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ASSOCIATION RALLIES TO CHRISTMAS APPEALS

Holiday Season Observed With Canned Goods Shower And Red Cross Seal Drive.

As has been the custom in past years the College Association has responded to the Christmas appeals made to them. The first is a canned goods shower to aid the "Little Helpers of the Holy Souls," whose convent was destroyed in the recent tornado. Bernadine Kennedy of the sophomore class is general chairman for this work.

The second is the response to the appeal of Mrs. Paul Robyn, chairman of the Catholic School Seal Committee, asking that the students buy Christmas Health Seals. The matter was placed in the hands of the Student Council, which delegated the class presidents to distribute fifteen to each college member. The appeal has met with the usual enthusiasm shown by Fontbonne for charity drives, and the proceeds have been pouring in. The college has pledged itself for twenty-five hundred stamps.

Christmas spirit will be shown in a religious way with a Novena commencing Dec. 16. It will be sung in the college chapel during exposition of the Blessed Sacrament each afternoon at 5 o'clock.

Archbishop and Catholic U. Vice-Chancellor Are Guests

Archbishop John J. Glennon, D.D., surprised Fontbonne with a pleasant informal visit on Friday, Dec. 2. He brought with him Rev. David T. O'Dwyer, assistant chancellor of the Catholic University, Washington, D. C., and the pastor of St. Patrick's parish, Denver, Colo. Father O'Dwyer participated in the dedication ceremonies of Fontbonne last year.



Agnes Collins, Maid of Honor from
Fontbonne to 1928 St. Louis University
Conclave Prom.

AGNES COLLINS CHOSEN MAID FOR St. L. U. PROM

Agnes Collins, of the junior class, has been selected maid of honor to the St. Louis University Conclave Prom, which will be held the evening of Feb. 21, at the University gymnasium. Other students nominated by the Student Association were: Lucille Perry, Mary Grace Heiner, Helen Purcell, and Ann Murphy.

The 1928 maid is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Richard W. Collins of 4919 Terry Ave. She is the third maid to represent Fontbonne and also the third maid who is an alumna of Rosati-Kain High School. The first maid was Hermine Drew, a member of the Fontbonne Class of '28, Rosati-Kain '24; last year's maid was Florentine Rutkowski, A.B. '27, Rosati-Kain '22.

To its readers and to all the friends of Fontbonne THE FONT extends hearty wishes for a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

GLEE CLUB PROMINENT IN C.S.M.C. PROGRAM

Two Musical Numbers Given In Crusade Entertainment At St. Louis U. Auditorium.

"That America may know and serve the Missions" Fontbonne gave its aid unstintingly to a dramatic and musical entertainment given Sunday, Dec. 11, at the St. Louis University auditorium, under the auspices of the St. Louis Conference of the Catholic Students Mission Crusade.

The units that participated are: Maryville College, St. Louis University, Webster College, Fontbonne College, Christian Brothers High School, St. Joseph's Academy, and Visitation Academy.

The program consisted of dramatic and musical selections. Fontbonne's contributions were two choral numbers: Indian Cradle Song, Mathews; From the Land of the Sky Blue Water, Cadman; under the direction of Prof. William T. Diebels. The members who took part are: Mary Aloysia Knapp, Lucille Eckhard, Grace Viviano, Mary Fleming, Helen Trenn, Mary Hanlon, Kathryn Whiting, Mary Kiely, Mary Magill, Charlotte Magill, Agnes M. Ibbetson, Cecil Hoerr, Loreto Hennelly, Jule Marie Kirk, Helen Purcell, Florentine Rutkowski, and Vita Viviano.

Juniors Imitating Sphinx Have College In Suspense

The Junior Prom—it's a deep sea secret. You may ask any number of whys and wherefores of the juniors, but compared to them, Egyptian mummies are great talkers. "After Christmas," they repeat again and again, meaning that the holidays must be enjoyed as best one can enjoy them under the suspense of not knowing just what's what about the prom.

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Christmas—More Than Vacation

When trunks are being hastily packed, checks cashed, presents wrapped, seals distributed,—when college girls are hailing taxis to catch impatient trains, it is not amiss to say a word about the most impressive day of the year, Christmas.

Christmas, the birthday of our dear Lord and Savior Jesus Christ,—on that day we rejoice, and after pledging anew our love and devotion, which are the presents He desires, we bring gifts to those we love in His Name.

God is Love, and with His birth He brought new love and kindness into the world. There is scarcely a heart that does not soften at Christmas time, scarcely a person who does not partake of the Christmas spirit. The world makes an effort to see that no one is overlooked. On that day, hearts overflowing with gratitude, seek means of expression.

The Family Odyssey

Among the pleasant things in life (and we are still young enough to think there are many) are the family story and the family joke. Every family we have ever heard of has them and we think we should not like one that hasn't. There is something so delightful, so intimate about them. They reflect the family attitude, and are the most influential force in upholding the family traditions.

Even though we have heard them a hundred times and know them off by heart, who of us doesn't love that one about great-grandmother going to church one Sunday all dressed up in black silk with her gingham apron on; and the one about auntie sneaking quinine behind the lines during the Civil War; or how mother persistently rubbed her aching head with tooth paste instead of mentholatum? If the stories come from across the

water, they are that much more interesting. Who will ever forget the baby whom the fairies changed because a careless mother neglected to put the fire tongs over the cradle, or the ghost whom uncle saw the night he walked five miles to get a doctor for his father?

Children outgrow their love for fairy tales and animal stories, but the unending cycle of family legends never ceases to be dear to them. And it has been so since the world began, for what is an epic poem but a magnificent family story?

Again Our Glee Club

On two recent occasions Fontbonne has had cause to be inordinately proud of its Glee Club. "My Maid on the Bamboo Screen" was a splendid success from both a musical and an artistic standpoint. It will long be remembered by friends and patrons as one of the loveliest productions seen on the College stage.

The seventeen members of the club, who appeared in the St. Louis Conference on Mission Sunday, showed their missionary spirit by doing unusually talented work in their two choral numbers. Promising young voices, careful training, and intelligent interpretation, all united in producing an ideal effect.

Classes will be dismissed for the Christmas vacation after the last period Tuesday afternoon, December 20, and will be resumed with the 8 o'clock period Monday morning, January 9.

GOLDEN JUBILARIAN AND RELATIVES ARE VISITORS

A group of interested visitors to the College last Sunday was Rev. Joseph B. Crowe, of Chicago, Ill., his sister, Miss Loretto Crowe, also of Chicago, and their sister, Sister Camilla, of St. Joseph's Academy, Carondelet, for whose golden jubilee they had come to the city.

A religious celebration for the fiftieth anniversary of Sister Camilla's profession was held on the feast of the Immaculate Conception in the chapel at Carondelet, and was attended by several of Sister's friends in the Fontbonne faculty.

Faxencrux



Abie had a grand joke about "red flannels," but "due to" the change in the weather, the "editor-proprietor" is filing it till the next cold spell.

According to a Chinese legends, playing cards were invented by the Emperor Suen-Ho to amuse his many wives. Husbands the world over should erect a monument to this successful man.

We think some one ought to retaliate on the "Family Joke" editorial with one on "School Jokes."

Did you notice that the junior class was putting on a "vodvil?" We didn't think it was necessary either!

ANN THE APPLE GIRL

Dear Jake:

Theres an awful disease at this school. I was almost scared to stay here long cause I might get it. I don't know the name but from the way all the girls are talkin' they must feel awful funny. I heard one girl ask another one how she was and she said she wasn't broke yet but she sure was badly bent. Now ain't that too bad Jake and from the way they are all talkin' they won't get over it until after Xmas.

I sure am proud I can deliver apples at this school. Jake cause it is a grand place. Somebody told me the other day that in the summer time there gonna sink a garden in the back yard and there gonna put lots of benches out in it so the girls can sit in the shade and moonlite. And another thing the girls are gettin' up a band. I heard 'em practisin' one afternoon and it sounded gorgeous. (I saw that word in my new catalog from Seers-Roebeck)

Well Jake I guess I'll have to say goodbye until I see you Saturday nite at 7. Don't forget you promised to tell me what you dreamed about me on Clara's wedding cake. I dreamed somethin' swell about you.

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SOPHS DEFEAT FROSH, 2-0, IN HOCKEY GAME

The sophomore hockey team defeated the freshman team, 2-0, in a game played on Monday, Dec. 5. After 15 minutes of play the game was called because of inclement weather.

Ellen DeLisle, center forward of the sophomores, made the goal, scoring two points.

SWIMMERS IN TRAINING

Preparations for the annual swimming meet to be held in the early spring began Wednesday, Dec. 14. Those desiring to enter the meet are requested to sign the entry list which will be posted in the natatorium.

Requirements for the advanced class will be four strokes perfected; for the beginners, two strokes.

FATHERS' CLUB ELECTS OFFICERS, PLANS PARTY

Elections were held at the meeting of the Fathers' club on the evening of Dec. 12. The results are as follows: president, A. J. Noble; first vice-president, C. J. Kehoe; second vice-president, P. J. Holloran; third vice-president, Benton Wilkins; secretary, Frank Guyol; treasurer, J. J. Reynolds.

The next meeting will be held Thursday, Jan. 19, 1928, at which the Father's Club will entertain the Mothers' Club with a card party and an attendance prize will be given to the class in the college or high school having the best representation of parents.

The immediate objective of this year's efforts will be the providing of two tennis courts, and throughout the year the club will give its support, as formerly, to Fontbonne's athletics.

SEWING CLASS VISITS LOCAL RUG EXHIBITION

On Tuesday, Dec. 13, the members of the domestic art department accompanied by Miss Clara Quinn, their instructor, spent a pleasant and profitable afternoon in the oriental rug department of a local furniture firm.

The exhibition of the operation of a hand loom for rug-making, in this section during the week, gave the students an insight into the intricacies of weaving and pattern designing, an art which for many centuries was known exclusively to the people of the Orient.

Those who visited the exhibition were: Elizabeth Hennessy, Lucille McDonald, Audrey MacDonald, Eleanor Reynolds, Julia Maloney, Marcella Hyland, Helen Sheridan, and Katherine Battista. Immediately after the Christmas holidays this group will make a tour through one of the largest garment-making factories in the city.

SODALISTS CELEBRATE "CATHOLIC JULY 4th"

"Today we celebrate the Catholic Fourth of July, our declaration of independence of sin." This was the opening statement of the sermon preached by Rev. Thomas S. Bowdern, S.J., Dean of the School of Education of St. Louis University, at the Mass attended by members of the units of the St. Louis Sodality Union, Thursday, Dec. 8, in St. Francis Xavier's Church. The celebrant of the mass was Rev. Peter J. O'Rourke, pastor of St. Mark's Church. He was assisted by Rev. Bakewell Morrison, S.J., deacon; Rev. Jos. P. Donovan, C.M., sub-deacon.

"We are the only nation whose patron saint is a woman," continued Father Bowdern. "Women have been the chief inspiration of the great deeds of all men, and in proportion as they imitate the Mother of Christ, they also will be an inspiration to others."

COLLEGE C. I. L. CENTER ATTRACTS 40 CHILDREN

"And for these and all the sins of my pastor's life, I am heartily sorry," was heard the other day from a small youngster reciting his catechism lesson at the Fontbonne Catholic Instruction League center conducted in St. Luke's School, Bellevue and Dale avenues. The size of the crowd that gathers every Friday afternoon, however, is no joke, and so far it has required persevering labor to keep the organization in running order.

The Confirmation class is under the direction of Mary Louise McPartlin; the First Communion class, Bernadine Kennedy; the tiny tots, Mary Kiely; and a more advanced class is being conducted by Mary Magill. Agnes Ibbetson is the superintendent of the center, at which the total enrollment amounts to forty children, a considerable advance over last year's class.

PSYCHOLOGY VOLUMES ADDED TO LIBRARY

The Department of Psychology has at its disposal twenty-five new books which have been added to the Fontbonne library during the past two or three weeks. A number of these are from the St. Joseph's library at Carondelet. A list of the books follows:

Baldwin, Mental Development; Bennett, Psychology and Self-Development; Carr, Psychology; Colvin and Bagley, Human Behavior; Creighton, An Introductory Logic; Dewey, How We Think; Gruender, Psychology Without a Soul; James, Principles of Psychology, Volumes 1 and 2; James, Psychology; James, Talks on Psychology and Life's Ideals; Jastrow, Character and Temperament; Joyce, Principles of Logic; Judd, Psychology; Kitson, How to Use Your Mind; Ladd and Woodworth, Elements of Physiological Psychology; McDougall, Body and Mind; McDougall, Social Psychology; Mercier, A Manual of Modern Scholastic Philosophy; Moore, Dynamic Psychology; Muckerman, Instinct and Intelligence; Munsterberg, Psychology, General and Applied; Pillsbury, Fundamentals of Psychology; Pyne, The Mind; Swift, Mind in the Making; Titchener, The Psychology of Feeling and Attention.

LITTLE JEANIE HEADS JUNIOR VODVIL BILL

The juniors have "It." Come Friday afternoon to the "aud" to see for yourselves. Won't Little Jeanie capture your hearts, though? Hold your hats, please, and if you are taken off your feet, don't complain to the management. For Little Jeanie knows her stuff! As for the Fontbonne Rockets,—well, we advise those sitting beyond the parquet to bring opera glasses and not miss a thing. The Missouri Rockets have nothing on them.

You have, no doubt, heard of the Two Black Crows before. Have you ever seen them? They too will be at the vaudeville show that the juniors are giving for the fun-loving people of Fontbonne, Friday, Dec. 16, at 3:30 p. m.

CLASS RINGS CHOSEN BY ACADEMY SENIORS MAY BECOME STANDARD

The class rings of the academy seniors, delivered to them last week, have proved so popular, because of style and design, that a vote is to be taken among the other members of the school with a view to adopting the senior ring as the standard St. Joseph Academy ring.

The base of the ring is octagonal and on it is a top in white gold with a lily in conventional design and the words, "St. Joseph's Academy, Fontbonne." The year number is placed at the sides on a yellow gold band.

Sodalists Observe Feast

The feast of the Immaculate Conception was celebrated with the reception of forty new members into the Sodality of the Blessed Virgin. The ceremony, which took place at four o'clock, was conducted by Rev. H. R. Sheldon, C.M., A.M., chaplain, who spoke on the virtues suggested by devotion to the Blessed Virgin, extolling in particular her purity, humility, obedience, and charity.

Many of the students attended the Sodality Mass celebrated at the College Church the morning of the feast for sodalists of the Catholic colleges and high schools of the city.

A business meeting of the academy sodalists is being held Thursday afternoon, Dec. 15. The recitation of the Office of the Blessed Virgin will take place Friday, Dec. 16.

Eucharistic Group Meets

A meeting of the Handmaids of the Blessed Sacrament, held Friday, Dec. 9, was presided over by Marie Galvin, chief promoter. The purpose of the organization and the nature of the pledge were explained by the director, Sister Victoria, and the meeting was closed with a hymn in honor of the Blessed Sacrament.

Autographed copies of "Martha Jane at College," by Inez Specking, may be obtained in 419 Ryan Hall, Fontbonne. This delightful story is an account of Martha Jane's freshman year at Fontbonne.

BUT WHAT KIND WILL GENTLEMEN PREFER?

A great problem has suddenly been thrust upon Fontbonne students. A mighty decision awaits each girl—an individual decision, weighted with tremendous consequences. The burning question is, "What type am I?" Girls who have gone along for years reasonably contented with their modest supply of good looks have suddenly become acutely conscious of being a "type." "What is a blonde?" "Define a neutral," and "If you have a light complexion, you can't be a brunette," are some of the comments that re-echo down the corridors.

The type most difficult of definition is the neutral. As it is probable that the great number of students will eventually find themselves in this class, it has become a thing to be shunned. Its definition, therefore, has great elasticity, being modified by each individual's proving herself outside this realm of the commonplace.

And everyone in the college is holding her breath awaiting the move of Fontbonne's red-haired students. Will they declare themselves blonde, brunette, or, save the mark, neutral?

COLLEGE SODALITY RECEIVES NEW MEMBERS

The first formal reception of the College Sodality, conducted by Rev. H. R. Sheldon, C.M., A.M., chaplain of Fontbonne, on Sunday afternoon, Dec. 4, added eight new members to the ranks of the Sodality of Our Lady.

The students who were received are: Virginia Gates, Mary Hennessey, Dorothy O'Brien, Florence Ridolfi, Martha Mangan, Dolores Valter, Katherine Battista, and Mary Estelle Miller.

ST. JOSEPH ALUMNAE PLANS FOR NEW YEAR

Arrangements for the year were made at an important meeting of the St. Joseph's Alumnae, held Dec. 11 in the Alumnae Parlor, Ryan Hall, Stella R. Gillick presiding.

Special committees were formed with the following chairmen: membership, Mrs. B. J. Spaeth; athletics, Ann Soraghan; entertainment, Margaret Flavin; publicity, Gertrude Weber.

ALUMNA DONATES TREES

Fontbonne is the grateful recipient of two trees, given by a member of the St. Joseph Alumnae, Miss Alma Meyer, 5911 Waterman Avenue, St. Louis.

The trees, a silver maple and an elm, have been planted on the west campus at the side of the chapel, and will be marked with the donor's name.

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