

## Sisters Teresine and Hugh Lead Sisters' Educational Conference

For the regional meeting of the St. Louis Province of the Educational Conference of the Sisters of St. Joseph to be held Saturday, February 27, at Fontbonne, Sister Mary Teresine of the mathematics department and Sister Mary Hugh of the education department are general co-chairmen. The Fontbonne College Chorus, under the direction of Sister Mary Anne of the music department, will open the morning session.

The theme of the conference will be "Mary's Year in Our Schools." Rev. Bernard Kramer, S.M., of the religion department will deliver the principal address at the morning session. Rev. Bernard Bak, C.R., likewise of the religion department, will conclude the day's sessions with a Marian Hour in St. Joseph's Chapel.

Rev. Louis J. Blume, S.M., former president of St. Mary's University, San Antonio, Tex., will give the principal address in the afternoon.

Sectional meetings will be concerned with "Mary in the Curriculum." At the joint college and high school session Sister Ann Virginia, Fontbonne, and Sister Rose Edward, St. Anthony's high school, will be speakers.

For the grades will be: Sister Rose Teresine, 1 and 2; Sister Thomas Marguerite, 3 and 4; Sister Marie Georgette, 5 and 6; Mother Joan Louise, 7 and 8.

Also on the program will be music by the high schools and elementary schools taught by the Sisters of St. Joseph in the St. Louis Province. Books and other materials designed to aid teachers in the classroom promotion of devoted service to Mary will be displayed in the foyer of Fine Arts. Panel discussions will feature the conference during the afternoon.

Members of the college chorus include: Judith Anderson, Margaret Bransford, Carol Brouillette, Suzanne Brunsman, Mary Ann Brys, Teresa Conway, Anne Cutter, Mary Deck, Dorothy Dick, Mona Emmerling, Yvonne Etzhorn, Judith Giles, Jo Ann Gratia, Shirley Greenwood. (Continued on page 3, column 5)

Therese Grother, Sister Cecilia Marie, Ad.P.P.S., Janice Hillner, Patricia Huesmann, Sister Thomasine, Ad.P.P.S., Sue Kaiser, Carol Keane. (Continued on page 3, column 2)

## S. Leach on Panel Of Catholic Authors On Wed., Feb. 24

In observation of Catholic Book Week, February 21-27, Station WEW will present a panel discussion on Catholic authors at 1:05 p. m., Wednesday, February 24. Suzanne Leach, Fontbonne junior, will represent the college as a member of this panel, from which will be drawn students from St. Louis U., Webster and Maryville Colleges. The program will be directed by Sister Mary Concepta, R.S.M., of Mercy High School, who is local chairman of Catholic Book Week.

The panel will be concerned with a discussion of the novel, in general; the Catholic novel, in particular; and detailed sketches of *Joy*, by Georges Bernanos; *Children of the Rainbow*, by Bryan MacMahon; *Love Among the Ruins* by Evelyn Waugh.

## New Course Is Mariology

The typewritten sign, "Registration for Mariology Closed", tacked to the bulletin board testified mutely to the popularity of the new course, Mariology, being offered this semester by the Rev. Bernard A. Kramer, S.M., assistant pastor of Our Lady of the Pillar Parish.

Father Kramer has divided the course into two parts: (1) Mary, the Mother of God; (2) Mary, the Mediatrix of All Grace. The purpose of the class is to stimulate a greater devotion to Mary on a solid theological basis.

The subject, *Mariology*, is especially timely this semester because 1954 has been dedicated to the Mother of God by Pope Pius XII.

## Chairmen Announce Speaker For Annual Father-Daughter Fete

Mary Martha Teasdale and Dolores Witte, general chairmen for the Annual Father-Daughter Banquet, have arranged to have Rev. Eugene P. Murphy, S.J., director of the Sacred Heart Program at Station WEW, St. Louis University, as guest speaker. Held this year in the Ivory Room of Hotel Jefferson on Saturday, February 27, at 6:30 p. m., the dinner will be turkey. The price is \$4.25 per person.

Other committee chairmen are Rita Sheehan and Martha Priest, entertainment; Sheila Webb, publicity.

Although Wednesday, February 24, is the deadline for making reservations, the students are asked to sign up as early as possible.

The general committee is composed of Virginia Hovins, senior class; Madeleine Givens, junior; Mary Ann Pugh, sophomore; Sheila Webb, freshman.

## Fathers' Club Plans Horse Show

The annual St. Joseph's Academy-Fontbonne Horse Show sponsored by the Fathers' Club will be held April 29 and 30 and May 1 at the Missouri Stables Arena. Mr. Richard Kuehne has been named chairman of the committee planning the affair, and Miss Betty Baker, director of Fontbonne physical education department, is in charge of entries.

Tickets will be \$1.00 for adults and \$ .50 for students. Since the only source of revenue this year is the receipts from ticket sales and entry fees, everyone is urged to attend and help make this year's show as big a success as the preceding shows.

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## Library Displays Catholic Books In Annual Exhibit

Annual Catholic Book Week will be observed at Fontbonne and throughout the nation from February 21 through February 27. "Christian Reading for a United World" is the theme for this year. Planned to make people aware of the good Catholic writers and the books they have written, Catholic Book Week will have its own display in the Fontbonne library.

Some of the books to be in prominent places in the exhibit are the following: Breig, *Halo for Father*; Flood, *Love Is a Bridge*; Mahern, *Save Us a Seat, Timmy*; Goodwin, *It's Good to Be Black*; Frank, *Diary of a Young Girl*; Goudge, *Heart of the Family*; Jessey, *Treasures of Darkness*; Merton, *Bread in the Wilderness*.

Lekeux, *Holiness for Everyone*; Hunt, *First Catholics*; Blechman, *The Juggler of Our Lady*. The last two works are for children.

## Twelfth Night Set For Feb. 28

Sunday, February 28, is the date chosen for the presentation of *Twelfth Night* by the Footlights Club. The curtain will rise at 8:15 p. m., and tickets are selling at one dollar apiece.

Directed by Miss Belle M. Mullins of the speech and drama department, who is also moderator of the club, the play has been cast as follows:

Orsino, Therese Grother; Sebastian, Mary Anne Jacobi; Sea Captain, Agnes Croker; Sir Toby, Dorothy Dick; Sir Andrew, Claire Hess; Malvolio, Jo Burris; Fabian, Mary McKee; Feste, Nancy Hines; Olivia, Michael Jane Anderson; Viola, Susan Reisel; Maria, Mary Helen Monahan; Antonio, Joy Pivarona.

Gentlemen will be played by Shirley Greenwood and Mary Janis Edmonds. Dancers will be Carolyn Lewis, Suzanne Leach, and Joyce Maret.

## Four Heard Over Radio

During the past month four senior home economics students were on the radio. Guest of the Missouri Nutrition Council, of which Miss Theresa Carmody, Fontbonne, is a member, Margaret Jo Burris and Jeanne Schoek were heard over Station KFVO, Concordia Seminary, in East St. Louis, Ill., over Station WTMV, were Suzanne Leontinis and Marilyn Eschmann.

Their general topic was "Common Sense Dieting". They inveighed against the dangers of being a fadist who tried to lose weight quickly and easily. Particularly were they in the opposite camp from the "salad and coffee diet". They cited examples from records of the Food and Drug Administration that brought to court sponsors of food fads which promised to do everything, even to cure 57 different diseases ranging from cancer to rheumatism.

Following is their recommended diet for reducing:

BREAKFAST

Fruit or fruit juice, citrus or tomato

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## Honor List Announced

The Dean's List, published at the end of the first semester, is the college honor roll drawn from all four classes. In order to be eligible, a student must have grades that are all A's and B's. Twenty-two seniors are listed; thirteen juniors; nine sophomores; twenty-two freshmen.

Following are the honor students.

SENIORS: Sister M. Loretta Ann Bertels, C.P.P.S., Jane Bianchi, Sister M. Laurence Bronze, C.S.J., Anastasia Christen, Sister Mary David Debrecht, C.P.P.S., Sister Marie Gegg, C.S.J., Sister Margarita Heisserer, Ad.P.P.S., Suzanne Leontinis, Dorothy Lynch, Kathleen Madras, Helen Mayer, Sister Michael Ann Murphy, S.S.N.D., Sister M. Celeste Odorizzi, Ad.P.P.S., Margaret Pautler.

Jeanne Philipp, Nancy Raupp, Sister M. Dolores Rentmeesters, O.S.F., Rowena Reynolds, Sister William Carol Studt, S.S.N.D., Dolores Witte, Madeline Zitt, Mary Ellen Zwiler.

JUNIORS: Maura Downey, Jeanne Gantner, Kathleen Gunn, Suzanne Leach, Joan Maschmann, Ann Moore, Betty Ryan, Sister Mary Carol Scanlon, C.P.P.S., Florence Spack, Sister Joan Elizabeth Spalding, C.S.J., Mary Martha Teasdale, Sister Margaret Eugene Tucker, C.S.J., Sister Ann Cecil Wiskirchen, C.P.P.S.

SOPHOMORES: Mary Jacqueline Dawson, Margaret Gossin, Marietta Grob, Nancy Haar, Patricia Maier, June Miller, Patricia Saito, Sister Mary David Utar, Ad.P.P.S., Marjorie Vogt.

FRESHMEN: Mary Carol Anth, Pauline Baltz, Carol Brouillette, Kathleen Byrnes, Patricia Dalton, Lucella Dames, Patricia Damborst, Joanne Dehrey, Marilyn Eschmann, Jacquelyn Heinrichs, Sister Thomas Irose, Ad.P.P.S., Sally Jodicke, Carol Keane, Joan Kilbourne, Helen Therese Lauler, Marilyn Macke, Kathleen Madigan, Barbara Price, Jean Stine, Sister Mary Josita Swift, D.C., Patricia Tansey, Janet Toal.

## Faculty Go To Meetings

At the Convention of the American Association of Colleges for Teacher Education held in Chicago at the Congress Hotel, February 11-13, Fontbonne was represented by Sister Teresa Martin, dean, and Sister Mary Hugh of the education department.

Sister Martha of the home economics department will be chairman of a panel, "School Experiences as a Means of Teaching Family Living," at the first regional meeting of the National Catholic Council on Home Economics to be held Monday, February 22, at St. Louis U.

The panel will be concerned with contrasting the teaching as done in the classroom with the experiences found in the home. Four aspects will be discussed: (1) Limitations of Classroom Experiences; (2) Major Tasks of the Adolescent in Developing for Proper Family Living; (3) Assistance of School Administrators in Setting Up the Program for Family Living; (4) An Attempt to Evaluate Home Experiences as Taught in the Classroom.

Delegates from 150 schools in this region are expected to attend. General chairman of the conference is Sister M. Anselm, C.S.J., director of the department of home economics education at the university, who lives on the Fontbonne campus.



Joan Maschmann, Catherine Ditenhafer, Maura Downing, Marlene Hoppe, and Ann Moore pose in front of the Baby Picture Booth, erected by the Junior Class. Whoever was the prettiest baby gets a prize in this contest sponsored by the Juniors.

## VOX POP

Dear Editor:

I have a problem. I have come to you for advice. Here is the question: Is there anything so embarrassing than the urge to sneeze at the wrong time? My experience was a painful one. The music recital I attended was quite a formal occasion. This was wonderful! Oh no! The annoying tickling, which had plagued my nose all morning, again made its appearance. Why should I worry . . . that sneeze was coming all morning and it never came. A horrifying quiver ran down my spine when I thought of the ghastly results of a loud boisterous explosion at a time like this.

I scratched my nose. That seemed to appease the annoyance for a time. (Thank Heavens!) *Moonlight Sonata*, how beautiful and no . . . not again. The old-fashioned remedy of placing the finger hard against the upper lip came to mind and was quickly executed. A momentary relief. Now came the intermission; now was the time to sneeze, but happily the urge seemed to have disappeared.

A group of music lovers gathered in the back of the auditorium to laud the afternoon's "Padewski". I really felt that I was honored to be in their midst, and I kept silence so that I would not detract from the wisdom of the moment.

We returned to our seats and once more settled to hear the pianist, Tschalkovsky's *Swan Lake* with its gorgeous melody and musical device in symphonic style, was performed. How could a physical itching burst through my consciousness at a time like this? Yes, it did. I pressed the finger to the lip . . . to no avail. I bit my upper lip hard . . . but that horrible sneeze seemed determined to come forward. Oh, I'd be ruined and so would the concentration of the audience. At a time when all else failed, what could I do? Pray! I prayed. Here it comes. I grasped my mouth with a forceful hand . . . at least I would muffle the sound . . . but alas, it came!

However, when the unwanted sneeze arrived, it was not the explosive variety. It was a nice lady-like "choo". I looked at my neighbor, who was intent on listening to the *Ballet*, and she did not notice my discomfiture.

So, dear Editor, if you have any sure-fire method of stopping a sneeze, please let me know. My main regret now is that I did not out that meek blast in the first part of the recital so that I could have enjoyed the rest in peace. If only a sneeze were not such an unpredictable event. Science seems to have overlooked the necessity of conquering one of my pet peeves. How does one keep from sneezing?

Sincerely,  
A Constant Reader.



On Registration Day at the Home Ec table were (facing the camera) Nancy Murphy, Anastasia Christen, Sister Rose Genevieve, and Marilyn Bell. In the background was Jacqueline Nowak.

## Going to Europe? Here's A Good Plan

A small number of students and teachers can travel to and from Europe without cost by serving on the educational and recreational staff of the 1954 student sailings of the one-class ship *Castel Felice*, according to Mr. Anthony S. Pinter, president of Study Abroad Inc., in charge of these sailings.

Duties of the staff include assistance with the program of lectures and discussions about the European countries and problems of the educational tourist, language classes, the newspaper and library; and supervision of the deck games, swimming, talent shows, dances, moving pictures and shipboard discipline. These positions are open to Americans and to Europeans who have been studying or teaching in the United States. Mr. Pinter announced, but only applicants with qualifications in the fields should write to the *Castel Felice* Staff Council, Study Abroad Inc., 250 West 57th Street, New York 19, N. Y.

The *Castel Felice* has many features not found on other student ships: an entire deck of public rooms and lounges, an entire upper deck of dining rooms with complete table service, a built-in tiled swimming pool, ample covered deck space, and many two and four-berth cabins.

The *Castel Felice* will sail for Havre, Southampton and Bremerhaven June 4 from Quebec and June 30 from New York; the return voyages are scheduled from Europe August 6 for Canada and August 23 for New York. Minimum fares are \$130 each way from or to Quebec and \$140 from or to New York.

## NSA National Delegates Return From Istanbul

(NSA News Service.) Representatives of the United States National Student Association have just returned from Istanbul, Turkey, where they attended the Fourth International Student Conference. This meeting, the largest and most representative of its type ever to be assembled, featured the participation of over forty National Unions of Students from all areas of the globe.

Since its inception four years ago, the International Student Conference has grown greatly both in size and scope of activity, and now stands as the only medium through which students, organized in National Unions, can meet for the purpose of cooperation on an equal and non-partisan basis. The annual Conference operates upon a system of "delegated responsibilities" whereby National Unions agree to undertake the responsibility for various

practical problems.

The Istanbul meeting initially was subdivided into four program commissions to consider the reports of National Unions on their individual progress and to plan future projects. Included among the problems discussed were those of student travel, study abroad, student sport, seminars and camps, student influence on university administrations, scholarships, student health, student economic and social affairs, and an international student identity card enabling holders to gain reduction in transportation and other costs while traveling.

There were several programs presented at Istanbul in which NSA was particularly interested. Since its inception at the Stockholm Conference, the Students Mutual Assistance Program has been implemented to a significant extent by NSA. This program, usually referred to

## As Far Away As San Salvadore And Finland Come Two Students

What is school like in Finland? Just ask Sister Margit Rauhama, a member of the Sisters of the Most Precious Blood with headquarters in O'Fallon, Missouri, who was born in Kuopio, Finland. Sister Margit attended the only Catholic School in Finland. It is called the English School and is taught by the Sisters of the Most Precious Blood. Finland has only three religious communities, and only one per cent of its people are Catholic. Nevertheless, many people (Catholic and non-Catholic) send their children to the English School for the excellent training given by the Sisters.

Sister Margit says that the schools "back home are much harder than those in the United States". The Finnish children are not excused from homework over the weekends or holidays. In about the fifth grade, the children begin to learn Swedish. Then in the sixth grade they tackle another language, for example, German. In the seventh grade they branch out still further and learn Swedish, German, and English. In about the sixth grade they also begin the study of algebra.

Sister Margit came to the United States in April of 1947 and attended St. Elizabeth's Academy, here in St. Louis, for a year. She then entered the novitiate of the Sisters of the Most Precious Blood. After her second-year profession, she returned to Finland where she taught second grade for two years. Now she is in her third year of temporary vows, and we here at Fontbonne are privileged to have her with us as an elementary education major.

Now we have another question. Do you know anything about San Salvador?

## St. Pat's Dance On St. Pat's Day

Come on all you daughters of Erin. Grab your shillelaghs and your dancing shoes 'cause it's time again for the annual St. Patrick's Day Dance sponsored by the Sodality. This year the affair will actually be held on St. Pat's Day in Medaille Hall from 8:00 to 11:30. Tickets are only 75 cents, stag or drag.

Committee chairmen are as follows: publicity, Mary Ann Pugh, Anne Clark, and Pat Bailey; tickets, Marilou Adam and Peggy Brenden; entertainment, Pat Carter and Mary Ann Brys; refreshments, Joan Hogan and Phyllis Rallo; decorations, Joan Maschmann and Ann Powers; cloak room, Mimi Teasdale and Madeline Givens; clean-up, Eleanor Hennigan and Rita Sheahan.

Proceeds from the affair will be placed in the Sodality fund. In previous years the money in this fund was used for the erection of the statue of Our Blessed Mother.

"Senorita mas bonita"—these few words describe only one side of Renee Rivas, the seventeen-year-old Spanish beauty from San Salvador, Renee, the sister of Bertha, has been here since January 30. They have one other sister, Blanche, who is married; a brother, Carlos, who is studying at Texas A. and M.

Renee has become thoroughly "george" since her arrival here. She already likes Eddie Fisher, pizza pie, hamburgers, and French onions. She also has her favorite discs, among which are: *O, My Papa*; *Heart of My Heart*; and *My Secret Love*.

Renee says that school is pretty much the same here as back home, but there are a few differences. For one thing their school year runs from February to November. Also in San Salvador they do not have the cafeteria system. The lunches are placed on the tables by maids. Despite the fact that she now has to wait in line for her meal, Renee still likes it "mucho", and we feel the same about her.

## Music Festival

The Annual Music Festival sponsored by the Fontbonne Music Department will be held March 24, 26, 27, and 28. Contestants from the elementary and secondary grades will be judged on the first three dates. On the last night, March 28, only those who have been asked by the judges to return will appear for the concert to be held for the public.

The concert will begin at 8 p. m. in the auditorium. In the festival last year, over one thousand participants in vocal, choral, and instrumental numbers.

## Fontbonne on TV

Fontbonne will appear on TV! On Tuesday, March 16, from 3:30 to 4 p. m., there will be a half-hour variety show written and sponsored by the Student Association under the chairmanship of Claire Hess, senior. Known as the Kay Morton Show, this time will be given to Fontbonne on Tuesday, March 16, from 3:30 to 4 p. m. So mark your calendar, and listen, and look, and applaud. It will be a good show!

## NFCCS Presents Marriage Program

Marriage in Christ, a program sponsored by the NFCCS Liturgical Committee, will be presented Sunday, March 21, at 8:30 p. m. in the Fontbonne auditorium.

At this program an attempt will be made to present and to explain what constitutes good wedding music and to give the meaning of the Nuptial Mass texts, Nuptial blessing, the blessing of engagements, and sacramentals connected with marriage and the home. There will also be displays of wedding invitations, pamphlets, and engagement and marriage certificates that emphasize the sacramental aspect of marriage.

Everyone is welcome.

## Donors Interviewed

On Tuesday, March 2, the Red Cross Bloodmobile will again visit Fontbonne's campus. Carol Von Hoffman interviewed several donors who gave last year or at previous times, asking them their reactions to giving a pint of blood. Here's what they have to say:

Eleanor Hennigan: "Since I had given blood once before I knew there was nothing to be afraid of. What discomfort there is, is worth it when you think a pint of your blood might save 'his' life."

Catherine Hennigan: "It's not a bit of fun while you're giving, but it's worth every bit of your trouble."

Lucy George: "I felt fine, but I was scared to death before I gave. After it was over I felt a little weak, but I was proud and happy that I had given."

Margaret Bransford: "The prick in the finger for the blood test hurt more than the actual giving, but I felt I was doing my part for the boys in service."

Jackie Trampe: "Giving blood was fairly easy. Naturally I was scared because I hadn't given before, but after it was all over I realized there was nothing to it. The only effect that I felt was a slight weakness which was gone the next day."

Arden Rischbieter: "The first time I gave blood I was frightened, but after giving a few times, the fear wears off. You don't feel any pain; not even when they put the needle in your arm. I felt proud after I had given."

If anyone is interested in donating blood, please contact Carol Von Hoffman. Those who are donating please make an appointment with Sister Agnes Joseph.

## Alumnae Recollection Day

Rev. Gerard N. Glynn, director of the Newman Foundation at Washington University, will conduct the exercises for the annual Alumnae Recollection Day to be held Sunday, March 7, beginning at 10:30 a. m. Father Glynn was the speaker at the College Day ceremonies this year.

According to Jaclyn Meyer, '34, chairman of the affair, conferences will be held in the Alumnae Room, Medaille Hall. The Blessed Sacrament will be exposed all day in the Ryan Hall Chapel. The day's exercises will close with Benediction.



## Wedding Bells Will Be Heard

Topping the list of engagements and weddings of Fontbonnets is that of the president of the senior class, Kathleen Madras, to John J. Lochner, Jr. A senior at Missouri U., where he is president of Phi Kappa, Mr. Lochner will graduate in June. No definite date has been set for the wedding.

Maureen Doherty, junior, announced her engagement recently to Robert E. Higgins, U.S.A., of the Fifth Armored Division at Camp Chaffee, Ark. They have no definite plans for their wedding.

Another junior recently engaged is Justine Rutkowski. Her fiancé is Gregory D. Flotron, an alumnus of St. Louis U. They have not set the date for their wedding.

A third junior to make known her engagement is Jacqueline Trampe, Airman 2-C Norman F. Janson, USAF, stationed at Chanute Field, Ill., is her fiancé, who is an alumnus of St. Louis U.

Jo Ann Smith, sophomore, will be married to Burnell B. Dutton of the United States Air Force at Lake Charles, La. He is an alumnus of Chamblaine College and St. Louis U.

Mary Ann Hughes ex '56 has set no definite date for her marriage to Francis J. Steins, Jr., a senior at St. Louis U. Her engagement was announced Christmas Day.

## Council Convenes

February 2, 1954—The twelfth meeting of the Student Council was held with fourteen members present, Mary Zwisler presiding.

NSA REPORT: Geraldine Schmalz reported that the seventh National Congress will be held August 22 to September 1. Regional Executive meetings were to be held February 5, 6 and 7. Posters on the proposed Moulter Bill were posted by the NSA and were called to the attention of the council.

STUDENT ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE: Dolores Witte reported that Marietta Grob has requested part of the student participation assembly on February 24 for the Apostolic Committee.

HANDBOOK: Dorothy Ensenberger reported that she would see Jeanne Gantner about typing the manuscript for the handbook.

CONSTITUTION: Mary Zwisler assigned sections of the constitution to be explained by council members in assembly.

FIELD OF CONCENTRATION WORKSHOPS: Marion Wiers reported that the attendance at the workshops was good and that everyone seemed satisfied.

ST. LOUIS U. HOMECOMING PARADE: The president announced that a representative from the U. called and said that they want Fontbonne to enter a float in the parade with the Homecoming queen. Since a float is an impossibility, it was decided to investigate the possibility of entering a decorated convertible.

MEETING TIME: The time of the council meeting was changed to 4:30 p. m. Wednesday. The meetings are held in Fine Arts 214.

## Essay Subject Given For Contest

Interested and qualified students are invited to enter the Fourth Annual Prize Essay Contest on Latin America, sponsored by the Institute of Ibero-American Studies of the Catholic University of America, Washington, D. C.

The prize will be \$100.00 for the essay that treats of one or more phases of the subject, "Political Trends in Latin America".

Rules call for (1) 5,000 words in length; (2) Postmark must not be later than May 5, 1954; (3) Paper typewritten and double spaced must be submitted in duplicate.

All contestants should see Sister Teresa Martin, dean, who will give further details.

Mary Ann Buhr ex '54 is now Mrs. Richard E. Green. Her marriage took place January 23 at St. Ann's Church, Normandy, at 10:30 o'clock Mass with Monsignor Frederick Spreken officiating.

Mrs. Ernest J. Ravarino is the former Marie Antoinette Sassin ex '54. Her marriage took place February 6 at 10 o'clock Mass at the Immacolata. Monsignor Leo Burne, pastor, performed the ceremony and celebrated the Mass.

Norma Litteken, ex '56, will be married February 20 at St. Mary's Church, Bridgeton, Mo., at 11:30 o'clock, to Paul Saffran.

Julia Olivastro, another ex '56, will be married February 20 to John H. Beck. Their marriage will take place at 10 o'clock Mass at St. Philip Neri Church.

## Who's Who On Campus

Freshman: "Who's that dark-haired girl standing over there?"

Sophomore: "You mean to say you don't know her? You surely are green! Why that's one of the nicest and most popular girls on campus, Doris Gibbons. Doris is the twenty-one-year-old senior who was recently crowned Penny Circus Queen. She is a biology major and after graduation hopes to become a medical technologist.

"Gib (this is only one of her many nicknames) is a member of the sodality, Phi Beta Chi, and FAA. She is also treasurer of the Student Government Association. When she's not at baseball or basketball games, it's more than likely that she is busily engaged in a bridge game. Doris is also quite good at hanging drapes as a certain group of Denners will testify.

"I really don't see how you could have gotten through half the year without knowing her. Why she's the friendliest girl I know."

## On Radio

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- 1 egg
- 1 slice of toast, whole grain or enriched (or ½ cup cereal with milk)
- 1 tsp. butter or fortified margarine
- Black coffee or coffee with milk (No doughnuts, sweet rolls or pancakes with syrup on this menu)

## LUNCH

- Tossed vegetable salad seasoned with tomato, vinegar or lemon juice and served with cottage cheese or hard-cooked egg
- 1 slice enriched or whole grain bread
  - 1 teaspoon butter or fortified margarine
  - 1 serving of fresh fruit
  - 1 cup skim milk or buttermilk (No pastry or cake with frosting)

## DINNER

- 1 cup broth or bouillon
- 1 serving lean meat, fish or poultry; broiled, stewed or roasted rather than fried—no gravy. (Liver, heart, and other organ meats, twice a week)
- 1 large serving green or yellow vegetable
- 1 large serving of raw salad vegetable (as cole slaw)
- 1 slice enriched or whole grain bread (or 1 small potato)
- 1 teaspoon butter or fortified margarine
- Fruit dessert with little or no sugar
- 1 cup buttermilk or skim milk
- Black coffee or tea—if desired



After the Television was installed on the stage in 214 Fine Arts these seniors went up to inspect it: Virginia Hovius, Dolores Witte, Jeanne Schock, Susan Burnes, Kathleen Madras, and Doris Gibbons.

## Clip and Paste In Your Missal

(The following is printed at the request of numerous students. Ed.)

At the beginning of Mary's Year, Pope Pius XII composed the following prayer. By reciting this prayer on all Saturdays during this year, the faithful may gain a plenary indulgence under the usual conditions, which include Confession, Communion, and prayers for the Pope's intentions. A partial indulgence of five years will be obtained every time the Pope's prayer is said with a contrite heart.

Enraptured by the splendor of your heavenly beauty and impelled by the mysteries of the world, we cast ourselves into your arms, O Immaculate Mother of Jesus and our Mother, Mary, confident of finding in your most loving heart appeasement of our ardent desires and a safe harbor from the tempests which beset us on every side.

Though degraded by our faults and overwhelmed by infinite misery, we admire and praise the peerless richness of sublime gifts with which God has filled you, above every other creature from the first moment of your Conception until the day on which, after your Assumption into heaven, He crowned you Queen of the Universe.

O crystal Fountain of faith, bathe our minds with the eternal truth! O fragrant lily of all holiness, cultivate our hearts with your heavenly perfume! O Conqueress of evil and death, inspire in us a deep horror of sin which makes the soul detestable to God and a slave of hell!

O well-beloved of God, hear the ardent cry which rises up from every heart in this year dedicated to you. Bend tenderly over our aching wounds. Convert the wicked, dry the tears of the afflicted and oppressed, comfort the poor and humble, quench hatreds, sweeten harshness, safeguard the flower of purity in youth, protect the holy Church, make of all men, the attraction of Christian goodness. In your name, resounding harmoniously in heaven, may they recognize that they are brothers, and that the nations are members of one family, upon which may there shine forth the sun of a universal and sincere peace.

Receive, O Most Sweet Mother, our humble supplications, and above all obtain for us that one day, happy with you, we may repeat before your throne that hymn which today is sung on earth around your altars: "You are all beautiful, O Mary! You are the glory, you are the joy, you are the honor of our people! Amen."

## As A Student Are You Interested In Government Affecting Students?

When the Fifth National Student Congress of the USNSA met last summer, it passed a mighty important resolution: "The USNSA strongly advocates and fosters that legislation declaring college expenses for which bona fide receipts from recognized institutions of higher learning can be produced be deductible on Federal Income Tax returns."

And this type of legislation has now come before the American government. Representative Abraham J. Multer of New York introduced a bill in Congress last month. To be known as HR 1274, this bill is "to allow a deduction for income tax purposes of certain expenses incurred by the taxpayer for the education of a dependent." Last spring

## "Words, Words, Words" Change Their Meanings

When Polonius asked Hamlet what he was reading, he received the answer: "Words, words, words." Nothing more.

And words are what many people read today. And nothing more. However, on the other hand, the serious study of words is fascinating; their derivation; their pronunciation; and certainly their meaning and changes down through the years.

A memorable example of the word "humor" calls to mind its changes

## Going to Europe? Here's Another Way

Another European tour which the Font has been asked to announce is that sponsored by the University of San Francisco. The modern language department there is organizing an Art and Religious Tour of Western Europe this summer open to students from Fontbonne and all interested persons.

The tour, approved by the university officials there, will visit France, Spain, Italy, Switzerland, Germany, Belgium, Holland, and England.

Leaving Quebec City on July 1 and returning September 6, the tour will take 68 days. Anyone interested may write Dr. Luigi Sandrai of the University of San Francisco, San Francisco 17, Calif., who will conduct the tour.

## Red Cross To Set Up Blood Mobile

For the second time in a year, the Red Cross Blood Mobile will be set up in the Ryan Hall den. The date is Tuesday, March 2. Appointments for donors will be between 1 and 3 p. m. This announcement comes from Miss Marilyn Harris, chairman of recruitment for the Blood Donor Program of the St. Louis Chapter, who spoke to Fontbonne students at the February 3 assembly.

Because parental consent is essential for all students under 21 years of age, the blood donor committee has sent letters home for signatures. Carol Von Hoffman, chairman of the program for blood donors at Fontbonne, asks each donor to make an appointment with Sister Agnes Joseph, moderator of the Fontbonne unit, before February 26. Every effort is being made to excel the program of 1953 on the campus.

The unit will go to Scott Air Base this evening, having the Footlights Club as guests. Patricia Dalton, chairman of the hospital program, wishes to thank the students who have participated on all previous trips.

from the time of Galen, 2 A.D., through the era of Chaucer, 1400, and beyond that to and including Dryden, 1700. The medical world of Galen associated this word with the four humors, blood, phlegm, choler, and melancholy. In Chaucer's *Non's Priest's Tale*, Portolote mentions these meanings to her husband, Chanticleer. Ben Jonson's famous humor comedies are not funny by any means. His meaning of the word has become "an oddity, or peculiarity of Nature." Hence, his characters are miserly, or greedy, because they possess that particular humor, or oddity.

When Dryden began to write, the word was changing. Late seventeenth and eighteenth-century poets, essayists, and dramatists equated the word "humor" with "wit" or "fancy". Then came the phrase, "to be out of humor," which meant, obviously, to be displeased. Nowadays the humorous man is the funny man.

So much for humor and its various ramifications. Words changed meanings since Shakespeare's time. He wrote "fond" as having the definition "foolish". To him "comment" meant "enlarge". For the word "appearance" he wrote "dash".

Even in translation, words changed. In the old familiar version of the Gospel for the Third Sunday of Advent, St. John the Baptist is quoted as saying, "... the latchet of whose shoes I am not worthy to loose." However, in the new Missal the scriptural passages as translated by R. Rev. Monsignor Ronald Knox read, "... but there is one standing in your midst of whom you know nothing; he it is who, though he comes after me, takes rank before me. I am not worthy to untie the strap of his shoes."

## Sisters' Conference

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# Quaint Legends About Mary Found in Italian Libraries

The December issue of the *Font* promised to keep our readers informed on something different about the Blessed Mother because this is Mary's Year. We have, therefore, decided on legends found in Italy that have been told about her. We chose Italy because relatively little has been written and collected about the Blessed Virgin in Italian legendry by comparison with thousands of Latin and Old French stories that have come from other countries, written, for the most part, in the eleventh and twelfth centuries.

Space prohibits a lengthy discussion, but the stories we have selected warrant publicity. The Italian legends featuring the Mother of God are of comparatively late date, i.e., about the fourteenth and fifteenth centuries. Taken mainly from cloister records and vernacular collections, the tales may be found in many libraries. For example, the Ambrosian Library, in Milan, has a fourteenth-century manuscript that contains eighty-two legends; in the Lorenzo de Medici Library, in Florence, is a manuscript from the fifteenth century.

Following are a few Italian legends about the Mother of God.

For many years on the night of the eighth of September a hermit was wont to hear angel music. At length it is revealed to him by an angel that it is the angelic celebration of Mary's Birthday.

While a mother is praying before the statue of the Madonna and the Child, her little boy offers the Infant Jesus a piece of bread. When the little boy cries because his offer is not accepted, the image speaks and promises the boy he will eat with Him in Heaven.

A rich countess has erected a chapel dedicated to Mary and is most disappointed not to have Mass there on the Feast of the Purification. Suddenly she finds herself attending a Mass at which the entire Heavenly Court assists. At the Blessed Virgin's command the countess is given a taper like the rest, but at the Offertory refuses to give it up. She struggles with the angel and awakens to find a fragment of the candle in her hand.

After the Assumption, St. Elizabeth prays to have a fuller knowledge of the mystery of Mary's Assumption into Heaven. On this Feast Day at the Consecration of the Mass, Elizabeth is permitted to witness what occurred.

## engineer

Spain has always been a land of mystery that has puzzled the world in many ways. It is a land of mystics that produced a Saint Teresa of Avila and a Saint John of the Cross. Now in our days there is a young man who died in 1943 being considered by the Catholic Church for canonization. However, the extraordinary fact about this man is that he was an engineer. He worked as an engineer and he died as an engineer in Spain.

Set this young railroad construction engineer, Isidoro Zorzano, against a background of unsettled Spain. Watch him work at Malaga Shipyards in constant threat of death—in Spain in the midst of a Civil War. Take him from this background to a peaceful but tired Spain, then to a hospital bed, and then watch him suffer for long months and then finally die. Hear of people claiming great favors through his intercession; watch a process of canonization start; hear of the new religious organization of the Church of which he was a member; add to this the pen of Daniel Sargent, and then you have the new book, *God's Engineer*.

Daniel Sargent, convert, former professor of Harvard and author of Thomas More, and others, acquired so great an admiration for this young man that he made two separate trips to Spain from his home in South Natick, Mass., assimilating material for the biography. He visited the places where Isidoro Zorzano lived, and he boarded the trains that the subject of his book traveled on. Sargent met and talked with many people who knew the engineer.

The Most Rev. William P. O'Connor, Bishop of Madison, Wis., has written an inspiring foreword, stressing the importance of the influence of men like Isidoro in bringing the world in which we are living back to Christ. He also explains the role that this new religious organization, *Opus Dei*, of which Isidoro was a member, plays in our day. *Opus Dei* is the first "Secular Institute" of the Catholic Church approved by Pope Pius XII.

The book is printed by Scepter Press, 5544 Woodlawn Ave., Chicago 37, Ill. The price is \$2.50.

## censorship

The states not only have the right; they have an obligation to censor movies being shown within their boundaries. Ideally, there would be a Federal Law prohibiting the making of indecent movies in the United States. Certainly, the importing of such movies from other countries should be forbidden. Also, by passing an Interstate Commerce Law concerning the transportation of such films from one state to another (comparable to the laws which are or should be concerning indecent literature), the Federal government could crack down on all activities of this sort.

"Freedom, freedom," the people shout. But freedom and liberty carry with them obligations. We are not free to kill, to slander, or to steal. Likewise we are not free to exhibit impurity and filth. In order to be free to show clean, wholesome movies we must purge the unclean and unwholesome from the scene. It's like the vegetable dealer who cleans out the rotten before putting the fresh on display. He is under the jurisdiction of the Pure Food and Drug Act. Why not a Federal Pure Movie and Stage-Show Act?

Six states, or a little over 10% of the forty-eight, have banded together to bar objectionable movies from within their boundaries. These states, which must be commended for their action, include New York, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Maryland, Virginia, and Kansas. After a meeting in New York, the film censors of these states announced that a picture would be tried by a jury to test its suitability for public release. A plan to systematically categorize films is intended. "In a letter to Francis I. Nally president of the National Council of Catholic Men, in Washington, Eric Johnston, director of the Motion Picture Association, pledged that the Production Code will not be weakened," according to the *Register* of Friday, February 5, 1954. Johnston also thanked the NCCM "for the organization's encouragement and support of the system of voluntary self-regulation." The efforts of only six states in the Union must not be overlooked as paltry or unimportant. Rather let us consider them as pioneers in a field in which much must be done.

## Jeanne Phillipp Comments

For over a year now we have witnessed the events which constitute the record of the Eisenhower administration. Is it good, or is it bad? Has anything been accomplished? Are the changes for better or worse?

The answers to all these questions lie wholly in the realm of opinion. As individual citizens we can only examine the facts as they have been established and draw our own conclusions. Definite changes have come about. What do you think about them?

1. There was war in Korea and the fighting was halted. Our 1.5 million Americans on service in foreign lands are returning to the States.
2. Even though the shooting has ceased, the "cold war" continues. The current Berlin Conferences have so far proved only one thing, that Russia has consented to talk across the table instead of talking with guns. However, the situation still remains unhealthy.
3. There has been a reduction in defense, and the so-called recession no longer exists. The leveling-off is near end; business is predicted to be stable, then rise.
4. At present a crucial point in our military aid to foreign countries is to the French in Indochina. The economic aid to foreign countries has seen a reduction.
5. Personal income taxes were reduced 10% starting January 1, but this was by a law passed during the Truman administration. At the same time Social Security rates rose to 2%, also provided for during the Truman term.
6. The cut in federal spending amounted to 5.6 billions a year, but expenditures still end with a total of 69.1 billion per year.
7. The thing that causes one of the greatest disturbances is the falling income of the farmer. Before Truman left office this income fell 10%. The President has a program that won't be enforceable until 1955. The Government will most likely continue to buy up surplus grain and cotton and limit planting.
8. The weekly pay in the factory is effected mostly by the lack of overtime hours. The workers are actually making more money per hour on the average.
9. The termination of inflation has brought more stable prices to the consumer. Living costs have subsided in their rise which began before the President took office.

## escapists

On the occasion of addressing a large group of Catholic Actionists, Our Holy Father, Pope Pius XII, deplored the increasing number of "escapists" in our modern society. He described them as escapists from the realities of life and from the job of thinking. They are content to be in a continuous state of distraction, lest they come face to face with realities.

The Pontiff called them "men without souls". Men unconcerned about the vital issues of the day and their bearing upon the eternal destiny of man. Men adrift upon the sea of life, buffeted to and fro, with no vision or destination. Men empty of spirit, of life, of warmth.

One shudders at this portrayal. Men without souls are to be pitied and prayed for. They are the blind who sit at the brink of spiritual destruction.

Let us pray for these escapists. Let us help them. Let us determine not to follow their example. Let us face life!

## quotable

"If one wants to be a Catholic journalist, writer or orator, the first and most necessary thing is to be a good journalist, writer, orator, to first master the highly specialized methods and techniques required for expert competence in these fields. . . . Poor science, poor philosophy, poor journalism, poor writing can never be good apologetics no matter how piously they may be used in defense of the Faith."

Rev. Gerald B. Phelan  
*Sanctification of the Intellect*

## Advertisement

When Karl Nelson saw an ad sponsored by the Knights of Columbus, he was curious about the contents of a correspondence course on the Catholic Church that the ad mentioned. So he wrote his wife, asking her to check with the K.C.'s. At that time, Mr. Nelson was in California; his wife, at home with the children in Moline, Ill.

Mrs. Nelson compiled, read the course of instruction, and after all the family (consisting of nine children) were fully satisfied, they contacted a priest and asked that instructions be given to all the Nelsons. Their instructor, Rev. J. V. Morrissey, administered the Sacrament of Baptism to all eleven Nelsons.

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