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ST. TERESA TEACHES US MAGAZINE READERS

Father O'Connor, on College Day, Says She Succeeded by Thinking Deeply.

"We are a nation of magazine readers," said Rev. F. J. O'Connor, pastor of Our Lady of Lourdes Church, at the Mass on College Day, the feast of St. Teresa, Oct. 15. "Talk to an ordinary woman about meditation and she smiles at you; yet there is nothing worth while not built on meditation. St. Teresa, whom we commemorate on our altars this morning, combines the mystical with the practical life. Hers is a unique position; she stands alone among women as being a doctor of the church. Her meditative life dominated her intellectual forces. We can go back in the sixteenth century to find a remedy for the things that are amiss today. We have in St. Teresa a model and a reminder."

"St. Teresa learned to concentrate."
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Seniors Announce Bridge Tournament Next Week

Who is champion bridge player in "these parts." In order to decide the momentous question, the senior class will conduct a bridge tournament the week of Nov. 7. Both the college and St. Joseph's Academy will be invited to participate. The champion is to be determined by a process of elimination. Bernice Simpson and Lenadore Bass have charge of arrangements. To make the contest one of skill the following rules have been drawn up:

1. There will be no doubling or redoubling.
2. If a player has not a picture card in her hand, she may and should demand a redeal.

So study your "Work" and watch the bulletin boards.



Mary Grace Heiner, Chairman of the Student Council

MARY GRACE HEINER IS STUDENT COUNCIL HEAD

Mary Grace Heiner was elected chairman of the Student Council, Oct. 21, at its first meeting of the year. Catharine Gunn was elected vice-chairman, and Agnes Reilly, secretary.

Mary Grace Heiner, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William H. Heiner, 4393 Forest Park boulevard, has been a student here at Fontbonne since her freshman year. She is vice-president of the senior class, and business manager of The Font.

The Student Council is the advisory board of the College Association; it has for its object to assist the faculty in promoting among the students the highest standards of honor and integrity in matters of personal conduct and public interest, and also to federate all major college activities. Others of its membership of fourteen elected representatives are: Lenadore Bass, Bernice Simpson, Helen Purcell, Mildred Bischoff, Corinne Dewes, Loretto Hennelly, Mary Louise McPartlin, Virginia Gates, Marie Antoinette Grover, and Leona Hall.

FONTBONNE ACTIVE IN NEW SODALITY UNION

Helen Purcell Secretary and Bernice Simpson Delegate to St. Louis Federation.

Fontbonne is represented in the St. Louis Sodality Union by Helen Purcell, a member of the senior class, as the recording secretary, and Bernice Simpson, also a senior and prefect of the Sodality at Fontbonne, as delegate. This organization of the Catholic colleges and high schools in St. Louis was formed Sunday, Oct. 16, at the closing session of the School of Spiritual Leadership, directed by Rev. Daniel A. Lord, S. J., at St. Louis University. Rev. Bakewell Morrison, S. J., who is the moderator of the Sodality of the professional schools of St. Louis University, was unanimously elected as the moderator of the organization; he will function as local director of the Sodality. Father Lord, who is rational director of the Sodality, is at present conducting throughout the Middle West meetings similar to

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College to Support Meeting of Young People for Peace

A Young People's Mass meeting sponsored by the World Alliance for International Friendship through the Churches, and composed of all the young people's organizations of the city, will be held Nov. 8 in the St. Louis University gymnasium. This meeting proposes to inspire the youth of St. Louis with the definite purpose of perpetuating "Peace on earth and good will among men," at which Fontbonne and St. Joseph Academy students are urgently requested to attend.

Dr. Daniel A. Poling, of New York, president of the United Societies of Christian Endeavor, and Mr. Leo G. Griffith, Knight of Co-

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The Freshmen

Freshmen rules have been in force for over a month, and at last we are ready to express our opinion of the freshmen. The crucial time has nearly passed and we now feel that we can say, with emphasis and with pleasure, that, on the whole, the freshmen have proved themselves.

They have entered with real zest into the spirit of the thing, and have endeavored bravely to find humor in situations that seemed far from humorous to them, and have shown that spirit of friendly reciprocation and good-fellowship that is so necessary for happy relationships in a school.

In a word, the upperclassmen and sophomores are glad to know that, when they have graduated, they will leave after them a class so capable of upholding the real spirit of Fontbonne.

In Memoriam

Fontbonne is almost too young to be able to bewail the passing of old landmarks and traditions. However, there was a favored spot which flourished one short, sweet year, and now is no more—the old locker-room! Although it is now, strictly speaking, more properly a coffee house than before, being the college lunch-room, it is no longer the coffee house of freshman fancy. For the old coffee house became so known because within its walls were discussed as great a variety of subjects as ever Addison, Steele, or Doctor Johnson discussed in the coffee houses of seventeenth-century fame.

It was the rendezvous of the sociable. One was always free to air one's opinions on any subject from how a school should be run

to how to make a water wave stay in. A late arrival, while removing her galoshes, could discuss the dance of the night before, with a friend who is desperately searching through her books for a lost assignment. Charmingly informal and altogether delightful was the old locker-room, and although we feel that perhaps we will do more studying without it, we are among those who mourn!

Plated or Sterling?

It isn't the girl who makes the greatest display of pennants, or shouts the loudest at a game, or cries the hardest on graduation day, that shows the greatest amount of school spirit, but she who willingly takes her share of the responsibilities and duties, as well as of the pleasures, of college life.

As we see it, there is one such responsibility, and a very grave one, facing students now. Those who are to be in "The Maid on the Bamboo Screen" have been warned that, unless they give themselves more earnestly and generously to practice, the operetta will not be given. And what is more serious, the Glee Club may dissolve as a consequence.

However, The Font has too much confidence in the spirit of Fontbonne students to believe that they will allow anything so unfortunate to occur. It believes that, once the seriousness of the situation is realized, all members of the cast will not only come to every rehearsal, but—and we are told this is equally important—will come on time.

SISTER JOSEPH MARIE
DIES IN COLORADO

Death came Saturday, October 29, to Sister Joseph Marie, assistant-provincial of the St. Louis province of the Sisters of St. Joseph, after a short illness that seized her on her arrival in Denver, Colo., a week previously. Sister Bartholomew, assistant-superior of Fontbonne, left St. Louis to attend the funeral.

Sister Joseph Marie had been an interested friend of Fontbonne since its opening; her last visit was for the Mass of the Holy Ghost September 28.

Faxencrux

Whoever said "a word to the wise is sufficient" forgot about the rest of us.

We notice that "the freshmen have proved themselves" by being brave, et cetera. Perhaps they had to!

Catherine Dever says that her voice is so low that it's base.

We were sorry that a holiday wasn't on college level October 12.

"H. Purcell, editor-in-chief, to peace conference." News item. Wonder if the staff felt it necessary to send her.

When the "ghosts walk" and the banshees wail," we hope the erudite B.A.'s won't break down and show how much afraid they really are.

The college lunch room is referred to as a coffee-house. Why resent it, but really, have you ever seen any coffee consumed there?

ANN THE APPLE GIRL

Dear Jake:

Thanks for the letter but you were awful stingy anyway I got lots to tell you. This is sure a swell place they even got a "tea room" now. I asked a girl to spell that word out for me. You know Bens stand out at the fair grounds? Well this "tea room" is somethin' like it. only he ain't got no beautiful pitchers on his walls. They are pitchers of grapes and flours and birds 'n' everythin'. But the girls eat hot dogs every day but not big ones like Ben sells. Last Saturday all the girls had a big party and to start it off they let the freshmen wear them funny black coats with all the goods in 'em. You remember Jake they look like Grandmas old winter coat. And the square hats with fringe on the top. Gee they looked nice and they had big parade in the afternoon almost as big as the one we had when we celebrated for our new lights on Main Street. Only they had cops and we didn't and that night they has a sawell supper. One of the girls took me in to see the room where they ate and Jake it looked so nice, almost like a pitcher show party, and the girls all wore their Sunday dresses. I found a wish bone and I saved it so we can wish for that ford that costs \$25. Please tell Minnie to meet me at the ten cents store next thursday 'cause I want her to help me to by Ma's birthday present.

Your best girl friend,

Ann.

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"HOCKEY GAINING FAVOR IN U. S."—MISS HANSS

"Hockey has gained such notice in the United States that coaches have been brought from England to assist in advancing this sport in its proper form," said Miss Marie J. Hanss, athletic director of the College, to a Font reporter last week.

"A United States tournament will be held in St. Louis this fall," she continued, "with the St. Louis representation chosen by coaches from England. This sport is in its infancy here at Fontbonne, but we hope to develop a splendid team before another season. The classes have been so arranged that the freshmen, sophomores, and juniors have been compelled by their various programs to enter classes of mixed groups."

The first practice game was held Thursday, Oct. 27, between the Greens, a freshman group, and the Purples, comprising juniors and sophomores, the score being 4-3 in favor of the Greens.

TO PLEASE SWIMMERS

Two swimming opportunities are announced by the department of physical training. A class in Red Cross life saving will be conducted on Wednesdays at 3 p. m., and recreational swimming will be held on Tuesdays at 3 p. m.

WHAT IT'S ALL ABOUT

"Etiquette is the essence of good breeding," says one of our docile freshmen when commanded to appear before the Freshmen Tribunal to answer for what the upper classmen considered a bit of unseemly conduct. The tribunal, composed of eight seniors and juniors, meets whenever necessity requires and passes judgment with as much decorum as any court where justice is tempered with mercy.

The existence of such a board was simply unbelievable until—well, anyway, it didn't prove half such a joke as was anticipated and now it's simply a "sin and shame" to be punished in such a dignified way. Evidently our little freshmen aren't used to appearing before a jury, or what is the difficulty? It's rather hard to say it, but at all costs they must reach "college level" and the tribunal is doing its best to aid them.

MASS MEETING FOR PEACE

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lumbus from Pittsburg, will be the principal speakers of the evening. Rev. C. P. Maxwell of St. John's Church, is associate chairman of the local committee, and Helen Purcell is Fontbonne's representative on the staff of cooperating groups.

The assembly will be held in connection with the twelfth annual convention of the World Alliance at Hotel Chase Nov. 6 to 11.

A bridge tea for the benefit of the Font will be given Saturday, Nov. 5, at the Coronado Hotel. Florentine Rutkowski, A.B. '27, the hostess, has provided exquisite prizes. All friends of the Font are invited.

MISSION ESSAY CONTEST SPONSORED BY C. S. M. C.

An essay contest is the central enterprise being carried on by the St. Louis Conference of the C. S. M. C. this fall. Valuable prizes are promised for this competition which is open to all high-school and college students of the city. "The Present Status of Catholic Missions" is the subject assigned to college women.

Plans for this contest were the first order of business at the meeting Sunday afternoon, October 23, in St. Louis University Auditorium, at which Dolores Boedeker, of the Freshman class, was Fontbonne's representative. Arrangements were also commenced for the hour programs which one unit will give each week over WFW, the radio station of St. Louis University. Announcement was also made of the book on medical missionary work published by the American Medical Mission Society. The final question decided at the meeting was that small plays will be presented throughout the year to take the place of the annual pageant. St. Louis University and McBride high schools will unite in giving the first play in November.

The officers in charge of the work of Fontbonne unit since the first meeting of the year on October 13 are: President, Alice Igou; vice-president, Lucille Perry; secretary, Virginia Gates; treasurer, Dolores Boedeker.

MONSIGNOR SEVENS ROUSES CRUSADERS

"The most rousing missionary talk we ever heard!" was the enthusiastic comment of the members of the audience which heard the experiences of Right Rev. Msgr. Renier Sevens, of Oklahoma City, vicar-general for missions in Oklahoma, given in the auditorium Wednesday afternoon, October 19. His vivid descriptions of his missions to non-Catholics, Indians and negroes constituted a memorable chapter of mission education for Fontbonne crusaders.

STORM SUFFERERS AIDED

Grace and Vita Viviano, members of the sophomore class, were among the twenty-two young women of the city who sponsored a card party at Hotel Chase Saturday afternoon, Oct. 22, for the benefit of the sufferers from the recent tornado. Many Fontbonne students were in attendance. The proceeds, amounting to more than \$500, were sent to the Red Cross.

HALLOWE'EN REVELS

Ghosts walked and banshees wailed, in true Hallowe'en fashion, Monday, Oct. 31, when the seniors entertained the Fontbonne alumnae and their escorts at a Hallowe'en hay ride to Meramec Quarry, St. Louis County. Mr. and Mrs. Urban S. Mudd chaperoned the party.

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trate," Father continued. "She went down deep, went to the root of things; therefore she did great things for the world. She was a dreamer, but she did not stop at dreams.

"Learn at least this much from the consideration of St. Teresa. Before her the prophet in the Old Testament had lamented, 'With desolation is the land made desolate because no man thinketh in his heart.' Let these words be your slogan."

Immediately after luncheon, the annual parade took the students to Nazareth Convent, near Jefferson Barracks, one of the many local institutions of the Sisters of St. Joseph.

Academy Elects Energetic Class and Club Leaders

Elections of officers of the sophomore and freshman classes and other major societies have been held within the last week. The sophomores elected: Anne Catherine Meyer, president; Stella Marre, vice-president; Mary Elizabeth Mooney, secretary; Roberta Reynolds, treasurer; and Marie Kreps, student council representative. The freshmen class officers are Marion Haas, president; Caroline Weber, vice-president; Marjorie Holten, secretary; Della Conannon, treasurer; and Clare Foristal, student council representative.

Spirit of Religion Carries On

Those in charge of the Sodality of the Blessed Virgin are: Mary Louise DeLisle, prefect; Rosamond Bennett, vice-prefect; Marjorie Whalen, secretary; Margaret Switzer, treasurer. At this meeting the date for the monthly assembly was fixed for the third Friday of each month.

The League of the Sacred Heart will continue its functions under: Mary Brennan, assistant director; Helisy Galeski, Nellie Solomon, Catherine Tackaberry, Roma Fisher, Aurora Rincon, Olivia Deichman, Carolyn Fox, Helen McDermott, Marcella Graf, Stella Marre, Flora LoPiccolo, Lillian Blakeslee, Rose Specia, Jane Kraus, Virginia Guyol, Rosemary Glenn, Helen Moran, and Carolyn Weber, assistant promoters.

The organization known as the Handmaids of the Blessed Sacrament, which was formed in the academy last year, expects to resume its work immediately. It is conducted on the plan developed by Father D. A. Lord, S.J., making it closely associated with the Sodality. Members pledge themselves to receive Holy Communion at least once a week, and to do all in their power to promote devotion to the Blessed Sacrament.

A program was held at the regular meeting of the C. S. M. C. unit which was held in the auditorium, Friday, Oct. 28. It was opened with prayer for the missions. Marie Galvin gave a report on behalf of the numerous academy students who had attended the Spiritual Leadership School, at St. Louis University, conducted by Rev. Daniel A. Lord, S.J.

Dorothy Hogan spoke on the work of the Spiritual Council; Eleanor McCann answered "What is the C. S. M. C.?" and Ellen Sullivan reported on the October meeting of the St. Louis Conference of the C. S. M. C. The last speaker was Eleanor Riley, who discussed the C. S. M. C. paper, the Shield.

Musicians Choose Officers

The Cecilian Music club, which was organized in 1924 and is federated with the National Federation of Music Clubs, held a meeting and elected officers: Louise Siebert, president; Helisy Galeski, vice-president; Margaret Wagner, secretary; Margaret Switzer, librarian. The purpose of this club is to excite a keener interest in music through a study of its literature and the great masters.

The second year of the academy choral club promises much in the way of variety in entertainment. Its officers for the year are: Amelia Bellina, secretary; Mary Thompson, treasurer; Helisy Galeski, librarian.

SILVER FLOWER VASES MOTHERS' CLUB PRIZES

A short stem flower vase in silver will be the prize for each table of players at the card party of the Mothers' Club to be held Saturday afternoon, November 24, in Fine Arts building. Arrangements for this delightful affair are in the hands of Mrs. Joseph F. Gunn, who is being assisted by Mrs. J. E. Riley, Mrs. J. E. Whalen, Mrs. D. A. Daily, and Mrs. T. O. Hall.

At the next regular meeting of the club, Friday afternoon, November 4, a tea will be given in honor of the new members. The officers of the club are: Mrs. H. J. Remmers, president; Mrs. A. M. O'Brien, and Mrs. O. Lehnbeuter, vice-presidents; Mrs. T. J. Harder, secretary; Mrs. Fred Schmeckebier, treasurer.

SODALITY UNION FORMED

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the School of Spiritual Leadership held here.

If the plans of the new Sodality Union carry, a pilgrimage will be made early in the spring to some point of religious interest near St. Louis. A national convention of the Sodality may also be held here in the spring.

MISSOURI I. F. C. A. CONVENES NEXT WEEK

The thirteenth annual convention of the Missouri Chapter of the International Federation of Catholic Alumnae will be opened with Mass in the Cathedral, Friday, November 11. At its sessions, to be held Friday and Saturday at Forest Park Hotel, St. Joseph Alumnae Association will be represented by Mrs. H. S. Ghio and Catharine Gunn, the latter a senior at Fontbonne. At the Saturday afternoon session Stella R. Gillick, president of the St. Joseph Alumnae, will read her report.

Fontbonne will have as its guests the Sunday following the convention the executive committee and many of the out-of-town delegates. After dinner at the Forest Park Hotel and visits to some of the educational institutions of the city, the party will come for tea to Fontbonne.

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