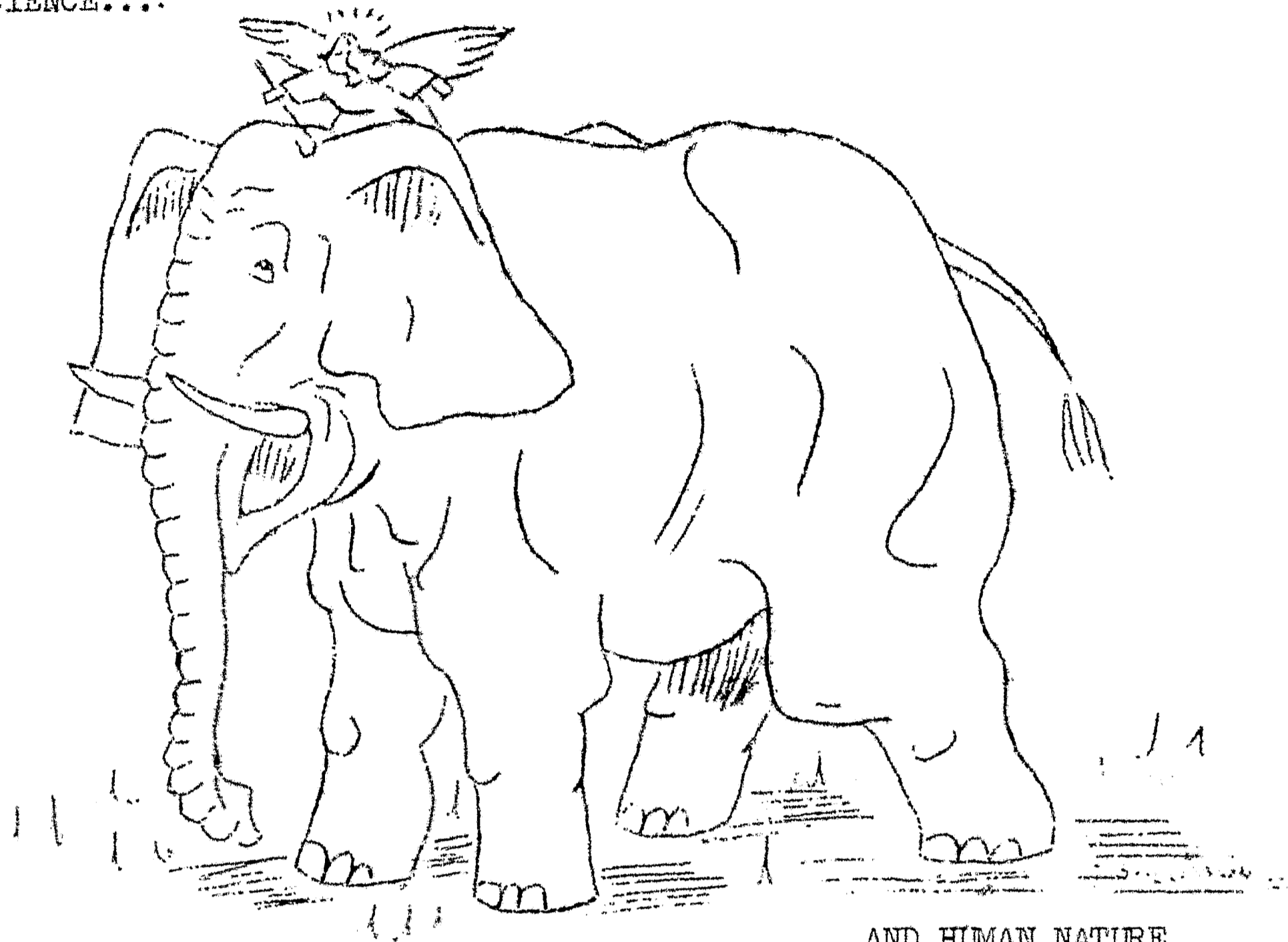


Tonight at 6:45, the
Sorrowful Mother Novena
in Sacred Heart Church.

Tomorrow - First Saturday
of the month. Fatima
Devotions in private.

MAN'S CONSCIENCE....



...AND HUMAN NATURE

No Push-Over Here

He's hardly nimble -- this pachyderm -- and his hide is anything but sensitive. It takes a lot of energy even to get him on his feet. And getting him into action is not unlike moving a mountain. Yet, with a little patience and a lot of determination, the little man astride him gets results. Ultimately, the huge one learns to do all sorts of tricks. He's helpful at heavy manual labor. Best of all, he learns to obey.

Some mornings we wake up with the same kind of job on our hands. We're every bit as huge, and clumsy, and slow. We feel we're 150 years old and weigh 5000 pounds. Moving out of a warm bed to Mass by the dawn's early light, and then to classes, and to study -- the whole idea is revolting! Yet, the quiet, small, and persistent voice of conscience keeps prodding and prodding -- even though human nature keeps objecting. The conflict is greater than we care to admit.

But don't be alarmed -- it's natural, even universal. Yet, remember that Lent is the special time for a conscience to assert itself; and for the will to put the body through a stiff, training course. Ash Wednesday's good resolutions will go far in getting the job done properly. And someday the body will be grateful that it obeyed the will, and for the training received. For it is a doctrine of the Church that, as the body cooperated with the soul in eternal salvation, so the body will ultimately be re-united with, and share in the eternal reward of, the soul. Then it will be ageless, and weightless, never weary, nor cold, nor hungry -- but ever perfect.

To date, if the results are not too satisfying, don't be discouraged. If you slipped up, renew the promise of self-denial. Today in industry, we flip a small switch, unleashing all sorts of power -- and huge gears begin to mesh and swing into action. With an assist from a strong will, our conscience can achieve the same result.

PRAYERS - Deceased: Frank Kinsella, class of 1882. Ill: wife of Phil Canale, 140,
Stanley Bradbury 123.