

IN YOUR PRESENT NOVENA
(AT THE GROTTO ESPECIALLY)
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SERMON TOMORROW ON
"THE TRUE AND FALSE
STANDARDS OF SUCCESS."
(PRAY FOR THE SENIORS)

OFF TO LOURDES!

Dear Friends:

You may have seen in the press that I contemplate a trip to Lourdes in Southern France. For a long time it has been my desire to make such a pilgrimage. Now barring an accident, or the outbreak of a European war, it appears that my dream is about to be realized. My father has been over the ground and made all the necessary arrangements.

. . . . We arrive at Le Havre May 22, and proceed to Lourdes by trailer, making three or four stops en-route. We plan to remain at our destination for a Novena, May 26 to June 4

Shall I tell you a little about Lourdes? In 1858 the Blessed Virgin appeared to Bernadette Soubirous while she was gathering firewood by the River Gave. The child felt a supernatural presence and began to say her rosary. Our Lady counted the beads with her and recited the Glorias as she did on each of eighteen visits. The Mother of God told Bernadette that she wished for people to come there.

On the ninth visit Our Lady told Bernadette to scrape the ground in a certain spot nearby. A trickle of water emerged and grew in volume until it was issuing thousands of gallons per

day. Within a few days several additional wonders took place. A dying baby was immersed in the water and came out in perfect health. A man with impaired vision was given back his sight. Since then there have been cures of most every disease. The water has been analyzed and found void of any natural healing properties. Cures have been examined by physicians and found to be beyond the power of nature.

Our Lady of Lourdes made no mention of miracles but asked for people to come there and they have come ever since from all corners of the globe. There have been as many as one hundred thousand visitors to the Shrine in a single day. In one year there were over one million communions received and ninety thousand masses celebrated.

Only a very small percentage of the sick who visit Lourdes obtain any physical cure. Many more are those who receive a particular grace, a mental change, a spiritual improvement which makes them happy and contented.

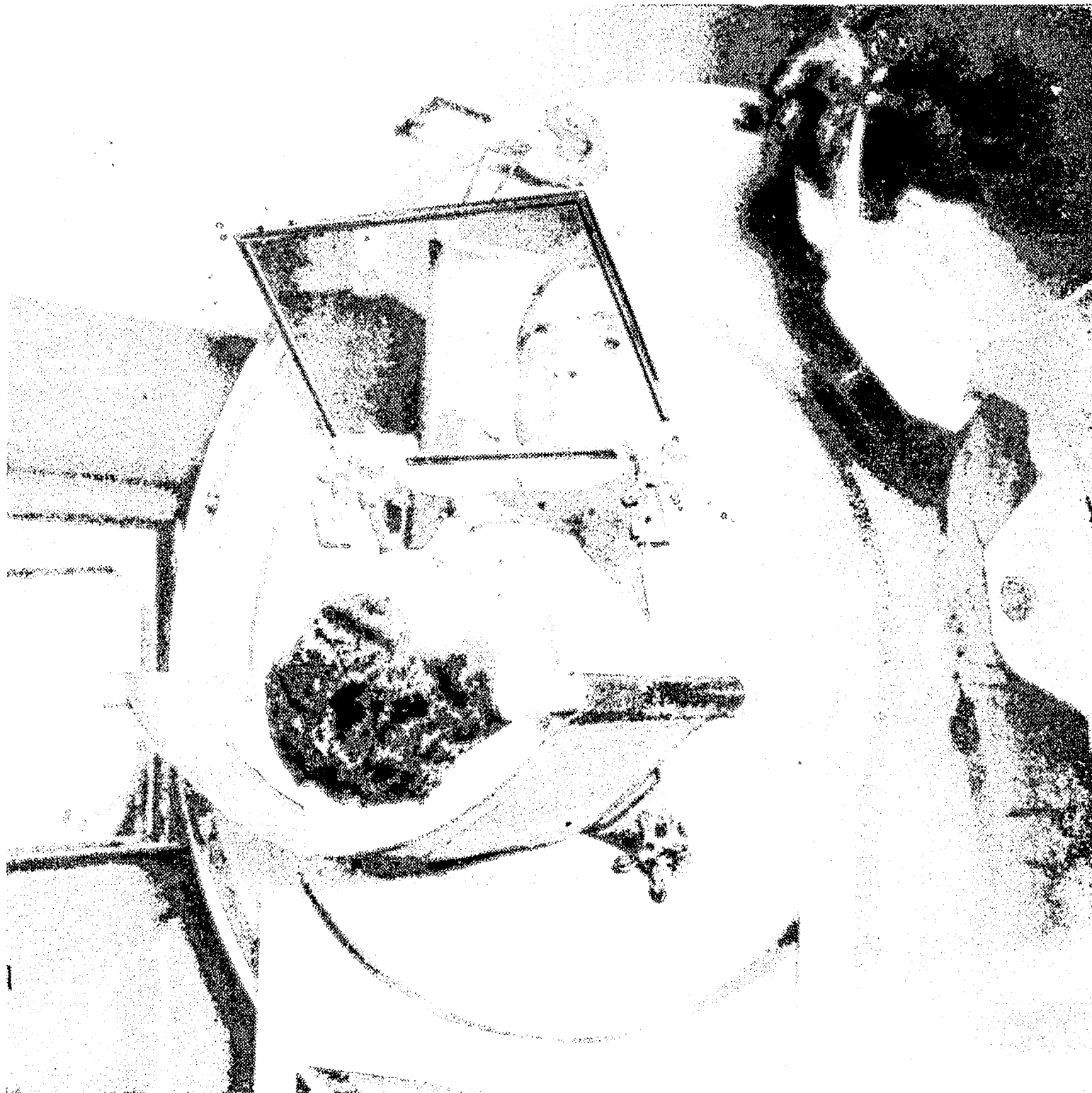
You may wonder how I feel about this venture personally. Will I petition God for physical improvement and be sorely disappointed if such is not granted? The answer is "No." I will make an earnest plea to Him and the Blessed Mother to help me, knowing that He can cure me if He should desire, but if it is not His will, and He surely knows best, then it is not mine. I shall be just as happy, just as contented and just as thankful as I have always been. He has always been good to me and whatever way He sees fit that I should spend the remainder of my life on earth, it will not only be satisfactory but pleasing to me

My general health leaves little to be desired. The paralyzed muscles continue their snail-like progress but I feel great. I am now able to breathe for one hour without the respirator. I am one of the few persons in the world without worries, so many of you would no doubt like to change places with me.

In conclusion, may I request that you say a prayer for my intention while at Lourdes and be assured that I will do the same for you.

Sincerely,

Frederick B. Snite, Jr.



PRAYERS: (Deceased) George Siefert, friend of Robert Kvatsak (Alum.); Gerard Bundschuk (New Rochelle, N. Y.); Sister M. Isidore, S.S.J. (Nazareth, Mich.). (Ill) sister of Juan Baptista (Zahn); Don O'Keefe, '03 (serious operation); friend of Jack Bergen (Zahn); Mrs. Rose Hamilton and Miss Martha Feeney (Philadelphia); James J. Haverly; Rev. Henry Lyons (Haverhill, Mass.); grandfather and aunt of Harry McDonagh (Sorin); father of Brother Kenneth; (seriously ill) Rev. Michael O'Connor (Framingham, Mass.). Special intention of Joe Maloney, Jr. Five special intentions.