

Probably the best description of this wonderful girl is to quote her reply when she was asked why she had left such a fine position with such a great future. Replied Betty, "God's work is more important than my position, especially the work The American Protestant Defense League is doing."

SUNDAY FURORE

All was quiet and serene at National Headquarters, one Sunday about a year ago, until the telephone rang.

The excitement started a few minutes after the phone was answered.

The call was from a member of our National Headquarters Council, asking if it would be all right to come down and explain a serious case in which a 70 year old Protestant woman stood to be bilked out of her money.

After inheriting a considerable amount of money and several valuable properties, this elderly lady operated a furnished room establishment in New York City. A few years ago, she rented one of her rooms to a young man, aged 35. Gaining her confidence, this man made a proposition to the elderly woman which involved their getting married, the deeding over to him of one of the houses and the turning over to him of her money with which he was supposed to buy a fine home in the country "where both of them could live happily". This man also secured an attorney and had the old lady make out a will.

This last move on his part occurred in October, 1951, the day before we received the phone call.

Ascertaining when the young man would be out, our member, accompanied by one of our attorneys, visited the elderly lady and got all the facts of the case. Before they left, the victim had made a new will, this time of her own choosing. Her attorney then saw to it that she was well-protected from confidence men after that exciting incident.

PASTOR SAVED FROM JAIL SENTENCE

Last year, a Protestant minister was sentenced to ten days in jail, in the United States, for performing a marriage ceremony. Does that statement sound a bit irrational? If you think so now, you will not after you read this article.

A teen aged girl, Robbie Jewel Cronin, was charged in the Juvenile Court of the Parish of Orleans, Louisiana, with being delinquent and was placed in the Convent of the Good Shepherd to await a hearing on her case.

The attorney, who was representing her, requested the Court to permit a private interview between him and his client. The request was granted. However, instead of an interview between the two, there were also present, two of Robbie's sisters, one Edward J. Haley, Jr. and Mr. Haley's mother, Mrs. M. De Gruy.

A Methodist minister, Reverend Philip Pallotta, was called in and asked to perform a marriage ceremony between Robbie and Mr. Haley. A marriage license was produced and an affidavit from Robbie's father, consenting to the marriage. Finding everything in order, Reverend Pallotta performed the marriage and then left.

After Reverend Pallotta had gone, Robbie and her attorney proceeded to the Court Room and the case was called. The attorney stepped forward, exhibited the papers relating to the marriage and objected to the continuance of the charge of delinquency since Robbie was now married and out of the Jurisdiction of the Juvenile Court.

Overruling the attorney, the Judge proceeded with the case and Robbie was found to be delinquent.

The Judge then instructed the District Attorney to bring contempt charges against Reverend Pallotta! A ruling was issued and Reverend Pallotta was held in contempt and sentenced to ten days in the Parish prison!