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LENTEN SERMONS ON THE SACRED PASSION

Wednesday Evening Series by Rev. H. R. Sheldon, C.M., Considers Christ's Sufferings.

A series of sermons on the Sacred Passion of Our Lord is being given by Rev. H. R. Sheldon, C.M., chaplain, in Fontbonne chapel at the Wednesday evening Lenten devotions at 5 o'clock. On March 9 Father Sheldon held up for consideration the sufferings of Christ as a result of the sins of men. His topics for the other sermons of the course are:

March 16 Prayer of Jesus in Gethsemane.
March 23 The Treason of Jesus
March 30 Peter's Denial.
April 6 The Cowardice of Pilate.

April 13 At the Foot of the Cross.

The Wednesday evening sermon is followed by Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament. Friday evening, also at 5 p.m., Father Sheldon officiates at the Stations of the Cross, which are likewise followed by Benediction. Non-resident students are invited to attend these services.

Fontbonne Librarian Sails For Europe

Miss Catherine Jones, A.B., librarian of Fontbonne, sailed for Europe from New York during the middle of February. After a cruise of the Mediterranean and a tour of the Holy Land, she will traverse the principal countries of Europe. She will spend Holy Week in Rome. A letter of introduction given her by Rev. Francis J. O'Boyle, S.J., of St. Louis University, to a priest of the Jesuit order in Rome, will enable her to assist at the Holy Week services at the Vatican. She expects to enjoy the privilege of a private audience with our Holy Father, Pope Pius XI.

Miss Jones, who has presided over Fontbonne library, since 1923, has the important library centers of Europe conspicuous in her itinerary. She will return to St. Louis late in May.

NOTICE

The annual retreat for the college will be given on Friday, April 8, by Rev. Francis P. Kemper, S.J., superior of St. Stanislaus Seminary, Florissant. Reservations for residence during the retreat should be arranged with the Dean as soon as possible.

Superior General Is Guest This Week

Fontbonne was honored this week by a visit of a few days from Reverend Mother Mary Agnes, Superior-General of the Sisters of St. Joseph. Reverend Mother, whose residence is St. Joseph's, Carondelet, is able to spend only part of her time in St. Louis, as she travels extensively in the interest of the 2500 Sisters of St. Joseph under her care, with provincial headquarters in St. Louis, St. Paul, Minn., Los Angeles, Cal., Troy, N. Y., and Atlanta, Ga.

Queen and Maids Honored

Fontbonne was represented by Bernice Simpson, retiring queen, and Florentine Rutkowski, a maid of honor of the recent St. Louis University Conclave prom, at the dinner dance given by the conclave at the Hotel Coronado, Monday, Feb. 28. The guests of honor were presented with platinum shoulder pins in bowknot form with a fleur de lis design in the center.

SPRING WILL BRING IMPROVED CAMPUS

Landscape Gardening to Begin This Week and Work on Athletic Field Soon.

Fontbonne, consistent in her femininity, is planning to adorn herself in spring grandeur these next few weeks. Landscape gardeners have taken the first steps toward putting in new trees and shrubs on the Wy-down quadrangle, with immense beds of roses close to the buildings. The feature of this part of the grounds is a bed for flowers, six feet in diameter, to surround the fountain, "font bonne," in the center of the quadrangle.

In a few weeks these activities will be extended to the athletic field, whose tracks and courts will receive their final touches to be in readiness for spring sporting events.

"Fontbonne Fortunate," Says Dean from St. Paul

"Fontbonne is indeed fortunate to begin as a perfectly equipped school, and not start with one building, and then, step by step, develop into a complete institution," declared Sister M. Antonia, dean of the College of St. Catherine, St. Paul, Minn., on her visit Thursday of last week. Sister Antonia came with Mother M. Rosalia, superior of St. Joseph's Academy, St. Paul. The Sisters were returning from Dallas, Tex., where they had attended the sessions of the section for superintendents of schools and deans of colleges at the convention of the National Education Association.

The College of St. Catherine, conducted by the Sisters of St. Joseph, conferred its first degrees in 1913. It is now one of the largest colleges for women in the Northwest, last year's senior class numbering 76.

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Register for This Intensive Course

In the Church's work of teaching, she conducts for the faithful a college whose courses vary with the cycles of her liturgical year. During Lent this college offers her students intensive courses in will-training. The check on desires and inclinations that are in themselves lawful which she enjoins in her regulations for this course makes for the steadying of character through the strengthening of the will.

The will is that part of the mind which is "made up." If a student can "make up" her mind to say "no" to every invitation to a movie, for example, during these six weeks, the chances are that she will be able later with ease—or otherwise—to "make it up" to insist "no" when the invitation is to an indulgence which is sinful.

This kind of laboratory work on one's will pays. The Church has had it listed in her curriculum for twenty centuries, and no new educational theories can move her to discard it.

Psychology of Handkerchiefs

We have often wondered about colored handkerchiefs. Can it be that there is a psychological law behind it all? Can it be that our choice of color reflects our mood? We wonder if someone could not deduce a law, a sort of mood:color:color: x.

We foresee objections. Some unkind person is going to suggest that the choice is made from necessity, our supply of colors being limited. Someone else is going to say that the shade is selected with an eye to the color scheme of the ensemble. To this latter objection we can only answer: "Observe".

We would suggest this problem to an energetic collegiate looking for a life work. It may be that careful study of the subject will result in startling conclusions. From them a man may be able to determine the correct time to spring the question, a brother when to borrow money, and a book salesman when to give that "convincing line".

Is Our Critic Just?

To the Editor of THE FONT:

We have, we believe, a just criticism to make of your editorial of Feb. 25, in which you took exception to an article appearing in AMERICA, under the caption, "Are Women Degennerating?"

In the first place, you missed the point of the article. The question is not one of suffrage, or women's rights, but merely resolves itself into this: Is it not true that women are carrying a good thing too far? The editor of AMERICA accomplished what he set out to do—prove the question.

It is an acknowledged fact that a wave of unrest is sweeping over femininity today. Having obtained equal rights, woman is not satisfied. If we may judge from our leading feminists, she desires to be a privileged character.

The editor of AMERICA uttered a convincing statement when he said, "When the bars are thrown down woman suffers, while predatory man goes on to a new conquest."

Woman can never be considered in the same light as man. The two sexes are entirely different in every way. This was meant to be, since each has a different task to accomplish, each has a different sphere in which to labor. When woman realizes this fact she will be content to remain in her own sphere. Here she is the supreme influence. Here she has certainly a task big enough for even the most aggressive of our feminists.

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Faxencrux



Now that the swimming pool is getting its annual "ante-meet" rush, the regular customers are complaining about the poor selection of caps. The only solution to the problem seems to be that some are going to have to break down and buy a couple of new ones.

The preacher at the wedding:
 "Who giveth this woman away?"
 Voice from last pew: "I could, but I won't."

Katie Gunn says that winning the \$5.00 gold piece has consisted so far in having her name posted on the bulletin board—all of which will not buy beans, as the feller says. We think the joke is on Katie.

The first one in a "suite" to be up and dressed is the only one likely to look that way.

Whoever said that chickens come home at night to roost must never have seen our twentieth century flappers come home at dawn.

It is the bunk
 To study junk;
 We will not flunk.
 We'll drop ker-plunk
 The book that's punk.
 So's your old unk.
 Why say we're sunk?
 We cannot flunk!
 MUCH!!!

Life, to some people, is how they fake it.

The outstanding thing about that hike seems to be that we walked off five pounds, and ate on ten. Perhaps it's what you'd call the "irony of weight!"

At any rate, nobody can accuse Al Igoe of not supplying entertainment of a very superior nature. It isn't everyone who understands the game of "leap-frog" well enough to land on her shoulder. Try it sometimes—we dare you.

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Lucky Seven to Get Basketball Trophies

Eliminations for the college basketball team were held Mon., Feb. 28. The first and second teams are as follows:

1st Team.	2d Team.
Freudenstein J. C.	E. Baer
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E. Visconti F.	C. Whalen
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Members of the first team will be awarded small silver loving cups as basketball trophies.

Profiscitur ab Omnibus

The Athletic Association's hike, Sept. 26, to the Dewes cottage, four miles south of Jefferson Barracks near Mehlville, was so successful that the sophomores have scheduled another for Sat., March 12.

In order to indulge more fully in the athletic pleasures available at the cottage, the sophomores have decided to conserve their energy by hiking to their destination in automobiles.

Swimming Meet Feature

The latest event announced for the swimming meet March 23. Members of the freshman relay are Jayne Morris, Ruth Riley, Marjorie Chopin, Clare Whalen, Florence Noble, Mary Louise McPartlin, Dorothy Mudd and Mary Magill. The sophomore members are Corinne Dewes, Agnes Collins, Charlotte Whalen, Dorothy Joyce, Ruth Dougherty, Agnes Reilly, Mildred Bischoff, and Marie Freudenstein.

In order to raise a fund for purchasing emblems and a class trophy, a ten-cent admission fee will be charged.

Juniors and seniors desiring to enter the swimming meet are requested to sign the entry list which is posted in the natatorium.

Seniors Give Novel Party

At a meeting of the Senior class held Tues., March 9, it was reported that the proceeds for the carnival held March 2 amounted to thirty dollars. The carnival proved a unique method of increasing the scholarship fund. Cards, refreshments, a balloon dance, a cake walk, and a fish pond were features of the day. Children from Our Lady of Lourdes and All Saints parochial schools were lively participants in the festivities. The first prize among the bridge players was won by Charlotte Whalen.

California Clergyman a Fontbonne Visitor

Rev. James A. Martin, of Los Angeles, Cal., visited Fontbonne Monday of this week, being the guest of his fellow-Angeleno, Agnes M. Ibbetson, of the sophomore class. Father Martin is a native St. Louisan and had come to the city for the burial of his mother, Mrs. Mary Kerns Martin, which was held from St. Margaret's Church Thursday of last week.

With Father Martin was his classmate, Rev. P. J. Ritchie, S. T. L., superintendent of Rosati-Kain and McBride High Schools.

Sweet Tooth Gratified Before Lenten Fast

The freshmen candy sale, after having been talked about and looked forward to and put off weeks, finally took place on Feb. 25, to the joy of those eager to satisfy that sweet tooth before the initiation of Lent.

The proceeds, which incidentally exceeded the hopes of even the freshmen by amounting to thirty-three dollars, were donated to The Font. The Domestic Science students volunteered their help and turned out pan after pan of divinity fudge, nougat, and peanut clusters. These capable "cooks" were: Grace Viviano, Vita Viviano, Ruth Riley, Elizabeth Hester, Marie Frudenstein, Maurine Gratz, and Clare Whalen.

Peoria Friends Visit

Mrs. S. Cummins, of Peoria, Ill., and her daughter, Lucille, spent Friday of last week at Fontbonne visiting the dean, Sister Marietta, and their other friends among the faculty and students. Mrs. Cummins is a member of a family which has for generations befriended the Sisters in Peoria, and her daughter is at present a student at the Academy of Our Lady. She intends, after a five-months' tour of Europe, to enroll at Fontbonne.



Swimming pool, where intensive practice is being held for the annual meet, March 23

Missions Burse Receives "Fads and Fancies" Funds

The C. S. M. C. unit of St. Joseph's Academy held its monthly meeting Tuesday, Mar. 8. The entire student body gave a rising vote of thanks to Mrs. O. A. Wall, Jr., and the members of the dramatic art club for the proceeds of "Fads and Fancies," which they presented to the unit to be given to St. Joseph's Burse for Bengal Missions.

In addition to the regular business meeting, a program was held, as follows: Prayer for Missions; Honoring St. Joseph, Helen Daily; "Do It Now," Caroline Fox; Charity, Marie Ghio; How Missionaries Die, Gertrude O'Neil; Good Intentions, Catherine Koch; Song, Sophomore Class; Crusade Hymn.

Academy Retreat Edifies

The entire student body of the academy made the annual retreat held March 2 to 5. The retreat was noteworthy for the fact that the retreat master, Rev. H. F. Sloctemeyer, S.J., of St. Louis University, manifested a special interest in each individual who cared to avail herself of the opportunity of gaining knowledge for her own spiritual welfare.

State Recognition Renewed

A renewal of the accrediting of the academy was received Feb. 26 by Sister Mary Henry, the principal, from Mr. S. W. Canada, secretary of the committee on accredited schools and colleges of the University of Missouri. St. Joseph's is one of the first Catholic institutions in this vicinity recognized by the committee, having gone on the accredited list in 1913. The same year it became accredited by the Catholic University, Washington, D. C., and in 1922 it was made a member of the North Central Association of High Schools and Colleges.

March Meeting of S. J. A. A. To Plan Annual Communion

The spring meeting of St. Joseph Alumnae Association will take place the third Sunday of March, the 20th. Efforts are being made to secure a large attendance by the every-active-member-bring-a-member plan, for the meeting is particularly important as being the one at which will be drawn up plans for the annual Holy Communion of the members and for the initiation of the 1927 class of St. Joseph's.

Faculty Member Bereaved

Death claimed on Feb. 28, Mrs. Maria Bohan O'Neill, mother of Sister M. Berenice, of the department of education. At her funeral, held Monday, March 3, in Notre Dame Church, St. Louis, Requiem Mass was celebrated by her son, Rev. John J. O'Neill, of Excelsior Springs, Mo. Fontbonne students extend to Sister Berenice and the other members of the family their sincere sympathy.

A Game For Father

An exhibition basketball game for the Fathers' Club will be played between the freshman and sophomore teams Monday evening, March 14, in the gymnasium. The regular business meeting of the club will precede the game.

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