

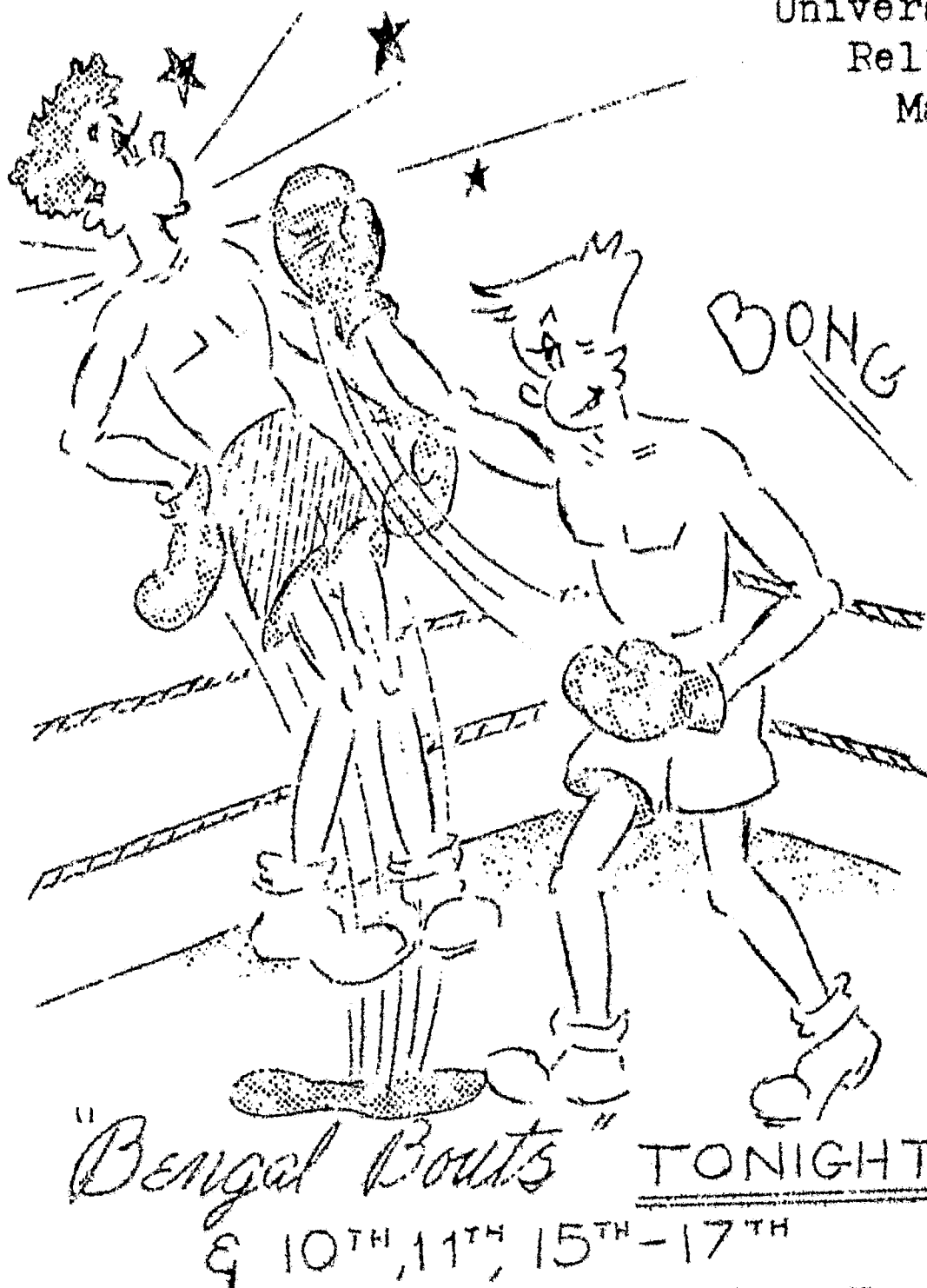
A Story.

Edith was a leper. She was young well-educated girl who was converted to the Catholic Faith by a Redemptorist priest at the leper colony at St. Croix.

Edith once told a priest that she thanked God she was a leper. Why? Because it was through leprosy that she came to know the Catholic Faith.

Do you ever thank God for your crosses?

No cross is placed on your shoulder but for your good. Sometimes you may be able to see that good. Maybe a cross kept you sin, or increased your love of God, or helped you uproot a weakness in your character, or made you more worthy of a great favor.



You, Your Girl, and Marriage

"Marriage is a strange adventure, an enormous risk, and hard to make into a success. Two sinners place their lives together and try to make their hearts beat in unison. Are they to be allowed to throw themselves into so perilous a game without being assured first that they have regained the grace of redemption and that God is co-operating with them in their effort towards good? The Church refuses the responsibility of any other union. She demands the presence of a love of God within human love before she gives her blessing; she wants to find the heart of Christ beating in the heart of man. Our Lord loves His Church in Charity.

"Marriage is more than a human institution that has been ransomed by the blood of the Savior: it perpetuates a love. In his Epistle to the Ephesians (5:22f.) St. Paul says that the union between man and woman must be henceforth bound up insolubly with the union of Christ and His Church. Henceforward every time that two human beings are called by vocation to join their destinies and propagate life, they are not only the accomplices in Creation, but also the instruments of Redemption.

"One may say of the married pair what Peguy said of the intimate relationship between body and soul: that in eternity they will be two hands joined in perpetual adoration, or like two wrists handcuffed for an eternal reprobation. There is an ancient custom of rolling the priest's stole round the hands of the bride and bridegroom joined by the promises they have made. Just as the priest's hands were bound together by the bishop at his ordination, hands consecrated to the service of God, so the hands of the newly married are joined and bound for a life of toil, of suffering, and of joy, for eternity."

--Fr. A. Carre, O.P., Companions for Eternity.

PRAYERS: (deceased) father of Walt Bieschke (Dil); aunt of Jim Clemens (OC); father of John and Robert Moran; uncle and two friends of Bill Dillon (Wal); Sister Loretta Marie, CSC. Four Special Intentions. One Thanksgiving.

REMINDERS: Late Masses in Dillon and Cavanaugh at 7:20 A.M. daily, and at 8:00 A.M. in the Basement Chapel of the Church.

*Father Burke preaches tonight!  
6:45 & 7:15*