



FROM FRANCE—France, reputedly the home of the world's sexiest women, hasn't exported a humdinger to Hollywood in years. But Michele Mercier, a promising newcomer, embarked for the film capital recently and explained her countrywomen head for Italy rather than the USA. She is in Hollywood to co-star in a movie with Bob Hope. (UPI)

Religion in America

Many Saints Fail To Fit Image Held in Minds of Most People

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The word "saint" conjures up in most minds the image of a gentle, pious, unselfish person to whom goodness comes as naturally as breathing.

But the church calendar contains the names of many saints who just don't fit that stereotype.

For example, Thursday, July 25 was the feast day of St. James the Great.

The New Testament has quite a lot to say about this fellow. And it depicts him as a very ordinary human being, with a tendency to be vain, ambitious and hot-tempered.

He was the son of a fisher-

man named Zebedee, who lived in the town of Capernaum, and operated a fleet of fishing boats on the Sea of Galilee.

James had a brother named John and two close friends named Simon and Andrew, who worked with them in the fishing business.

The monotony of their lives was broken one day by the arrival in Capernaum of a young itinerant preacher named Jesus of Nazareth. When Jesus talked about God, he sounded like he was speaking from first-hand information, rather than quoting out of a book. He was the most alive and compelling person

who had ever come to Capernaum, and the four young fishermen were greatly attracted to him.

One day, Jesus walked down to the shore where the four fishermen were at work. "Follow me," he said. "And I will make you become fishers of men."

James and his three friends didn't hesitate. They didn't tell Jesus they'd need a little time to wind up their business. They just dropped their nets and followed him.

They were the first of the 12 Apostles. And they were destined to remain Jesus' closest friends and confidants.

Jesus seems to have had a particular affection for Simon, whom He renamed Peter, and for the two brothers, James and John. The New Testament records that He chose Peter, James and John to accompany him on several special occasions, including the last night in the Garden of Gethsemane, when He waited for His arrest and crucifixion.

On another occasion, James and his brother went to Jesus privately, and tried to extract a promise that they would be given the top seats of honor—on his right hand and left hand—when He came to His throne. They were still thinking, as all of the Apostles persisted in doing despite Jesus' efforts to teach them otherwise, that He had come as an earthly messiah or king.

Again Jesus had to rebuke his friend, and as always, he used the occasion to teach a

positive lesson.

"You know that those who are supposed to rule over the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great men exercise authority among them," Jesus said. "But it shall not be so among you."

"Whoever would be first among you must be your servant, and whoever would be first among you must be slave of all. For the Son of Man also came not to be served, but to serve . . ."

It took James a long time to understand what it meant to be a disciple of Christ. Perhaps he didn't really comprehend until he had the awesome experience of being a witness to the Resurrection.

But when he finally did get the point, James followed his Lord all the way.

When the first persecution of the infant Christian church was launched in 44 A.D. by King Herod, James was arrested and beheaded.

He was the first Apostle to die a martyr's death.

White Roof Reduces Home Temperature

Washington—UPI—You can reduce the interior temperature of your house as much as 20 degrees by painting a dark roof white.

So reports the National Paint, Varnish and Lacquer association, which reports the white roofs have become very popular in the past few years.

VALUABLE

Chicago—UPI—Employee suggestions adopted by management in 1962 saved industry more than \$100 million, according to Wyatt and Morse, a management consulting firm.

The Family Council

Editor's note: The Family Council consists of a judge, a physician, three clergymen, three editors and a women's editor. Each article is a summary of a family disagreement presented to the Council. The Council deals with problems, major and minor, encountered by guidance counselors and social workers. Edited by Mrs. Alma Denny. (Copyright by General Features Corp.)

Albert S.—How can an intelligent man be religious these days?

Bernard F.—It's just that no better set of rules is available.

Albert S. I'm having a reunion of my college housemates. It's been 10 years since the 23 of us who graduated together joined up for an evening of camaraderie. But now comes Bernie with the only turnout. He says he can't come because the party is on a Friday night and he won't violate his Sabbath by riding. I thought after being out in the world he'd drop that provincialism and medievalism.

Bernard F.—Many's the bull session Al and I have had on this topic and I see we're back where we were when I insisted on a vegetable plate instead of non-kosher roast beef at his wedding. I'll admit that I've searched my soul for alternatives to the religious life I've been used to, but I must cling to it. I'm not sure why, but I'm sure that if I dropped out I'd be lost because I can't find a substitute to guide me.

cuss religion without giving pain to someone." So, Al, we'll be as painless as possible as we point out: In the strict dictionary sense, everyone who leads a righteous life is religious, including you, for religion is "acceptance of and devotion to an ideal as a standard for one's life." Bernard accepts the code and way of life prescribed by his family. You hear another "call" which polarizes your actions, guides, strengthens and comforts you. Is it art? Science? . . . Bravo to those bull sessions. It's important to question. Even faith can not be taken "on faith." But Bernard finds among the "medievalism" better signals for today's journeys than any he could assemble by himself.

Didn't Change Immediately

Close association with Jesus did not change James overnight into a gentle and unselfish soul.

Once, when the people of a Samaritan village gave Jesus a discourteous reception, James lost his temper and wanted to call down fire from heaven to wipe out the whole village.

Jesus rebuked James severely for this proposal, and reminded him that "The Son of Man came not to destroy men's lives but to save them."

Later, to rub in the lesson with a little pointed humor, Jesus gave James a nickname: "Son of Thunder."

Medford Youth Repairs Damaged Manor Lawn

A 13-year-old Medford boy, who was a little careless about where he rode his horse two weeks ago, spent part of the day last Saturday repairing some holes in the lawn at the Rogue Valley Manor.

The holes were discovered by Manor residents shortly after they were made, but no one knew who had made them. Manor Manager Walter Higgins said he began to ask to see if any one had witnessed the incident.

Finally, Higgins said, the mystery was solved by a woman resident of the Manor, who, all on her own, had played detective.

Higgins said at the time the youngster had ridden his horse across the lawn—apparently without thinking—the woman had been sitting at the window of her apartment looking at the scenery through a pair of field glasses.

She saw the boy and his horse gallop across the lawn, and concerned by what she had seen, she kept her glasses trained on him as he rode off down the hill. She watched him turn the horse into a residence not too far from the Manor.

The next day, she got in her car and drove by the residence, saw the same horse in a pasture, and got the name of the family from the mailbox in front of the house.

Back at the Manor, she turned her information over to Higgins, who called city police. The officers called on the boy and his parents, and the youth, shamefacedly, admitted what he had done.

All of them consulted with Higgins about what should be done.

Saturday, the youth—having learned his lesson—was at work on the lawn, spreading new top soil and planting grass seed on the spots that had been torn up by the horse's hooves.

Pilot Butte Inn Sale Reversal Asked

Portland—UPI—The Pilot Butte Inn Co. has filed a petition in U.S. District Court to have the July 11 auction sale of the building it once managed set aside.

The petition contends certain legal requirements were not met in the sale and asks that the case be remanded to Deschutes County Circuit Court on the declaration that federal courts have no jurisdiction.

Martin T. Byrne of Seattle bought the Bend landmark for \$50,000 after he forced the sale to satisfy a California judgment against the owner, Frank William Corbett.

The sale could have been confirmed 10 days after the auction by Federal Judge William G. East, but Byrne has not yet filed a motion asking confirmation.

Grants Pass Man Injured in Mishap

Dale Lee Hemlmick, 23, Grants Pass, suffered severe head lacerations when the roadster he was driving left Interstate 5 near The Dardanelles Wednesday afternoon and plunged into a guard railing, state police reported.

The accident occurred about 3 p.m. Hemlmick was traveling in the southbound lane, police said.

The roadster left the pavement and traveled 369 feet in a ditch, then returned to the paved portion of the highway and skidded half around for 123 feet before striking the guard rail, investigating officers said.

Hemlmick was taken to Josephine County hospital in Grants Pass by Medford ambulance.

The roadster was heavily damaged in the crash, according to state police.

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