

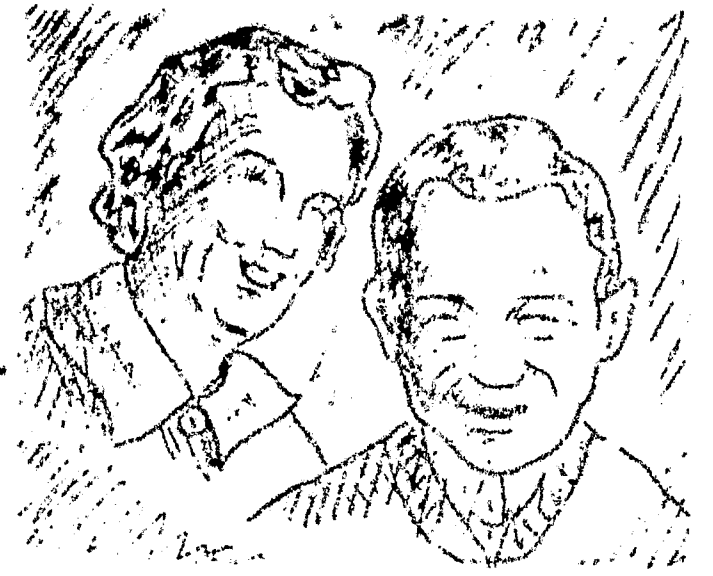
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Christmas Shopping

You can do one important bit of shopping for Dad and Mother right here. The annual Christmas Novena for Parents starts Tuesday.

It will consist of 9 Masses, Communions, Rosaries, and as many periods of Adoration as your gratitude dictates, preferably 9 at least. Too much? Not for them!

During the Novena, Spiritual Bouquet cards will be provided which you can fill out and send to Dad and Mother, showing your present to them out of your own pocket. Get set, open up that heart!



Rotten Movies Again.

Big movie producers with little or no souls and big sensual appetites are dooming the movies again.

Some producers have become increasingly contemptuous of efforts to keep the screen decent. Becoming more and more brazen, they have finally produced one that called forth the public condemnation of the Archbishop of New York. This particular picture Greta Garbo's "Two-Faced Woman", he declared to be an occasion of sin.

This picture will probably be laundered and circulated again but its production shows the stupidity of the producers. In recent years since the Legion of Decency campaign, surveys show that the pictures with the greatest box-office appeal have been quite free of objectional immorality

The movie magnates haven't yet learned their lesson. Possibly they think the public will be satisfied with the low moral code of many of themselves or possibly the talent and ideas of their staff are running low, not just in quantity either.

Of course, it takes ability to put on an attractive entertainment in movies, books or on the stage. When writing talent is weak or lacking, then sex is dragged in coarsely and insultingly as a substitute for ability.

Don't be taken in by dirty amusements. Their producers and authors insult you. They aren't capable enough to attract and entertain you by clever and clean entertainment, so they take the easiest way, the cheap and foul way and hit "below the belt".

Don't Be Taken In!

It is no mystery that sexy productions have an appeal. Our fallen nature is the answer. St. Paul put it this way:

"For the flesh lusts against the spirit, and the spirit against the flesh: for these are opposed to each other so that you do not do what you would. And they who belong to Christ have crucified their flesh with its passions and desires."

"But I see another law in my members warring against the law of my mind and making me prisoner to the law of sin that is in my members."

Truly the victim of impurity is a prisoner, a slave of sin.

But is he a prisoner without hope of release? Not by any means if he will brace up, dig in, use self-denial - and the source of strength that Paul found - Christ: "I can do all things in Him who strengtheneth me."

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