

Priest is highly skeptical of possession

By ALICE COLLINS

A young girl plays with a ouija board and is terrified to a point of hysteria when the letters spell out "The devil is in the record player." A man, who believes his wife is possessed by the devil, calls a priest and offers to pay his way to another city to exorcise the evil Satan.

The same Detroit priest gets several calls a day from people who be-

lieve he conducts exorcisms regularly.

At this point in our history, possession and exorcism have captured the imaginations of many. Devil fear and devil worshipping are rampant.

FATHER JOHN SALIBA, a Jesuit priest and assistant professor of theology at the University of Detroit, was willingly thrust into the role of con-

fronting the occult tidal wave, and in his own words "became an overnight expert" on possession, exorcism and related phenomena because of the current occult preoccupation and because "the average priest doesn't know anything about exorcism."

Father Saliba came to Southfield last week to address a class on possession and exorcism, one of 10 sessions on psychic phenomena arranged by Do Something Different Inc., a Birmingham based organization that arranges special classes in adult education programs throughout the metropolitan area.

Some in the audience may have come to witness or even participate in some form of exorcism. If they did, they were disappointed.

In all his experience, Father Saliba has never been convinced of a true case of possession by the devil. He has never known a priest who has performed an exorcism and knows of only one case in which a priest knew a priest who did one.

He goes a step further, and doubts the existence of the devil.

"I'M DIFFERENT from the average Christian who probably does believe in the devil," said Father Saliba. "I don't rule it out, but I've never seen it."

He said this doesn't cause any religious conflict for him as a Catholic priest.

"Belief in the devil is not on the

same level as believing in God and Christ. It's possible to be a good Christian and not believe in the devil." Father Saliba believes Christian doctrine backs him up.

"It (his special research) into the occult and the devil started for me about two and a half years ago," said Father Saliba. "When I was at the U. of D. asked me if I'd like to appear on the Lou Gordon television program along with William Blatty, there to promote his book, 'The Exorcist'. I was to balance the program."

Father Saliba said he then read Blatty's book and prepared for the encounter. "At this time, though, I was just passing through."

But from that point on, Father Saliba said he ran into the occult again and again in his readings and class preparations and later went to California to visit and study the many contemporary movements into the occult.

HE BEGAN a series of public speaking appearances that led to his recognition as an expert on exorcism. And he is still in search of new cases to study.

Father Saliba didn't really explain the popularity and impact of the book and movie "The Exorcist" except to say it fell on fertile ground because of the current interests in ESP and related phenomena.

A similar book 10 years ago didn't even cause a ripple, he said.

The priest urged his audience to be very skeptical when confronted with stories and witnesses to strange, bizarre cases.

He advises:

•If it's a story or novel, remember that facts have probably been altered. Even Blatty says he made changes in his novel from the case on which it is reportedly based.

•Consider the witnesses. Are they persons already too susceptible to believing in this phenomena?

•Locate the basis of your belief. Have you personally ever met a person in these circumstances?

•Doubt critically. Even before performing exorcism rites in the 16th Century, the priest was advised to ascertain the difference between possession and illness.

•Look for the psychological angle. Most bizarre acting persons are mentally ill—not possessed.

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Huron to become a salmon stream

By LEM MESESE
Outdoors Writer

The Huron River a salmon stream? It could happen by fall of 1975, just as it has happened to a bunch of Michigan rivers.

This week the state Dept. of Natural Resources was scheduled to plant

200,000 chinook and 200,000 coho salmon in the lower reaches of the Huron. There is expected to be a run of immature (jack) salmon this fall and a run of mature coho and chinook in the fall of 1975.

It's part of the DNR fisheries division's "metro program," in which the anglers of southeastern Michigan begin to get the kind of consideration outstate fishermen have been getting all these years.

The idea of salmon in waters this far south is not far-fetched. In recent years, the Detroit River waters around Bob - Lo Island have been a salmon hot spot, and by all accounts that river is far cleaner today than it was 20 years ago.

For all practical purposes, only the lower stretches of the Huron will be salmon spawning grounds because the fish can't get around the many dams.

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MUCH OF the mass in nature is made of mollusks, the best known of which are snails and clams.

"We don't know their role in aquatic ecosystems well enough to wipe them out indiscriminately," says a University of Michigan zoologist, but he makes it clear we're trying very hard to wipe them out.

The zoologist is Henry van der Schalie, who doubles as senior curator of mollusks in U-M's Museum of Zoology, and he spoke at a recent meeting of the Michigan Academy of Science, Arts and Letters.

"Man has built dams, he has polluted, he has caused flow fluctuations and caused other changes far beyond what these animals can withstand," said van der Schalie. Many kinds of snails have been destroyed and therefore totally lost in Michigan.

"Reactors for power production must be cooled, and natural waters are used to cool them. A recent study was conducted to test the effects of warm effluents, or heat pollution, and it clearly showed that temperature

plays a critical role with mollusks, as it does with fish," he said.

Even a five degree rise in water



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temperature can do something to mollusks' sexual organs so that their reproduction is either stopped or greatly reduced.

"The dumping of tons of copper sulfate into our lakes in Michigan to control the snails responsible for swimmer's itch should be more closely watched and regulated." Pointing to Lotus Lake near Pontiac, which was recently treated with copper sulfate, he said:

"We ran bottom samples almost completely around that lake and all the snails we dredged, and there were many, many dead. The question is: Can we really afford to chemically clobber these lakes and run the risk of having nothing but a sterile bathtub left in the end?"

Glenn downs Raiders, 4-3 1/2

"It was a very disappointing loss," said North Farmington tennis Coach Norman Stan.

Stan's Raiders lost to Westland John Glenn, 4-3 1/2, in Northwest Suburban meet last week.

"If we'd won this one, we could have gone into the league meet tied for first," he said. "Now we are going in with a second-place standing."

In singles competition, North Farmington had two winners.

In No. 1 singles, John Glenn's Don Vonrath defeated Craig Nankervis, 6-1, 6-0. Raider Mark Bradley upended Dave Bolton, 7-5, 6-0. In No. 2 singles, John Glenn's Roger McCreery beat N.P.'s Harold Rogala, 6-3, 6-4. Ralph Senat of North Farmington wrapped up singles scoring by defeating Dave Cook, 6-3, 6-7, 6-1.

In doubles, North's Mark Garcia and Steve Young defeated Don McKenzie and Frank Szyrowski, 6-1, 6-2. Glenn's Don Boone and Dave Keerer downed Gordon Lewis and Ken Crawford, 7-5, 6-1.

Doubles scoring was closed out by Don Ruchon and Randy Kuehne of John Glenn. They defeated Kevin McQuillan and Scott Towne, 6-3, 4-6 and 6-7.

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