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THE BENGAL BOUTS

MONDAY, WEDNESDAY, AND FRIDAY, MARCH 16, 18, and 20. Proceeds go to support the Holy Cross Fathers' mission houses in Bengal (East Pakistan). Part with one dollar, and see what boxing can be like at its honest best.

Our late Holy Father, Pope Pius XII, shortly before his death, remarked: "The Missions of today....still expect from the Catholic world the three-fold assistance of prayer, generosity, and from some the gift of themselves. Those who are inclined to give themselves to the work of the Missions, can get the information they need from the campus Vocational Director, Fr. O'Neil, 101 Keenan Hall.



● A PRAYER BEFORE MID-SEMESTER TESTS

O great St. Joseph Cupertino who, while on earth, didst obtain from God the grace to be asked at your examinations only the questions you knew, obtain for me a like favor in the tests for which I am now preparing. In return, I offer to make you known and cause you to be invoked, through Jesus Christ Our Lord. Amen.



".....Sorry, McGlynn."

● AND, SPEAKING OF TESTS, there is another kind than Mid-semester tests. Of these, Ruskin says: "If you obey God, there will be times when the voice of man, with all its holiest natural authority, will be raised against you. The friend and the wise adviser, the brother and the sister, the father and the master--the entire voice of your prudent and keen-sighted acquaintance, the entire weight of the scornful stupidity of the world--for once they will be against you; all at once you will have to obey God RATHER THAN MAN. The human race, with all its wisdom and love, with all its indignation and folly, on one side; GOD ALONE ON THE OTHER. You have to choose."

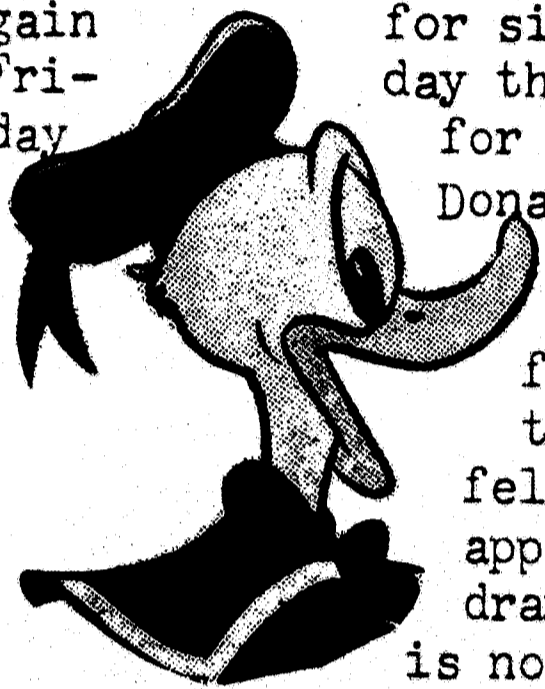
● BENEDICTION is given daily during Lent at 4:45 P.M. in the Lady Chapel. Each day the Blessed Sacrament is exposed there, beginning at Noon. On Monday residents of WALSH, FISHER, ALUMNI, AND STANFORD will make sure that there are adorers throughout the afternoon.

● TONIGHT AT 6:45 P.M., the Novena to Our Sorrowful Mother will be conducted in the church. During the past seven years, this has been one of the most popular campus devotions. Make it your business to attend. Confessions are heard after services.

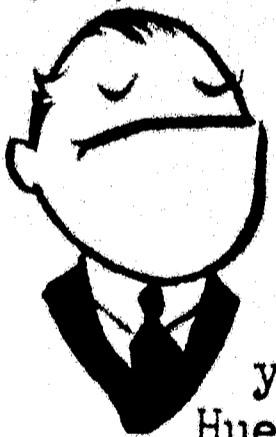
● HAVE A GUILTY CONSCIENCE?? Conan Doyle once picked a dozen of his friends, all of them highly respected members of society, and to each one he sent an identical telegram. "You'd best leave at once; all is discovered." Twenty-four hours later, not one of them remained in the country!

● YOUR PRAYERS HAVE BEEN REQUESTED for the following: Deceased: Father of Frs. Ward and Raymond Morrison of Chicago; uncle of Tom Geil of Lyons; Paul L. Clark, '29; Leo St. John, '26; friend of Edward Plumly of Fisher; father of Mr. Daniel Millar of the English Dept.; friend of Tim Dunn of B-P; friend of Michael Shipman of Howard; Walter R. Rader, '24; Edwin J. Byrne, '22. Ill: Father of Fr. Thomas McDonagh, C.S.C.; son of Joseph Moriarity, '52; grandfather of Martin Decre of Morrissey.

FRIDAY THE THIRTEENTH for the second time in two months! It's not due to happen again for six years! Some regard Friday the thirteenth as a bad day for anything. For TV's Donald Duck it's a good day, though. Yes, indeed. For twenty-five years ago today this little feathered fellow put in his first appearance on Walt Disney's drawing board. This duck is no ordinary quacker. I



think you'll agree that any time a duck eludes the stew-pot and the pillow-factory for twenty-five years, he's a biological marvel the equal of Little Orphan Annie. Born March 13, 1934--a few years before most of you first saw the light of day--he has consistently been cast in the role of an unpredictable, hot-tempered wise guy. Maybe you know a few lads who resemble the little drake. If you do, tell me, what are you doing for them?

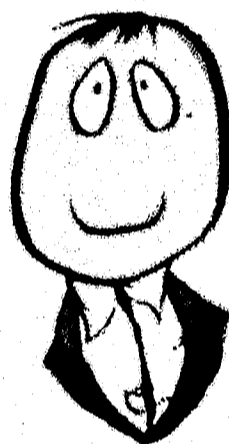


IT's the wise guy we should all be concerned about these days. And Friday the thirteenth is as good a day as any to go after him. Get out your best gimmicks, huddle with Huey, Dewey, and Louie and come up with a plan for getting Joe Hard-guy to do his duty--his Easter Duty. Start him on his way home in the state of grace and I think you'll have him agreeing with you that Friday the thirteenth isn't such a good-for-nothing day.

THE WISE GUY has a hide like a pachyderm, but inside ticks the same heart that we all have, the same conscience that can be bothersome. And, as we come into Passion Tide, I'll wager there are a few whose consciences are getting to be pretty bother-

some. You know the ones I mean. Maybe they started off Lent with a big flourish, only to flounder a week later. Maybe they didn't start at all. Maybe they haven't been doing very much for a good long time, except playing the role. You know as well as I do that at best the role they're playing will get them little more than the "Clyde" Award. So get on their back!

REMIND THEM that all who profess to be Catholics and are possessed of the use of reason must sincerely confess their sins at least once a year. Of course, it isn't



required that one confess his sins during the Easter season (i.e. from the First Sunday of Lent until Trinity Sunday), but it is highly recommended that he do so, because he is obliged to receive Holy Communion at least once during the Easter season. By all means, make your confession here before you leave for the holidays. And if you make your Easter Communion here, make sure your pastor knows this. Head home with a good conscience.

BUT IT ISN'T YOU that I'm worried about. It's the fellow I know you know. The one you know has not made a good Lent, or who has been kidding himself all too long, reassuring himself with glib phrases and fast-quacking wise-cracks.

Get after him, and give him something that will bring him to realize that there are a lot of things worse than Friday the thirteenth. Just a lot of things. Waking up to find himself in hell some fine day, is one.

No day is a bad day or a fearful day except the day of reckoning, should it find us unprepared.

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