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## Santa Grooms One And All At Annual Christmas Party

### Donations of Student Body Fill Food Baskets for Poor and Needy

One of the few things that has yet to be rationed is Christmas Spirit. Fontbonne students believe that this year, above all, the spirit of the Christ Child should not wane. On December 14 from 3:00 to 5:30, the students and members of the faculty attended the traditional all-school Christmas Party sponsored by the Social Life Committee of the Sodality of Our Lady.

After staging a small raid on the ol' pantry and Dad's pocket and setting two cans of food, students were welcomed by open arms at the gym door. The two descriptive "h's" of Christmas were not absent from the celebration: holiness was rendered by the Glee Club's intonations, while holly lent decoration to the affair.

## E. Wright Merits Sodality Pin In Book Review Contest



EDWINA WRIGHT

The winners of the Book Week Contest sponsored by the Literature Committee of the Sodality of Our Lady from November 16 to 20, are Edwina Wright and Barbara Raupp. The first prize, a Sodality pin, was awarded to Edwina, and Barbara, who came in second, received a religious placard of the Blessed Virgin. According to Miss Horgan, who judged the contest, the entries were not only very good but difficult to judge because so many chose the same books to review.

Edwina gave a review on one of the most talked about books currently sold at the book marts, *The Song of Bernadette*, written by Franz Werfel. One paragraph, in particular, embodies the gist of her review:

"Nowhere does Werfel's pen falter in describing the profound beauty of Bernadette's visions. Although the appearance of the Lady of Lourdes and her pronunciation of the blessed words, 'I am the Immaculate Conception,' is a familiar story to many, Werfel, by his tenderness and simplicity of style turns it into a beautiful and touching reality for any thoughtful reader."

Barbara Raupp reviewed *The Man Who Got Even With God* by Raymond. She sums up the theme of her review thus:

"Here is a challenge to the mediocrity of American spirituality which has come to be an accepted fact in our age. The book prompts thought—too, it must awaken action. The soul of America must surely stir, pressed by Joachim's example."

Honorable mention was merited by Louise Fairchild and Catherine Small for their reviews of *Dark Symphony* by Elizabeth L. Adams, and Beatrice Burke for *The Man Who Got Even With God*.

## Anchor Aweigh! Waves Wash Fontbonne's Shores

To Miss Dorothea Wells, '41, goes the distinction of being the first Fontbonne graduate to join the Waves. Dorothea was sworn into this newly formed branch of the service on Armistice Day at Chicago, Illinois.

The editor of the Font was recently notified that Yvonne Steinbiss, '34, now Yvonne Cumming, will complete officers' training at the Naval Reserve Midshipmen's School, Northampton, Massachusetts, early in January.

The best of luck to you both!

## Dean Lists 41 Students To Mid-Semester Honor Roll

### Raupp And Daniels Rank Highest With Straight "A" Averages

Sister Joseph Aloysius, Dean, has listed forty-two students on the Honor Roll released at mid-semester of the present term. A student is eligible for the Honor Roll if she has at least one A grade with no grades below B in any of her subjects. She must also be carrying a program of at least fifteen credit hours. Those who fulfilled these requirements are as follows:

## Two Freshmen Tie For Honors In Psychological Test

Ann Beasley and Rhoda Vettori are the two Fontbonne freshmen who ranked high in the 1942 edition of the American Council on Education Psychological Examination for College Freshmen administered at the beginning of the scholastic year. The gross score of both Ann and Rhoda was 131, which placed them in the 90th percentile.

Ranking next on the examination were Marie Antoinette O'Kane and Catherine Weidle, both having a gross score of 125, which put them in the 80th percentile.

Comparing Fontbonne scores with those of 20,000 students in colleges throughout the United States, figures show that the Fontbonne average score was 87, the reported average 101.60. In the measure of quantitative abilities, represented by tests in arithmetic and figurative analogies, Fontbonne's average was 31 compared with 37.12; in the tests for determining linguistic abilities, measured by completion and verbal analogy questions, the average Fontbonne score was 57 compared with 67.37.

Ann Beasley is the daughter of Mr. C. S. Beasley of 7440 Florissant Rd. She is a graduate of Normandy High School.

Rhoda Vettori, a graduate of St. Elizabeth's Academy, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jasper Vettori of 3721 Oak Hill Ave.

Marie Antoinette O'Kane, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John O'Kane of 3516 Utah Place, graduated from the Academy of the Visitation.

Catherine Weidle, who graduated from Rosati-Kain High School, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ben Weidle of 3953 Cottage Ave.

## Rev. John Treinan Will Conduct Retreat

Fontbonne's annual retreat is scheduled to begin Wednesday morning, January 20, and to continue through January 22. The Reverend John Treinan of St. Joseph's College, Kirkwood, Mo., will preside over the conferences.

If we pause to think, especially during retreat, that in comparison with the disasters occurring daily in the world, our major problems are really trivial, our hearts and souls could not help offering to God a prayer of thanksgiving for our Faith, our friends and our country.

SENIORS:	A	B
Marjorie Boeving	4	1
Betty Boll	2	5
Yvonne Cornu	3	3
Dorothy Daniels	5	0
Margaret Leahy	3	3
Sylvia Mastro	1	6
Audrey Murphy	4	2
Evelyn Numainville	5	1
Barbara Raupp	7	0

JUNIORS:	A	B
Evelyn Aubuchon	3	3
Louise LaBarge	1	6
Patricia Luce	1	6
Grace Noonan	3	3
Gloria Pandjiris	3	3
Eleanor Schmitt	2	4
Edwina Wright	3	3

SOPHOMORES:	A	B
Beatrice Burke	4	3
Rosemary Casey	3	4
Patricia Donley	3	3
Anne Marie Heberger	5	2
Gloria Johnston	2	4
Mary Kramolowsky	2	5
Mary Jane Quirk	4	2
Betty Reid	4	2
Joan Sanders	2	5
Marjorie Walker	3	3
Eileen Wiss	2	4
Clara Marie Witte	2	5

FRESHMEN:	A	B
Jane Buri	1	5
Margaret Deck	1	5
Monica Liston	1	5
Rosaline Salome	1	6
Juliana Schmittgens	5	3
Joyce Silvis	2	5
Catherine Small	2	4
Shirley Whetton	2	4

SISTER STUDENTS:	A	B
Kennedy, Sister M.		
Devota, S.S.N.D.	5	2
Kerch, Sister M. Angelo, O.S.F.	3	2
Maher, Sister Mary Edouarda, R.S.M.	1	5
Mielke, Sister Eulogia, O.S.F.	4	1
Weingardt, Sister M. Prudentiana, C.P.P.S.	3	5

## Alumnae Members Will Hold Annual Baby Party

The Fontbonne Alumnae announces that the Homer Laughlin China Set was awarded to Mrs. U. L. Dames of 5858 Nina Place. The second prize, a flower container, was won by Louise Murray of Webster Groves. The benefit proved a financial success.

At the meeting of December 6, Alma Tackaberry was chosen as a board member to replace Dorothy Mullen, recently elected treasurer of the organization. A feature of this meeting was a review of Alice Duerr Miller's *The White Cliffs of Dover* by Louise Munsch.

The club has decided that the annual Christmas baby party will be held on Sunday afternoon, December 20, at 3 o'clock in the College Den. All members and their youngsters are welcome.

## Fontbonne Remembers Pearl Harbor



Riflemen from Jefferson Barracks giving a gun-salute to soldiers who lost their lives last December 7, following a Requiem Mass on December 7 in the college chapel. Lieut. Lawrence M. Wolf, right, preached the sermon.

A memorial military High Mass to commemorate the havoc of Pearl Harbor of a year ago was celebrated by Rev. Edward A. Rogers of Sacred Heart Parish on Monday, December 7. Father Rogers was a chaplain in the Air Corps at Kelley Field in World War I. To add to the solemnity of the occasion four riflemen and a bugler from Jefferson Barracks participated in the ceremonies at the Consecration.

In the sermon by Father Lawrence Wolf, a chaplain from Jefferson Barracks, there echoed a note of thanksgiving—a prayer of thanks for the faith that God has given us. Father went on to ask, "What are we to gain from this war? What are we fighting for? It will and it must be spiritual. We are fighting that we may enjoy the God-given rights we have . . ."

"On this day we offered the greatest of sacrifices—the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass for those Hallorans, Schmitts, and Caruthers who gave the supreme sacrifice with their life." Then Father Wolf continued, "We, who remain to enjoy the fruits of their sacrifice must live and be a credit to those heroes. We must live so that their sacrifice will be worthwhile."

## Awards

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OH KING OF PEACE PROTECT US!  
In a war torn world, we turn to the Christ Child for help and protection!  
His spirit is our only hope!

## Dobe of Bethlehem, Source of Peace

Our celebration of Christmas should be rather different and meaningful this year. The fact that there is a war makes it prudent not to have a lavish display of material wealth, either in gifts or decorations associated with the Christmas season.

But this does not alter the true significance of Christmas; rather it should serve to bring it more clearly to the minds of all. Despite the war, we still have good reason to celebrate Christ's coming in a truly spiritual manner. Indeed, we are lucky to be able to mention the feast, for in these times all countries will not enjoy the privilege.

Therefore, on Christmas morning we should have to present to the Christ Child a pure heart and a heart that thinks of peaceful things in the midst of so much hatred and bloodshed.

## Help Win Victory Over Disease

There is a tendency for all of us to focus our entire attention on the big global war to the utter neglect of all the small battles which are being waged year in and year out. One such fight which gains momentum each year at this season is the Tuberculosis Drive.

More than ever before this campaign merits our cooperation. The tuberculosis rate is increasing because of the war. Crowded living conditions, irregular home routines, mothers working—these are a few of the factors that force us to recognize the necessity of fighting disease and of raising funds for health work.

Thus, the war has not impeded the work of the Tuberculosis and Health Society. The sale of Christmas Health Buttons is being conducted with more intensity than in previous years. One dime is all you are asked to contribute. You may buy the button from your class president today if you have not already done so.

## Twelve Months Later

For the past twelve months, the United States has been at war. As yet, this has had no great effect on us—we go along complaining about the lack of gasoline, bobby pins, pet brands. We tearfully bid our friends and relatives goodbye as they trudge off to fight, little realizing that they are the real ones who are making the greatest sacrifices. They are offering their lives while we, at home, complain about the small inconveniences brought on by the war.

After they have departed, we sit and wonder with a far away look in our eyes just what we can do to help. We let our assignments go to rack and ruin while we day dream of our Johnnie Doughboy finding a sweeter-smelling Rose in the Solomons. But we never stop to realize that we'd be doing a lot more for our Johnnie if we do to the best of our ability our own small job, no matter how inconsequential it may seem. If we do this, along with any volunteer war work that we can find time for, we will be, in reality, loading Johnnie's gun for him, and boosting our country another step to the level of victory.

## Faculty News

A Christmas present from the faculty to all you students. What is it? Well, the faculty is giving to each and every one of you an extra hour beginning next semester in which to catch street cars, buses, and the beloved "dinky." Classes will begin at 9:30 and will follow in fifty minute periods through the day. Extra-curricular activities will be taken care of from 3:45 to 4:35 p. m. on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday.

The Dean, Sister Joseph Aloysius, has been appointed a member of the Community Education Planning Committee of the Adult Education Council of Greater St. Louis.

Our man about town is making speeches again. Dr. Alphonse Clemens has presented talks to the married women of the parish of Christ the King and to the Young People of St. Pius' Church.

From every faculty member to all our students we wish a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

## Housman's "Bethlehem" Reenacts Story of The Birth of King of Kings

On Friday, December 11th, at 8:15 p. m., Housman's *Bethlehem* was presented in the auditorium with an all-school cast.

In two acts were reenacted the well-known scenes of the shepherds and the Angel Gabriel, the three kings, the Nativity scene at Bethlehem and the adoration of the Christ Child. The blended voices of the Glee Club, and soft lighting and costuming lent a celestial atmosphere to the production.

Those taking part in the play were Eileen Cochran as Mary, June Wilkerson as Joseph, Edwina Wright as the Angel Gabriel, Elizabeth Lucas, Mary Kay Mueller, Betty Raupp, Patricia Luce, Mary Lou Menges, and Gloria Johnston as shepherds, Margaret Speer, Julianne Schmittgens and Jeanne Mooney as kings, Louise La Barge, Henrietta Sabadel, Mary Adele Wintz, Rosemary Holden, Billie Bryson, Jane Callahan, Evelyn Numannville and Kathleen Burke as angels. The prologue was given by Jeanne Cunningham.

## AS TIME'S WATERS FLOW

The halls of Fontbonne still buzz with the pros and cons—mostly cons—engendered by the remarks of an undiplomatic diplomat before the Social Peace Club within the last fortnight. If Acting British Consul Smith contributed the sum total of zero-zero to the relations between the British Empire and the United States, at least he did provide food for discussion.

Apparently the announced topic of "Post-War Reconstruction" was lost in the shuffle as the speaker proceeded to "explode firecrackers" in the shape of pointed remarks about the short-comings of the U. S. Is this the blue-print for post-war reconstruction? Of course, we realize that Mr. Smith was speaking as a civil servant, not as the exponent of a political philosophy, but his remarks followed closely the tenor of speeches made recently by Prime Minister Churchill and Lord Cranthorne. Could it be that Britain is preparing now to dictate terms at the peace table which will ensure for her world-empire the status quo ante?

Perhaps the majority of those present agreed with Mr. Smith when he stated that there was too much flabby thinking prevalent in the world. It is only fair, therefore, that the speaker should be evaluated in the light of that charge. First of all, he failed to define the term "Post-War Reconstruction." From his remarks, one might assume that post-war reconstruction to the mind of the British civil servant means a British plan for the benefit of the British empire only. Apparently, we of the United States should spend our time examining our sins of omission and commission instead of trying to contribute something—aside from the staggering total of men, munitions and food—to the betterment of all the peoples of the world.

Second, we accept the charge of slogan-mindedness, but we beg leave to point out that when British mouths such slogans as "There will always be an England," and "Our little little isle" and "Blood, sweat and tears," she too is indulging in slogans without examining the meaning of the terms used.

"Put your own house in order" admonition. At least, if America has erred in the past, if she errs now in believing that she is fighting not only for herself, but for the rights of people all over the world, she is doing so through a spirit of unselfish idealism, rather than a selfish desire for aggrandizement.

Third, the speaker used a method commonly employed by flabby thinkers of putting the audience on the defensive by throwing out firecracker queries as to the attitude of the U. S. toward Germany at the conclusion of the first World War as demonstrated in the Treaty of Berlin, despite the fact that there is no connection between that treaty and the subject of discussion. "Britain will hardly be in the mood to accept the suggestions advanced by the U. S. at a peace table in view of the fate of such other suggestions as the League of Nations and the Hoover Moratorium made by your country in the past."

That statement, so casually made, is the clue to an attitude so prevalent among the British bureaucrats here and abroad, an attitude which cannot be lost sight of in the midst of admonitions to the U. S. to look within her own borders and settle the problems there, while letting Britain take care of the remainder of the globe.

As far as the freedoms mentioned by the speaker are concerned, we were under the impression that Britain too signed the "Atlantic Charter" specifying the things for which both Britain and the U. S. are fighting. Why ask us then if we are willing to give up some portion of our inheritance to feed the Chinese coolie? We think that our actions have demonstrated clearly that we are willing to do just that because we understand the meaning of charity on a world scale, but is Britain willing to do the same? Does Britain believe, for example, that the untouchables of India are to be protected from

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## Run --- Rumor --- Run!

Attention Sally, Jane and Marge—you citizens of our American way of life—are you fifth columnists or are you 'guileless goofs' that have innocently fallen for the enemy's line? That is just what Hitler wants, and this is what he said in 1933: "... Mental confusion, contradictions of feelings, indecisions, panics—these are our weapons."

Here in St. Louis the rumor that Jefferson Barracks was to be turned into an all-Negro training center was given widespread publicity not only by 'guileless goofs', but also by some newspapers. The army plan is to train Negroes in a number representing the ratio of Negroes to white in the civilian population. Major General F. L. Martin, Commanding General of the Second District of the Army Air Force Technical Training Command, said that there is no plan for making Jefferson Barracks or any other air force post an all-Negro center. Negro Air Corps troops are now stationed at some of the posts, but the policy of distribution on a proportionate basis among all the camps probably will reduce the number of Negroes now at Jefferson Barracks.

A lying rumor circulated among the Negro population here stated that when a Japanese submarine sank a ship bearing Negro and white passengers, the Negroes were saved by the Japanese, who then let the whites drown. The FBI reported that such a story involves military information and, even if true, would not be made available. Such a story has no other design than to drive a wedge between the white and Negro elements.

Regardless of our personal opinions on the subject of color or race, it is wise to remember that one of the causes of this war was racial discrimination. A rumor that the very weapons which we need to weaken the internal structure of our racial unity.

We will not become complacent and passive, we will not allow the revolutionary propaganda of the enemy to demoralize and drive us to destroy ourselves; rather, we will say, as President Roosevelt says, of these: "America is not a country that can be confounded by the appeasers, the defeatists, the backstairs manufacturers of panic. It is a country that talks out its problems in the open."



## No Priority On Femininity Dress The Part! Build Morale!

By GLORIA PANDJIRIS

Just as clothes make the man, so also clothes make the woman. At this point the school will not, no doubt, quip, "clothes make the woman what?" Well, they make her lots of things. They can make her gay or depressed; light-hearted, or sad; they have great powers over us all. Perhaps you, doubtful reader, think this is all so much nonsense. Just to prove it isn't, try putting on a red sweater, or a bright bow in your hair when spirits are low and see if you don't immediately think the world isn't so bad after all.

Which brings us to the main topic in this article, namely: the beautiful new colors in clothes. Color has a definite psychological effect on people. Have you noticed the new black dresses? They are almost all brightened up with color—soft blues, silver cloth, pale greens—or made most interesting by the addition of jet, marquisette or sequins. And these "brightenings" are boons to the girl who "just cannot wear black." And so we are having a grand spurge of color—those ice greens and blues, magenta, cerise, lavender, powder brown, russet, gold, and yes, you guessed it—red!

Femininity, have you noticed, is in the fore. They tell us it is not because the American girl has all of a sudden decided that frills and furbelows are musts for her, but because we really dress to please the men. And what Johnnie Doughboy, home on furlough, wants to see mannish-tailored suits, brass-buttons, and flat-heeled shoes accompanied by sex?

Styles have remained pretty

much the same with only a few changes such as peg-top effects, slimmer skirts, and less pleats. Individuality is achieved by simplicity, but not severity.

This treatise would hardly be complete without at least a remark about the new hats (that is the technical name—no doubt, if we alluded to them as stove-pipes, flower-pots, or chimney flues, you'd recognize the reference immediately). Most of them are rather extreme, but (I'll be fashion-wise!) we suppose it is in getting used to them. However, there really are some very attractive models to be had. One which we happened to glimpse was made of black felt with a moderately high crown and a turned back brim to which were attached beautiful soft feathers in a shade of cyclamen "good enough to eat." Another very good-looking one was a tiny moss-green sailor, the brim of which was completely surrounded by close clipped quills.

No matter what you decide concerning your winter wardrobe, keep simplicity and suitability ever before you. And especially in these war times should we, the civilian army, the morale builders, try to make ourselves as gay as possible. We should not, however, lose sight of the fact that war times are serious times, and we should do all we can to help. One of the greatest of these, we believe, is to show all those boys fighting for our freedom, that we appreciate what they are doing, and want to feel and look our prettiest and our best "when they come marching home."

## Where Would the "B" Books Be Without Fontbonne's Bees?

During the past two weeks Sister Patricia has spent her spare (?) hours filling in and checking over about 15,000 "B" gas ration books. If you happened to roam through the Fine Arts Building at any time of the day or night, you most probably would have found them knee-deep in applications for those nice little "B" books.

Many members of the faculty and a number of the students assisted in this work. Sister Patricia assured us that all of this was voluntary work and she wished to thank everyone who helped in any way at all.

The members of the faculty who have assisted in this work are Mother Berenice, Sister Joseph Aloysius, Sister Bertha, Sister Anna Mechtilde, Sister Edwina, Sister Mary Berchmans, Sister Frederic, Sister Alberta, Sister St. Luke, Sister Susanne Marie, and Sister Ann Regis. Members of the lay faculty who aided in this cause are Miss Theresa Carmody, Miss Gertrude Troemel, Miss Gwynette Willis, Miss Eleanor Baer, and Miss Gertrude Horgan.

Those students who have worked over ten hours are Ann Mapel, Mary A. Wintz, Ruth Schindler, Rosemary Holden, Helen Dillard, Henrietta Binder, Gloria Johnston, Mary Kramolowsky, and Patricia Luce. Those girls who have worked five hours or more are Betty Doerr, Beatrice Burke, Jean Houlehin, Marilyn McAteer, Anne M. Hebbarger, Yvonne Cornu, Catherine Pendergast, Mary V. Richard, Edwina Wright, Dorothy Sackbauer, Laura Slaughter, Alvera Gross, Naomi Gittens, Ann Jackson, Lorraine Ash, Jane Buri, Monica Liston, Marion Weber, Eileen Wiss, Mary Riordan, Mary A. Chandler, Eleanor Schmitt, Rosemary Lyons, Kathleen Burke, Henrietta Sabadell, Jaclyn Meyer, Dorothy Longenatti, June Wilkerson, and Mary Doering.

The sophomore class worked the greatest number of hours; the senior class was second; the junior class was third; the freshman class was fourth.

Several members of the Mothers' Club, Mrs. Charles LaBarge and Mrs. A. L. Houlehin, assisted in this work. Also assisting was Miss Mary Tracy, a member of the Academy faculty.

## Calling Chem Majors!

ACP—Speaking of women, the Civil Service Commission is seeking Junior Chemists and is particularly interested in co-eds who have had four years of college, with 30 semester hours of chemistry. Pay, \$2000 annually; no written test.

## CHRISTMAS SUGGESTIONS

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## Do You Know the Story of Fontbonne's Forgotten Six?

By EDWINA WRIGHT

Contrary to the opinion of historians, the "forgotten men" are not the pioneers, the lost explorers, or even the small town bookkeepers with white-collared-working girls; they are a group of men that form a bit of Fontbonne's daily campus scene. "Men forgotten on the campus?" asks one starry-eyed student. They may not exist here, but they surely aren't forgotten. How wrong, my lady! We say they DO exist here and they that do ARE forgotten.

Suppose you strolled into the den late one afternoon, flicked the electric light switch so conveniently placed on the wall, and instead of welcoming you with its warm embrace of light, the room remained dismal and shadowy. You're shivering as you stumble to the radiator and feel of its icy top. You make for the radio, turn the dial—no music, not even the nauseating noise of the announcer. You walk down the hall to the elevator; ring the buzzer—no response. You try the cafeteria—no light, no heat, not even a coke on ice, for sad fate, the refrigerator has suddenly gone on the blink. You're amazed when you find the swimming pool converted and you without your skates. What a school, you moan, what a college, what a tomb. You're going to transfer tomorrow to Flattsburg U. where at least they have coal-oil lamps.

Had you traveled a few feet farther on your campus tour, you would have undoubtedly solved the riddle as you rounded the bend leading to the power house. There you would have beheld six men, picketing. By the seemingly small action of putting down their tools and picking up umbrellas, Fontbonne's "forgotten men" had shown the tremendous power they hold, literally speaking, over college life.

The faces of Mr. Raymond M. Green, Mr. Edward Reedy, Mr. Lawrence Brown and more are familiar enough to us, but do we ever stop to think of what immediate importance they are to each student, other than fixing the cafe's clock every other day, plastering in blackboards, mending broken windows? Do we ever wonder what actually takes place in that edifice behind the cafeteria? Do we know anything at all about the power house? Do we know, for example, that when Fontbonne College was first opened at Big Bend and Wydown Roads, that building which now houses such machinery as a poppet valve and controls the heat, electricity, cooking current, for itself and all other buildings on the campus, was originally constructed as a garage? Clayton, at that time, was little more than wilderness and the cost of bringing electricity from the city to the school was enormous. Someone had the idea of installing high pressure boilers in what was then the garage, and so, our power-house, and self-maintenance came into being.

The men responsible for so much of our health and happiness on the campus total six; three firemen, one engineer, two in charge of maintenance. We took the liberty of inquiring as to the specific duties of Mr. Lawrence Brown, maintenance man, who has been at Fontbonne for the past 11 years. "I do," replied Mr. Brown, as he adeptly applied the last bit of plaster to a leaking ceiling, "everything."

The power house machinery is in actual operation 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. The steam that runs the generators that runs the elevator or the ovens is produced by this machinery, 50% of it being re-used again and again.

Have you, too, been guilty of complaining on dark days when the lights are dimmed for a second, "There go those lights again. Get a candle!" The reason for these spurts may be easily understood. The plant is capable of taking care of every light, every electrical outlet, every radiator on campus, simultaneously. It is seldom asked to carry this entire load at one time, however. It is a tremendous load as estimated from the lamps in front of school. Each has a wattage of 1500—equal to 1 1/2 kilometers of electricity, and there are more than a few of these lamps! At night, when the lights are on, the cooking current is shut off. In the day, when the current is on, the lights are off. "They balance each other," stated Mr. Brown.

Is it any wonder, then, that on a dark day, when cooking, heat, lights, hot water, the elevator, etc. are all going at once that the light in some room might be dimmed momentarily?

When Mr. Edward Reedy, who has been a fireman at Fontbonne since 1924, was asked what he would do in case of a blackout, he smiled and stated that he dreams nightly of a practice blackout at Fontbonne. "There's a master-switch for each building, and when that big moment comes, I'll just pull the switch," said he. Mr. Reedy has just completed a course in Civilian Defense. As a result, he has been appointed to the post of Fireman with the Auxiliary Fire Department. His shiny red hat, a source of pride and joy to him, can be seen hanging in plain view within the power house. When asked how the war has affected his family, Mr. Reedy replied that although his two boys were employed at Weldon Springs' T. N. T. Plant, they hadn't as yet been inducted into active service. He stated that both of Mr. Brown's sons were at this time in Ireland with the Navy.

When asked in what manner the war has affected the power house, Mr. Reedy stated that the main difficulty is obtaining new parts for broken machinery. In keeping with government regulations, the college building will have an average temperature of 65° this winter in comparison with the 70-75° of last year. "The girls," said Mr. Reedy, "will just have to wear more clothing this winter. We of the power house won't be affected in the least, however," he added with a chuckle.

And indeed they won't! At that moment your reporter burst into the autumn evening, gratefully inhaling cool draughts of air, as she doused her clothing in cold water to extinguish the blaze.



## "Campus Carnival" Revives Story Books

Eight o'clock on the evening of December 3 found Fontbonne Little Theatre packed with an audience expectantly awaiting the presentation of Betty Boll's thesis "Campus Carnival." A flare of lights, a hush, and to life came not only ordinary Fontbonne students, but also Popeye, Little Bo Peep, and Alice in Wonderland. The Gingerbread Man burst miraculously into life while the Bakers sang. The tin soldiers awoke; Raggedy Ann and Raggedy Andy tumbled at the feet of the queen; the Dutch girls danced. Alexander Jovose finally proved himself eligible to be admitted to the "Geese League" which waddled round and round poor bewildered Mother Goose and Alexander.

"Campus Carnival" was presented as a thesis in partial fulfillment of the requirements for her Bachelor of Science degree in Physical Education. Betty wrote the script, cleverly incorporating in it all types of dancing which she had learned in her studies. Moreover, she had full direction of the play, directing the actors, coaching them, and making the scenery.

Can Britain say the same?

## Sodalists Will Present Skit On Cheating

The Literature Committee of the Sodality of Our Lady has suggested that the Sodalists give Catholic books as Christmas gifts.

The Christmas baskets this year will be filled by the food received as admission at the annual all-school Christmas Party. Students also brought articles of clothing and toys to swell the Christmas Bundle Drive.

The December meeting featured a talk on the meaning of peace this Christmas by Sister Rose Agnes, Moderator of the Sodality. Mary McCabe talked about the Christmas novena.

The Sodality is planning to hold a triduum before examinations, under the patronage of the Holy Ghost. The Social Life Committee is planning to present a skit entitled, "To Cheat or not to Cheat" at the January meeting. At this meeting suggestions will be given for the Annual Students' Retreat conducted each year between semesters.

During the latter part of January the College Sodality Union will give a "Nite Club Party." Each of the sodalities in the Union will have one set in the floor show.

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## Lecturers Give Views On European Youth, Journalism, Home Missions

On November 16, Dr. Salzbacher, famed French lecturer, with degrees in Political Science and Economics from the University of Cologne, spoke on the subject of totalitarianism and its effect on the youth of modern Europe.

As proof of his ability to speak on modern European affairs, Dr. Salzbacher told of his intensely interesting and somewhat dangerous life in France, Belgium, and Spain during the past five years. His hazardous escape in a cattle wagon from German-occupied Brussels gave further proof of a fascinating life dangerously lived.

Dr. Salzbacher maintains that the youth of Europe are not spiritually and morally degenerate as we may believe. Youth activities in Europe are established organizations of centuries, while American youth activities are all comparatively young.

In Germany the Adolf Hitler schools are instilling wrong principles into the minds of young boys, and girls are instructed to care little for morals, but the religious minority may influence the irreligious majority.

We must remember that in the roots of religion we find the spirit of freedom—when a nation gives up her freedom she loses her soul. Hope for a new and better world should be emphasized as an optimistic basis for a newly spiritualized group of nations. If we try to make fundamental values strong in ourselves, we shall inevitably conquer.

### Field for Women Journalists

Extremely entertaining was the talk on Journalism, given Decem-

ber 1, by Mr. Joseph Holland. His very amusing lecture opened with the words, "After 13 years as a newspaper reporter I can say I have had a signally unsuccessful career in law." At the wish of his father Mr. Holland studied law, but it is obvious from his very speech that he is a newspaperman through and through.

The newspaper, according to Mr. Holland, is divided into three sections, the news itself, which attracts subscribers to the paper; the editorials, in which the editor comments on the news; and the advertising, which sells space and is the real engine of the newspaper.

The field for women in journalism has become increasingly widened with the past twenty years, so that now almost every line of newspaper work can be handled as ably by a woman as by a man.

### How to Aid Home Missions

December 7, Sister Teresa, from the lately founded order of Christ the King, spoke of the work her order is doing among the poor sharecroppers and negroes of the southeastern United States. The sisters first attempt to alleviate the temporal sufferings of the people, and then, their spiritual wants. Sister Agatha illustrated Sister Teresa's lecture with explanatory slides shown on the screen.

The sisters' appeal to college students who consider working among the destitute was to spread a better knowledge of God and religion as well as a better knowledge of mankind and his relations to industry and the land.

## German Students Entertain Faculty

On November 23, the German students presented a program for the faculty members. Some of the girls read fables, others spoke about the legends, feasts, and songs. A talk was given on the importance of studying German for science, and Goethe and Schiller, the famous poets, were discussed. The religious part of the program included talks on St. Elizabeth and the beautiful hymn, "Stille Nacht."

The members of the German classes had their Christmas party December 7. Refreshments were served and attendance prizes were given.

## Music Club Features Bach's Christmas Carols

"Peace on Earth Good Will to Men" this brings Christmas to the minds of each and everyone. In keeping with the Christmas spirit, Sigma Beta Mu, at its meeting on December 6, discussed several of Bach's Carols. Several of these carols were also played.

## Classical Group Debates On Study of Latin

The Classical Club held its last meeting on December 13 in the Arts Lounge of St. Louis University.

At that time, Patricia Luce of Fontbonne College represented the negative faction in a debate on this thesis: "As I see it you Latinists make too much of your subject as a preparation for other language study."

## C. S. M. C. Pleads For Aid Spiritual And Material

The Fontbonne Unit of the C.S.M.C. held its regular meeting November 23 at 10:30 a. m. Sister Sylvia Marie, moderator, made a plea for prayers and for funds. Barbara Raupp gave a short history of the C.S.M.C. from its foundation up to the present time. She also stressed the importance of our little donations.

The officers and members of the cake committee wish to thank everyone for their cooperation in their cake sale held Wednesday, November 25.

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# CLUBS

## F. A. A. Will Entertain Corporate Colleges Jan. 15

The physical education instructors from Fontbonne, Webster, Maryville, and Harris have decided that each school should entertain the others. The reason for this is to create a better feeling of sportsmanship between the four schools. Fontbonne will be the first to entertain with a Splash Party in the swimming pool on January 15. Webster will be the hostess at a bowling party, and Maryville will conduct a play day.

## Poetry Club Stresses World War I and II Poets

It seems as though the war has had due effect on the poetry club. At the last meeting of the club, the topic for discussion was one of America's greatest World War I poets, Joyce Kilmer, whose poetry does not belong to a reign of war, but to a reign of peace. Facts concerning his life and works were given by Jaclyn Meyer.

Miss Horgan spoke on "War Poets from World War I and II," telling of the poets who were active on the battlefield and who still had time to put their feelings into words.

Two of Kilmer's greatest poems, *Trees*, and *My Little Sister*, were read by Louise Colombo. Monica Liston's original poem, *A Christmas Legend*, was appropriate for the present Christmas Season.

The next author to be discussed is Coventry Patmore.

## British Consul Speaks To Social Peace Club

The Social Peace Club held its regular monthly meeting Friday, December 4, at 10:20 a. m. in the Rectal Room. Since America will probably sit with Great Britain at the peace table, the guest speaker was Cauley Smith, acting British consul. Mr. Smith particularly stressed the lack of concentrated thought and mental discipline as a cause of some of the ills which appear in the world today. He also stated that a change in education, one which would comply with the individuals' abilities, should be expected. This is also true of the distribution of wealth. The method of bringing about this more stable distribution of wealth is not yet determined.

In general, we might say that we must constantly prepare for the reconstruction which follows war.



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## French Club Conducts Seminar Programs

The last meeting of the Le Cercle Francals took place on November 20. After a preliminary discussion of business matters, there was a short program which took the form of a seminar under the chairmanship of Patricia Luce. The subject of the seminar was "Gothic Architecture as exemplified by churches in the Middle Ages." Patricia Luce spoke on "Chivalry and Devotion to Our Lady"; Jaclyn Meyer gave a report on Notre Dame de Chartres; Evelyn Numainville outlined the life of Saint Chapelle; and a description of the Cathedrals of Rheims and of Notre Dame de Paris was given by Helen Macauley.

The next meeting will deal with some of the illustrious saints of France. The speakers will be Ruth Schindler, the chairman, Patricia Luce, Eleanor Schmitt, and Louise Colombo. An interesting feature of the meeting will be a report on *The Song of Bernadette* by Franz Werfel.

## Glee Club Collaborates In "Bethlehem" Presentation

The Glee Club collaborated with the Dramatics Club in the presentation of *Bethlehem*, the Christmas play given last Friday. The entire Glee Club rendered a group of Christmas songs during the intermission.

The club also provided entertainment for the annual school Christmas party. Due to the Glee Club's participation in the play and at the party, the Messiah will not be presented this year.

The evening of the Christmas play, Friday, December 11, the members were guests at a buffet supper in the den.

## Educational Movies Will Be Shown To Spanish Club

Mr. Roberto Ladd of Mexico was the guest of the Spanish Club at their last meeting. He discussed the cultural development and background of Mexico. A discussion on the education, customs, and fiestas followed. Movies of Spain are to be featured at the next meeting.

## Delta Phi Rejuvenates Room During Meetings

Delta Phi held its regular monthly meeting, Wednesday afternoon, December 9. A change in committee heads was announced. Due to Frances Morse's withdrawal from school, Marion Weber was appointed chairman of the paint committee. After the business meeting was adjourned, the remaining time was spent in painting furniture in the art room.

## Phi Beta Chi Members Study Rubber Situation

At the last meeting of Phi Beta Chi, Dorothy Graf gave a report on Claude Bernard, the Catholic physiologist, who discovered the relation of the organs of the body to each other.

Audrey Naumann read a paper on Antoine Lavoisier, another famous Catholic scientist who is today known as the "Father of Modern Chemistry."

At this meeting Sister Catherine de Ricci showed moving pictures about the nervous system and the circulatory system.

The next meeting will be devoted in part to the study of rubber. Kathleen Burke will have a report to make on a phase of the rubber situation as it exists in the United States today.

## Home Ec. Club Solicits Magazine Orders

The Home Economics Club has completed the layettes for the Christmas baskets and has turned them over to the Sodality for distribution to the needy families.

In order to raise money for the club, the members have agreed to solicit subscriptions to McCall's magazine. These would make very welcome Christmas gifts, and the whole school is asked to participate in the purchasing of these subscriptions.

The Christmas favors for the soldiers in Jefferson Barracks Hospital have been completed. They are made of cigarettes in the form of a Christmas candle and it is hoped that they will lend some little measure of cheer to the boys on Christmas day.

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