

The primary aim of this Congregation founded in Menzingen, Switzerland in 1844, is personal sanctification by means of the three vows of Poverty, Chastity and Obedience.

The secondary aim is the education of youth, nursing of sick in hospitals, homes for the aged, creches, leper sanatoria and other social work. Their Rule and Spirit is that of St. Francis of Assisi.

It is a very heartening sign that some of these Nuns are now working at St. Michael's Nursing Home and Free Clinic for the Poor in Colombo too. You may have seen them in action.

Their motto is "IN CRUCE SALUS" meaning "In the Cross is Salvation." The emblem dominates with a cross which is meant to show the triumph of the Holy Cross, even to the consummation of the world.

Don't you like to join this happy band of faithful workers for Christ? The minimum qualification of a girl is the S.S.C. English, Sinhalese or Tamil. However, this is waived if the candidate reveals a genuine vocation and a right intention. The age limit is 28

years. The Certificates to be produced are: Birth, Baptism, Confirmation, School and Health, a single copy of each, and two separate certificates of character.

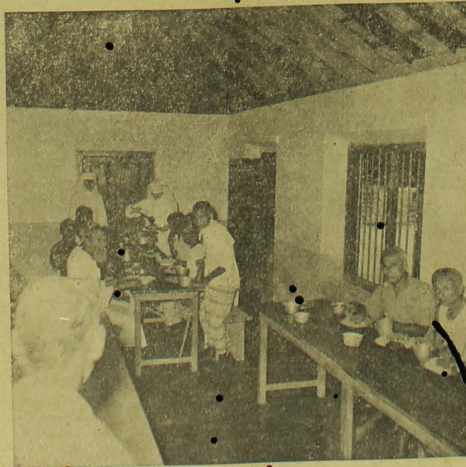
Indeed the finest way to know these good Nuns is to live with them for a few days, and see for yourself what a world of goodness their life-time is. There are many Ceylonese today who have given up all the fleeting pleasures of this world to be like them — Eternal Brides of Christ. (see pictures).

If this stirs some hidden chord inside you, do write to THE REV. MOTHER PROVINCIAL, HOLY CROSS CONVENT, BEACH ROAD, JAFFNA and she will send you all the information you desire.

(Next week: THE SISTERS OF CHARITY OF JESUS AND MARY OF GHENT (Belgium)).



At the Gurunagar Welfare Centre.

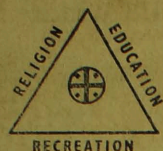


At the Home for the Aged, Colombogam.



With Needle and Thread for the glory of God.





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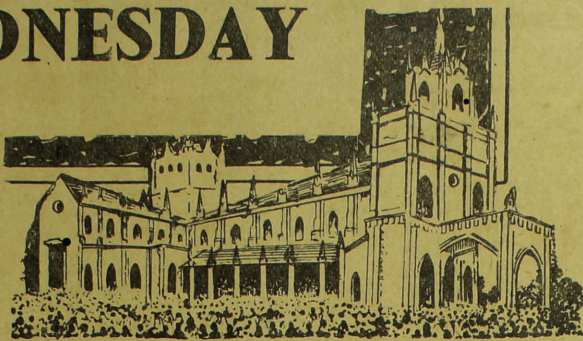
# THE WEDNESDAY

## Phenomenon

A SCHOOLS-MAG MEMBER GIVES HIS IMPRESSIONS OF THE PERPETUAL NOVENA CONDUCTED AT ALL SAINTS', BORELLA.

It was a Wednesday evening in mid July 1952. I was sixteen then when I first attended the Perpetual Novena at the Church of All Saints', Borella. Needless to say till that day I had been ignorant as a codfish to all the marvellous happenings that occurred, since the Novena took part. And so this article is dedicated to Our Lady of Perpetual Succour.

I entered the Church, and just in the very way I learned to pray at my mother's feet, I knelt at the feet of Our Lady's Shrine, but with



more fervour. I looked upon the Image of Our Lady of Perpetual Succour that was shimmering with all the colour and glory of the prism of the rainbow. I studied it, and came to realize that this miraculous Picture of Eastern origin was brought

by **Benny Fernandez**

from Crete to Rome at the end of the 15th Century.

Amidst the recitation of the Angelical Salutation I poured out my troubles to Her and was confident that She "The Refuge of Sinners" would not despise my prayer. Suddenly the solemn strokes of 6-45 resounded from the Church bells, and I rose to my feet. I noticed every doorway was crowded, and there was a continual shifting stream of devotees.

The Novena began, and the words of supplication and thankfulness ran through my mind. While many

JESUS, who lives above the sky, To see Thy face I yearn and sigh.

They say You were a pretty child, Do make me like Thee, meek and mild.

Teach me to be gentle and kind, To love, and pray for all mankind, Do take me to Heaven someday, That I may be with Thee always.

Lorna Berenger  
(Schools-Mag No. 2176).  
St. Anthony's Convent, Kandy.

a hymn was sung with a touching reverence and purity, I felt within me a deep emotional experience of how the human heart though torn by misery and hardships, could gather here in large numbers and forget them all, transforming them into fearless joy, all for the love of Mary.

I felt peace burgeon within me. And so it was that I began to attend the Novenas, Wednesday after Wednesday.

But yet my favour had not been granted. I refused to be despairing, and by a sort of grace bestowed by Our Lady Herself, I succeeded in believing that joy would some day be mine.

Unforgettable was the day when at the end of my 8th Perpetual Novena, my life turned the greatest corner. Truly Our Lady of Perpetual Succour, never was it known that anyone who fled to thy protection implored thy help, and sought thy intercession was left unaided.

"O Lady of Perpetual Succour—Refuge of Sinners, Pray for us."

## ALTAR BOYS CORNER

### What I Think

I am proud of the fine boys we had on the football field. However, my pride is never so great as when I see these stalwart lads serving Holy Mass. They play a hard game on the football field for the glory of their school. But they are more serious and more alert and more concerned about serving the Holy Mass. Football is a man's game. Serving Mass is also a man's task. Boys, whom I know, do both equally well. That is why I am so proud of them. It is a great honour and a privilege to be an Altar Boy. To become a good Altar Boy, one must be generous and willing to sacrifice. He must have a deep love for Our Lord and His Mother.

FRANK LEAHY  
(American Football coach).



### THE ALTAR BOY

SUCH a joy it is for me, As walking to the Sanctuary, I kneel upon the altar board To serve Your Mass, O Lord.

A very great gift from You to me—To do it well, Your Grace I need.



A WOMAN who had been bitten by a dog was advised by her physician to write her last wishes, as she might soon succumb to hydrophobia. She spent so long with pencil and papers that the doctor

asked whether it wasn't getting to be a pretty lengthy will. "Will," she shouted. "Nothing of the sort. I'm writing a list of the people I'm going to bite."

Sent by  
Surangani de Coonghe.  
(Schools-Mag No. 1773)

A man accidentally sat down upon his hat and crushed it. A looker-on remarked, "It is lucky that your head was not in it at the time."

Sent by  
Therese Sebastian.  
(Schools-Mag No. 2277).

Nurse: Your temperature has gone today.

Patient: Of course, you took it last night.

Sent by  
Nilofer Alwis.  
(Schools-Mag No. 305).

TALKS WITH

Juniors

## NIGHT PRAYERS

My dear Teen-agers,

Even if nothing else urges us to get through our Night Prayers, gratitude should prompt us to do so. Hasn't the good God been generous throughout the day? Did He not sustain life's tender threads? Did He not lavish upon us His gifts of love and grace during the waking hours? Did not His sun warm and light up our day? His air keep life's breath in tune; was He not prepared to forgive my thousand failings and even to feed me with His own Body and Blood if only I cared to avail myself of this grace?

Yes! dear children, each day is a little love-story of God's love and mercy to sinful you and me...gratitude alone should draw us down on our knees each night to say "Thank You" to the "Giver of all good things."

Another thought that should help us to be regular with our Night Prayers is Death. The night is dark and fearful, sleep is a mysterious recreation. Many have never awakened from their night's sleep and the same may well happen to us tonight.

Death's icy hand may strike us this very night. Lest it be too late the safest and sanest thing to do is to make one's peace with God before our eyelids close in slumber.

No teen-ager can afford to miss his or her Night Prayers daily without the fear of being lost, hence here are suggestions for your Night Prayers:—

(a) I confess...with a short examination of conscience; (b) Act of Contrition; (c) Night Prayer; (d) Prayer to the Guardian Angel; (e) Three Hail Marys with an invocation to Our Lady; (f) Commending one's soul to God. "Jesus, Mary and Joseph I give thee my heart and my soul! Jesus Mary and Joseph assist me in my last agony; Jesus Mary and Joseph may I breathe forth my soul in peace with you."

May Jesus and Mary help you to be ever regular with your night prayers.

Always in Jesus and Mary,  
**UNCLE ASHLEY**

## Members' Parade

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1501. Beatrice Anne Marie Meynert (Trinco). 1502. Alan C. Tambinayagam (Mount Lavinia). 1503. Cedric Anderiesz (Nugegoda). 1504. Patrick Jackson (Colombo 8). 1505. Damayanthi Croos Fernando (Galle). 1506. Cynthia Marie Yvonne Pieris (Mt. Lavinia). 1507. Rosemarie Pereira (Kotahena). 1508. Marlene Le Motte (Bambalapitiya). 1509. Norma De Hoedt (Hatton). 1510. Annie Corera. 1511. Marie Mendis (Moratuwa). 1512. Brenda Edwards (Trincomalee). 1513. Maureen Waas (Tudella). 1514. Bernadette Perera (Nugegoda). 1515. Stephanie Fernando (Moratuwa). 1516. Tyrone Meynert (Negombo). 1517. Clarice Rosario (Borella). 1518. Loretta Firth (Kelaniya). 1519. Orlean Jacobs (Nugegoda). 1520. Jeanne Leonidas (Dehiwela). 1521. Maurice Leonidas (Dehiwela). 1522. Errol Wirasinghe (Kelaniya). 1523. Dora Phillips (Bambalapitiya). 1524. Queenta Buultjens (Agalawatte). 1525. Sherwood Simmons (Kotahena). 1526. Trevor Meynert (Negombo). 1527. Glennie Hardie (Colombo). 1528. Earl Rozairo (Kotahena). 1529. Swarna Perera (Dehiwela). 1530. Marie Perera (Matale). 1531. Arlene Weerasinghe (Kandana). 1532. Monica Candappa (Hendala). 1533. Neville Fernando (Negombo). 1534. Eldred Fernando (Negombo). 1535. Benjamin Fernando (Kandy). 1536. Anastasia de Silva (Dehiwela). 1537. Veronica Ratnayake (Matale). 1538. Norbert Nelson (Colombo). 1539. Earnest Perera (Eul Kotte). 1540. Alastair Tambinayagam (Bambalapitiya). 1541. Gladstone Peiris (Peraleniya). 1542. Barbara Spittel (Matale). 1543. Nimal Menon (Kandy). 1544. H. M. Bulner (Kandy). 1545. Benildus Almeida (Kotahena). 1546. Manel Fernando (Moratuwa). 1547. Myrna Varney (Dehiwela). 1548. Maureen Perera (Navalapitiya). 1549. Maureen Gnana prasadam (Mulliyalalai). 1550. Leena Dias (Moratuwa).

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June 30: Shirlene Van Gramberg (Nugegoda), Ralph Martyn (Nugegoda).

July 1st: Srilal Weerasinghe (Ragama), Manel Fonseka (Matugama), Bella Fernando (Negombo), Bernadette de Zilva (Kelaniya), Upali Goonewardene (Galle), Loretta Cooray (Moratuwa), Loretta Brito (Angoda), Rienzie Nanayakkara (Pilmatalawa), Theodrie Fernando (Negombo), Angela Perera (Colombo 13).

July 2: A. P. Fernando (Kandy), Lourdes Fernando (Colombo 14), Anpoo Croos Moraes (Negombo), G.A. Aloysius (Velvetthithurai), Brighton Casie Chitty (Wattala), Marie Anandappa (Colombo 13), N. M. Boteju (Kandy), Marie Peries (Kelaniya), Bernadette Gunawardene (Negombo), Viraj Tillakawardene (Colombo 4), Ramel Menon (Kandy), Marie Fernando (Moratuwa), Cheryl Ragel (Colombo 4).

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## Women's-Mag

## FAMILY

PAGE

WEDDING BELLS WILL  
PEAL AGAIN!

Dear Friends,

Coinciding with this special June Brides Number of the Messenger I have some very pleasant news for you.

Yet another of our members, Rita Mary Constance Hapuarachy (Women's-Mag No. 47) will marry Don, Bernard Suraweera at St. Anne's Church, Wattala, on 27 June 1959. I am sure all members will join me in whispering a special prayer for the new couple as they take their marriage vows before God today. Our best wishes go to the bridal couple.

Writing to us, Rita says: "I have made a little scrap-book with the articles on 'This is Marriage' so that I will find in them useful hints for my married life. My fiancé too reads the articles very carefully. I hope these articles will help many others also to live up to them and fol-

low, throughout their lives, in order to be good wives and loving mothers."

Next week I shall announce the results of our first competition which drew in as many as eighty-two entries!

PATIENCE HOPE.

Women's-Mag  
Members Parade

Nos. 176 — 200

176. Miss Vivina A. Fernando (Nugegoda), 177. Mrs. R. Anthony (Matale), 178. Mrs. M. T. K. Perera (Dehiwela), 179. Mrs. V. E. Santiapillai (Colombo 4), 180. Mrs.

## St. Francis on Marriage

"THE state of marriage is one which requires more virtue and constancy than any other; it is a perpetual exercise of mortification."

love

In 1931, a young movie starlet named Dixie Lee fell in love with a fellow who had even been turned out of a church choir because of his poor singing voice. "Don't do it," her friends said. "You'll have to support him the rest of your life." Dixie died in the faith of the guy she married. His income — from movies, radio business and records alone (not to mention his Enterprises, Inc., which manufactures everything from perfumes to speed films) — is said to still run close to a million dollars a year. His recordings of "White Christmas" have yielded a fortune to charity. His recording of "Ave Maria" is still one of the all-time best-sellers.

Yes, you're right: his name is BING CROSBY!

Rita Jayawardena (Kelaniya), 181. Miss Virginia Antoinette Fonseka (Hendala), 182. Miss M. D. Princy Rose (Ja-Ela), 183. Mrs. Grace Fernando Pulle (Dankotuwa), 184. Mrs. W. J. Soyza (Colombo 15), 185. Mrs. M. Blacker (Colombo 10), 186. Mrs. Patricia Perera (Borella), 187. Mrs. Noel Gunasekera (Mutwal), 188. Mrs. S. M. J. Louis (Jaffna), 189. Mrs. Regina Peiris (Nugegoda), 190. Miss Nirmala Louis (Jaffna), 191. Mrs. W. E. Newman (Nugegoda), 192. Miss Mary C. S. Panaluwa (Wattala), 193. Mrs. Enid Antony (Wattala), 194. Mrs. Pansy de Silva (Colombo 15), 195. Mrs. Beryl Wambeck (Trincomalee), 196. Mrs. I. H. E. Rodrigo (Ragama), 197. Mrs. Josephine Gomez (Bandarawela), 198. Mrs. J. M. V. Corea (Ja-Ela), 199. Mrs. Sweetie Ganagoda (Puwakpitiya), 200. Miss Imelda Gunasekera (Negombo).

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Dear Patience,

I was quite interested in the Women's-Mag edited by you and I am sure it will be of great benefit to all women.

I have been a regular and very interested reader of the Messenger for the last 20 years and it is sold in our Parish Church on Sundays. I have numerous friends whom I shall contact and get them to be regular subscribers.

Mrs. Sergio Wijeysooria.  
Colombo 5.

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## WOMEN'S-MAG

I am a regular reader of the Messenger. I am a Catholic and I am interested in the Women's-Mag.

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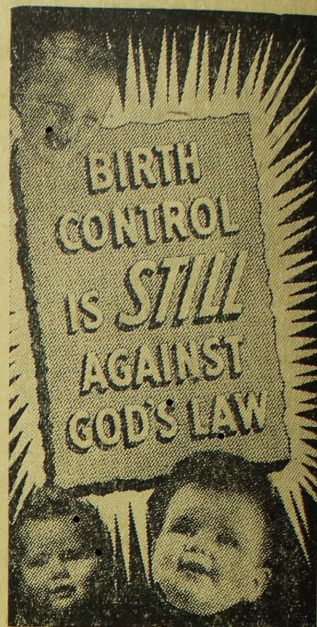
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This is Marriage — (6)  
Birth Control

The Catholic Church does not say that everyone must have large families. But the Church says that married people may not limit the size of their families artificially. To do so is sin. Those who limit their families artificially try to justify it. They say that they cannot afford children. They say that it is dangerous for the woman to bear children. Artificial birth control can never be justified. In such birth control the sex powers are used, but are artificially prevented from having any effect. Artificial birth control is a frustration of nature. Artificial birth control is sexual perversion. Artificial birth control is evil and evil may not be done even if good may come out of it. Those who practise artificial birth control are guilty of grievous sin.

## Child Murder

To be truly merciful is good. But some people have strange ideas of being merciful. Some people think it can be an act of mercy to kill innocent children. They want laws to allow the killing of the unborn child. To kill a child unborn is as wrong as killing a child that is born. If the mother's life is in danger, may the unborn child ever be killed? If the mother's life is in danger, the unborn child may never be killed. If the mother's life is in danger, the doctors must do their best to save her life.



by knowledge and skill, but not by murdering her child. Evil may not be done even if good may come of it. Doctors may not kill a mother to save her child. Doctors may not kill a child to save its mother. If they cannot save both they may save one and let the other die, but they may not kill the other; they may not kill either. Killing another may be justified if that other is guilty of crime; is an unborn child guilty of crime? Killing another may be justified if that other is an unjust aggressor; is an unborn child an unjust aggressor? The killing of the unborn child can never be justified; it is nothing but murder. (Next week: GOVERNMENTS AND GOD.)

The Month's Sermonette  
THE CHRISTIAN  
MOTHER

WHAT the world needs today is a renewal of the Christian spirit; the souls of men must be brought closer to God. Now one of the most powerful natural means of bringing the souls of men closer to God is woman. For the good Christian woman is, in a sense, a natural sacrament in the world — an outward sign of inward goodness. The genuinely Christian woman radiates goodness so powerfully and in so singular a manner that only the most perverse of men will fail to respond to it. Indeed so tremendous and so wide is this influence for good, that it makes woman's role in society unique.

Is it any wonder, then, that Pius XII once spoke of the "sacred mission" of women. But how many of our women are conscious of, think in terms of, this divine something in them which is meant to lead men on to purity and refinement of soul, to light up for them the path leading to God? In that great book of theology in verse, the "Divine Comedy," after Dante had gone through the frightful experiences of the "Inferno" and the "Purgatorio," and he was at last ready for the vision of God, it was a woman, Beatrice, who led him by the hand into the everlasting happiness of Paradise.

Woman's greatest possibilities for good lie in the home. The family must be taught and inspired by its priestess, the Mother.

The Danish Catholic writer, Jorgensen, has an amazing line in which, echoing St. John's "In the beginning was the Word," he says "In the beginning was the mother." How many people there must be who could truly say — all I am my mother made me. This concept of the ennobling influence of a mother is enshrined even in simple, popular songs like "Mother the Queen of my Heart."

I do not think Lord Shaftesbury was guilty of a gross exaggeration when he said, "Give me a generation of Christian mothers, and I will change the face of society in twelve months."

Women should be the saviours of society. This mission of theirs is more urgent today than ever before. May I close with the stirring appeal made by the late Pope Pius XII some years ago in an address to members of various women's Catholic organizations: "This is your hour, Catholic women and Catholic girls... every woman is under an obligation — a strict obligation of conscience — not to remain aloof; every woman must go into action, each in her own way, and join in stemming the tides which threaten to engulf the home, in fighting the doctrines which undermine its foundations, in preparing, organising, and completing its restoration."

Fr. Justin Perera.

(Next month's Sermonette by FR. T. KURIACOSE, S.J.)

## Calling All Babies

Here is the first batch of babies enrolled in the St. Gerard's Catholic Babies Club. More names will appear in the coming weeks. Arrangements are being completed to inaugurate a "BEAUTIFUL BABY" Contest with valuable prizes. Send in pictures of your little ones already enrolled. Baby Jude Vijitha Wijesekera's enrolment form has been received incomplete; the date of birth is omitted. Will her parents please send in the date? Babies Ingrid Cecilia and Gerard Enrico Magidkar could not be enrolled as their names have not been entered on the printed form. Will their parents please submit fresh forms? — Patience Hope.

1. Gerard Nyomol De Soysa (21-2-56); 2. Tyrone Gerard Gabriel (9-10-56); 3. Rodney R. P. Jayasuriya (17-12-57); 4. Gerardine Trivona Shereen Pereira (1-1-59); 5. Gerard Naomal Rodrigo (24-3-56); 6. Joseph Gerard Ajit Miranda (17-1-56); 7. Andrea Gerardine Vapucylenburg (22-2-57); 8. Jeremy Erkenwald Gerard Caspersz (30-1-59); 9. Adrian Gerard Alles (3-4-59); 10. Gerard Chitty (7-12-55); 11. Peter Gerard Ramylal Suaris (19-8-56); 12. Percival Gerard Henry Livera (22-2-59); 13. Geraldine Felicity Miranda (23-7-59); 14. Christalene Marionette Rita Abayasekara (23-3-57); 15. Trevor Gerald Anton Fonseka (27-9-58); 16. Jeanne Marie Carmeline Silva (12-1-59); 17. Jude Dilhan Perera (7-3-58); 18. Sandra Fernando (11-1-59); 19. Sheran Christopher Martin (29-10-57); 20. Gillian Kathleen Maselle Caspersz (25-11-57); 21. Rienzie Vernon Reckerman (19-6-57); 22. Chisanthie Roch Motha (13-8-57); 23. David Christopher de Silva Abeywickreme (10-4-58); 24. Judith Melodie Miranda (14-11-56); 25. Nilan Bertil Kingsley Krisnaratne (5-11-56); 26. Denis Ivan Jayasuriya (22-10-58); 27. Nedra Antoinette Martha Jayasekera (4-6-57); 28. Christine Angel Ganagoda (30-5-59); 29. Chandrani Surangani Beatrice Kalatuwawa (25-10-56); 30. Nirmala Philip Jayatileke (26-5-57); 31. Don Joseph Dayandara (10-12-58); 32. Asoki S. Welanagoda (30-11-57); 33. Suramya Gildard Nugara (8-6-55); 34. Cleophus Denver S. Krisnaratne (25-9-58);

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# NEW THREAT TO LAOS GRIM ACCOUNT OF RED CHINESE ATROCITIES

**F**OLLOWING its brutal aggression against Tibet and its spiritual leader, the Dalai Lama, Communist China is now threatening the kingdom of Laos.

The kingdom of Laos is one of the States into which the former French principality of Indo-China has been divided.

Twelve months ago a strongly anti-Communist government took power in Laos and found itself faced with the existence of armed Communist battalions, known as the Pathet Lao Army, formerly belonging to the Communist for-

mations of the present Communist dictator of North Viet Nam, Ho Chi Minh.

In the middle of May the Government of Laos served notice on the Communist Pathet Lao battalions that they must surrender their arms within 24 hours.

This was an act of sovereignty by the legitimate government, strictly its own affair, and no concern of Communist China.

The Red Chinese Ministry of Foreign Affairs at once made a declaration that it regarded it as its own business.

It threatened the legitimate government of Laos with "civil war" unless the order was rescinded and the Communist troops in Laos allowed to retain their arms.

Behind the statement was the threat that Ho Chi Minh's 300,000 soldiers could quickly crush the independence of Laos if their Chinese masters told them to do so.

There is not even a pretext of legitimacy in the threats of the Chinese Communists.

The State of Laos is independent, and should be subject to its own government.

It is inconceivable that any government would allow armed Communist troops to remain at liberty within its borders.

Once again the "peace-loving" Chinese Communists, behind the banners of co-existence, have shown that their interpretation of "peace" and "co-existence" is strictly on their own terms.

## Justice Pulle

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goodwill of all religions and communal groups were striving to live in peace and concord.

The Rev. Fr. Morelli, S.J., Rector of the College dwelt, in the course of his report, on the crisis in education today. "We shudder when we think about the future of education in Ceylon," he said. "If education is a process of building up, it must be building according to a comprehensive and integrated plan. In place of that, we have just been drifting, and drifting dangerously too long."

Justice Pulle distributed the prizes.

## SHOOTING IN KERALA

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Communist member in the national parliament in Delhi to the effect that the Catholic area of Angamali would be the "first battleground." Communities of Catholic fishermen of

**EVIDENCE** has just come to light that convicts the Chinese Communists of atrocities more horrible than those of Nazi Germany.

The evidence—that of Christian missionaries—is unimpeachable.

They charged the Peking regime with the murder of 30 million Chinese over the past 10 years.

The witnesses claimed that the Chinese people were bitterly resisting the new commune system by killing livestock, burning their crops, and fleeing to the mountains to fight as guerrillas.

The testimony, which was given in secret, painted a grim picture of life in the communes, where family units are completely broken up, separating wives, husbands and children.

## Corpses for chickens

The Rev. Shih-Ping Wang, now East Asia Director for a Baptist group, testified:

"All the elderly people, 60 years of age and above, who cannot work are put in the Old People's Happy Home. After they are placed in the home, they are given shots . . . for their health . . . They die within two weeks.

"After they die, the corpses are placed in vats. When the bodies decay and maggots set in, the maggots are used to feed chickens. The remainder of the body is used for fertiliser.

"In Hong Kong," he said, "the people do not eat chickens imported from the mainland because of the food fed to the chickens."

He said the Chinese Reds also are digging up old graves and using the bones for fertiliser.

"To dig up the graves is to sever family ties completely," he said.

"Chinese people revere their ancestors. Digging up the graves is the Communist method of severing all connections with tradition and the past."

## No family life

The Rev. Wang gave this description of what commune family life there is:

"Husbands and wives may meet only once a week for two hours—they have no other con-

tact. Because these places of meeting are few, couples must stand in line at the special rooms waiting their turn.

"And after they are finished, they must report to the commune group leader to tell the date and time and how long they stayed together. They must also report what they said and did together."

"The parents may see their children once a week, and when they see them they cannot show affection toward their children.

"The idea is to have the children and family sever their affection and direct it toward the State.

"Names are taken away from the children and they are given numbers. There is no individual identity."

Another witness, the Rev. Samuel W. S. Cheng, now a Church Mission leader in Taipei, describ-

ed what happened to the family of a member of the Chinese Nationalist House of Representatives.

## Woman torn by horses

"His family and his cousins, brothers, all relatives—altogether 180 persons—have been killed," he said.

The Minister said the oldest brother went back to Red China in 1957 for peace negotiations and has not been heard from since.

The sister-in-law was tied to five horses by the Reds.

"One horse was tied to her neck," he said, "and the other horses were tied to her arms and legs and they went in all directions.

"The biggest horse ran, and it just tore her body into pieces.

"The blood streamed all over the public square and the people shut their eyes and cried. They could not stand to see it."



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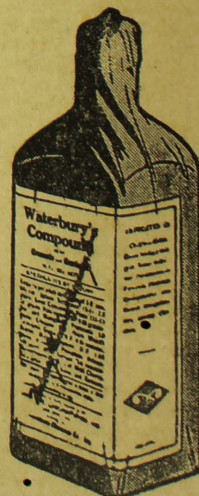
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