

The Primary School of
Our Lady of Lourdes and Saint Francis.

PROGRAMME
of a
MISCELLANEOUS CONCERT
in aid of the school Building Fund

Wednesday 22th of May, 1957, at 7 p.m.

Arranged by Mr. & Mrs. H.L. Barnes.

Ruth Main (Soprano) George Young (Baritone)

Barbara Barlow & John Bailey (Pianoforte)

The School Choirs

The Melton Academy of Dancing

The Melton Players

PROGRAMME - 3d.

GOD SAVE THE QUEEN.

1. Unison Songs (a) The Tiger
(b) Lucy Lavender
The School Junior Choir conducted by Miss U. Murray.
2. Pianoforte Solos:
(a) Largo in G. Handel
(b) Homage to Grieg Blair
John Bailey
3. (a) Irish Jig
(b) Tap Duet
The Melton Academy of Dancing.
4. Soprano Solos: (a) "Art thou troubled" Handel
(b) "I attempt from love's
sickness to fly" Purcell
(c) The Willow Song
from 'Othello' Coleridge
Ruth Main Taylor
5. Choral Speaking:
The School Choir conducted by Mrs. E. Heawood.
6. (a) Sailor's Hornpipe
(b) Ballet Duet
The Melton Academy of Dancing
7. Pianoforte Solos:
(a) The Cuckoo Dacquin
(b) Dance Idylle Dunhill
Barbara Barlow.
8. Baritone Solos: (a) 'Sigh no more, ladies!' Wiken
(b) The Rowan Tree Scots Air
(c) Captain Stratton's
Fancy Werlock
9. Dancing: Ballet
The Melton Academy of Dancing.

10. Part Songs: (a) The Graceful Swaying Wattle
F. Bridge
(b) Linden Lee
Vaughan
Williams
The School Choir conducted by Miss Una Murray.

11. One Act Play

"Sad about Europe" - by Philip Johnson.

CAST

Marshall K. Hunt	Clifford Clift
Girlie	Judith Barnes
Phoebe	Pat Hallgath
Miss Mulberry	Nancy Chamberlain
Jim	Ken Brammer.

Action takes place in the living room of a small cottage.

Produced by Victor Hodson.

The pupils of the Melton Academy of Dancing appear by courtesy of Kathleen Freeman & Jean Bakewell.
(Principals).



Part of the procession of more than a hundred priests walking from the presbytery to the Sacred Heart Church in Mere Road, Leicester, for the Requiem Mass for Canon Merrigan.

100 PRIESTS AT MASS FOR DROWNED LEICESTER CANON

CANON JOHN MERRIGAN, the Leicester Roman Catholic priest who was drowned in the sea while on a visit to Rome, was buried at San Lorenzo cemetery, Rome, today.

At the same time a Requiem High Mass was held in his church, the Sacred Heart, Leicester. Over 100 priests attended the service.

Before the service the Bishop of Nottingham, Dr. Edward Ellis, led a procession of 82 priests from the nearby presbytery to the church.

Canon Michael Gilleran, of St. Peter's Roman Catholic Church, Leicester, said Mass and the Bishop gave the Absolutions.

Scores of cars lined the roads outside the church, which was

packed with about 800 people, including representatives of all the religious orders in the Diocese of Nottingham.

Most of the priests were from the Diocese which includes Leicestershire, Nottinghamshire, Derbyshire, Lincolnshire and Rutland.

But others were from the Middlesbrough Diocese.

Two of the priests, the Rev. P. Purcell and the Rev. J. Purcell, cousins of Canon Merrigan, came from Tipperary, Eire.

There was also a party of Catholic Mothers from Scunthorpe where Canon Merrigan was parish priest for several years before coming to Leicester.

Was Seeing Pope

Among the procession was the Lord Abbott of Mount St. Bernard Abbey. The Bishop of Nottingham, Dr. Ellis, was accompanied by six purple robed canons.

During the service, a catafalque covered with a pall stood before the high altar.

Each of Leicester's Roman Catholic schools was represented by a head teacher and two pupils.

Canon Merrigan died on the way to hospital after being pulled out of the sea while bathing. He was to have attended a general audience given by the Pope yesterday and was on an official church visit to Rome.

He had been parish priest of Sacred Heart, where there are 2,700 parishioners, for about 18 months.

Marshall K. Hunt

Girlye

Phoebe

Miss Mulberry

Tim

Ken Brammer.

1957

May

7th

After the Juniors had moved into their New School Building, the Seniors set about preparing for their move into the vacated junior building. We watched the progress of the painters as they moved from room to room and completed the passage and cloakroom. Our books were re-covered, sorted and numbered and on the last afternoon of the Easter Term — we moved in.

There has been great excitement. The children themselves seem to have taken over the care of the school and obviously appreciate having more accommodation and facilities.

10th

The library is the centre of interest and I find girls using it during the dinner-time break. Before 9 a.m. there are usually two or three already at work in the classroom.

News of Canon Merrigan's death. He conducted the Religious Examination last year. Requiem Mass said in Leicester for him at Sacred Heart.

20th

Photographs taken of school children both separately and in family groups.

22nd

Exciting and busy day. All Seniors attended the film of Shakespeare's Henry V. The battle victories were especially appreciated and the Junior boys cheered lustily!

At seven o'clock, a concert was given in aid of the School Fund. Mr. & Mrs. Barnes arranged everything and among the artists were the Melton Players, the Melton Academy of Dancing, pupils of Mr. & Mrs. Barnes and our own Senior and Junior Choirs. Refreshments were served afterwards to the artists and to the children.

23rd

Jane Savidge and Thelma Abhey, were interviewed by the Juvenile Employment Officer. Jane would like

teaching and Thelma has her job at the Wood yard.

25th

Mission Day! Some of the Juniors went to Nottingham Cathedral to hand to the Bishop their £18 contribution to the Missions.

27th

Father Kavanagh conducted the Religious Examination. Our two classes, 47 girls of whom 12 are Catholics were examined together.

30th

Ascension Day - school holiday.

June 6th

A bus was booked and six Sisters and thirty-eight children left the school at 10 a.m. for the Religious Vocations Exhibitions at Pebble Mill Lane, Edgbaston, Birmingham. We arrived about 1 p.m. About a hundred Orders were represented. The children, some non-Catholics were very interested and collected batches of literature. The journey home was unusually quiet for instead of community singing everyone was engrossed in the literature.

7th

End of half-term. A week's holiday for Whitsun and our Retreat begins on Sunday.

17th

Beginning of the last half-term of the school year!

21st

News of death of one of the Juniors, Helen Hall, who was drowned. Children attended the Requiem Mass and followed on foot from the church to the Main Road.

July 1st

Start of the G. C. E. Two entrants, Jane Sawidge - English Language, French, Art and Patricia Wakerley, Literature and Art.

4th

School Outing which consisted of an educational visit to Nottingham Castle followed by a visit to the Talbot Hall Garden Fete which was a great success. The Sisters created a stir by taking part in a game of 'Housey-Housey' and were much encouraged by the loyal support and comments of the Juniors who thronged round us to the amusement of other visitors.

N. U. T. Meeting at the Grove School. The Director of Education explained his "Mason Plan". Lively meeting.

16th

School concert for Parents. Every class performed. The Seniors presented an excerpt from "Midsummer Night's Dream". A great success due to the work and efforts of Mrs. Heawood who was responsible for the acting and to Miss Murray, the Music Mistress. A good beginning which we hope to follow up by introducing elocution and drama in the next term's curriculum.

23rd

Parents' Day - an exhibition of the children's work to which were invited parents and friends. Everyone was delighted with the work throughout the school and with progress generally.

24th

End of the Senior Tennis Tournament, which was won by Ann Gutteridge and Jane Biddle.

25th

Sports' Day! all classes took part and there were so many entries that we had to postpone the Senior High Jump until the next morning. This took place in the Hall as the night rain had made the paddock unsuitable.

26th

Cleaning up operations! Aprons, brushes and dusters are to the fore. Domestic training very much operative. Two leavers, one G.C.E. and one Commercial.

Sept. 10th a new school year has begun with three classes. Mrs. Heawood has transferred to the Senior Department and is taking all the newcomers, aged 11, plus a few of the backward children from the original two classes.

The children seem happy to be back at school and the first day went by smoothly. Joey is particularly pleased to welcome the return of the children.

" 13th Joey caused great amusement during the Hymns. He chirps in rhythm and thoroughly enjoys himself. The class enjoy him.

" 17 H.M.I. visit - Mr. Halifax, Birstall. Suggested that Mathematics should be taken as a G.B.C. subject through the school.

Form of application for Registration sent out.

" 23 The film "Oliver Twist" was shown in the Dining Hall.

Oct. 4 Holy Mass was said by Fr. Dowd for the school in the Hall. The Sisters sang the Proper and the children sang the Mass.

An epidemic of Flu is raging and the classes are depleted.

" 11 Squadron Officer (Miss) Hemelryk gave a talk to the senior girls on the careers available in the Women's Royal Air Force. It was extremely interesting and stressed the necessity for G.B.C. in English, Language and three other subjects - it being a condition for promotion.

" 17 Telephone call from H.M.I. Mr. Halifax re the Senior Inspector which he proposed for Friday, the 18th.

" 18 Mr. Halifax and lady colleague arrived at 10 a.m. The boarding arrangements were inspected while Mr. Halifax spent his time in the school. Since his last visit, the first class had been doing mathematics. As he had already seen classes I and II, the time was spent with class III. He expressed satisfaction with the Art and Handcraft and

with "these intangible things" we gave our children. He commented twice on their "industry". The science side is insufficient. a science room or housecraft scheme is needed before we can think of applying for Recognition.

- Oct. 31st Half-term holiday began on the 1st November.
- Nov. 7. Back to work. The influenza epidemic seems to have subsided.
- " 13. Good news! Notification of our official Registration as an Independent School has arrived this morning from the Ministry of Education, Curzon St., London. Deo Gratias
- Dec. 10th Father Steroska gave a film show in the New Hall of the Primary School. - The Joyful Mysteries of the Rosary.
- " 16th Infants' Christmas Party.
- " 17th Juniors' " "
- " 18th Seniors' " "
- after tea in the Dining Hall, games were organized in the School Hall. Prizes were given and the dancing was enjoyed.
- " 19th Seniors gave a Nativity Play for the parents. a good number were present. It was organised by Mrs. Heawood who was responsible for the acting and elocution while Miss Murray trained the singers. The scenery was made by the Gardener - Mr. Hankers. Fr. and Mrs. Dowd and Fr. Steroska were there and the latter brought his loudspeaker for the interval music.
- " 20th cleaning and tidying activities amidst general excitement of breaking-up and anticipation of Christmas joys.

Easter Term, 1958.

- Jan. 7. School re-opens!
- " 20 Film "Pius XII" was shown in the Junior Hall. The black-out which is not good rather spoiled the performance.
- Feb. 17 Half-term - Monday, Tuesday and Ash-Wednesday.
- " 20 New Session opened with a Mission Film given by the White Fathers. It was very interesting especially Father's explanation of the various parts of his habit!
- " 25 Snow! Drifts ten feet high. Many of the village children were unable to get to school as no bus service was running.
- March 10 Father Starotoka showed a Passion Film. Only the older children were allowed in. Very interesting comments and discussion by Seniors next morning. We had to refer to New Testament for confirmation of some of the scenes - particularly the "rocks rent".
- " 15 Musical Festival held at the Sarsen School. Seniors gained thirteen certificates including the first for Verse-speaking. Great excitement and astonishment on all sides - Diane Batteril came first for Prose Composition!
- " 20 A bus for the Seniors took us to Northampton Repertory Theatre to see "Hamlet". We left at twelve noon. arrived at 2 pm. The play began at 2.30 and finished at 5.45. Worthwhile comments on the acting and particularly on the elocution. Hope it will show results in our own productions.
- " 21. Reverend Mother's feast day and Silver Jubilee celebrations. The children presented gifts and bouquets of prayers and flowers and gave a short concert. Everyone enjoyed the occasion and especially the sweets which were distributed afterwards.

Over 360 entries in the Youth Music Festival at Melton

FIRST-CLASS EFFORT AT THE SARSON SCHOOL

NORMALLY on Saturdays all is quiet in the many-windowed and airy corridors of the Sarson Girls' school, at Melton, but last week-end it was vastly different; the school was a hive of activity and melodious sound, for the occasion was the fifth North Leicestershire Area Youth Music Festival, which attracted competitors from schools and youth organisations all over the Melton district and also from Loughborough, Anstey, Thurmaston and Barrow-on-Soar.

Normally this festival has been held at one of the smaller schools in the town itself, but this year's move to the Sarson school was inspired. There was plenty of space and atmosphere, and, in fact, one of the adjudicators was heard to remark: "What a pity we don't have music festivals like this in Nottingham. There they are so dull!"

The festival attracted a total of 365 entries—125 more than last year — and the general standard in almost all directions was high.

In the evening parents and friends of the winning competitors attended a special concert in the school hall, which was packed.

Ever since these festivals started there has been friendly rivalry between the two school choirs, the Grove and the Brownlow.

For the first three years the Grove choir, trained by Miss E. Wilford, narrowly won, but last year the Brownlow choir, trained by Mrs. D. J. M. Farmer, beat them by one point.

This year Grove won again—but only by one point.

In fact, the Grove school really "scooped the pool," winning not only the choir, but the folk dancing and choral verse-speaking classes as well.

The Roundhill school from Thurmaston — a very musical school—did very well, collecting 10 first prizes.

Sarson school and Melton Grammar School shone through their soloists, particularly 18-years-old John Moss, of the Grammar School, who once again excelled.

John, who for the past three years has been the organist at the Melton Congregational church, and who lives at 26, Rudbeck-avenue, is shortly going for a three years study of music at the Royal Academy.

Perhaps the outstanding singing of the day was that of the Sarson choir, who sang the "Dirge for Fidele," and another of the really notable individual competitors was Jennifer Slingo, of Thurmaston, who delightfully rendered a part of the Mozart "Flute Concerto."

At the evening concert the awards were presented by Mr. S. C. Gibb, chairman of the area youth committee.

The first winner in each class is entitled to compete at the County Youth Festival of Music, to be held at Wigston Magna on March 29th.

RESULTS

Elocution

Verse speaking, 12 and under 14 years— 1 John Beaven,

joint 2 Linda Scarborough and Yvonne Seymour.

14 and under 16 years—1 Deirdre Terrell, 2 Winifred Woodhouse, 3 Veronica Fletcher; certificate of merit, Yvonne Hazelwood.

12 and under 16 years, youth organisations only—1 John Beaven, 2 Veronica Fletcher, 3 Sylvia Wheatley.

16 and under 21 years, youth organisations only—1 Glennys Dew.

Verse speaking, choirs, under 12 years—1 Grove Primary school, joint 2 Brownlow Primary school and the Franciscan Convent.

11 and under 16 years—2 the Sarson Girls' school, 1 the Franciscan Convent.

Verse speaking, repertoire, 12 and under 21 years—1 Sarah Terrell, 2 Veronica Fletcher, 3 Darien Thomas.

Prose competition, 12 and under 14 years—1 Mary Skipper, 2 Janet Allen, 3 Phillipa Lee; certificates of merit, Patricia Carson, Sheila Copley, Shirley Payne.

14 and under 16 years—1 Diana Botterill, 2 Eve Newham, 3 Jean Gamble; certificates of merit, Yvonne Hazelwood, Maria Korczowska, Gwenda Lowe.

Composition in verse, 12 and 14 years—1 Lynne Jones, 2 Ann Mogg.

14 and under 16 years—1 Susan Tallentire, 2 Elizabeth Poole, 3 Joan Bell.

Bible reading, youth organisations only, 12 and under 21 years—1 Joyce Henson, 2 John Beaven, 3 Glennys Dew.

Pianoforte

Solo, 12 and under 14 years—1 Barbara Barlow, 2 John Michelson, 3 Susan Hayward; certificates of merit, Adelle Bradshaw, Jean Coulson.

14 and under 16 years—1 John Gurr, 2 Carole Abbott.

16 and under 21 years—1 John Moss.

16 and under 21 years, youth organisations only—1 Jennifer McConnell.

Repertoire, 12 and under 21 years—1 John Moss.

Solo, under 12 years—1 Susan Copley, 2 Dennis Ecob, 3 Krystyna Slomkowska; certificates of merit, Lindsay Branston.

Duet, 12 and under 21 years—1 Christine Weaver and Marilyn Spring, 2 John Michelson and Susan Hayward, 3 Jennifer McConnell and John Moss.

Choral

Choirs, under 12 years—1 Grove Primary school, 2 Brownlow Primary school, 3 Franciscan Convent.

11 and under 16 years—1 Stonehill Secondary school and Sarson Girls' Junior choir, 3 Roundhill Senoir choir; certificates of merit, Martin school choir and Franciscan Convent senior choir.

12 and under 21 years—1 Sarson Girls' school.

Vocal

Solo, girls, under 12 years—1 Patricia Butler, 2 Georgina Glover, 3 Susan Jeffrey.

14 and under 16 years—1 Karin Briggs, 2 Patricia Woodhouse, 3 Kathleen Tomlinson; certificates of merit, Patricia Jones, Sylvia Hart.

12 and under 14 years—1 Carolyn Sutton, 2 Lynden Sharpe, 3 Janice Smith; certificates of merit, Shirley Smith, Julie Edwards, Joan Birch, Linda Newman, Beryl Brown, Sandra Orchard, Jean Coulson, Janet Brown.

16 and under 21 years, youth organisations only — 1 Kay Doughty, 2 Doris Markham, 3 Brenda Jackson.

Boy's vocal solo, under 12 years—1 Michael Powell, 2 Brian Bonser, 3 Frank Lare; certificates of merit, Robert Howes, Roger Green, Geoffrey Hobson.

Treble voices, 12 and under 21 years—1 Stephen Bullimore, 2 David Foulds.

Vocal repertoire, 12 and under 21 years—1 Vincent O'Grady, 2 Kay Doughty, 3 Jean Hall.

Duet, 12 and under 21 years —1 Carole Stapleford and Doris Markham, 2 Brenda Jackson and Paulette Allen.

Instrumental

Recorder solo, under 12 years—1 Hilary Cartwright, 2 Patricia Mitchell, 3 Susan Mumford.

12 and under 14 years — 1 Heather Bristow, 2 Merle Keech.

Recorder group, under 14 years—1 Roundhill recorder players, 2 Shelthorpe recorder group.

Woodwind solo, 16 and under 21 years—1 Jennifer Slingo, 2 Elsa Kite.

12 and under 14 years — 1 Geoffrey Swallow, 2 Christine Price, 3 Joan Swann.

Brass solo, 16 and under 16 years — 1 Geoffrey Walker, 2 Michael Black, 3 John Garton.

12 and under 14 years—1 David Foulds, 2 Alan Shilliam, 3 Phyllis Gibbins.

Brass ensemble, 12 and under 21 years—1 Casdon Players, 2 Roundhill brass ensemble.

Instrumental ensemble, 12 and under 21 years—1 Roundhill chamber music group, 2 Roundhill woodwind ensemble, 3 Sarson Girls' school.

Orchestra or band, 12 and under 21 years — 1 Roundhill Military band, 2 Sarson Girls' school, 3 Roundhill chamber music group.

Orchestra, under 14 years—1 Shelthorpe Junior school brass band, 2 Thurmaston C. of E. school.

Violin solo, under 12 years—1 David Parrell, 2 Susan Calvert, 3 Betty Calvert; certificates of merit, Pauline Aley, Ceinwen Evans, Rosemary Cook, Helen Newbold, Jennifer Heskett, Wendy Smith, Ann Graham, Janet Scragg, Glennys Howett, Joan Hart, Francis Lloyd.

12 and under 14 years—1 William Clark, 2 Barbara Barlow, 3 Vivienne Beasley.

14 and under 16 years—1 Sylvia Hart.

Composition in music, 12 and under 14 years—1 Lorina Strickland.

Folk dancing, under 12 years —1 Grove Primary school fourth year, 2 Grove Primary school second year.

11 and under 16 years—1 Sarson school.