

Winners For Scholarships Announced

Winners of the Competitive Scholarships for resident students have been announced by Sister Susanne Marie, president. First place winners are: Clare T. Walsh, Trinity High School, River Forest, Ill.; Mary Steckel, Villa de Chantal, Rock Island, Ill.; and Jacqueline Robertson, Montgomery City High School, Montgomery City, Mo.

Second place winners are: Patricia Ann Hurst, Sacred Heart High School, Atlanta, Ga.; Joan Mary Reidy, Villa de Chantal, Rock Island, Ill.; Rosemary L. Frisch, SS. Peter and Paul High School, Waterloo, Ill.; Jeanette McDonald, St. Mary of the Springs Academy, Columbus, Ohio; Louise Lorch, Ursuline Academy, St. Louis, Mo.; and Barbara Mary Toney, Bishop Kenny High School, Jacksonville, Fla.

Third place scholarships went to: Jo Ann Oberholser, SS. Peter and Paul High School, Waterloo, Ill.; Norma Jean Remjes, Marquette High School, Ottawa, Ill.; Margie O'Rourke, St. Agnes High School, Springfield, Mo.; Mary June Murphy, Marquette High School, Alton, Ill.; Martha Anne Sellmeyer, Mount St. Mary's Academy, Little Rock, Ark.; Claire Marie Saenger, Mount St. Mary's Academy, Little Rock, Ark.; Ann Idell Crabtree, Convent of Mercy, Mobile, Ala.; and Mary Anne Racer, Sacred Heart High School, Indianapolis, Ind.

Future Graduates Receive Keys At Annual Ceremony

Ann Moore, president, Nancy Murphy, vice-president, Mary Ann Maddox, secretary, Patricia Burke, treasurer—who are all officers of the senior class—will share honors with fellow class members at the assembly on December 15, when Sister Susanne Marie, president of Fontbonne College, will give the traditional Fontbonne keys. Sister Teresa Martin, dean, will present the students.

The Fontbonne key is inscribed with a gold college crest mounted on amethyst. In the chevron, symbolic of the roots and the sovereignty of the home, is the Fontbonne motto, *Virtus et Scientia*. The symbol on the crest is a large St. Joseph lily, reminiscent of the Sisters of St. Joseph. In the upper left quarter is a fleur-de-lis, emblematic of the French origin of the Sisters, in Le Puy, France, in 1648.

Across the top is a line of fleur-de-lis, representing the Sisters who suffered martyrdom in the French Revolution. Mother St. John Fontbonne, for whom the college is named, had herself awaited death in a prison cell for eleven months during this time; she was released, however, on the fall of Robespierre.

The senior class is composed of the following: Joy Auer, Normandy, Mo.; Joan Bielke, St. Louis, Mo.; Suzanne Brunsman, St. Louis, Mo.; Bernadette Buckman, Shelbyville, Mo.; Patricia Burke, St. Louis, Mo.; Patricia Carter, Normandy, Mo.; Mary Catherine Crawshaw, Jonesboro, Ark.; Gene Crockett, Webster Groves, Mo.; Agnes Croker, St.

Louis, Mo.; Judith Cramer, St. Louis, Mo.; Patricia Degnan, St. Louis, Mo.; Catherine Dittenhafer, St. Louis, Mo.; Margaret Doherty, St. Louis, Mo.; Mary Doherty, St. Louis, Mo.; Catherine Elliott, Maceline, Ill.; Carolyn Ellis, Fredericktown, Mo.; Mary Kathleen Fahy, Springfield, Mo.; Joanne Gantner, Normandy, Mo.; Lucy George, St. Louis, Mo.; Madeline Givens, Palo Alto, Calif.; Carole Gossin, St. Louis, Mo.; Josephine Ann Gratias, St. Louis, Mo.; Kathleen Gunn, St. Louis, Mo.; Edna Haynes, St. Louis, Mo.; Jane Hillner, St. Louis, Mo.; Eileen Hogan, St. Louis, Mo.; Joan Hogan, St. Louis, Mo.; Marlene Hoppe, St. Louis, Mo.; Ann Jones, Brentwood, Mo.; Margaret Kelly, Richmond Heights, Mo.; Suzanne Leach, San Mateo, Calif.; Dorothy Lee, St. Louis, Mo.; Madeline Leong, St. Louis, Mo.; Carolyn Lewis, Kansas City, Mo.; Carmen Machuca, Puerto Rico; Mary Lou Maddox, Clayton, Mo.; Mary Margaret Marsh, Clayton, Mo.; Joan Maschmann, Rock Hill, Mo.; Ann Moore, Clayton, Mo.; Marilyn Mullins, Waverly, Mo.; Nancy Murphy, St. Louis, Mo.; Gene Patton, St. Louis, Mo.; Betty Puffer, St. Louis, Mo.; Martha Priest, Jackson, Mo.; Mary Carolyn Richhardt, Clayton, Mo.; Judith Rukowski, St. Louis, Mo.; Betty Ryan, Brentwood, Mo.; Gerry Schnitzel, St. Louis, Mo.; Rita Sheahan, Kansas City, Mo.; Jacqueline Taylor, Overland, Mo.; Mary Martha Teasdale, Kansas City, Mo.; Eileen Ulrich, St. Louis, Mo.; Josephine Whit, Chicago, Ill.; Marion Wyers, Normandy, Mo.

Four Students Publish Poems In Anthology

Four poems by Fontbonne students will be published in the Annual Anthology of College Poetry.

Haar's "Artful Hands", Joan Kilbourne's "Laughing", Mary E. Young's "Darkness", and Mary Jane Kuefler's "God's Wondrous Cycle".

Nancy is a junior; Joan, a sophomore, and Mary and Mary Jane are freshmen.

The anthology is a compilation of the finest poetry written by college men and women in the United States. Selections were made from thousands of poems submitted. In the past, poems composed by Joan Kilbourne, Carol Keane, Janet Gerken, Nancy Hines, and Nancy Haar were printed. "Rescue" was the title of Joan Kilbourne's first poem, "Life" was the title of Nancy Haar's.

French Club Entertains

At the last meeting of the French Club, held November 22, members were entertained by Lucy George and Joy Ann Auer, both seniors, who told of their summer trips to Europe.

Particularly interesting and significant was Lucy's tale of her two weeks spent at a magnificent hotel on "a big lake." "A big lake?" said Sister Berchmans, moderator of the club. "Well, Lucy, maybe you will locate it on this wall map."

The rest of the story runneth thus: Lucy was surprised to find that her "big lake" was the Mediterranean Sea!

HOME EC, FONT, and FONTBONNE members are asked to place their canned goods, clothes, and toys for the Christmas baskets in the youth cloakroom of the auditorium in Fine Arts.

Group Book Review Has Premier Show

The class in contemporary social, political, and economic problems at their meeting Friday, December 2, gave a group review of Clarence Streit's latest work, "Freedom Against Itself." Appearing the first of last month, the book has been causing much comment in civic circles. Mr. Streit is the gentleman who proposed the famous "Union Now" plan, in which he advocates a union of all Atlantic nations, European as well as American and Canadian, to combat Communism. Twelve members participated in this group book discussion, the first of its kind on the Fontbonne campus. Dr. William Van Taay is instructor.

An Invitation To Two Lectures

"The Planet We Live On" will be the topic of a lecture to be given Wednesday, December 15, at the Center, 3559 Lindell. Mr. and Mrs. Frank Killand, graduates of the Clark University Graduate School of Geography, will give their views on this subject.

On December 22 at the Center, Mr. Donald Charpit will expound his theory, "Everyone Can Draw." Mr. Charpit is president of the Missouri Federation of Arts and Crafts and for many years served as a teacher at the People's Fine Arts Center.

Fontbonne students are invited to attend both lectures.

the spiritual beauty of Christmas bring choicest blessings to you and yours, and the Peace and Joy of God's guidance make the New Year a happy one.

The FONT Staff

Carolyn Ellis Represents IRC At New York Meet

Carolyn Ellis, senior economics student, left St. Louis Monday, December 6, for New York City to represent Fontbonne and the Greater St. Louis Area at a preliminary meeting of International Relations Clubs preparatory to their spring convention.

The New York meeting, held December 7, 8, and 9 at the city headquarters in Carnegie Building, planned complete arrangements for the annual conference to be held in St. Louis April 1-4.

The Fontbonne delegates, appointed by Mr. William Curran of St. Louis, director of the Foreign Policy Association, IRC, assisted yesterday at Holy Mass at St. Patrick's Cathedral, and will visit Hunter College and attend one of the general sessions of the United Nations before returning home Saturday, December 11.

Fountains Will Be Distributed On December 15

The *Fontaine*, Fontbonne's literary magazine, will be distributed to the student body at the assembly, December 15. The magazine will contain short stories, sketches, features, book reviews, and verse.

Featured articles are a short story, "Storm," by June Miller; a sketch, "Cheese Dreams for Two," by Joan Kilbourne; "Marianne Moore, Contemporary Poet," by Nancy Haar; "Let's Look at the Novel," Suzanne Leach, and "Book Briefs" by Sally Walsh, Betty Ryan, and Carol Keane. Sister Augustine Novotzke, Ad.P.P.S., has written "Niki," a character sketch.

Contributors to this issue are Sister Augustine, June Miller, Janet Gerken, Noreen Lynch, Angelina Marino, Nancy Haar, Joan Kilbourne, Nancy Hines, Suzanne Leach, Carol Keane, Betty Ryan, Sally Walsh, and Eileen Ulrich. The editorial board of the *Fontaine* consists of the following: senior members, Suzanne Leach, Rita Sheahan, and Eileen Ulrich; junior members, Nancy Haar and June Miller; and sophomore members, Joan Kilbourne, Nancy Hines, and Janet Gerken. Sister M. Loretta is literary adviser, and Miss Frances Troemel is art adviser.

Intramural Games For Volleyball Start Monday

Volleyball intramurals will be held December 13, 14, 15, and 16. Two games will be played each day, the first at 3:45 and the second at 4:15. Seniors interested in playing should see Patricia Degnan, juniors, Margaret Bransford; sophomores, Sue Kaiser; and freshmen, Charlene Velker. No more than two varsity members will be allowed on a team.

There should be special interest in the intramurals this year as the F.A.A. has just purchased a new circulating trophy to present to the champion class.

The schedule of games is as follows:

Dec. 13 at 3:45—Freshmen vs Sophomores
4:15—Juniors vs. Seniors
Dec. 14 at 3:45—Freshmen vs. Juniors
4:15—Sophomores vs. Seniors
Dec. 15 at 3:45—Freshmen vs. Seniors
4:15—Sophomores vs. Juniors
Dec. 16—To be scheduled

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Freshmen Announce Third Annual Sleighbell Ball In Medaille Hall, Jan. 14

The third annual "Sleighbell Ball" will be sponsored by the freshman class on Friday evening, January 14, in Medaille Hall. The dance will be semi-formal. The price of the bids is not known at the present time. Committees, however, have been selected. Noreen Lynch is general chairman, and Florence Granger and Judith Seibert are general co-chairmen.

Anne Olin is in charge of alumnae room decorations, and Genevieve Daniels, Mary Katherine Dillard, Yvonne Ellis, Betty Lamb, Joan McKenna, Kathleen McLaughlin, Barbara Mudd, Joann Petty, Madonna Preiss, Merilyn Price, Margery Voss, Jane Welches, Margaret Wittman, and Mary Young assist her. Chairman of the ballroom decorations committee is Nancy Smallwood, and committee members are Kathryn Ballweg, Carole Boshard, Nancy Farley, Margarita Fennell, Joan Guelker, Mary Ann Hollman, Joan Ann Humm, Susan Kotva, Barbara Kribs, Sheila Nellis, Jean O'Hara, Patricia Reddan, Helen Carol Richmond, and Mary Lynn Yeend.

The refreshment committee chairman is Angelina Marino. Also on the committee are Nancy Flanagan, Joan Gantner, Anita Delisle, Mary Jane Kuefler, and Mary Joann Turner. Margaret Cinnater is chairman of the program and tickets committee. Other members are Justine Freeman, Carol Ries, Marilyn Trapp, Phyllis Schmidt, and Jane

Young. Members of the orchestra committee are Joan Ruthman and Earlene Traub. In charge of the chaperone committee is Mary Margaret Faust.

Honor Society Sponsors Annual Story Contest

Kappa Gamma Pi, national scholastic and activity honor society of Catholic women's colleges, announces its 1955 Short Story Contest.

Sponsored annually in an effort to encourage young writers and promote good Catholic writing, the competition is the 23rd to be held by the honorary society for students of its affiliated colleges.

The contest has been international in scope since 1942, when the first out-of-states school was accepted as a KGP college. Today 94 Catholic colleges in the States, Canada, and Puerto Rico are affiliated with Kappa.

The New Orleans Chapter is handling the contest for the second consecutive year. A panel of nationally known literary figures will judge the entries, which must be postmarked no later than midnight, March 15, 1955. A first prize worth \$50.00 and a second worth \$25.00 will be awarded.

For contest rules see Sister Mary Loretta.

December Is Busy Month For Red Cross Unit

December is really a busy month for the Red Cross members on Fontbonne campus. Caron Von Hoffmann and her committee are at work on a fine program for International Day, Sunday, December 12, to be held at Washington U. All Fontbonnets are invited. IRC and Red Cross have already made reservations.

A second important project concerns the Christmas stockings. These will be filled for the soldiers at Scott Air Base. Margie Lottes heads this committee with Barbara Kribs and Lorraine Raffaelli as co-chairmen. This committee is depending upon the generosity of all Fontbonne to help fill 75 stockings. Students are asked to see one of the above-named girls and help make the soldiers' Christmas a Merry One!

The third number on the agenda is the trip for the Christmas party to be given at Scott Field on Thursday evening, December 16. Patricia Slocum is chairman of arrangements. Those interested are asked to give their names to her.

Continue Daily Chanting of Terce

On the first day of Advent members of the newly-formed Pius X Club sponsored for the second year the chanting of Terce. Beginning at 9:20 a. m. every day in St. Joseph's Chapel, Terce, dedicated to the Holy Ghost, was chosen from the other seven canonical hours because it is an inspiring prayer during Advent in preparation for the Christmas season.

NFCCS and NSA Itineraries Have Low Rates, Many Lands

Like to travel? Both the National Federation of Catholic College Students and the National Student Association have released information on their student travel programs.

NFCCS's annual European Student Travel Program, featuring tours through thirteen countries, will be the most extensive and eco-

nomical in its history.

The itineraries for the 1955 summer tours have been broadened to include three more nations, Austria, Ireland and Yugoslavia, and the Principality of Monaco. In addition, students will again have the opportunity to visit Belgium, England, France, Germany, Italy, Switzerland, and the Netherlands, as well as Spain and Portugal on the longer trips.

Four tours are scheduled priced at \$659, \$765, \$858, and \$971 for twenty-nine, thirty-four, forty-one, and fifty-one land-days, respectively. It is to be noted that twenty days sea travel should be added to all tours.

In keeping with the progressive trend of NFCCS travel service, the Federation has not only expanded the land itineraries for the 1955 season but also has laid plans to further enhance the educational and social aspects of the tours. In line with this, preparations are being made for meetings with European student groups on the continent and for special student activity programs aboard ship. The program is also designed to be religiously inspiring, offering visits to the principal shrines on the itineraries offered.



Dr. William Van Taay

Dr. William Van Taay, professor of economics and sociology, will take part in a panel discussion on December 13 at 8:00 p. m. in room 203 of the Chouteau House, St. Louis University. Dr. Van Taay and H. Jackson Daniels, a St. Louis lawyer, will speak on the "Revision of the United Nations Charter." The panel discussion is part of the program for the Men of Athens, a St. Louis University club composed of male students who are interested in political, economic, and social affairs.

How About It? Book Swap Fete

Rumor has it that something is really going to be done about children's comic books. Several large cities have started a crusade and are going into action. Students, too, are becoming intensely interested. Here is the story:

Recently, youngsters watched their crime and comic books ripped up at a public meeting. For each ten comic books brought for destruction, they were given a hard-bound book of their choice from among 1019 volumes made available by the public library and a committee formed to advance good reading.

The chosen books, worth an average of one dollar each, covered more than 200 subjects. Funds for the "Book-Swap Program" came from contributions.

At Canton, Ohio, where this event took place not long ago, committee members said more boys than girls brought in comics and favored reward books dealing with science, airplanes and mysteries.

The *Font* will welcome suggestions for this kind of crusade to be started here some time in the second semester and carried to particular areas where children are concerned. If students are interested, they are asked to see the editor.

IRC and Class Members Debate on Red China

At the two most recent meetings of the class in contemporary political, social, and economic problems and the International Relations Club, members voted 28 to 4 that Red China should not be recognized by the United Nations.

Speaking for the affirmative were Catherine Elliott and Jacqueline Taylor, seniors; for the negative, Ann Moore and Justine Rutkowski, seniors. The meetings were most profitable and stimulating.

Officers of IRC are Carolyn Ellis, Joanne Klemeyer, Arlene Podolski, and Betty Ryan.

Frosh Give Varied Answers To Query, "What Has Fontbonne Done For You?"

"What has college done for you?" was the question put to three-month Fontbonne freshmen. Here are some of their answers.

Patricia Reddan . . . College life has made me want to become a complete person. Yvonne Stokes . . . Going to college makes me realize that the "darling adolescent" is becoming an adult. Florence Granger . . . Before I came to Fontbonne, I felt that as long as one lived her religion as well as one knew how, that was all that was necessary. However, what really made me realize how important one's religion is was my first attendance at First Friday Mass in which both the students and the faculty participated. Betty Lamb . . . In high school, there are always small groups, or cliques; here at Fontbonne, everyone is friendly and companionable, and one is always welcome even if you don't particularly know the crowd. Yvonne Ellis . . . College has changed my ideas about dormitory life. Since I have been living in Medaille Hall, I am glad my

family lives out-of-town. I like the friendly spirit of the dorm. Josephine Simpson . . . Since coming to college, I have found that a student meets people from all parts of the country; she broadens her point of view, and she realizes most of all that she does not know everything; in fact she has much to learn. Judith Aydt . . . Coming to Fontbonne has made me realize that there is a time to have fun and a time to study. Jean O'Hara . . . College life has widened and broadened my interests. My course in religion and my student life here have made me realize that the important thing is to save my soul. Mikel Werner . . . I realize since I have come to college how important a Catholic college is. I am sure, also, that some of my friends whom I have met here will be life-time friends. Rita

GUESS WHO

This "tall, cool, blonde" senior is quite a fish in water. She can be found selling TB pins, walking with a certain friend that has a French name, or dimming lights backstage.

"Variety is the spice of life," so we add a redhead to our "Who's Who." Her musical talent, both in piano and the dance, and her preference to anything pink point out this junior as she speeds away in her vivid Olds.

Now we focus on a brownette. She hails from nearby Illinois and can be heard any time, on stage or off, singing in her lilting voice. This good-natured sophomore has a preference for the Navy.

This little dark-haired freshman doesn't look like the athletic type, but worked on the playgrounds this past summer. Last year she was one of our next door neighbors. Answers on next page.

VOX POP

Dear Editor:

It seems to me that there are many clubs and organizations on this campus that could consolidate, or, maybe these small clubs could be abandoned. There are too many extra-curricular activities for students who want to study and take their share of the social side of their academic life.

I think the Student Government should take this opinion under advisement. Certainly, they have heard this aired before.

Grailville Gives Different Courses

Today, consciously or unconsciously, many people have embarked on a "quest for community." If you ask, "What is Grailville?" here is one answer: it is an experience of Christian community living.

Wherever the Grail works, it seeks to create centers of Christian living where young women may come together to discover the value of full Christian living, and through this awakening to realize the needs of our time and their responsibility as women, that is, to integrate the spirit of the Gospels into their own daily lives and into the social structures around them.

If you participate in a Grail course, you will do more than attend formal classes and lectures, as important as these are in discovering the "community of truth" we share as Catholics.

"Only by communing in God can men commune perfectly with each other," writes Yves de Montcheuil. Each day at Grailville, you will offer the great communal Sacrifice of Praise, united in mind and heart and voice with all the other members of the Grailville family. And prayer—individually and as a group—flowing from the life of the Church, will inform and transform all the day's activities.

Courses for leadership will be given November 26-28, December 28-January 1, and any weekend.



Receiving final instructions before playing are the Volley Ball Team and Miss Joan Rich, physical education instructor: First row: Patricia Slocum, Margaret Bransford, Mary Louise Miller, Miss Rich, Charlene Velker. Second row: Sheila Nellis, Grace Wachtel, Dorothy Ensenberger, Mary Deck, Mary Carol Anth, Helen Therese Lauler, Dorothea Mackay. Standing: Madonna Christen, Mary Ann Wood, Barbara Volk.

Lee . . . College has made me see that an education is for both boys and girls. A mother of a family has a tremendous responsibility; she should be well educated if she expects to help her children and husband. Paula Pivonski . . . Since coming to Fontbonne, I realize that the spiritual, educational, and social life go hand in hand. Training for college is training for life. Barbara Volk . . . In college I found that I could make use of material learned in one class and transfer it to other classes. Barbara Flesch . . . College has made me realize that everyone has a goal in life, and that one has to work hard to attain it.

Guest Speakers For Legion of Mary At January Meeting

At the December 14 meeting of the Legion of Mary, two members of the International Catholic Auxiliaries, Miss Jean Kay and Miss Virginia Lerary, will be the guest speakers. Held in Medaille Hall at 7 p. m., the meeting will be open to all the students.

The organization, ICA, trains teams of lay-women who pledge themselves to work in Mission countries in the service of the local bishop for the promotion and education of a native, Catholic laity.

Officers of the Fontbonne Legion of Mary are: Jeanne Klemeyer, president; Bernadette Buckman, vice-president; Carol Brouillette, secretary; Catherine Elliott, treasurer.

It Comes Once a Year Thank Heaven, Say You

By Ida Badergo

Is the thought of buying Christmas gifts snowing you under? (excuse the low form of wit). After you purchase the first hundred gifts your ideas as well as your money begins to run out. Here are a few suggestions; take them for what they're worth. (I shouldn't have said that.)

Mother might like a dressy blouse or some lingerie. Or if she likes jewelry, you could get her several of those beautiful ropes that are so popular now. Some mothers enjoy gifts for the house, that is, vases, lamps, scarves, and various other dust collectors.

Dad is usually a problem when it comes to choosing a gift for him (as well as at other times). On Christmas morning after receiving sixty-seven ties, Dad might be pleased with a *different* gift. You know, to sort of break the monotony. If he has a hobby, your troubles are over. Just get something he can use to further his hobby. Or if he hasn't any special hobby, except supporting you, a shirt would make a lovely gift. This does not mean you should buy a red and black "Mr. B. C. or D." This means the usual type of shirt Dad wears. (The real square kind.)

Little brothers and sisters are never a problem to buy for. Any of the latest space equipment will do, just so it's the kind Tom Corbett, space cadet uses. (What else?)

If your brother and sister have reached the clothes-conscious stage, a slim-jim tie and argyles will suit him, and a boy-blouse and bobby-sox will please her.

Now for the boy-friend (some of us do have them, you know). By this time you have probably declared bankruptcy so the best solution would be to dig out a photograph of yourself. The one in which you resemble Elizabeth Taylor will be fine. Sign it "With love," wrap it prettily and there you are! What better Christmas gift could he ask for (Oh, we're silly ones!)

I certainly hope these suggestions have helped you. Oh, by the way, does anyone know what I could get my great-uncle Horatius for Christmas?

Books You Will Like

The fourth in the collection of books about the Italian village of Don Camillo, is entitled *Don Camillo's Dilemma*. The author, Giovanni Guareschi, writes whimsically of life in a village of the Po River valley and of the campaigns waged between Don Camillo and Peppone, the Communist mayor of the village.

The book is a series of humorous short stories telling of incidents in the village "war". Throughout the book are comments by Christ, Who speaks to Don Camillo from the crucifix in the village church. These comments are sometimes startling, but they are always thought-provoking. Although the book is primarily intended for enjoyment, it also contains much serious matter within its pages.

Don Camillo's Dilemma, or any of the other books by Guareschi, will acquaint the reader with some of the funniest characters in modern fiction, and all are recommended for anyone looking for a relaxing and humorous book, which is well worth reading. (Farrar, Straus and Young, New York, \$5.00.)

In the little Mexican village of Quanta, an elemental struggle took place, an age-old struggle, the conflict between good and evil. Audrey Erskine Lindop writes of this struggle in her novel, *The Singer Not the Song*. The title signifies that Miss Lindop is more interested in the people behind their beliefs than in what they believe. The singer, not the song.

Father Keogh, an Irish priest, was sent to Quanta by his bishop to replace old Father Gomez, worn out by his struggle to win the soul of the bandit-dictator of Quanta. Malo, as he was called, typifies evil. Father Keogh represents good. The events which result from the "cold war" between Father Keogh and Malo form the nucleus of an exciting novel.

Miss Lindop, in trying to portray the conflict between two characters of unshakable and entirely opposite philosophies of life, has weakened her work to a great extent. Her Malo, who has not a spark of human kindness or decency in him, is very hard to accept. On the other hand, her Father Keogh, who is portrayed as the complete antithesis of Malo, is frustrating in the extreme. One wishes that he would go out and perform some positive act instead of standing passively by waiting for Malo to kill him. No priest confronted with a man such as Malo—a highly unlikely situation by the way—would react as Father Keogh does.

Miss Lindop, however, has a fairly adequate writing style, and her descriptions are realistic. The author very definitely achieves a suspense which makes it impossible for the reader to lay the book aside once it is begun.

Despite very obvious weaknesses, *The Singer Not the Song* can be recommended for anyone who is looking for an absorbing, fast-moving, modern novel.

Catholic Children's Book Club selections for December are: *Legend of Saints and Beasts*, by Anne Marie Jauss (picture book group); *The Long Christmas Eve*, by Elizabeth Duryea (intermediate group); *Tenoch*, by Leigh Merrell (older boys); *Pia*, by Lucille Mulcahy (older girls); and *Hawaii, U.S.A.*, by Lily Edelman, (knowledge builders).

For Christmas Help Combat World Hunger

An opportunity to lend a personal helping hand to U. S. foreign policy and to U. S. taxpayers, while sharing the holiday blessings of America, is provided by the CARE "Food Crusade." For only one dollar, two 14-pound CARE packages of basic foods will be sent abroad in your name, putting you in the fight against world hunger.

The bargain is made possible by the cooperation of the U. S. Foreign Operations Administration making available government surplus food for the holiday program which closes at the end of the year. It is endorsed nationally by a committee of outstanding business leaders, such as Paul Hoffman, and here by the St. Louis Advisory Committee for the CARE-FOA Holiday "Food Crusade" which consists of leaders of organizations concerned with civic and international affairs and is headed by Frank M. Mayfield (of Seagrams-Vanderbilt-Barney).

The committee has observed that the person-to-person way of making friends overseas through CARE is an important one to help U. S. foreign policy in winning friendship for the country. In addition, it is pointed out, the "Food Crusade" helps reduce stocks of U. S. surplus food which costs taxpayers over half a million dollars daily, just for storage.

Mayor Raymond R. Tucker and County Supervisor Luman F. Matthews have commented that this holiday program makes it possible for nearly everyone to join in sending food and good will from American citizens to critical areas in 32 countries of Europe, Asia and South America. They also pointed out that the 14-pound FOA packages cannot be designated to individuals, in the way other CARE parcels can, because of the low cost and short time for this program.

All donors get receipts, and orders of \$5 or more will receive a signed receipt from overseas, and at times a letter from the recipient. The price per package is 50c but \$1 for two packages is suggested as simpler for mailing and handling by the donor, whose name will be on each package.

The 50c is to cover costs of distribution not met by FOA. All foods are U. S. surplus, with the exception of beef and gravy, and are over

Safe Driving Day Proclaimed So Motorists Observe Golden Rule

December 15 is S-D Day—a 24-hour period when every motorist and pedestrian in the country is being asked to put the Golden Rule to work on our streets and highways with the objective of eliminating all traffic accidents.

Governors and public officials of all states are issuing Safe Driving Day proclamations in cooperation with the President's Action Committee for Traffic Safety, a volunteer group of citizens appointed by President Eisenhower to help cut the toll of traffic accidents and deaths.

On S-D Day every driver and walker in the country is being urged to accept full personal responsibility in doing these three basic things:

1. Observe the letter and spirit of all traffic regulations.
2. Be courteous to every driver and pedestrian—practice sportsmanship.
3. Give full attention to driving and walking.

"S-D Day will demonstrate that the place to attack the traffic safety problem is in the community, and that the responsibility rests upon each individual," the President's Action Committee declared.

"It will implant in the minds of all motorists and pedestrians the realization that if they can greatly



Packing food and toys for poor families to be distributed for Christmas Day are Mary Margaret Marsh, annual; Sally Joedick, newspaper; Joanne DeGroot, home economics club. Before Christmas at Fontbonne classes and club collect clothes, food, and toys for poor families.

Startling Magazine Story Is "So I'm An Old Maid"

"The single life isn't the worst thing that can happen to a girl," declares Anita Colby, Hollywood actress, model and noted beauty expert, in an article in the November issue of *The Sign*.

Titled "So I'm An Old Maid," the article asserts singleness "is a life that can be lived honorably and profitably and is not the only life that has special heartaches."

Declaring that the expression "Always a bridesmaid, never a bride" is "practically the story of my life," Miss Colby adds: "It's distasteful to be called an 'old maid.' If I were really hurt by it, however, I got over the hurt long ago."

The 39-year-old celebrity offers six suggestions to single women to help them live "happier and more productive lives."

1. Keep the hope of eventual marriage alive and burning brightly in your hearts. But this hope must be strengthened by a God-fearing and fruitful life in the single state.

2. Don't sit still and brood and go to seed; get out and get things and above the requirements of the U. S. welfare and school lunch programs. The packages contain rice, butter, powdered milk, cheese, flour, beans, and beef and gravy, designed for appropriate parts of the world.

reduce accidents on S-D Day, they can do it every day in the year."

In 1953 there were nearly 10 million traffic accidents. One person was killed in traffic accidents on the average of every 14 minutes, around the clock and throughout the year. The total death toll last year was 38,300. Injuries in traffic occurred approximately every 23 seconds, with a total of 1,350,000 persons being disabled beyond the day of the accident.

For every fatality, one or more persons was totally and permanently disabled, thereby becoming a financial burden either to his family, or to the community, or both.

The price of traffic accidents in 1953 in terms of money is estimated to have been \$4 billion, including medical expense, property loss and other costs.

Answers to Guess Who

Naturally our first personality could be none other than senior Lucy George walking with her French poodle, D'Lily.

The sparkling redhead interested in music is Mary Tonjes.

The sophomore songstress who likes the Navy is Betty Neuf.

Coming from St. Joseph's Academy, our cute freshman who worked on a St. Louis playground is Marilyn Trapp.

dance. The unmarried girl can perform just as much service as can the married woman or the religious.

3. If being a "joiner" doesn't satisfy your need for companionship, don't overlook help from your family and close friends whom we must have to maintain a proper balance in life.

4. Miss Colby also recommends periods of "deliberate, purposeful solitude" as a part of proper social and personal balance. "Two or three or even four nights a week," she points out, "is not too much to devote to the improvement of one's mind and heart and soul."

5. The single woman must realize, says Miss Colby, that sex has its proper place only as an expression of the love of honorable husbands and wives.

6. But, she asks, what about the desire for children which is usually and normally far stronger and at the basis of the desire for physical contact? Miss Colby declares this can be satisfied by caring for other people's children through teaching, volunteer work in orphanages, and the simplest way of all, baby-sitting.

As for herself, Miss Colby concludes: "I intend to go on living the best and most complete and serviceable life I can with the help of God. If I never marry, and I certainly want to, it will only mean that He intended I should not and I will be satisfied with His will."

Benefit Movie Scheduled Jan. 6 For NSA, NFCCS

NFCCS and NSA will present *Jane Eyre* on January 6, 1955, at 8:15 p. m. Joan Fontaine and Margaret O'Brien star in the picture.

Jane Eyre (1847), the novel which established Charlotte Brontë's reputation as a writer of fiction, is in a large degree the record of her own development. In the character of Jane Eyre, the young author first found an outlet for the storm and stress of her own nature. The book is therefore autobiographical in the truest sense.

The heroine, Jane Eyre, is an orphan. As a child she is misunderstood and disliked by her protectors. She is sent early to Lowood School. The description of Jane Eyre's school days forms one of the most vivid portions of the novel. After leaving school she falls in love with a certain Mr. Rochester, whose wife is hopelessly insane. After the death of the wife, Jane Eyre and Rochester marry.

Charlotte Brontë invested the character of Rochester with a fascination that made him the hero in fiction of half the women in England. Jane Eyre herself is no ordinary heroine.

Rosie, the Roving Reporter, Reports

After a round of tough classes our roving reporter decided to turn her thoughts to more pleasant things—Christmas vacation, for one. "I wonder what everyone is going to do on her vacation?" the simple one asked herself. Seeing our roving reporter talking to herself, Teresa Conway went to investigate. Teresa sympathizes with people who talk to themselves, for she indulges in it herself now and then.

"Say, Teresa, what are you going to do on the Christmas vacation?"

Teresa looked relieved. For a minute she thought old R. R. was cracking up. "I'm going to Egypt." Well, that's different anyway.

Margie Lottes has more practical plans for the Christmas vacation. She told R. R. that she was going to work during the day and go to parties in the evening. That sounds like a really nice schedule.

Next R. R. ran into Ruth, oops, Margaret Bransford. "Are you going to Egypt on the Christmas vacation, too?" our R. R. asked.

"Goodness no," Margaret laughed, "I'm either going to take a trip to Atlanta, Georgia, or I'm going with Rose Burnett to Mississippi." "Sounds like fun. I just hope Teresa has as much fun in Egypt. Currie, what are you going to do?" "Parties, parties, parties," Judy sang as she left gaily, her "parties, parties" echoing through Ryan's halls.

Gerry Schmalz was next to have the misfortune to run into our R. R. "I'm going to relax," was Gerry's reply. "That is, when I'm not going to parties."

This satisfied happy-go-lucky R. R. to disturb Theresa Grether and ask her what her plans were.

"I intend to follow Teresa Conway to Egypt to torment her; from there I shall go to Paris to discuss the H-line with the fashion experts."

"All right, Theresa. If you can't be serious a minute, I'll ask Sharon Knickmeyer what her plans are. Surely she is going to do something interesting."

Sharon replied readily, "I want to have a good time and go swimming every day."

Now who would have guessed it? Sharon wanted to go swimming every day? Wonders never cease! Still marvelling at this, our R. R. ran into Carol Keane. Carol has the best plans of all. Besides working at the Post Office until Christmas, she plans to "sleep!"

"Sleep? what's that?" R. R. muttered as she curled up in a quiet (?) corner of the Den. From the sounds of the snores coming from that spot, her Christmas vacation will probably be spent right there!

Survey Shows Teachers' Salaries High in West

Evanston, Ill. (I.P.)—Romance and glamour figure equally with good pay in determining whether the beginning teacher goes to Paducah, New York City or across the seas on her first teaching assignment. According to information released by National College of Education, Hawaii, with its vacation attractions and tropical life amid the Pacific, lures graduates despite its comparatively low beginning salary of \$3000.

The western states, on the other hand, are favored among the new teachers because of their high starting scale. California pays \$3700 to \$3800 a year and Portland, Ore., \$3400. Placement records here show that over the past 20 years beginning teaching salaries have steadily risen, average \$110 each year. In 1934 the new teacher received \$1075; in 1944, \$1500; and in 1949, \$2500. The figures compiled by Miss Elizabeth Springstun, placement director, indicate that salaries being offered to graduates now are slightly higher than the average \$3200, offered to 1953 graduates.

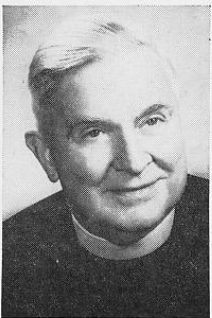
Thou art the glory of
Jerusalem, thou art the
joy of Israel, thou art the
honor of our people.

Judith, XV, 10.

Mary, Our Mother

"Son, behold thy Mother." It was on the Cross that Christ spoke these words to St. John. With these few words, he gave Mary to us. She then became our Mother, our Advocate, and our Mediator. She it is who can bring us to Her Son. She it is who can carry our prayers and petitions to the God of the Universe. She it is whose requests are always answered by the God of the Universe. A friend of Mary automatically become a friend of Her Son.

Father Lord's Day



Rev. Daniel A. Lord, S.J.

Last Friday was "Father Lord Day" at Fontbonne. Two hundred and fifty students gave him a spiritual bouquet of Masses and Holy Communion. It was fitting that at the close of Mary's Year, a special day should be set aside for this devoted and eminent disciple of the Blessed Virgin, who reorganized the Sodality of Our Lady in the United States and Canada twenty-six years ago in St. Louis.

Father Lord is now critically ill of cancer at St. John's Hospital, St. Louis.

At the Holy Hour, 1:30 to 2:30 p. m., Rev. Francis Corley, S.J., was the speaker. Editor of *Social Order*, a monthly magazine devoted to Catholic principles of sociology and economics, Father Corley eulogized his brother Jesuit in spreading devotion among the youth of the country to the Mother of God. Doubtless, Father Lord is one of the greatest forces and influences in repelling Communism in this country. By early propagating devotion to Our Lady in the way of promoting and leading Summer Schools of Catholic Action, giving lectures, book and musical reviews, and writing books, pamphlets, and pageants, Father Lord, we are confident, has merited a high place in the Kingdom as a special friend of the Queen of Heaven.

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Women in Old Testament Prefigure Mary the Queen

The celebration of Marian Year throughout the whole Catholic world is certainly a touching expression of the filial love Catholics have for the Queen of Heaven. Everywhere last year there was greeted with joy the publication of the Encyclical of Pope Pius XII "Fulgens Corona Gloriosa," on the centenary of the definition of the dogma of the Immaculate Conception, proclaiming "Mary's Year."

Six basic teachings of the Church have been made concerning Mary, Virgin and Mother. These are the Immaculate Conception, Perpetual Virginity, Divine Maternity, Assumption into Heaven, Coronation of Our Lady, and Mediatrix of all Graces. Any one of these beliefs would have entitled her to a place of pre-eminence among women.

Mary was the means of a fulfillment of a promise. She was the Mother of the Messiah. God promised a Saviour to Adam and Eve when He expelled them from Paradise. He told the serpent that a woman's heel would crush his head. The Blessed Lady was "the Ideal Woman" prefigured in the Old Testament and symbolized by poet and artist throughout the ages. Sacred Scripture rings with glowing accounts of valiant women possessed of great virtue foreshadowing Mary of Israel: Eve, Esther, Judith, Deborah, the Mother of the Macabees, the Mother of Moses, and Sarah. Figurative language spells in symbolic form the special prerogatives of the Handmaid of the Lord: the burning bush, mystical rose, ladder of Jacob, the temple of Jerusalem.

The *Font* takes pardonable pride in presenting the following composite story written by freshmen about the Mother of God.

Eve

Mary "lived" and was known for years before she was conceived in the womb of St. Anne, her mother. She "lived" in the first woman, Eve. In fact, she lived in all the great women of the old Testament. God had a special reason for this prefiguring. For all these women together possessed the virtues that one woman would some day have. This woman was to be His Mother, the Blessed Virgin Mary.

How profound and magnificent are the designs of God as one sees them unfolding upon Mary and Eve. Eve, a virgin, disobedient to God's law, believing implicitly in the word of the serpent. Mary, a virgin, obedient to an angel's word, believing and trusting in the designs of God.

As it was Adam and Eve who plunged the human race into sin and misery, so it was Christ and Mary who brought back mortals to the House of their Father, who made them children of God and brothers of His Son.

Eve's children lived on the bread that Adam toiled for "by the sweat of his brow." Mary's children live a supernatural life by the graces she obtains from Her Son, Who is the living bread of Heaven.

Esther

Esther was a young Jewish maiden living during the reign of Assuerus. When this king married her, she did not tell him that she was an Israelite. Shortly after their marriage, the king, influenced by his counsellor, Aman, issued a proclamation that all Jewish people in his country should die. Prompted by her guardian, Mardocheai, Queen Esther revealed her identity to the husband and interceded for her people. Now the king could have commanded that his wife be killed, because she had come into the royal presence uninvited, but he did not. He loved her very much. He listened to her and then revoked the order against her countrymen.

Although Esther and Mary lived hundreds of years apart, they had

much in common. Esther by her courage saved her people from death. Our Blessed Lady is still saving souls from the fires of hell. Both trusted that their cause would be heard. Esther risked her own life to save the Jewish people; Mary suffered from the minute she heard the words of the aged Simon, "And thy own soul a sword shall pierce"

Judith

It was the time of the Assyrians and of many wars. Nabuchodonosor sent Holofernes to command his armies against the Jewish nation. Upon hearing the report that the enemy was encamped near her people, Judith, a beautiful widow and daughter of Merari, prayed to the God of Jacob and Isaac to strengthen her in her plan she had conceived in overcoming the enemy. She went into the camp of Holofernes, met the general, and received an invitation to a banquet he was giving to celebrate his future victory over the Jews. After the banquet was over, Holofernes fell asleep, and Judith cut off his head.

Judith was the redemptress of her people. The Blessed Virgin is the co-redemptress of the human race. Judith killed Holofernes; Mary crushes the head of the serpent and is the principal adversary of Satan.

Deborah

"And there was at that time Deborah, a prophetess, the wife of Lapidoth: and the children of Israel came up to her for all judgment." In these words the Bible introduces Deborah. She comes upon the scene in a humble and seemingly obscure manner, and she remains to lead her people through trying times of darkness and despair. Taking no sword in hand, herself, she, nevertheless, leads her people to victory against the hated Sisera and procures for them forty years of peace. A woman in need, Deborah made a unique contribution to the story of resourceful women.

Many centuries later, a woman of Nazareth of obscure and humble origin, gave birth to a Son. And the



Pope Pius XII as Cardinal Eugenio Pacelli on Sept. 25, 1936, visited Fontbonne and posed for his picture on Ryan Hall steps. Partly seen is Cardinal Francis Spellman of New York. The picture was taken by Mrs. Leon Weyerich, the former Mae Murphy, A.B., '34.

children of all nations for the past twenty centuries have come to her "for all judgment." She has remained to lead her people to righteousness. At Lourdes, at Fatima, and at Guadalupe, the Blessed Virgin has sounded the call to arms against a foe more deadly than Sisera by her advice and warnings.

The Mother of the Macabees

The Second Book of the Macabees tells of a virtuous mother of seven sons who were martyred by Antiochus. This mother's eminent faith and trust in God had so filled her sons' minds and hearts that they were willing to make the supreme sacrifice of their lives rather than worship false gods. She encouraged them to give their lives back to God, and when the youngest began to cringe and seemingly weaken under the promises of the governor, she explained to this young boy that material wealth and power meant nothing. The only thing in the world worth having was his soul.

From the New Testament we know that Our Blessed Mother actually participated in the sufferings of her Son. Like the Mother of the Macabees, she stood by and saw her Child die. But also like the Mother in the Old Testament, the Blessed Virgin knew Heaven would be won. The seven sons by dying entered Heaven. Mary's Son by dying won Heaven for the fallen human race.

The Mother of Moses

The Blessed Mother and the Mother of Moses were mothers of saviours of their nations. Moses freed the Jewish people from the bondage of the Egyptians; Christ freed the human race from the bondage of Satan. The Mother of Moses saw her son grow up in a foreign court, and sooner or later, she knew he would be considered an alien and not wanted. He, it would be, who would deliver his people from slavery in Egypt. The Mother of Christ saw her Son betrayed and put to death, even though he had come to give freedom to all.

Sarah

Sarah, a Hebrew princess, was the daughter of Terah and wife of

Abraham. A drought in Canaan forced Abraham and his wife to seek refuge in Egypt. The birth of Sarah's son, Isaac, was foretold by God Himself to Abraham. Isaac's birth was a guarantee of the existence of a covenant between the Creator and the creature, in virtue of which the descendants of Abraham, the creature, would be God's chosen people.

Sarah and the Blessed Mother of God have much in common. Sarah was a princess; Mary is the Queen of Heaven; while on earth she belonged to the royal house of David. The birth of Isaac was foretold; Christ's birth was foretold from all eternity and was spoken of by the prophets. Isaac belonged to the chosen people of God; Christ was the leader of the Church that He founded on earth. Isaac was almost sacrificed by his father in obedience to a command from God. Christ was truly sacrificed on the Cross in obedience to the will of His Heavenly Father for the redemption of the human race.

Mystical Rose

Earliest writings and prophecies concerning the Blessed Virgin compare her to a flower, in particular, to a rose. The answer to the question why she is called "Mystical Rose" is simple. The rose has always been considered the most beautiful of flowers; because of her spiritual loveliness and fragility, Mary is the true rose, a rose of Jerico. Mary is the mystical rose because the word "mystical" means hidden, superior to nature, and not perceived by the senses. She is truly hidden and found only by those who seek her above everything else.

Ladder of Jacob

The Book of Jacob states that one night Jacob had a vision in which he saw a ladder reaching to Heaven, and angels ascending and descending. This vision typifies the powerful intercession of Our Lady. Just as the angels were ascending to Heaven, so our prayers reach up to the throne of God through His Mother. Just as on the ladder angels descended to earth, so Mary comes down from her place in Heaven to us to comfort, console, encourage, and bless us.

Burning Bush of Moses

On the slopes of the mountain of God there grew a burning bush from which God chose to speak to Moses. Not in the clamoring of a village, but in solitude did Moses hear the Voice of his Creator. Similarly, it was in the seclusion of a little home in insignificant Nazareth that God descended upon mankind and made His abode in the chaste womb of a virgin.

The littleness of the bush typifies Mary's humility. God could have chosen the tallest cedar of Lebanon, but instead He spoke from a bush. Mary, the bush, encompassed Christ, the living flame, without losing her virginity.

