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Seventh Annual Homecoming Makes Cloudy Day a Sunshine of Success

Old Students, Friends, Acquaintances Get Together Again In a Day of Fun

The halls of Fontbonne College echo again with the laughter and chatter of alumnae, parents, friends, and students who attended the annual Homecoming, Saturday, November 7. Under the canopy of red, white, and blue in the gymnasium, escorts in khaki and blue uniforms strolled back and forth in front of the flag hanging at one end of the room. Here and there a former student greeted her old teacher or friend and talked about old times. Many of the parents got

Fontbonne Locks Out Axis With Key Drive

Have you suddenly found yourself locked out of house, garage, car, locker and piggy bank? Do your pockets no longer jingle, jangle, jingle? Are you an outcast? If so, you have undoubtedly been a victim of the National Key Collection Campaign sponsored here at Fontbonne by the Footlights Club.

Pledges to the club were given points according to the number of keys that they brought in. During the two weeks that the drive lasted 2,573 keys, amounting to fifty pounds of silver metal, were collected. Considering the size of the school the key drive was a great success. Those contributing the largest numbers of keys are: Margaret Spear, Anne Marie Hebbeler, Eleanor Schmidt, Marjorie Boeving, and Audrey Murphy. Sister Germaine and Sister Lois from St. Margaret's parish turned in a total of 300 keys.

Hoarding Talent? You Too Can Be Another E. Denis

Presuming that it was a wise man who said, "There comes a time in every man's life . . .," who knows but this may be the opportunity that will give Fontbonne a famous woman writer. The Literature Committee of Our Lady's Sodality is sponsoring a Catholic Book Week Contest from November 16 to 20, which may produce undiscovered talent at Fontbonne. There will be a display of outstanding Catholic books in the Browning Room. The reviews will be judged by Miss Gertrude M. Horgan and prizes awarded to the first and second best. The decision of the judge will be final.

The rules for the contest are as follows:

1. A critical book report of no less than 250 and no more than 500 words.
2. It must be the work of a Catholic author, or a Catholic book.
3. The book may be taken from the field of drama, biography or fiction.
4. All entries must be submitted before 5 p. m., November 20.
5. The contest is open to all students but those who are members of the Sodality Literature Committee.

The contest rules will be posted on all bulletin boards in the school. So do your intellectual bonnets, rub your bunny's foot and lend your hidden streak of genius to this contest.

Junior Crystal Gazers Forecast Terpsichorean Joy For Nov. 19

Draft and Gas Rationing Restrictions Cause Change In Date of Dinner

With music and laughter, the last formal social event at Fontbonne for the duration of the war, will take place Thursday evening, November nineteenth, on the Starlight Roof of the Chase Hotel.

The Junior Class will entertain the members of the Senior Class with a Formal Dinner. Because of wartime restrictions, the drafting of the eighteen and nineteen year old boys, and the rationing of gasoline, the Formal Dinner will be held two months earlier this year.



Dorothy Sackbauer,
President of the Junior Class

Alumnae Will Initiate Scholarship in June

The Alumnae Association of Fontbonne College has announced that a one hundred dollar scholarship will be awarded in June, 1943, to a member of the present sophomore class for the junior year.

The sophomore students will be judged on the basis of scholarship, service to the school, and school spirit by the faculty. The announcement of the award will be made before the close of the second semester.

The school colors, purple and gold, will be carried out in the floral decorations. The uniforms of our armed forces will provide a striking contrast to the purple and gold motif.

Those in charge of arrangements are: Dorothy Sackbauer, President; Louise La Barge, Vice President; Kathleen Burke, Secretary; Gloria Pandjiris, Treasurer, together with the following committees: Pat Duggan, Laura Slaughter—Flowers; Gloria Pandjiris, Louise La Barge—Reservations; Betty Schuh, Jane Callahan, Faith Friche—Invitations; Eileen Cochran, Rosemary Woelfle, Mary McCabe, Evelyn Aubuchon—Orchestra; Edwina Wright, Grace Noonan—Souvenirs; Pat Luce, Alice Ryan—Dates.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred P. Sackbauer, Lieutenant Commander and Mrs. Charles La Barge, Mr. and Mrs. Edward P. Burke, Mr. and Mrs. A. K. Pandjiris, Dr. and Mrs. Alphonse Clemens have been invited to chaperone the party.

Queen of Them All Is Betty Boll!



Reading from left: Henrietta Binder, Mary Alice Guelker, Kathleen Burke, Betty Boll, Rhoda Vettori.

They gave their all for Boll! Betty, who has a smile for everyone and for all occasions, was given a real workout Friday, October 30, when she reigned over the Penny Circus as Queen. Her crown of red, white, and blue was placed upon her blond hair by Mary Alice Guelker, last year's queen. In all the excitement Betty nearly lost her crown when she arose to thank those who had voted for her.

Typical of the occasion, Betty

was dressed in a strictly tailored brown tweed suit, and carried a huge bouquet of white "mums".

A senior major in Physical Education, she is a familiar face on both the hockey and basketball fields. Right now, she is about the busiest girl at Fontbonne, dashing here, there, back and forth, rehearsing her thesis. I wonder where she gets so much energy. Must be that package of vitamin plus she carries with her.

Friday 13th Black Jinx Scuttles Font Schedule

"There's a long, long trail a-winding" from the printer's shop to Fontbonne, especially on Friday, the 13th, which accounts for the delay in distributing this issue of the paper. It was this way, neighbors: the day was balmy, blue skies and bright sunshine, peace and happiness, melody and madness . . . This was the condition on the Font front before 11 a. m., but as time rushed past and the messenger boy failed to arrive with the stack of freshly printed papers, the editor tore out her few remaining wisps of hair by the roots. Friday the 13th—what did we do to you???

Accidents will happen, friends, and that is what happened to the Font last Friday. We wish to correct the misapprehension that any question of sabotage was involved. According to the eminent psychiatrist, Dr. Unmentionable Jones, an irresistible force met an immovable object and something had to give. Hence we are now giving out The Font.

Author Without a Country Has Message for Youth

Dr. Wilhelm Solzbacher, eminent lecturer, teacher, and author, will address the assembly today on the topic, "The Youth of Europe, Today and Tomorrow." Now a man without a country, Dr. Solzbacher has experienced firsthand the terrors of Nazi-dominated Europe.

Sister Susanne Marie Pleas For Student Cooperation

Yes sir—the first semester is nearly over! Sister Susanne, registrar, announces that pre-registration for second semester is December 1. This is the day set aside for students to talk with advisors and secure the signatures of their profs. Classes, however, will continue on regular schedules, and students are asked to see their advisors during free periods.

If everyone cooperates, much time will be saved and confusion avoided at final registration in January.

'43 Fontbonne Staff Off To Good Start

Much of the work done by the Fontbonne staff so far has been centered in the pictures for the yearbook. Because of gas rationing, pictures must be taken earlier than usual.

The Seniors have been photographed formally and informally, and for the first time, the other classes were photographed in small groups. The group arrangement promises to give an informal note to the book.

Rita Perkinson, the staff photographer, has been covering the activities and will continue to do so. The club groups will be taken within the next month.

Footlights Club Revises Schedule; Slates All-School Christmas Play

This year instead of having the annual school play in the fall season, it has been decided that it will take place in December. Miss Belle M. Mullins, Head of the Speech Department, has selected Bethlehem, a nativity play by Lawrence Housman for production. The play will have an all-school cast and the tentative date set for the presentation is December 10.

Once more the schedule will be changed, when the Footlights Club play will be moved up so that it follows Santa Claus, bringing, too, a gift to the public. The cast will be chosen from the club's talented members before vacation starts so that rehearsal will be well underway by the start of the new semester.

Shall We Repeat The Platitude?

On November 11, 1918, the armistice of World War I was signed. Since then we have celebrated this day by paying homage to those who were killed in the war. But this year Armistice Day will be just the same as any other day for the armistice has been broken. Our fathers, brothers, uncles, cousins, and friends are scattered all over the world fighting to preserve our democracy once more. Will this be the last time our men will have to fight? We say that this time we'll write *finis* on all war, but they said the same thing in 1918.

Until we eliminate the evils that cause wars we will have an Armistice Day generation after generation. If we would preach and practice the positive virtues of Christianity, especially the love of mankind, we could easily depose these evils, particularly the hatred of nations. Then, and only then, will we be able to celebrate the final armistice day.

Want To Incur Hitler's Hatred?

The next time you are in the cafeteria with an extra dime or quarter in your pocket, with your soldier in your heart, and with the urge to be patriotic in your mind, step up to the counter and say: "I'd like to buy a Defense Stamp, please!" Yes, the vicious national campaign for selling Stamps and Bonds for Victory has its echo in our college. You will find the Stamps for sale any time during the day.

You know the need the country has for every dime or quarter. You must realize that you are helping your soldier to fire his gun when you buy a Stamp. You certainly must feel a desire to do your part in this conflict which has so vastly affected the life of every American. These facts are simply repetitions of what you have heard hundreds of times over your radio, of what you have seen at the movies or on posters on display everywhere. It should be enough to convince you that now you must act! Now you must buy!

There's a tendency to minimize the worth of a dime when it is considered in relation to the billions that are being spent for this war. That's a fault most of us carry over into our practical lives. We overlook the little things as trivial and unimportant and we think only of the impossibility of achieving the big things in life. No, you can't finance the war! But you can buy a ten cent stamp. One hundred and thirty million people buying a dime stamp each week would be contributing \$676,000,000 in a year... just by doing a little thing persistently!

De Profundis Clamavi Ad Te Dei

From the depths, the holy souls cry out in words of pathos and pleading: "Have pity on us, at least you our friends, because the hand of the Lord has touched us." Out of the depths, the gallant young men of our Army and Navy, who have given their lives so that this, our nation, might live, are calling to us. Can we ignore their sacrifices by refusing to give them the consolation of our prayers?

We Catholics know that there is a purgatory, for none but the cleansed and purified can enter heaven. During the month of November, the month of the holy souls, through our prayers, our ejaculations, and more especially through daily Mass and Holy Communion, we can gain indulgences and merits applicable to the deliverance of the souls in purgatory.

Saint Francis de Sales tells us that the deliverance of the souls in purgatory is the most excellent work of charity we can perform for our neighbor. Let us offer our prayers and actions to God for someone we know who has passed away, for the soul closest to heaven, or the one most desolate.

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Ora Pro Nobis



Washington Speaks

By DAN M. NEE

In the United States freedom of the individual, within the law, has been constantly emphasized in practice and in the law. . . . As a result of this emphasis and by virtue of the exercise of this freedom the foundation was laid for the greatest country that has yet had existence upon this earth. . . .

Splendid as was the general result of the building of America, there were some by-products of the building policy which were not good. . . . Today, under the stress of War, it is vital that all conflicting interests and elements be reconciled and integrated, that all forces which have not been fully directed toward the common goal be so directed now, and that all potential forces be speedily brought to realize their complete potentialities. . . . Meanwhile every citizen, young and old, rich and poor, must make his personal contribution by cooperating fully in every detail of every program of his Government, both foreign and domestic.

You are called upon now, and for the duration of the War, to take every penny, every nickel, every dime, every quarter, every half-dollar that you can get and can possibly spare, to buy War Savings Stamps. . . . We know that you will do this. We know that we can depend on you. WE DO DEPEND ON YOU. JOIN THE UNIVERSITY AND COLLEGE THRIFT PLAN!

Faculty News

The students are not the only ones who are studying this semester. The faculty, under the chairmanship of Miss Horgan, is making a study of the curriculum. Her committee is composed of Sister Mary Marguerite, Sister Anna Mechtilde, Eleanor Baer, and Eugene Monaghan. They will continue the study throughout the school year.

Sister Rose Genevieve returned to Fontbonne after the American Dietetics Convention held in Detroit, Michigan, earlier this month. Sister Francis de Sales, not a member of the faculty but well known among the students, was transferred to Negaunee, Michigan.

Uncle Sam is knocking at our faculty door. Eugene Monaghan, Head of the Spanish department, is expecting to be called into service to the war effort.

As Time's Waters Flow

Memo for Mayhem: Now that Time's Waters have moved along past the bridge of October to the frost-crusted banks of November, we note that no orchids (new or otherwise) have crossed our desk. Can this be an oversight? What-ever the cause, we've been having a conference with Arch Oboler to devise an exquisite method of torture for the few benighted souls who read this drivel.

Also-Ran Department: Among the complaints lodged in our plastic wastebasket is one from Kenny who thinks he rates another mention as more than an "almost heart-beat." He'll have to take that up with the blonde bombshell. If you want to advertise your current pulse-throb, just drop an unstamped postcard out the nearest window.

Bright Remarks: It really happened in an English Class 't'other fortnight. Instructor: What is a periodic sentence? Day-dreaming frosh: Uh-er—I guess it must be a sentence that has a period in it. . . . Wrote a student on her paper in explanation of feminine rhyme: Does this apply only to poetry by women? Woo-woo!

For All We Know: Genevieve Angela Wolf wishes to announce

to her friends and others that henceforth she is to be addressed as "Pete"—or else! Must be the influence of the WAACS and WAVES.

Why Don't We Do This More Often? This isn't what the customers at Scruggs have been chirping to those demons-of-the-sales-slips: Joan S., Lizzie L., Jean C., Connie C., and Mary Ellen B. It seems that the situation in the glove department is getting out of control. Why don't you drop in there some Saturday and confuse the little folks?

Rumor Hath It that a certain someone (female) has been seen with a certain someone (male) in various places around town at the oddest hours. There, chilling, does that cover you all? If it does, you'd better rope that someone (male) and join the glitter and glamour at The Chase next Thursday eve.

Young 'Uns Nursery: Came the day as it must come to all men when the lecturer paused to awaken the students with a rhetorical question. "What other animal is sheltered as long as you are, protected within its habitat, before being thrust into the world?"

Frosh, awakened from slumber: "Why, the monkey!"

Run --- Rumor --- Run!

In this issue of *The Font*, we reiterate that the primary purpose of the Rumor Clinic, functioning under the OCD, is the refutation of subtle and insidious war propaganda, circulated by enemy agents, and aimed at civilian and military morale. Morale is as important as soldiers and ammunition; it is the nucleus of war-time stability—both mental and physical. Remember, the OCD does not investigate these rumors, they turn them over to the federal military and police authorities for investigation.

We are cooperating with the Office of Civilian Defense by running a Rumor Clinic of our own. We base our material on facts gathered from the OCD publication, *On Guard*. When you read this column, you will know that it isn't ballyhoo we're giving you—it is fact, down-to-earth, rock-bottom fact. Make it your business to read and listen to the news with intelligence and discernment.

You girls with friends and sweethearts in the Armed Forces, did you hear this rumor lately: "There have been many suicides and absences without leave at Fort Leonard Wood among men who objected to being drafted." It worried you too, no doubt. Suppose your Johnny couldn't stand the terrific strain of army routine and cracked up? Well, forget about it right now. Here is the answer to that "rumor" by the Commanding Officer of Fort Leonard Wood, himself:

"Records indicate only one suicide and one attempted suicide in

the history of Fort Leonard Wood."

Since this time—more than a year and a half—and the population is large, it is believed that is much lower than the average community of the same size.

It is believed that the ratio of AWOL's at this station is very low. Of course, there are some, mostly for short periods, of a character probably comparable to the class-cutting you would have in any university of college. There have been some cases of men AWOL from other stations showing up here.

It is not believed that the ratio of either (suicide or AWOL's) is any higher now than it was in our peace-time army. It is believed that the ratio of suicides, attempted suicides and AWOL's at this Post is much lower than in civilian installations employing a comparative number of adult male persons.

Obviously, the present population of army camps is a military secret, but pre-war published estimates of the initial size of Fort Leonard Wood set the figure in excess of 35,000 or, roughly, about the size of University City, Mo. During the year and one half of Fort Leonard Wood's existence, University City officially reported three suicides, while in the same period, St. Louis with some 816,000 population reported one hundred and sixty suicides. Officials of both St. Louis and University City stated their suicide figures were "normal."

COMING HOLIDAYS

The Dean has announced that November 26, Thanksgiving, will be a holiday. Classes will be resumed the following day, and any absence will be counted as triple cuts. The Christmas Vacation will be an extra long one this year due to travel difficulties. It will extend from December 16 to January 6.

Should We Sacrifice Higher Learning For Swollen Paychecks?

By EDWINA WRIGHT

Who was it that once voiced the well-known statement, "tomorrow is another day"? For some reason, we believe that the author, whoever he might have been, must have foreseen clearly the problem of education in the war-time crisis of today, when he spoke his piece.

When speaking with Mother Berenice on the effects of war on education, one would scarcely believe that such a quiet and unassuming personality could have been responsible for the training of every student of education who has obtained a degree from Fontbonne, and has instigated such movements as the Fontbonne Alumnae Teachers' Association. Mother Berenice, when speaking of these effects of the war stated that the shortage of teachers will probably be very great. "Our government needs men and women versed in such subjects as mathematics and science," Mother said, "and will most likely draw on faculties in institutions of higher learning for instructors in these subjects. Not only higher education, but also elementary and secondary education may suffer. For example, in rural and elementary school districts, where the population is 10,000 or less," Mother Berenice stated, "there are some 540,000 Elementary Teachers and approximately 40 % of these will leave for defense plants." To offer a solution for this problem is difficult. Mother Berenice suggested three methods which might be put to use: To increase the salary of the teachers, to have a federal subsidy for salaries, or to have "housewife" courses for married women, or men and women who have, years before, abandoned the teaching profession, and could now take over the vacancies created by defense operations.

The war has had other effects on education. Students, by the hundreds, have discontinued their college training in order to engage in defense work. Others who have remained to obtain their degrees, have replaced cultural subjects almost entirely with those of a more technical nature. The

consequences of such actions, although they might not be perceived immediately, will be keenly felt in the future. These are the students, who, swayed by the appeal of a swollen "war-time" paycheck, forget that "tomorrow is another day." Concerning the shift from cultural subjects to vocational subjects, Mother Berenice believes that "unless cultural education is upheld, the future of our country will suffer greatly. 'While I realize,' she stated, 'that students of today must be war-conscious and should educate themselves in some vocational courses, cultural subjects must not be excluded from the curriculum. We must look further into the future; we cannot permit the cultural element to die out.'

From a survey of the curricula of six Catholic Women's Colleges, from 1932-1933 as found in Mother Berenice's book entitled "The Curricula of a Selective Group of Women's Colleges," Mother found that from 0-40% of these college curricula were dominated by cultural courses although some attention was given to vocational subjects. However, Mother added that "since the war began the percent will undoubtedly be much greater."

Today it is believed that scientists are needed more than poets. On close examination, however, it is seen that cultural education has a high place in the war of today. This is not merely a war of military strategy; it is a war of ideas and feelings as well. For the winning of the war we cannot rely solely on technicians we need philosophers, historians, men and women educated in a knowledge of the nature of man in order to realize the reason behind it and attempt to offer a solution for it.

Perhaps the greatest opportunity for students with cultural education will be after the war—in the period of reconstruction. Then will there be a great need for well-equipped college graduates—graduates who remembered that "tomorrow is another day." It will be for them to pull an invalid world from the wheelchair of chaos and place it again on its feet.

Orientation Broadens Outlook, Say Freshmen Students

In an effort to acquaint the freshmen with every phase of college life, an orientation program has been planned for them which will continue for two semesters. Mother Berenice, President of Fontbonne College, and Sister Joseph Aloysius, the Dean of the College, set the program in full swing by their lectures on a subject which is most fitting at this time—College Students in a World War.

Sister Alfred and Sister Marguerite lectured on *How to Study* which proved to be much more interesting and beneficial than the freshmen class had expected. Next came the lectures on the *Use of the Library* by Miss Eleanor Baer, the Librarian, and Sister St. Luke, the Assistant Librarian. During the course of these lectures the girls were taken up to the library where the fine details were explained to them in the reference room. *Grooming and the College Student* was the next topic discussed by Miss Belle Marie and Miss Theresa Carney. These lectures were of

special interest to the Fontbonne girls.

During the closing weeks of the first semester, Sister M. Giles and Miss Gwynette Willis will speak on *Physical Fitness Program for College Students*, which will be followed by Sister Rose Agnes and Sister Susanne's lectures on *Liberal and Vocational Education*. The last lectures of the semester will be presented by a representative of each department on the subject *Opportunities in Departments of College*. Each speaker will discuss the specializations and vocational opportunities offered to the students by his department.

The girls responded in many ways to this orientation program. The following comments show the variety of opinions:

Marie Antonette O'Kane: "I thought the library work was interesting."

Rhoda Vettori: "Miss Carmody's talk was informative and she didn't give us any homework."

Marguerite Sabadell: "I know every corner of the library now—I hope!"

Doctor A. Clemens Shows Versatility



Dr. Alphonse Clemens, Head of the Departments of Sociology and Economics

Want a speaker?
Want an author?
Want a jack-of-all-trades?

We've got him right here at Fontbonne in our sociology department. How Dr. Clemens manages to give talks all over St. Louis and surrounding territories, write books and pamphlets, plus playing nursemaid to the baby is beyond us.

At the St. Louis University Symposium, October 29, the Doctor addressed a group of future economists on "The Shift In Consumer Incomes."

At the meeting of the Cape Girardeau Rotary Club, October 5, Dr. Clemens spoke on "National Income and Inflation," and October 26, to the National Federation of Catholic Alumni on "Will the War for Democracy Find Education in Chains?"

Alumnae Sponsor Scholarship Benefit

The Fontbonne Alumnae will award a \$4 piece set of Homer Laughlin china to the holder of the lucky number on December 6 at the regular meeting. Helen Guyol is serving as chairman for this benefit.

In the recent table-setting contest held at Six-Baer and Fuller the alumnae was awarded the first prize of a \$100 war bond by popular vote. "New World Symphony," as the setting was called, also received honorable mention from the judges. Sally Gartner Lorch was chairman of the committee responsible for the uniquely set table.

Patriotic alumnae members are spending Wednesday afternoon of each week sewing articles needed by the Red Cross. The meetings are held at Fontbonne in the Home Economics Department and are supervised by Miss Theresa Carmody.

Teresa Burmeister, noted equestrienne from the class of '35, has been appointed Directress of Occupational Therapy at the Winfield Sanatorium in Winfield, Illinois.

Josephine Lorenz, class of '42, is now working for the Army Signal Corps at Wright Field, Dayton, Ohio.

Aleen Block, '42, has entered the field of advertising. She is production manager at Westheimer and Company.

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To Be Or Not To Be Solemnly Engaged?

By JEAN HOULEHIN

At the present time the marriage license bureau has more business than it can handle. With every war all the young boys and girls seem to think that they should get married as quickly as possible, and many of these marriages end in the divorce courts. The Catholic Church is urging its young people to substitute a formal and solemn engagement in place of a quick war marriage.

The canons of the Church have always provided for solemn engagements, but more notice is taken of them during wartime.

You probably think your wonderful buck private is going away very soon and no one knows when he will come home again, if he ever does. So you would like to spend all of the time with him while he is here. Therefore, you think it would be a good idea to get married now.

But maybe he won't come back, or if he does he might be permanently disabled. Also, you both might find that your ideas about each other have changed. That's not much to look forward to for the rest of your life.

Now take the solemn engagements. You and your buck private go to church and in front of the altar you both sign a pledge which is witnessed by two friends and the priest. You pledge your solemn word that you will marry when your buck private returns after the war.

Oh yes, you can change your mind after the war is over. But only if you both agree to cancel it or either of you has a really serious reason.

The solemn engagement is not quite the same as getting married but you are both bound to each other by ties that are almost as strong as those of marriage.

We have asked a number of students for their opinions on solemn engagements and the following are some of their replies:

Alice Talkacz, sophomore: "I think it is much more sensible than getting married, especially now."

Betty Higgins, senior: "I think it's a good idea right now."

Audrey Naumann, senior: "It's an excellent idea."

Helen Wisnann, freshman: "I believe the solemn engagement is a good thing, for in this way the man and woman become better acquainted and learn some things about each other which they might not have learned otherwise."

Elizabeth Lucas and Genevieve Wolf, sophomores: "Theoretically the idea is fine, but practically it is no good."

LeVerne Connors, sophomore: "If you're really seriously thinking about marriage, it's a pretty sure way of tying him up, if he comes back."

Edwina Wright, junior: "It is a nice ceremony but does it mean anything?"

Dorothy Sackbauer, junior: "I don't think it will work out so well."

Henrietta Sabadell, junior: "I believe there would be too much confusion. One side would probably not hold the agreement."

Anne Hebbberger, sophomore: "I don't think they should get married but if they love one another enough why should they sign a contract?"

Henrietta Binder, sophomore: "I don't like the idea but I think that two people should wait until after the war to be married."

Beatrice Burke, sophomore: "The solemn engagement was probably ideal in the days of chivalry, but is knighthood still in flower?"

Latest Books Help Develop New Ideas

In observance of the Third National Catholic Book Week, the library here at school will conduct an appropriate display during the week of November 15 to 21.

National Catholic Book Week is a crusade to bring Catholic literature into the lives of non-Catholics as well as Catholics. The tradition of a Catholic Book Week in America can be traced as far back as June, 1802, when the Philadelphia publisher, Mathew Carey, began the first Book Fair in New York City. But it was not until October, 1937, that it became of prime importance under the chairmanship of Charles L. Higgins of the Boston Public Library.

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Stan Kramers Present Marionette Show

A marionette show was given in the Fontbonne Little Theatre, October 30, by the Kramer family from California, who are on a winter tour of night clubs and theatres. They were currently playing at the Park Plaza when they graciously consented to give a performance at Fontbonne.

The skill and artistic ability of each member of the family was shown in the appearance of each marionette on the stage. Mr. Kramer constructs the puppets; Mrs. Kramer dresses them, and Stanley, their 18 year old son, manipulates them. Various marionettes were worked in the show. Some of the favorites were Alice Blue Gown, the Skeleton, an Opera Singer and a Xylophone Player.

Phys. Ed. Major Will Produce "Campus Carnival" As Thesis

On December 3 at 8:15 o'clock, Betty Boll, daughter of Mrs. Marguerite Boll, 7265 Northmoor Drive, University City, will present her senior recital in fulfillment of the requirement for her B. S. in Physical Education.

The presentation is called *Campus Carnival*. It will feature musical selections and dances built around the campus theme.

Cecilia Reichert Trades Microscope For Lieutenant's Khaki Uniform

By JEANNE CUNNINGHAM

Fontbonne is not to be outdone when it comes to doing her part for the war effort. She already has a representative in America's military forces, Cecilia Reichert, 37, now a Lieutenant in the Women's Auxiliary Army Corps. While at Fontbonne, Cecilia majored in Biology. After obtaining her Bachelor of Science degree here, she attended Saint Louis University where she received her Master's and stayed on as an Instructor of Bacteriology.

This past summer Cecilia took her entrance examination for the WAAC. Because of some misunderstanding she was sent to Olathe for another exam and then back here to Jefferson Barracks for a physical. Needless to say she passed the exams, but we might add that she not only passed them but emerged with the highest I. O. rating of all the W. A. C. applicants. She was immediately chosen with six others out of a group of 500 from the St. Louis area for Officers' Training School, and on July 8 she was sworn in. On July 20 she

left St. Louis for Fort Des Moines, Iowa, where she has been stationed since. She graduated from the first Officer's Training class in September and received the commission of Lieutenant. Lieutenant Reichert was then assigned to hospital duty, specializing in chart work and giving injections.

From this sketch of Cecilia's brief but illustrious career we don't want to give any false impression that women's army life is all smooth walking. The W. A. C.'s are under the same strict military rule as the regular army, even including the article about associating with only commissioned officers.

Lieutenant Reichert is Fontbonne's first delegate to this auxiliary army force; in fact, she is the first to enter the ranks from any of the Catholic schools of Saint Louis. Cecilia has set a precedent of patriotism for us at Fontbonne and we may be justly proud of her. She has shown us how valuable an education is even in chaotic times like these.

Thought-Provoking Ideas Are Subjects Of Assembly Programs

The changing scene of education, its possible place in the co-operative system, its connection with the war effort through health and patriotism, and its possible fate in the years which follow the present war were thoroughly discussed at the past three student assemblies.

Aim of Cooperative System

On October 26, Miss Mary Dooling of the staff of the "Queen's Work", gave an excellent talk on the merits of the cooperative system and its relation to Catholic thought.

Miss Dooling's opening statement was: "The cooperative wishes to reach everyone; service is the motto."

"This statement is open to controversy, since the cooperative system has not as yet been brought into the fore in the American way of life. Miss Dooling continued: "It is undeniable that we have been brought up in an atmosphere of competition."

Views on Post-War Trends

On November 9, Dr. Alphonse Clemens, head of the Departments of Economics and Sociology, discussed "Education During the Reconstruction". Dr. Clemens said: "If you could tell me who is going to win this war, whether there will be political as well as military demobilization, whether or not our government will change, and whether there will be a great inflation or a great depression, I might talk of probability rather than possibility. As it is, what I

say is entirely a question of possibility.

However, war always does three things:

- (1) It accelerates social changes which started before the war;
- (2) It emphasizes new trends;
- (3) It focuses attention acutely on problems we have always had but never particularly noticed.

With regard to the effects of the war upon education, Dr. Clemens said: "There is a strong possibility that the eleven month schedule now used in the colleges will be continued for economic reasons.

"Private education may disappear entirely unless we arouse public opinion against taxation of churches, schools, and non-profits organizations and also against the idea of federal control of education, which may be a result of the materialistic philosophy of the age."

Educational Films Shown

"The Story of Our Flag," a moving picture, was featured at assembly on November 2. The evolution of our flag from revolutionary war days was carried through to the development of our present flag with its thirteen red and white stripes and its forty-eight white stars shining on their field of blue. With this picture were shown two others: "First Aid" and "Good Posture." Sister Catherine De Ricci, Head of the Department of Chemistry, presented the pictures through the courtesy of Missouri University.

Barbara Raupp Places In Queen's Work Contest

As a proof that Fontbonne students really can be on the top when they put their minds to it, Barbara Raupp was one of the winners in the Queen's Work "Solemn Engagement Contest." An excerpt from her letter was printed in the November issue of the Queen's Work.

The December contest is "The Most Original Sodality Project." Since one student has set the example, how about some more winners? Keep Fontbonne on the top!

Glee Club Will Present "The Christmas Messiah"

The Glee Club will again give the regular Christmas program, occurring this year on December 14, at 8:15 p. m. The program will consist of two parts: the first is "The Carolers", and the second is "The Christmas Messiah" by Handel-Wilson. "The Messiah" is a favorite of all, and is greeted each year with much enthusiasm. This year the soloists will be Catherine Weidie, Rosemary Pupillo, Marie Antoinette O'Kane, and Louise LaBarge.

On November 11, Armistice Day, a group of ten singers participated in the Liturgical Music Clinic at St. Alphonsus Rock Church. The particular aim of the Clinic at the present time is the restoration of the High Mass as the true way for all to celebrate worthily the Lord's Day. This group of singers from the Fontbonne Glee Club, together with groups from other schools and organizations, joined in singing the Gregorian Chant and the proper of High Mass.

Poetry Club Members Will Discuss Kilmer

Poets and poetry lovers discussed the life of G. K. Chesterton, at the meeting. Audrey Murphy participated in the discussion by giving an unusually interesting account of the author's life, and Sylvia Mastro delivered a few of Chesterton's poems. Mary Virginia Richard gave a paper on "Aspects of Poetry," and Catherine Small recited an original Sonnet entitled "Quest," which met with spontaneous applause. A new officer, Louise Colombo, was welcomed into the club, as Secretary-Treasurer.

Joyce Kilmer, who died in action in the first World War, will be discussed at the next meeting on November 27. Papers dealing with poetry in wartime will be presented.

Classical Club Holds Debate at Webster

At the Classical Club meeting held at Webster College, November 15, Marilyn McAteer read a paper on how Greece responded to the invasion by Persia.

An informal debate was held to decide whether or not the Japanese and Russian languages should replace the classics, Greek and Latin. The audience seemed to feel that the time has not yet come to consider such a question seriously.

Illustrated Talk Features Catholic Scientists

Phi Beta Chi held its monthly meeting Friday, October 16. At this meeting Betty Higgins gave an illustrated lecture on eminent Catholic scientists. Barbara Raupp spoke on Louis Pasteur. A flag etched on glass by Gloria Johnson was displayed.

At the next meeting Audrey Naumann will present a paper in keeping with the proposed schedule of Phi Beta Chi to study Catholic scientists.

South American Natives Will Address Spanish Club

The Spanish Club will meet November 20. A series of talks on South American topics will be given by natives of that continent. A talk on Mexico is also scheduled by Senor Roberto Ladd, R.E.A. engineer from that country. All students are urged to attend.

Clubs Discuss War Themes And Current Issues

Sodality Promotes Tridium For Pope

All the interest of the Fontbonne Sodality is centered upon the Holy Souls. Each member of the Sodality is urged to offer up all her actions during the month of November for them.

During December the Sodality program will be one of continual activity. The reception of the new Sodality will take place on December 4 after Holy Mass. The tridium for the Holy Father will be held as usual this year December 6, 7, and 8, ending on the feast of the Immaculate Conception. The annual all-school Christmas party will be held on December 14. It will feature a program by the Glee Club and distribution of presents by Santa Claus. The Christmas Bundle Drive will terminate Sodality activities before the holidays. Through this project clothes and food will be distributed to the needy.

Music Club Introduces New American Theme

For its November meeting, Sigma Beta Mu has prepared a varied program. It was decided that at each meeting one great American composition will be played. This month Henrietta Binder will play MacDowell's "Preludium."

Mary Alice Chandler will give a talk on Sonatas. Dorothy Sackbauer, Mary Virginia Kohl, and Beatrice Burke will play movements from various Sonatas.

Legionnaires Instruct Colored Children

"Our Lady of Fontbonne", praesidium of the Legion of Mary with Sister Rose Agnes as its spiritual moderator, has been and is doing very fine work in the field of Catholic Action. The girls have offered their assistance in many ways, a few of which are: helping the Sisters to care for small children at St. Ann's Foundling Home, helping Little Flower Parish in conducting a parish census, and also giving religious instructions to little colored children after their school hours.

Olive Baer, who has done active legionary work in her parish, has been chosen president of our praesidium here at school. Mary McCabe, Gloria Johnson, and Helen Dillard have been appointed vice-president, secretary and treasurer respectively.

Home Ec. Club Prepares Layettes For Unfortunates

The Home Economics Club has started the year with a patriotic keynote by making menu covers and favors for the soldiers at Jefferson Barracks. The first set was for Thanksgiving; the second is to be for Christmas, although plans for these are not complete, as yet. It was requested that the girls make these especially for the boys in the Barracks' hospital to cheer them through the holiday seasons.

Layettes will also be made, as in other years, in order to help the Sodality in its Christmas basket project. The girls enjoy making these for the poor people because they are so appreciated by those who are less fortunate.

Mission Unit Sends Articles to Camps

At the first meeting of the Fontbonne mission unit Monsignor Carroll, director of the Propagation of Faith, was the guest speaker. This was a special meeting to celebrate Mission Day at Fontbonne. Monsignor Carroll stressed the need of sacrifice on the part of all Americans in order that the United States may win the war. At the close of the meeting the mission unit presented Monsignor Carroll with a check in behalf of the entire student body for Fontbonne's contribution to the Propagation of Faith.

The mission unit has recently sent packages containing rosaries, scapulars, medals, magazines, and catechisms to Camp Carson, Denver, Colorado, Scott Field, Illinois, Rev. Emmett Crane C. S. S. R. Camp Chaffee, Arkansas, and to Rev. F. L. Odium, formerly of Pearl Harbor, now with the marines.

The next meeting of the C.S.M.C. will be Monday, November 16. Barbara Raupp and Elizabeth Lucas will address the members on topics closely related to mission work.

Social Peace Club Offers Catholic Solution for Economic Problems

Members of the Social Peace Club held their first meeting November 6. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss cooperatives.

Dr. Alphonse Clemens, head of the department of sociology, discussed whether or not cooperatives are the Catholic answer to the economic problems of today and whether or not a cooperative should be started at Fontbonne.

Dr. Clemens believes that we should have a cooperative at Fontbonne but he stated that with respect to the economic problem confronting us at present, cooperatives are not the answer, but only a means to an end, a step in the right direction toward a Corporative Order as presented in Pius XI encyclical Quadragesimo Anno.

The structure and purpose of the Corporative Order was explained and shown to be the Catholic answer, the answer to economic failures today.

Press Club Awards Lucky Pennies on 13th

"Pennies from Heaven" fell at the Press Club meeting on that fatal day—Friday the 13th—as members showed their ability to think under pressure and think quickly. The president, Edwina Wright, conducted a glorified "Tic-Tac" contest which bore a slight resemblance to a Major Bowe's night at the Olde Opry House. Peter the Wolf-Wolf won first prize, five pennies, count 'em. Barbara Raupp's paper on "Censorship of the Press" was read in a mellow soprano by Gloria Pandjiris.

Unmentionable . . . That's All!

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