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## SUNDAY, OCTOBER 13, IS LORETTO DAY

### Fr. Donnelly Gives Address To Sodalists

#### Urges Sodalists to Support Eucharistic and Mission Committees

Unfortunately, the rejuvenation of the Sodality is a far more difficult task than the enlivening of the frogs fly-capturing faculties to which the Rev. Gerald Donnelly, S. J., amusingly referred in his informal talk to the Sodalists on October 3.

In a more serious vein he mourned "that the Sodality lacks energy and that a spiritual motive—one that will stay—is needed for its rejuvenation."

Then there was mention of a doctrine in Fathers words: "a terrifying doctrine, not of Hell or of Purgatory, not pertaining to merit and punishment, but that of the Communion of Saints, terrifying because of its significance—the dependence of our soul on the prayer of another for its salvation."

Father Donnelly exhorted the Sodalists to interest in the Eucharistic Committee which is urging all members of Our Blessed Mothers Sodality "not to be devoted to selfish prayer alone, but to pray for others, for the conversion of sinners, the spread of the Faith, and vocations—the big things that are dear to the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

Working parallel with this is the Mission Committee, striving with all its power to fulfill that Hearts command—"Teach all nations."

Since God created the world in such a way that one man's salvation is dependent upon the charity of his brethren, grace must be the saving factor.

And so Father Donnelly asked that we make one extra visit daily to Our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament, to plead for those worthwhile mentioned causes, as, "God's grace depends on prayer."

The Faculty and Students extend their sincerest sympathy to Mrs. J. C. Weiler, whose Mother's death occurred recently; also to Grace Meyer and Julie Bourke, in the loss of their Fathers, which they have sustained.

### VERY REV. C. L. SOUVAY OFFERS MASS OF HOLY GHOST FOR STUDENTS

#### President of Kenrick Seminary Gives Inspiring Talk

The Mass of the Holy Ghost was solemnized October 2, in the College Chapel and attended by the entire student body. The Very Rev. Charles L. Souvay, C. M., who officiated, gave admonition and encouragement that was eloquently fitting for Websterites—those who are just at the first milestones of their college life, as well as those, who for long, have called Webster "Alma Mater."

In direct, reaching words, Father Souvay spoke to them: "Above all, find yourselves—then be yourselves. Decide upon a definite end at which you may ultimately arrive in your college career. And having found yourselves, make what you have found your own, not selfishly, but finely independent, being unsatisfied with proximation and imperfection."

It would seem that these very convictions have been within us—latent or struggling unrecognized, for recognition. Their utterance by someone infinitely more capable than we, to express their significance will surely aid in making future years "fructitious." Father Souvay's timely quotation of the old Latin proverb "Age Quid Agitur" offers a matchless slogan for life and study at Webster.

### College Quarterly Elects Officers For Ensuing Year

At a meeting which was held for the purpose of electing the Loretto staff, the following officers were elected: Editor, Catherine Cody; Exchange Editor, Jo Rabbitt; "Just Among Ourselves," Estella Cavanaugh; "Near and Far," Lucille Rapillard; Business Manager, Bernice Wolff; Circulation Manager, Neva Daily; Book Reviews, Rosemary Brennan. The Art Editor will be elected at a later date. Eleanor Carrol has been chosen as the Nerinx Hall Editor.

The Dramatic Club was re-organized on Tuesday, last, at a meeting which was held for the purpose of electing officers and deciding upon dues. The result of the election was as follows; President, Alice Widmer; Vice President, Mary Frances Broeker; Secretary, Helen O'Brien; and Treasurer, Mary Hickman.

### MDLLE. MARCELLE PREVOST RETURNS TO WEBSTER AFTER YEAR'S ABSENCE

#### Head of French Department Who Spent Year in Study and Travel Abroad Resumes Teaching

One of the greatest pleasures awaiting us upon our arrival at school this year was the return of a person whom we all admire and esteem—she needs no introduction whatsoever—for it is none other than our beloved friend and teacher, Mademoiselle Marcell Prevost. Her absence meant a great deal to us but her return means even more.

A great number of enthusiasts have been eager to hear of all of the interesting places and things that Mdlle. Prevost had the opportunity of seeing during her year's stay abroad. We are going to relate only a few things that she has been kind enough to submit to the "Web."

A historical scene which she attended was the burial of Marshall Foch, that general whom all nations admired and loved. It was a national funeral. The burial, it is estimated, was attended by three million people. Among the distinguished personages in the long and colorful funeral procession were General Pershing, the Prince of Wales, Prince Charles of Belgium and representative units from all the allied armies. The corpse was placed in the Arch of Triumph, beside the grave of the Unknown Soldier, for two days, in order that the public might pay tribute to its worthy leader. From there, the body, guarded by cavalymen bearing torches, was taken to the Cathedral of Notre Dame, where trumpeters were sending forth weird sounds from the towers. Mdlle. Prevost tells us that it was one of the most impressive scenes that she has ever witnessed.

After completing her first year's work toward her doctor's degree, Mdlle. Prevost took a trip through Central Europe. She passed through the picturesque district of Tyro in Austria, then stopped in Vienna where she studied some of the changes in social conditions brought about by the socialistic government. To Budapest, Hungary, she traveled by boat down that beautiful and romantic Danube. After attending the International Students' Congress in Budapest and travelling through Germany she returned to Paris by way of Munich, Germany. Mdlle. Prevost says that "the student associations which correspond in Europe to the American fraternities and sororities, with a broad-



MDLLE. MARCELLE PREVOST

er field of action, play an important part, not only in student but in national life. Housing facilities, employment bureaus, loans, scholarships, foreign travel, international sporting contests, are some of the branches of their activity. In all these fields practical results have been obtained, such as the granting of important reductions in railroad fares and hotel rates; the reception of visiting student groups or individuals by students of the nation visited; the fixation of a maximum rate for student rooms and board, etc. Thus the Student Associations approach their purpose, which is to promote the welfare of their individual members and to create good will among nations."

Arriving in New York on the SS4 France, Mdlle. Prevost immediately returned to Webster. On viewing the new Loretto Hall, she said, "how fortunate American students are to be able to pursue their studies amidst such comfortable surroundings."

### Mother Eustachia Is Called to Her Reward

Prayers of all Webster students are requested for the repose of the soul of Mother M. Eustachia, president of Loretto Heights College, Denver, Colo., whose death occurred on Aug. 20, after a lingering illness.

Mother Eustachia spent many

### Webster Scene of Reunion of Loretto Students

#### One Day Each Year To Be Set Aside For Reunion

"Loretto Day" at Webster College, on Sunday, October 13, has been planned to bring together all former pupils of the Sisters of Loretto, those in the parochial and secondary schools and those in the college departments, and also all friends of the institution.

There will be outdoor Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament on the College Campus and Rev. Daniel A. Lord, S. J., will deliver an address on the "Ideals of the Loretto Foundation." Following this outdoor demonstration, there will be an executive meeting of the Loretto Foundation, an organization of all former students of the Loretto Sisters existing for the purpose of furthering the interests of the order by whom these men and women were educated. After the meeting, tea will be served in Loretto Hall.

Individual invitations will not be issued for this event but all former students and friends of the Sisters of Loretto will be welcome.

Girls! Of course the success of Loretto Day will depend largely upon your cooperation. Show your school spirit and help us to make this day worthwhile.

### Webster Students Attend V. P. Parade

Webster girls are again in the throes of excitement, and why not? They are going to attend the annual Veiled Prophet Parade on Tuesday, October 8.

About fifty of the residents of Loretto Hall have chartered a bus. They are to have the privilege of using a floor in the Stix, Baer & Fuller Dry Goods Co., where they will have a good view of the parade.

The Veiled Prophet Parade is an annual affair in St. Louis. The theme this year to be carried out in the floats is historical. The floats are to include such representations as Shaw's Garden, New St. Louis, The World's Fair, and the Spirit of St. Louis.

years at Webster and at one time was head of the Biology Department. She is missed by her many friends.

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## WEB GREETINGS

A new scholastic year has begun and with this, its first issue of the WEB, a new staff makes its bow. The WEB will need no introduction to the older girls; but, for the information of the "Freshies," it may be mentioned that the WEB is the bi-monthly chronicler of the sayings and doings of past and present Websterites.

We will endeavor at all times to give you the latest news, interestingly told; entertaining features; and whatever we believe will be of interest to the student body and alumnae. In short, we're trying to give you a school-paper that will interest you and of which you can be proud. Incidentally, we might remark, we'll welcome your criticisms and suggestions, for we are really sincere in our desire to put over a bigger and better WEB for you this year. We hope you'll like it.

## OUR FRESHMEN!

We are going to tell you the story of seventy-seven young women who left the academies last June. They realized that the woman of today who wishes to take the better positions in society and business must have the foundation and background of a college education. Consequently, they decided to continue their education in an institution of higher learning, and there followed the all-important question of "Which College?" And the numerous qualities they demanded in their Alma Mater to-be can be reduced to three great essentials.

First of all, they sought the highest in educational standards. They wanted a college well affiliated and offering teachers and courses of the first rank. They demanded intellectual contacts and the cultural atmosphere of college life; in short, a college whose reputation assured them of a truly liberal education.

The social life of the college in question was probably their next consideration. They looked forward, not only to the Proms and other dances, teas, societies and clubs, which form, shall we say, the brighter side of college life; they desired, as well, the comradeship and good-fellowship which, inspired by common interests and promoted by a common goal, form the groundwork of a happy, busy school life.

Then came the question that was the most important of all. What school offered an upward moral and ethical training, a religious training, in this age when crass materialism and atheism sound the keynote of far too many of our universities and colleges? To fulfill this requirement, the Catholic young women naturally turned to the Catholic colleges, which have been founded on the highest of ideals and conducted in accordance with those ideals. It has been the aim of the Catholic institutions of higher learning to give their students true culture, from which spiritual culture can never be alienated.

There were undoubtedly a number of colleges and universities which met these rigorous requirements, and these seventy-seven of which we have told you, were faced by the difficult problem of choosing their school from this number. In our naturally biased opinion, they solved their problem very well—they came to Webster!

## TO OUR ALUMNAE

The WEB is making a special appeal this year to you, the Alumnae, to cooperate in the activities of your old school. We want you to realize that the WEB is still your school paper just as much as it was when you were a student at Webster. Your subscription will help us to put out a better WEB, just as your contributions of news will make it more interesting to alumnae and present students alike. peep in touch with Webster and let Webster keep in touch with you!

## QUESTIONNAIRE

This Questionnaire is published by the WEB staff for the purpose of obtaining the candid opinions of our readers. We are striving to please you and to improve our student publication. We are able to find out what you like and dislike only my means of a Questionnaire. Kindly co-operate with us by answering the following:

1. Which column do you like best?.....
2. Which column do you like least?.....
3. Do you like feature stories?.....
4. Do interviews of the students interest you?.....
5. Would you like a frank criticism of student activities,.....
6. Could you suggest a column to replace "Anti-Sophia, and name it? .....

## Onward and Upward, Web

For 1929 and 1930, Web, we wish you luck. You've always been our prayer; you've always shown pluck. We hope you grow in number, and we hope you grow in size— We hope you'll make all colleges open wide their eyes. Here's luck to our new editor, to each one on the staff. We hope you'll have some clever jokes to make each person laugh. We know the Club Chat will be great, and Echoes of the Hall. We hope you will continue, to favor each and all. So, Onward, Upward Paper, we wish you great success. Keep up your "rep"; keep up your "pep"; 'twill help you to progress.

T. P., '31.

## Freshman, Be Yourself

Freshman, dear, we welcome you to New Loretto Hall.

We know you're sweet, We like your looks. (By "you" we mean you all) You're quite new here, but be assured you'll live—and in good health—

If you will put "pretend" aside, and kindly "Be Yourself."

Don't try to be like some cold doll, or like a movie star, Because we'd rather know our girls exactly as they are.

So make yourself at home, dear child, but ever keep in mind

That we expect the Webster girl to be "Herself" all time.

T. P., '31.

## CLUB CHAT

The election of officers for the Choral Club took place on Sept. 24. Erline Strothkamp was elected President, Helen McAvoy, Vice President, and Eugenia Bock, Secretary-Treasurer. This is the second year of the Choral Club's existence, therefore it is the aim of every member to make it "bigger and better." Among the first songs to be learned are: "Santa Lucia," arranged by Hilton, a Neapolitan Barcarolle, "Serenade," by Schubert, and "By the Waters of Minnetonka," by Lieurance.

The Classical Club met October 7, and great plans were made for the coming year. The members will read papers on Greek and Classical literature, followed by a discussion of the same. The officers are: Lucille Rapillard, President, Margaret Ludden, Vice President, and Margaret De Lisle, Secretary-Treasurer.

The Mathematics Club and the Spanish Club have not yet made any definite plans for this year.

## Students Urged To Attend Dramatic Performances

Dramatic classes were reorganized last Tuesday with a promising group of "new-comers" and old girls present. Mrs. Sankey had several plays chosen beforehand and soon had the young actresses cast in their parts. She hopes to be able to present several one-act plays some evening early in November. The Dramatic Department wishes to give only good plays and as it is difficult to obtain one without royalties it is hoped that the student body will attend the performances throughout the year.

## Mother Clarisine Dies at Academy in Kansas City

### Former Mother General Taken to Motherhouse For Burial

Mother Clarisine, former Mother General of the Loretto Order died at 8:30 a. m. Saturday morning at Loretto Academy, Kansas City.

The Pontifical High Mass was solemnized Monday morning, Sept. 30, at the Academy in Kansas City. The sermon was delivered by Bishop Thomas J. Lillis, of Kansas City.

Among those who attended the funeral were Superiors from many of the Loretto Houses, eighteen priests, several Dominican Sisters from St. Catherine's at Loretto, Sisters of Charity from Nazareth, and many friends.

Immediately after the sermon, the deceased was taken from the Chapel, the Loretto Academy girls forming a guard of honor, and sent to Loretto, Kentucky, for burial. Mass was solemnized at the Mother House by the Rev. Howlett.

At her death bed, besides the Community, were her brother, three nephews, and Bishop Lillis of Kansas City.

Mother Clarisine was born in Cairo, Illinois. She was 71 years old at the time of her death. Mother entered religion when she was very young and had lived fifty-six years in the service of God. During the early part of her life in the order, she taught music. She served as Superior of the following places: Loretto Heights, Pueblo and Kansas City. She was made Mother General while at Loretto Heights, and she served as such for six years. Since then, she served as Superior at Loretto Academy, in Kansas City.

## Upper Class Officers Elected; Freshmen Elections Later

### Juniors Also Elect Student Council and Sodality Representatives

The upper classmen have elected their class officers during the past two weeks. So far, the Freshmen have not held their elections. The Senior class has elected the following officers: President, Mary Frances Broeker; Vice President, Lucille Rapillard; Secretary, Neva Daily, and Treasurer, Ellen Quirk.

The Junior class meeting resulted in the election of President, Bernice Wolff; Vice President, Rosemary Hynes; Secretary, Ann Ryan; and Treasurer, Adelaide Murphy. At the same meeting, Helen O'Brien was elected Student Council representative to fill the position left vacant by Dorothy O'Keefe; and Margaret DeLisle was elected Sodality Representative of the Juniors.

The Sophomores chose as their officers: President, Esther Kraft; Vice President, May Hillmeyer; Secretary, Florence O'Brien; and Treasurer, Dorothy Shuford.

## "Frosh" Class Is Entertained By Student Council

### Freshmen Are Furnished Opportunity of Becoming Acquainted with College

The first activities at Webster College for the new school year were embodied in a Freshmen Week program, planned by the Student Council and extending from Sept. 17 to Oct. 23.

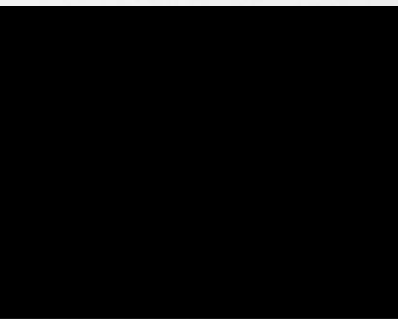
On Tuesday afternoon, Sept. 17, members of the Council entertained the freshmen with a bridge tea in Social Hall. The tea table was decorated with fall flowers and the gifts were especially useful for students just beginning their career at Webster.

A picnic supper was served on the lawn of Nerinx Hall on Wednesday evening, Sept. 18. A reception by members of the faculty was held on the same evening in the lounge of Loretto Hall.

Gertrude Jolley, president of the Student Council for the school year 1928-29, was the guest speaker at a freshmen assembly on Thursday afternoon. She outlined the work of the Student Council in the first two years of its existence and expressed the wish that this might be a year of outstanding achievement at Webster. Margaret Vollet, president of the Student Council for the present school year, welcomed the new students and introduced members of the Council and the senior class who briefly outlined the varied activities of the college. Catherine Cody spoke on Dramatics at Webster; Neva Daily on the College Sodality; Ann Ryan on Webster's Social Calendar; Josephine Rabbitt on The College Annual; and Alice Widmer on Athletics at Webster.

A picnic at the Quarry, planned for Sept. 21, was postponed until the following Saturday, Sept. 28, because of inclement weather.

The final event in the Freshmen Week program was the ceremony of initiation. With this incident, in which the serious and ludicrous were ingeniously combined, the plans for Freshmen Week were brought to an end.



Doctor: "There is not much wrong with you—take this medicine, but whatever you do, don't play the cornet. (Patient goes).

Friend: "Why did you tell him not to play the cornet?"

Doctor: "He lives just under me."

"Did you give the man the third degree?" asked the police officer.

"Yes. We browbeat and badgered him with every question we could think of."

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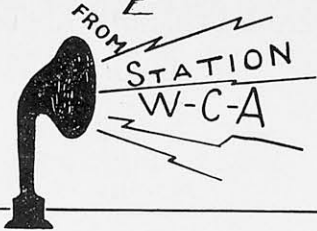
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## Alumnae News

Stand by for breezy announcements from Station W. C. A., Webster College Alumnae, to be broadcast from this column every other week.

Weddings and brides are very important these days and Alvera Fehlig's wedding is eagerly awaited by her many friends. She will be married to Fallon O'Leary Tuesday, October 15, at Our Lady of Lourdes Church. Veronica Feuerbacker and "Bee" Fehlig will be Alvera's bridesmaids, Frank O'Leary and Kay Fitzgerald will be Al's attendants and Rosalia Fehlig, the bride's sister, will sing. A reception will be held in the Tower Room of the Congress Hotel after the Church ceremony.

Another October bride from Webster's garden of girls will be Virginia Stevens whose marriage will take place Saturday, October 12, at the Blessed Sacrament Church. The lucky man is Charles Reis, Jr. Barbara Reis, Charles' sister, Marie Stevens, Ginny's cousin, Agnes Tuschmidt and Gert Heidemann will be in the bridal party. After

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the wedding ceremony a reception will follow at the bride's home.

Frances Powers and George Heil, Jr., have succumbed to Dan Cupid's wiles, their engagement having been announced last Wednesday. Although Franny's stay at Webster was a short one, she danced her way into our hearts and we wish her just lots of happiness.

Dan Cupid had his way again and took Ann Ward from us. Ann was just a "Freshie" last year. This year she is Mrs. Charles Luckfield of Tulsa, Okla.

Mrs. Philip Meager, formerly Theo. Fehlig, has been making her home in New York City. Her sister, Celeste, informed us that Theo will return to St. Louis soon—we are waiting for a visit, Theo.

The engagement of Lucille Seifert to Orren Sims was a pleasant surprise to everyone.

"Libby" Dunne, or to use her recently acquired dignified name, Mrs. Owen B. Kelly, of Minneapolis was back home for several days a few weeks ago. She and "Ode" are planning a real visit in December.

Mrs. Dayton O'Donnell, formerly Marguerite Barthel, is happily settled in her new "love nest" in Detroit. Her sister, "Gen," who just returned from a delightful visit with her said that Marguerite sends her love to her friends at Webster.

Catherine "Bunny" Hummert, our Education teacher of last year, is now a postulant at the Mother House of the Blessed Sacrament Sisters in Cornwallis Heights, Pa.

Sister Alexander Marie, formerly Catherine Barthel, and Sister Marie Therese, formerly Melba Koch, have been sent to Denver, Colorado, to teach. Sister Marie Therese writes she is teaching 40 babies and, of course, is kept quite busy. She sends her love to the old girls.

Our list of teachers grows, as it were, by leaps and bounds. Helen Eaves, our little scientist, is laboratory assistant in the Webster Chemistry Department. It seems natural to see Helen (or Miss Eaves now, I suppose) walking around the Chemistry laboratory, and I expect she feels perfectly at home, too.

## Rev. F. V. Corcoran, Philosophy Professor, Sails For Europe

### Founder of Kappa Gamma Pi to Study Seminaries Abroad

Rev. Francis V. Corcoran, C. M., vice president of Kenrick Seminary, is to spend a sabbatical half-year in travel in the Holy Land and in Spain and Italy. He sailed with a party of clergy and Bishops, Saturday, Sept. 21, on the steamship Augustus of the Italian-American line. Besides the tour of Palestine, Dr. Corcoran expects to spend some time looking into the theological schools of Italy and Spain.

Father Corcoran recently returned from a national conference at Seton Hill, Greensburg, Pa., of the newly organized Greek letter honor sorority, Kappa Gamma Pi, which embraces twenty-nine senior colleges for women. At this meeting, Dr. Corcoran was made national moderator of the sorority, a motion prompted by the fact that it was he who initiated the formation of Kappa Gamma Pi, three years ago. It has now grown to 310 members. Webster College has a chapter with Miss Teresa Shea as president. Miss Cecil Mary Ronan, a graduate of Marygrove College, Detroit, and formerly of Grand Rapids, Mich., but soon to reside in St. Louis, was elected national president. Other colleges which are represented on the official board are Emmanuel in Boston, Trinity in Washington; Seton Hill, and St. Mary's of the Woods.

Curley Coyne is a full fledged school teacher now, teaching reading, writing and arithmetic to the fourth graders in East St. Louis. Curley was always proficient in her three r's, anyway.

Grace Meyer is teaching the little tots at "Our Lady of Lourdes" school.

Maude Jokerst is doing likewise at St. Rose's school.

The classroom has beckoned to some of Webster's favorites, too. Edith Glossmeyer, '28, honorary society member, is doing graduate work at St. Louis U., majoring in sociology. Margaret Mary Brey is there, too, majoring in English. Lillian Woltering has entered Library School.

Dear Alumnae:

As yet, we have not heard of the achievements of many of you. Write us and let us know what you are doing.

The Alumnae Editor.

1st Junior: "Do you ride very far on the Market car?"

2nd Junior: "No, I just go as far as the Zoo."

Senior: "Freshie, do you know what equilibrium means?"

J. Widmer: "Sure, it means equal liberty."

A genius is one who shoots at something no one else can see and hits it.



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## ECHOES OF THE HALLS



Among those who went to see "The Hollywood Review" were: Estella Cavanaugh, Catherine Kohl, Minnie Fioretti, Josephine Reis, Martha Gallavin, Virginia Houck, Margaret Welsh, Alice Cavanaugh, Margaret House, Mary Zilliken, Bernice Durbin, Dorothy Davison and Eugenia Bock.

Lucille Johnson visited her parents in Cuba (?) Missouri. We, too, have been caught on this Cuba business.

Florine Blevins was the guest of Rosemary Gottlob over last Sunday.

We were very glad to welcome some of our Alumnae for the "Freshie Initiation." Among those who attended were: Marion Lane, Gert Jolley, Margaret Mary Brey, Blanche Marshall, Marie Cregan, Rosemary O'Reilly and Louise Hayes. Come to see us often, girls.

A little party now and then is relished by the best of us. Billie Surprise, Margaret Welsh and Marjorie Sheu, gave a birthday party for Gen McBride, in the third floor kitchenette. They spent the evening playing bridge.

Mary Catherine Collins was surprised by a visit from her mother and father, Mr. and Mrs. E. S. Collins of Ashland, Illinois.

Mrs. T. J. Carlin and daughter, Isabelle, of Denver, Colorado, stopped at the college to visit Josephine Reddin and Dorothy Fairall.

Edward Gallavin (student at St. Louis University), brother of Martha Ann Gallavin, our little Freshman, came to visit Martha last Sunday.

Despite September 28 being "Fall Day," a rock "sprang" up and hit Sister Marie Anthony on the wrist. After several visits to the doctor, it is healing nicely.

Billy Surprise and Genevieve McBride were the guests of friends in the city last Saturday.

Have you seen the Hyslops' room on second floor? It's well worth your time.

Catherine Geary, Mary Rose Burke, Estella Cavanaugh, and Eugenia Bock spent Sunday afternoon visiting Marie Wittrock who underwent an operation recently. Take care of yourself, Marie, and hurry back—we miss you.

Troubadours are once more in vogue. Sure enough! Webster was serenaded the other night.

## SEVERAL CHANGES MADE IN WEBSTER'S FACULTY

Webster's faculty has had several changes this year. Miss Frances Fueling has charge of the commercial department in place of Sister Ambrose who is now secretary to Mother Linus. Sister Marie Clyde, for several years the successful directress of Nerinx Hall, is teaching in the English department.

The students of French are very glad to have Miss Marcelle Prevost with them again after her absence last year while she was at the Sorbonne in Paris working for her Ph. D.

Rev. L. J. Fallon, C. M., is teaching logic so as to make Rev. Leo P. Foley, C. M., free to take charge of the course in psychology. This class was formerly taught by Rev. Francis V. Corcoran, C. M., who is making a tour of the Holy Land during his six months leave of absence.

Mr. George F. Donovan has charge of a course in current history.

Two new courses have been added to the curriculum of the music department: Methods in public school music and methods in public school orchestration. These two courses are to be taken care of by Sister Paula and Sister Kathleen, respectively.

### "Christopher Colombo!"

The eighth grade of Saint X. school was having its last history class before Columbus Day. The assignment concerned anything which pertained to Columbus. One boy had chosen Columbus Day for his subject. His story was as follows:

"Christopher Columbus set sail from Palos, Spain, October 3, 1492, in quest of a new route to India. After many harrowing days and nights at sea he sighted land, which, at the present time, is called the Bahama Islands. It was on October 12, 1492, when he made this startling discovery, and ever since then the Italians, his own countrymen, have celebrated its anniversary. Within recent years the Knights of Columbus have done much toward making this so-called Columbus Day a legal holiday. So far, forty-three states have adopted it, and, in many of these states, elaborate preparations are made to fittingly celebrate the anniversary of the discovery of our country. Every patriot flies his flag, the business world retires for the day, and school is dismissed, but—"

After a sigh, he regretfully continued:

"But this year we won't get a holiday 'cause October 12, 1929, is on a Saturday."

Virginia Houck spent Sunday with her sister, Eula Houck, of St. Louis.

"A Melodrama Review" will be given at St. Pius' Hall on Oct. 21 and 23. Thelma Pape wrote it and is also directing it, and students desiring tickets may procure them from her.

Our will power should be equaled by our won't power.

## LORETTO SOCIAL GUILD MAKES SPLENDID REPORT OF CARD PARTIES

### Several Card Parties Will Be Held During Winter Months

The Loretto Social Guild, whose purpose is to benefit the Loretto Foundation, was organized by friends vitally interested in the movement. At the first meeting, held on June 6, Mr. Hanlon was unanimously elected General Chairman. Mrs. Francis Kane was elected Vice Chairman and Miss Nell Costello was unanimously elected Secretary and Treasurer.

The Social Guild has given three very successful card parties. The first of these card parties was held on June 24, with Mrs. Thos. Rohan as Chairman. Others on her committee were Mrs. F. Kane, Mrs. L. G. Block, Mrs. D. J. Hanlon, Miss G. Barthel, Miss Agnes Tuchschildt and Miss Mary E. Newell. The prizes were gift certificates.

The second card party took place July 30 on the College campus. Mrs. Harry J. Brusselback was Chairman. Assistant hostesses were Mrs. D. J. Hanlon, Mrs. Wm. Sunka, Mrs. Arthur Franke and Mrs. A. Woods. Card tables were the prizes.

The hostesses for the third card party, which was held Sept. 20, were: Mrs. F. A. Booth, Chairman; Mrs. L. H. Boyne, Mrs. J. Greider, Mrs. J. T. Cummsky, Mrs. D. J. Hanlon and Miss Costello. The prizes for this party were attractive bridge sets.

## GYM STUDENTS TO DON NEW UNIFORMS

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Miss Barthel's gym classes in Idle Hour yesterday marked the beginning of the athletic year. One of "Gen's" pet ideas has been realized this year in the formation of the Junior and Senior classes on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Games, and not exercises, are the order of the day in these classes. The upperclassmen, most of them, will continue to wear those big, black, baggy bloomers and their middies of various kinds and colors, but the freshmen and the school team will be turned out in new outfits. To say the least, the basketball and volley-ball games should be snappier and speedier without the "impedimenta" of those awful, voluminous bloomers, and, do we dare say it, we're positive the freshmen will enjoy their bi-weekly exercises.

On Thursday of Freshmen Week a member of the athletic association talked to the "freshies" about the W. A. A. and the point system. A few changes in the "system" will be discussed and the officers for the coming year elected at the first meeting of the association which will be held in the near future.

Bess, "Are you going to make the Novena?"

Tess: "No; I can't go nine days; I think I'll just make the Trivirate."

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## 1000 ATTEND LORETTO DAY PROGRAM

### Freshmen Are Invested With Caps and Gowns

#### Students Exhorted to Live Up to Ideals of Their College

In keeping with the tradition of Webster, eighty freshmen were invested with scholastic caps and gowns Thursday, October 10, in the College Chapel. After the blessing of the gowns by the Chaplain, Rev. J. P. Donovan, C. M., members of the senior class assisted the freshmen in arranging the garb of their new dignity.

After the investiture, Father Donovan spoke of the "robes of study" and "the Church's adapted blessing, centuries old," which had just been given the freshmen. In refutation to a recent magazine article asserting that "selfishness carried to the height of artistry" is characteristic of all women, Father Donovan said: "Woman, in all Christian ages and even in pre-Christian ages among God's faithful, was not only conventionally but actually unselfish. And she has to be unselfish if society is going to prosper. Lilly, the great English historian, indicates that the fullness of the civilization of God depends upon woman much more than upon man. So when woman goes over to the civilization of the world, loves self unto the forgetfulness of God, frequents campus and classroom but "cuts" chapel, she naturally becomes the very incarnation of selfishness. When post-Christians, analysis, discover that the prevailing type of secularized woman is the exact opposite of all that tradition portrayed her to be, they are ruthlessly disillusioned and become hopelessly cynical."

"It is your part, freshmen of this and other years, to demonstrate that woman is unselfish. I have told you before that the Webster girl can be reminded of what her Alma Mater expects of her by the very letters of the college name, "womanly, esteemed, buoyant, studious, thoughtful, enthusiastic and religious."

The investiture ceremony closed with Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament.

#### CHORAL CLUB TO GIVE RECITAL

The Choral Club is working earnestly on the familiar song, "Santa Lucia," which they will present in November. The Club again

### MASS OF HOLY GHOST CELEBRATED AT ST. L. U.

#### Opens Scholastic Year For the University and Corporate Colleges

The students of Webster College attended the Annual Mass of the Holy Ghost, which officially opened the scholastic year at St. Louis University Friday morning, Oct. 13, in the St. Francis Xavier (College) Church. This Mass has been sung each year on this occasion for more than 100 years, and never has the tradition been broken. Represented there were the ten schools of the university and the several corporate colleges, which filled the church to capacity with the members of the student body, faculty, alumni and friends.

"You shall receive the power of the Holy Ghost upon you," the risen Christ had predicted to his Apostles, "and you shall be witnesses unto Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and even unto the uttermost parts of the earth."

"We have special reason, therefore, at this annual Votive Mass of the Holy Ghost, celebrated in what, with the greatest likelihood may be regarded as the nineteenth centenary year of the first Pentecost, to look back with living faith, most ardent devotion and loving remembrance to the little assembly which the scripture tells us had met that day in the Upper Room."

The speaker then gave a description of the coming upon the Apostles of the Holy Ghost purging like fire the souls of men." The Christian Student is to prepare himself, with the divine aid to go forth like the Apostles lifting up the world to constancy, higher, greater, nobler things, doing good to man and giving glory to God. That is his mission," the speaker concluded.

Approximately one hundred and fifty "Websterites" showed their vigorous school-spirit by their attendance at this annual service.

The faculty and students extend their deepest sympathy to Mrs. Ernst, to Rev. Edgar A. Ernst, to Sister M. Georgianna of Denver, Colo., and to Frances Ernst in the great loss which they have sustained.

We shall remember your loved one in our prayers.

promises to furnish some very enjoyable entertainment for music lovers.

### SOLEMN BENEDICTION ON COLLEGE CAMPUS MAKES IMPRESSIVE CEREMONY

Father Daniel A. Lord, S. J., addressed the meeting of the Loretto Foundation, Sunday afternoon, Oct. 13. Father took as the keynote of his address the value of the stock in the foundation. He began by telling of "the man who had the opportunity of buying the corner of Madison and State street and he didn't," how full the world is of people who have missed marvelous opportunities. "You may be losing an opportunity this afternoon," Father said. Then he explained that the Loretto Foundation was being organized; that it was the first business enterprise ever attempted by the Sisters of Loretto; that it was for the purpose of establishing an endowment fund; and that it should be of tremendous interest to anyone who was a Catholic and interested in Catholic education.

The Loretto Order is over one hundred and twenty years old. Their system includes many types of schools from the tiny missionary schools on the border, as in New Mexico, to the great colleges such as our own Webster. This is "A system of which not only the order but the whole Catholic Church should be proud." Father compared the marvelous achievements of the Sisters to the miracle of the Loaves and the Fishes, when he told how, on the average sale of thirty-five dollars a month, they educate themselves, feed themselves, cloth themselves, save for times of sickness and build schools. "And why?" Father asked, because they were filled with the spirit of sacrifice, zeal and hard labor.

"Catholic education is built on sacrifice, without which you can build nothing," Father explained, showing the small amount of money on which the order is run.

They have carried on for the sake of your children, but now the point has been reached where, in order to compete with the million dollar endowments, to continue to progress, to educate the Catholic women of America to their place of leadership they have had to organize the Loretto Foundation, which organization is really a kind of partnership with the Lorettes.

"They have asked the pupils and their friends to buy stock." And the potent reason for considering



REV. D. A. LORD

membership in the Foundation is that each individual who buys such a membership may look at any student from a Loretto school and feel that he has done his part in shaping that mind and that soul. "Buying membership," Father said, "is the same as saying, 'We'll walk along with you—your educational system shall not fail.'"

Father sketched the general lines of the organization and told of the group of executives chosen from friends, Loretto pupils and the Alumnae. The members are to buy stock, that is their membership, which is \$3.00 annually, a sustained membership for \$5.00 or a life membership for \$100.00, and after buying their membership sell the idea to their friends.

In concluding his talk Father said that every membership meant that schools flourished and human souls were turned out. And he said, "You and I who need prayers can say before I began my day there were Sisters kneeling in a convent chapel praying for me."

The executive meeting opened with Edith Glosemeyer in the chair, and Marta Brown acting as Recording Secretary. The new officers that were elected are: President, Miss Blanche Corly, and Recording Secretary, Miss Mary Elizabeth Newell. After the purposes of the Loretto Foundation were discussed and new officers were elected the meeting was adjourned. Following this, Rev. R. I. Wilbur, of Notre Dame Church, gave Benediction on the front lawn of the campus. A beautiful altar was erected for this occasion and the student body, in caps and gowns, carried lighted tapers as they walked in a long procession. With this impressive ceremony the program for Loretto Day was brought to a close.

### Rt. Rev. Salmoni Tells Students of Modern Egypt

#### Rt. Rev. Archimandrite Philip Salmoni Charms Audience with Illustrated Lecture

On the afternoon of Thursday, October 10, Bishop Salmoni once more charmed us with an interesting description of far off Egypt.

"Twenty years ago," said Bishop Salmoni, "I was in Egypt, and there were only veiled women on the streets; in the churches they knelt apart from the men, and in all of Egypt there were practically no educated women."

"Four years ago, when I went back, I found that the attire of the daughters of Egypt was much like that of the daughters of America; the men and women knelt together in the churches, and the Egyptian College had an enrollment of two hundred and eighty-five girls. Today, where woman's rights have been unrecognized for centuries, well-educated women, mistresses of several languages, and versed in science, transact business and grace a home and are in society.

And perhaps, the Bishop charmed us more when he said, "Show me a good clean Christian home, and I will show you the nation. Egypt is famed not nearly so much for its jewels, its wondrous natural scenery, the antiquity of its tombs or finely wrought chairs, as it is for its wonderful Mothers to whom the nation, in one accord, pays homage. Nations with Motherhood like that cannot be forced to extinction. That love has kept the nation's faith through the centuries which witnessed bloodshed, injustice and tyranny."

"The youth of today," in the Bishop's own words, "is no different from that of years ago. Only the world has changed. Our boys and girls here in America and in Robert's College in far Constantinople are as clean and fine, as boys and girls ever have been."

Then Bishop Salmoni told of his recent trip through Europe, of his visit to Italy where he saw much beautiful art; to France ("there is only one France," he said); and to England which he liked very well despite the fact that many of his ancestors suffered at her hands. And he shared some of his experiences with us, as scene after scene of beauty and interest was flashed upon Webster's silver screen.

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## ATTEND SODALITY!

At this, the beginning of a new year, we believe that a word should be said about the Sodality. You came to a Catholic college for a definite reason: you wanted an education that would develop you intellectually, spiritually and morally. The Sodality is an important factor in your spritual growth, and when you neglect it you are neglecting an important phase of your education.

At Webster, we have many clubs that add interest to the differen subjects on the curriculum apart from the class room; as well as organizations, extra-curricular in interest. Such organizations have long been regarded as valuable aids in your educational and social life. Realizing the advantages, you are not only willing but eager to take part in club activities.

Now then, have you ever looked upon the Sodality as your spiritual club? If you stop to think of it, you'll easily see that just as your Mathematics Club, Chemistry Club, etc., vivify your studies of those subjects, the Sodality will animate your spiritual education.

Resolve right now to be an active member of your Spiritual Club, the Sodality, this year, and keep that resolution. Attend its meetings as you do the meetings of your other clubs; know what your unit is doing, and take part in its activities. Those who have gone before us have built up a splendid reputation for the Sodality at Webster College. Can we equal that reputation? Of course we can, because "we want to."

## BEWARE OF HALLOWE'EN

Hallowe'en ends the month of October, so its a good subject with which to end this column. College students might celebrate this ancient night just the same as everyone else, without a thought of witch psychology, and never a care for goblin ethics. Everybody enjoys Hallowe'en; it's whimsically preternatural flavor fascinates everyone, even though witches have long been out of style.

But away with modernity; let us bring witches back into fashion, at least for one night! But first, ye editor would give you some words of advice. Pierce the darkness with grinning Jack o'Lantern lest you be the object of elfish pranks. And watch, watch carefully for the hags on broomstick steeds silhouetted against the great ghost moon. Be not led by will o' the wisps into dark corners where the black cat blinks his green eyes as he watches the bats flit to and fro. Be prepared for anything and surprised at nothing on this mysterious eve when spirits are about; and if you would return to the world of reality on the morrow, take care that you be not found without the mystic circle of chalk at the 'witching hour of All Hallows' Eve, lest hobgoblins snatch you away to their preternatural realm!

## TUESDAY IS THE DAY

The WEB is always glad to accept contributions from any student. We ask, however, that articles you wish to have published be submitted not later than Tuesday preceding date of issue. This applies also to assignments. The next issue of the WEB will be on November 6, consequently the deadline for that issue is Tuesday, Oct. 29.

## THE WEB'S PLEA

In the last issue of the WEB, there was printed a questionnaire, through which we hope to find out just what kind of a student newspaper you want. Won't you fill out one of these questionnaires and deposit it in the ballot box? If there are any suggestions other than those contained in your answers to our queries, that you would like to make, do not hesitate to write them out, and put them in, too. You'll help us a great deal by doing this, and it will mean a better WEB for YOU.

## QUESTIONNAIRE

1. Which column do you like best?.....
2. Which column do you like least?.....
3. Do you like feature stories?.....
4. Do interviews of the students interest you?.....
5. Would you like a frank criticism of student activities,.....
6. Could you suggest a column to replace "Anti-Sophia, and name it? .....

## AN ALABASTER VASE

To an Alabaster vase  
 He gave a Priceless Pearl  
 And then a Ruby, Red as Blood.  
 To these he added, jewel by jewel,  
 Until His love had filled it full.  
 And lo! it broke—  
 He kissed the fragments and the  
 jewels  
 And pressed them to His Heart.  
 H. L., '33.

## Come On, Freshmen

Well, Freshman, like your College?  
 Like your Alma Mater, dear?  
 Don't you think that you are  
 lucky  
 In your choice of school this year?  
 You've been listening to our lec-  
 tures;  
 You've attended every class;  
 You've seen the way we entertain;  
 You've had good time—alas—  
 We have something in the future,  
 A new event for all—  
 A beckoning to a college dance  
 We call this one the "Fall."  
 So we want cooperation,  
 We want to see you there,  
 Do come, put on your newest frock,  
 'Twill be a great affair.  
 T. P., '31.

## DID YOU KNOW

That there are people in New Mexico who are in dire need because of a recent tornado that completely destroyed their homes and property?

That you could help them by giving them your cast-off clothing?

That sacrifice is the keynote in doing Missionary work?

That tin-foil, tooth paste tubes, magazines and cancelled stamps will help the Missions to prosper?

That you have an obligation to help spread the Faith at home and abroad?

## Mother General and Sec'y. Visit Friends at W. C.

The faculty and students enjoyed the privilege of having Mother Olivette and Mother Ann Marita with them on Loretto Day. Mother Olivette, who is Superior General, and Mother Ann Marita, Secretary General, and formerly in charge of the Commercial Department here, spent the week-end with their many friends at Webster enroute to Denver. Their presence made the day complete, and we sincerely hope that they will honor us with another visit soon.

## Student Council in Charge of Fall Dance To Be Held Nov. 8

An interesting bit of news was disclosed to the student body on Wednesday, Oct. 16, when Margaret Vollet, President of the Student Council, announced that the Fall Dance will take place on the night of November 8, at the Columbian Club on Lindell Blvd. Plans for this affair are now well under way and the Student Council promises a very enjoyable evening to everyone. Students are requested to sign up for the dance at once.

## CLUB CHAT

The Biology Club held its first meeting of the year on Monday, October 14, in the Biology Laboratory. The purpose of the meeting was to elect officers for the ensuing year. Josephine Rabbit was elected president, Orient Weis, secretary and Ann Ryan, treasurer.

A definite plan for meetings was decided upon by the members, viz.: there will be an informal method of discussion on papers concerning many well known diseases. At this meeting it was understood that the old girls are still a vital part of the Biology Department, and that they will always be more than welcome. Catherine Rohan, Marie Cregan, Thelma Gesell and Blanche Marshall, seniors of last year, were present at the meeting.

The Poetry Club met on Wednesday evening, Oct. 16, in Assembly B. The meeting was an open one to which the faculty and students were invited.

Estella Cavannaugh read a paper on the life of Walt Whitman. Other papers on the appreciation and criticism of the works of Whitman were read by Josephine Rabbit and Thelma Pape. Selections from Whitman's poems were read by Catherine Cody and were followed by several discussions.

The Classical Club also held an interesting meeting on Wednesday night, Oct. 16. The principal discussion of the evening was the election of a representative to attend a meeting of the Classical Club at St. Louis University. Rosemary Hynes and Margaret DeLisle have already represented the Club at a meeting held at the University, recently.

The officers for this year decided to draw up a new constitution. Alice Clark, Adelaide Murphy and Margaret Ludden were appointed for this work.

## Webster Essay Award Won By Miss Fahey of St. Theresa's Acad.

Rev. Daniel A. Lord, S. J., Acts As One of the Judges in Contest

The essay contest, entitled "Why Go To College," sponsored by Webster College, and open to all high-school seniors of St. Louis and vicinity was won by Miss Dorothy Fahey, a member of the class of '29 at St. Theresa's Academy in East St. Louis, Ill.

Miss Fahey's prize-winning essay follows in full:

### "Why Go To College"

"Go to college, because men and women with college educations secure the best positions in the business world; because higher education makes better Americans; because American industries need persons with college training; because the leaders of tomorrow will be the college graduates; because we are living in a transitional period which is preparing to make a college education a requirement; because college education gives you a greater supply of resource upon which to draw in future life; because Catholic colleges produce real and complete women."

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## ECHOES OF THE HALLS



Captain E. N. Orr of Hays, Kansas, visited with Joe Hennerich while enroute to Davis Elkins College in West Virginia, where he will attend school this winter.

Mary Catherine Collins, Catherine Douthat and Joe Hennerich visited at the home of Dr. and Mrs. F. G. Pernoud last Sunday.

Don't forget to remember the big Mission Bridge. Watch for the date. Let it be said of every one of us that we would "walk a mile" to help the Missions.

Estella and Alice Cavannaugh enjoyed a visit from their father and brother last week.

Margaret Welsch received a visit from her brother, William, and his bride who are on an extended honeymoon trip. What's the matter with the rumble seat, Margaret?

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### Co-operation of Every Student Is Needed If Sodality Is to Succeed

The Sodality of the Blessed Virgin Mary has been re-organized for the year 1929 and 1930 and the various committees which have been appointed will begin work immediately.

Eucharistic: Moderator, Sister Philibert; Chairman, Dorothy Fairall. Other members on the committee are Josephine Reddin, Kate O'Flaherty and Margaret Wilde.

Our Lady's Committee: Moderator, Sister Felicitas; Chairman, Mary Rose Burke. Kathleen Hamel, Anna Marie Heinin, Helen O'Brien, Ann Ryan and Catherine Schmuke are Committee members.

Catholic Literature Committee: Moderator, Sister Marie Clyde; Chairman, Rosemary Hynes. On the Committee are Rosemary Brennan, Margaret DeLisle, Thelma Pape, Alice Clarke, Jo Rabbitt and May Guidrey.

Social Committee: Moderator, Sister Paula; Chairman, Mary Frances Broeker. Dorothy Shuford, Erlene Strothkamp, Eugenia Bock, Winifred Kane, Lucille Rapillard, Esther Kraft, Catherine Geary, Margaret Shaefer and Alice Widmer will act as members on that committee.

Apostolic Committee: Moderator, Sister Alonza; Chariman, Mary Virginia Cummins. Its members are Marie Wittrock, Bernice Wolff and Frances Casey.

Publicity Committee: Moderator, Sister Dorothy Marie; Chairman, Jane Burke. Helen Lenzen and Pat McMullen will assist on this committee.

Sodalists! Each of these committees plays an important role in the great Sodality Movement. Therefore, each Committee should endeavor to make itself a worthwhile unit, and it is up to each of us to make the Sodality a success. Let's put our hearts and souls in this MOVEMENT—not simply because of the glory that it will bring to Webster, but BECAUSE WE WANT TO

"Daddy, teacher inquired after you today."

"Really?"

"Yes; he said he would like to know what sort of a fool my father was." 242

## NANCY HAVERN UNIT HOLDS MEETING AND ELECTS TREASURER

The first meeting of the Nancy Havern Mission Unit was held Wednesday, October 16, at 10 o'clock, in Mission Hall. The purpose of this meeting was to elect a treasurer of the unit, and also to discuss plans for the year. Virginia Drummond was elected treasurer and will replace Lorna Rehagen who was elected last year, but who did not return. Sister Nerinckx, Moderator of our unit, suggested to the girls many ways to help the Missions, especially that of praying and making little sacrifices for them. All the girls are urged to attend the Bridge party which will be given for the purpose of swelling our Mission Fund. The date of the card party is Nov. 7. Come and show your Mission Spirit!

## OTHER HONOR GUESTS PAY VISIT TO WEBSTER

Mother Praxedes and Mother Rosine departed for El Paso, Tex., Wednesday morning, after a week spent with the Sisters and students of Webster.

Mother Praxedes was, for twenty-six years, Mother General of the Loretto Society. During these years she did great things for her Order—it was she who built many of the finest buildings of which Loretto is so proud, among them Webster College and the splendid academy at El Paso, Texas, where Mother is now the Superior. Mother Praxedes' old time interest in Webster has not diminished in the least and Mother Rosine is still the true friend of the College.

The latter served two terms as a member of the Council. She has many devoted friends among the Sisters of the Faculty of Webster College.

Both Faculty and students are looking forward to another visit.

One day two lawyers who were pleading a case became angry and one of them said:

"That attorney is the ugliest and meanest lawyer in the county."

"You forget yourself, you forget yourself, Mr. Smith," said the court, rapping with his gavel. 257

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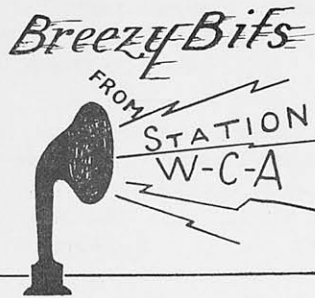
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**ECHOES OF THE HALLS**

(Continued from Page 3)

We were very sorry to hear that Lucille Johnson's mother was struck by an automobile. Mrs. Johnson was immediately removed to the hospital, and the latest report is that she is recovering rapidly. We are glad to hear this, Lucille.

Florine Blevins was surprised with a birthday party last Saturday evening, in the third floor kitchenette. Those present were: Margaret House, Estella and Alice Cavanaugh, Rosemary Gottlob, Dorothy Nelson, Marie Brewer, Margaret McCabe, Mildred Fields and Eugenia Bock. The girls served cake, coffee and popcorn. After the luncheon they danced and played bridge.

It is kinda nice to grow older once a year, isn't it, Florine?

Loretto Day went over "big." The thing that thrilled us most was to have our many friends with us, especially the alumnae. Gratitude and appreciation are due to all our

dear Loretto Nuns for giving us such a day as Loretto Day.

We were very glad to welcome back our friend, Emma Kohl, who visited with her sister Catherine, Sunday and Monday. Emma really belongs to the present Senior Class; but, due to illness, she was obliged to give up her studies in her Junior year. However, she is making progress with her music. We shall never forget your rendition of "Hark, Hark the Lark," Emma.

Miss Lucille Miller of St. Mary's, Kansas, visited Mary Catherine Collins last Friday. Miss Miller is one of Mary Catherine's former teachers.

Marie Wittrock has returned to school after an absence of three weeks. We are happy to have you with us again, Marie, and glad to see you looking so well.

"Mary, you have no excuse for staying away from school yesterday."  
"Well, it ain't my fault, teacher."  
"It isn't? Why?"  
"Cause I done my best to think of a good one."

Webster has two more prospective students added to her list. Mr. and Mrs. John Riley are the proud parents of a baby girl, born on June 22. Mrs. Riley was, before her marriage, Margaret Mowrey.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph E. Tuhill are also receiving congratulations upon the arrival of a fine baby girl. Mrs. Tuhill will be remembered by her friends as Margaret Tiernon. We would advise both the proud mothers to register their daughters at the College as soon as possible, because Webster is growing over night.

Marie Powers has just returned home after a delightful visit with friends in Evanston, Ill. Your friends at Webster would enjoy a visit from you, too, Marie.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Rosenthal will soon be settled in their beautiful new home which they are building in the [redacted] in Clayton.

Ruth Dockery is teaching in Marta Brown's place at St. Mary's Hospital. Marta was attending the Graduate School at St. Louis University, but has given it up in order to travel for the Schaefer Pen Company.

Theresa Shea and Catherine Clark have also given up their teaching positions. Catherine is working for the Wilbur Nursery Company, and Theresa has a position with the Missouri State Life Insurance Company.

Elizabeth Corrigan (alias Skeezix), Rose Malon and Margaret Roesch are doing Social Service work for the Catholic Charities in the city. Jeanette Stirritz is doing Social Service work in connection with the Provident Association, and Laura Archer and Margaret Leonard are attending the School of Social Service in Washington, D. C.

Several of last year's minors in Biology are continuing their scientific pursuits. Blanche Marshall is apprenticing at the Mullanphy Hospital Laboratory, and Catherine Rohan has accepted a fellowship to St. Louis University.

Frank Ward has accepted a position as Directress of the Music Department of St. Vincent's College in Shreveport, Louisiana. Jo Thompson tells us that she has seven little music pupils and is playing for Mrs. Clark's dancing class in East St. Louis, Ill.

Marian Lane is working in the office of the Catholic Hospital Association of the United States and Canada.

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## ROOM IN RESIDENCE HALL DONATED IN MEMORY OF SR. M. STELLA WILLIAMSON

### Donor Writes Letter of Appreciation of Sister's Untiring Labors

A beautiful tribute was paid recently to religious teaching orders when Mrs. Catherine A. Leonard of Webster Groves donated a room in Loretto Hall, in appreciation of Sister College, in appreciation of Sister Mary Stella Williamson, of the order of the Sisters of Loretto at the Foot of the Cross.

Mrs. Leonard, in submitting her donation, wrote as follows of Sister Mary Stella:

"I should say that it represents but a very small measure of the appreciation that I feel for her—as a teacher of my five children and as a faithful friend in the joys and sorrows of their lives and mine.

"Recalling Dr. Ryan's beautiful simile of the June homecoming of Loretto's educational cathedral, with Webster College and Loretto Heights College as the twin spires, I am taken back to one of the humble parochial school foundations—the Old Cathedral—where Sister Mary Stella labored most effectively throughout a novena of years.

"Her interest in the children went beyond the walls of its humble rooms, into their conduct outside of school hours, into the lives of their parents, and into the very fibre of their moral beings. Some of those children went to their rewards in early childhood's innocence; others responded to the call for duty to their country in the World War; some answered the summons in the bloom of early manhood when life's outlook was full of promise; a few have been called to the religious life; most of them are traveling life's ways "to fortune and to fame unknown." But all whose grace it was to come within her influence have carried the imprint of her strength of character and join with me today in this expression of appreciation."

### Calendar of Coming Events

- Nov. 6.—Nerinx Hall Card Party in Cafeteria.
- Nov. 7.—"Theatre Guild Program," by Rev. D. A. Lord, S. J.
- Nov. 8.—Fall Dance.
- Nov. 11.—Armistice Day—Holiday.
- Nov. 13.—Expression Recital.
- Nov. 14.—"Modern Drama," Rev. D. A. Lord, S. J.
- Nov. 18.—Willard MacGregor in Piano Recital.

### PYGMALION' IS REVIEWED BY DRAMATIC STUDENT

#### Theatre Guild Promises Interesting Program For This Year

Bernard Shaw's sparkling comedy, *Pygmalion*, finally reached St. Louis the twenty-first of October, via the New York Theatre Guild. Shaw, as he always does, displays his humor and irony in this comedy, which is one of his cleverest productions. The plot is simple, but somewhat different—a famous professor of English "makes over" a London girl who later falls in love with him. When the "created duchess" leaves the professor and his assistant because she realizes they think her to be just a "creature with no emotions—a presumptuous insect," they wear themselves out searching for her. In the end the audience is led to believe that the professor, heretofore a dyed-in-the-wool bachelor, returns the girl's love (O, of course he found the girl—aren't all plays alike?). Shaw, however, gives a queer twist to the affair—one is not quite sure whether the two will marry or whether the "duchess" will also become a "bachelor." Frieda Inescourt as the flower girl, Eliza, plays her part very well. At times she seems to lack depth of feeling, but in the end one feels perfectly satisfied with her acting. Eliot Cabot, the bachelor professor, is a master of Shaw's irony and it is hard to imagine that that versatile Irishman did not write the part particularly for Mr. Cabot. The director of the play, Dudley Digges, also plays the role of Eliza's father. It is said that Mr. Digges truly understands character acting and his amusing portrayal of "one of the undeserving poor" gives evidence of the truth of that statement. The minor parts were also well cast and give fine support to the leads. The Theatre Guild has sent a very fine group of players with good plays to St. Louis this winter. If you are at all interested in drama, plan to spend several evenings at the American Theatre in the next few weeks—you won't regret it.

A. W., '31.

### BAZAAR PLANNED AT LORETTO ACADEMY

The Sisters of Loretto will give a bazaar and turkey supper on Nov. 25 and 26, at Loretto Academy.

### REMEMBER THE POOR SOULS!

November, as you know, is the month of the poor souls. We will have no special devotions during the month, but you are exhorted to pray and offer meritorious works for those suffering in purgatory, that they may be loosed from their sins and enjoy the eternal bliss of heaven.

### Social Science Class Makes Visit to Charitable Institutions

The first of a series of visits which the Seniors and Juniors will make to the charitable institutions during the semester, was made Thursday afternoon, October 24, when the Seniors visited St. Ann's Foundling Home and St. Philomena's Technical School and the Juniors visited St. Mary's Orphanage.

St. Ann's Foundling Home is supervised by the Sisters of Charity of St. Vincent de Paul and at present is caring for one hundred and thirty-three children under five years of age. The babies are placed in three wards according to their ages. In the first ward are those ranging from one day to six months; in the second ward those from six months to two years; in the third ward those from two to five years. Practically all of the children at St. Ann's are foundlings. All are baptized and in case of adoption the name is changed. When the children are five years old, they are sent to orphanages.

The visit to St. Philomena's Technical Institute also proved very interesting. The fancy work and dress designing done by the girls is beyond marvel, and the garments which are made by hand are elaborately finished. The building proper is a modern structure which is very well kept.

The Juniors spent a very enjoyable and interesting afternoon visiting St. Mary's Orphanage for girls. This institution, also, is conducted by the Sisters of Charity, and is financed by the Catholic Orphan Board of St. Louis. All cases are carefully examined and the children admitted must be between the ages of five and twelve. They are kept at the Home until they have completed the eighth grade. Many of the graduates are given a business course, enabling them to make their own livings. The building is a modern three story brick structure, and the spacious grounds with many trees and shrubs, are well kept and afford ample space for children to play out of doors. That which impressed the visitors most was the indefinable something which makes these institutions more like well-regulated homes rather than orphanages.

## PRIMATE OF SERBIA CHOOSES "CHURCH AND CIVILIZATION" AS SUBJECT OF ADDRESS

### Spirituality Is Essential to the Man Who Wants Happiness, Archbishop Says

#### WEBSTER ATHLETIC ASSN. ELECTS NEW OFFICERS

#### From All Indications, 1929-1930 Will Be a Banner Year in Athletics

The Webster Athletic Association held its first meeting on Thursday, October 24, for the purpose of electing officers for the ensuing year.

Miss Barthel, the instructor, made several announcements concerning volley ball, basket ball and swimming, which were of interest to the devotees of these sports.

The meeting was then called to order by Ellen Quirk, Vice-President. The results of the elections are as follows: Alice Widmer, President; Ann Ryan, Vice-President; Kathleen Hamel, Secretary; Jo Reddin, Treasurer. This year is an important one in the history of the Association and it is hoped that these capable girls will carry on with the same spirit and enthusiasm that their predecessors of the two previous years displayed when they led the W. A. A. to a greater interest in and an appreciation of sports and sportsmanship at Webster.

#### Pipe Organ Rebuilt By G. Kilgen & Sons

The Chapel organ, which was presented to the College in 1919 by a group of patrons and patronesses, has been rebuilt and the volume of the instrument has been increased. Three stops have been added to the volume—one in the pedal organ and two in the swell organ. There was always an electric motor in the organ but the action between the keys was pneumatic. For some time this system has been unsatisfactory and the instrument frequently needed repairing.

The choir balcony is rather small, and since the organ occupies a large space, there is very little room left. However, nothing can be done to remedy this at present, but it is hoped that, in the future, the pipes can be placed in the walls, thus eliminating the large box which now encloses it.

Plans are being made for an organ recital which will be given by the students in the spring.

Chemistry Student: "What is the difference between ammonia and pneumonia?"

Biology Student: "Ammonia comes in bottles, pneumonia comes in

On Wednesday, October 30, Most Rev. Archbishop Nicholas, Ph. D., D. D., Primate of Serbia, spoke on "The Contribution of the Catholic Church to Civilization."

In the course of his talk, the prelate said: "Civilization is a process by which men become more interested in their minds than in their bodies." And is not spirituality essential to the man, who wants happiness?"

Life's beauties are surely well portrayed in that art of life "which the Church has used constantly and consistently from earliest times—music. It was a Benedictine monk who introduced the scale and ever since, has the Church been a patron of this art."

Not only in music has Holy Mother Church fostered a love for learning. His Grace asserted that "Only ignorant and prejudiced men can say that the Catholic Church resents the development of knowledge. All sincere scientists must acknowledge the great work of the Church in their field. It is perfection of human reasoning to be capable of using science as a stepping stone to the appreciation of religion."

In conclusion His Grace said: "Individual rights must be respected; human nature cannot be altered but it can be modified by de-grees."

### Freshmen Class Elects Officers

#### Student Council and Sodality Representatives Also Elected

The first meeting of the Freshman Class was held in Mission Hall on October 25, for the purpose of electing the class officers, the Sodality and Student Council representatives for the first semester. Sister Nerinckx, the Class Moderator, presided.

The girls elected to office were: President, Margaret Flynn; Vice-President, Jane Daly; Secretary, Virginia Hennessy; Treasurer, Justina Hayes. Jane Burke was elected Sodality Representative and Margaret Delmare was chosen to represent the Freshmen on the Student Council. The girls were elected by a plurality vote, except the Student Council Representatives, who, according to the Student Council constitution, was elected by a majority vote after one unsuccessful ballot.

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## NOVEMBER

November, a month glorious in itself, presents a well filled calendar to the college student. Now is the time when rich reds and browns, accentuated by touches of gold and green, transform the autumn landscape into a chromatic symphony. The rays of the sun take on a warmer tone to match the golden-balled chrysanthemum, whose month it is. The trees, softly sighing for the reparture of the grass, send down, piece by piece a gorgeous carpet to cover the drab earth. This lovely carpet, is returned to Nature as a holocaust, and the pungent, spicy smoke, rising from the valley altars, indicate that Mother Nature has been pleased to accept the offering in thanksgiving for the beauties of fall. She sends one of her elfin messengers, Jack Frost, on frequent flying visits to prepare for Old King Winter's long sojourn; and this sly little fellow sweetens persimmons, draws pictures on windows, and brings out pink cheeks and racoon coats.

With all this for a background, we turn to a potpurri of the activities of November. To begin with, the first day of the month was a holiday, and that's a good beginning for any month. This is the brief season when the gridiron warrior, with the pigskin in his arms, runs roughshod over the field of sport, engrossing the attention of college enthusiasts everywhere. The theatre season is rounding into form, the Symphony concerts have begun, and our own Little Theatre will resume its productions some time this month. What preparations, what anticipations! Now comes the Fall Dance, the first big social event of the year, when Webster dons her dancing clothes and enjoys a gala night. From afar November winds waft to us a faint aroma of pumpkin pie and roast turkey, for last but not least, to make the month really perfect comes the Thanksgiving holiday. It might not be a bad idea, while we're busy thanking for things, to thank the good Lord for such a splendid, happy month as November.

## SHOW YOUR SCHOOL SPIRIT!

What is school spirit? Some seem to think its just a lot of rah-rah-ing and talking up the school; but there's really a lot more to school spirit than a loud "Yea-a-a-a, team!"

There is a well worn saying that "actions speak louder than words." We don't know just who said this, but he could have been thinking of school spirit when he uttered these words. True school spirit is always manifested by the actions it inspires. The student with true school spirit takes part—an active part—in everything her class and school sponsors. She defers gracefully to the wishes of the faculty, realizing that even if some of their rulings are not in accord with her own wishes, they are for the good of the school and of herself. She realizes that the world looks upon her conduct as emanating not only from herself, but also from her school; and judges her school accordingly. Therefore, even when without the precincts of the campus, school spirit must influence speech and actions. These and countless other acts, designed to promote the welfare and prestige of school, spring from a true devotion, loyalty, and love of school; they sometimes are prescriptions of duty but oftener they are acts rather of voluntary service and sacrifice.

## Dictates of Dame Fashion!

This fall we are witnessing a rather startling change in fashions. Last summer, women's fashions jumped back several thousand years, for sun-tan was undoubtedly popular with our ancestors in the year 0000000000 B. C. Now the style has jumped all the way back to the princess line, which has been the style off and on, since the "not yet gay" eighties. So again the fashion dictators have skipped right by the ruff and farthingale, the directoire robe, and crinolines; but we have hopes. The skirts are longer and still going down, and if the present trend continues (we have seen a semi-bustle and muffs already) we may expect the revival of the leg-of-mutton sleeve, the Knox sailor, and the pug dog, at any time now.

## ANSWER TO "COMMON FRESHMEN"

*I'll say we like our college,  
Love our "Alma Mater," too.  
And we hope throughout the future  
To dear Webster we'll be true.  
We've had fun, and times to rolic,  
By kind upperclassmen planned,  
Now we're ready all to frolic  
When the big Fall Dance comes  
round.*

*So we'll lend co-operation,  
And we'll surely all be there,  
And we'll wear a new creation  
To this really swell affair!*

E. W., '33.

## SAD, BUT TRUE

*Return your proofs,*

*Don't delay.*

*Get to class,*

*Don't delay.*

*Hurry to chapel,*

*Don't delay.*

*Got your story in?*

*Don't delay.*

*Go out for practice,*

*Don't delay.*

*Sign up for the dance,*

*Don't delay.*

*Come to the meeting,*

*Don't delay.*

*And they keep repeating*

*Don't delay.*

*Got your lesson?*

*Neither have I.*

*Cleaned your room?*

*Neither have I.*

*Haven't you eaten?*

*Neither have I.*

*What, no mail?*

*Neither have I.*

*Got a date?*

*Neither have I.*

*No time to concentrate?*

*Neither have I.*

*Old maid? 'tis our fate,*

*Don't delay!*

C. G., '31

## Favorite Sayings

Radio Speaker—"I'll tell the world."

Fisherman—"I'll drop a line."

Ford Owner—"Wouldn't that jar you?"

Murderer—"I'll be hanged."

Judge—"Fine."

Telephone Girl—"I've got your number."

Jeweler—"Precious little thing."

Burglar—"Shoot."

Tailor—"Oh, Darn."

Farmer—"Hay-Hay."

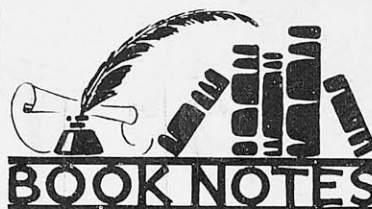
Remodeler—"As it were."

## WEBSTER MOVES TO CHICAGO OVER WEEK-END

Approximately fifty members of the student body accompanied St. Louis University to Chicago for the St. Louis U.-Loyola game.

The University chartered a special train made up of 29 coaches which are duly filled, and passports show that about six hundred and fifty St. Louisans attended the game. Fontbonne and Visitation also had a representative number.

We regret to mention that St. Louis U. lost to Loyola, 13-0, but it was a very exciting game, especially in the last quarter when the score of a touchdown would have made a tie. We enjoyed sitting "on edge" immensely, and hope St. Louis U. plays Loyola next year—to win.



The library has become a member of the Grolier Research Bureau. This hereby offers a great opportunity to both teachers and students as desired information on any subjects, or for debates may be obtained through application in the name of the College. The material may be secured within twenty-four hours.

The Grolier Research Bureau makes a specialty of scientific information. The Webster library now has in its possession 15 of its volumes of science books (Address and regulations concerning this privilege may be had by consulting the librarian.

A great many new books have been added to the library during the summer, either by gift of purchase, among them an Atlas of 1929, a copy of Belloc's "French Revolution," "The Catholic Church and History," by Hilaire Belloc and "The Spirit of Catholicism," by Karl Adam, in new fiction; "Destiny Bay," by Donn Byrne, "Red Silence," by Kathleen Norris, "The Bridge of San Luis Rey," by Thornton Wilder and "What Else Is There," by Inez Specking.

Besides these many new books the library has also subscribed to the Catholic Book of the Month Club, thus assuring us the opportunity of keeping up with the times.

## Symphony Concerts

Attract Music Lovers

From Webster College

The sale of tickets at Webster for the Symphony Concerts this year has been as large as usual, and the music lovers are looking forward to some very enjoyable afternoons spent with the masters.

Four distinguished guest conductors, Bernardino Molinari, Eugene Goosens, Fernandez Arbos and Georg Szell have been engaged to conduct the Golden Jubilee Program which commemorates fifty years of continuous concerts. Added to this attraction is the interesting array of soloists which has been announced and which includes the pianists, Rudolph Ganz, Vladimir Horowitz, Alfred Cortot, Georg Szell and Rudolph Reuter; the singers, Florence Austral, Mary Molinari and Kathryn Meisle; violinists, Yelky D'Aranyi, Mischa Elman and Nathan Milstein; viola virtuosi, Louis Bailly and Alexander Thiede and Max Steindel, solo cellist of the Orchestra.

## CLUB CHAT

The Classical Club met last Monday evening. The purpose of this meeting was to draw up a constitution and to elect representatives for the Classical Club. The representatives are: Rosemary Hynes and Margaret De Lisle. Dorrit Barnicle and Frances Weber were assigned discussions pertaining to the classical languages.

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## ECHOES OF THE HALLS



Prominent among the parties given in Webster's halls was the surprise birthday party given for Margaret Flynn by Dorothy Kraft, Catherine Kohl, Janet Widmer, Josephine Reis, Frances Mattingly, Flora Nell Abell and Jo Heinen. The girls served sandwiches, potato chips, olives, pickles, fruit salad and hot chocolate.

The St. Louis U.-Loyola football game caused quite a sensation even among Corporate Colleges. We are sorry that you lost, St. Louis "U," and hope that you'll win all of the remaining games.

Mary Catherine Crane enjoyed a visit from her mother, of Mobile, Alabama. So far, Mary has received two visits from her mother.

Our friends, Carol Coleman and Kate Sullivan have moved to second floor. We miss you on the third floor, and expect a visit from you occasionally, at least.

Polly Parent received a visit from some of her friends from Niles, Michigan, last Sunday. You'll get home soon, Polly, so don't get lonesome.

Mary Zilliken attended a birthday party given for her little niece, Florence Ethel, who is just one year old. I suppose that you are a dotting aunt, eh, Mary?

### "Frosh" Are Hostesses at Hallowe'en Party

Wednesday night, October 30, was the scene of a masquerade Hallowe'en Party, given by the Freshmen Class for the upperclassmen and Faculty. The Gym was decorated with the weird and mysterious regalia of Hallowe'en. Prizes were given for the prettiest and the fun-

### Attention, Football Fans!

With the bright prospects of a successful year on the grid-iron, and the coming contests with such national opponents as South Dakota, and Washington University, the St. Louis University football games are to be broadcast over Station WIL, and sponsored by the Henshaw-Dudley Distributing Company.

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niest costumes, and the refreshments consisted of doughnuts and other Hallowe'en delicacies. The main attraction of the evening was dancing.

### "Web's Out!"

"What's all this rush about?" queried one of the green freshman as she slowly started toward the locker-room.

"Web's out!" was the answer shot at her.

Upperclassmen boarders rushed off to their rooms, while "day-hops" fought their way to their lockers. There was silence for the first few minutes, then everyone began talking at once.

"That new banner head's a knockout. And did you see the new caption on the W. C. A. column?"

"Where? Oh yes—wonder who thought it up?"

"Read the Echoes of the Hall. No two items the same. That's the cutest column!"

The second class bell rang, and the general discussion of the Web dropped to the conversation of three girls. After they had hurriedly glanced over every page they began the discussion anew. The 'questionnaire' idea was novel. Each one had her own opinion concerning the best column and each one was going to state her preference in the answer box.

When, at last, they decided to put aside the Web and do a little studying, one of their crowd, who had missed their animated discussion of the paper, announced her presence with the startling report: "We've got it. At last we've got it."

Three pairs of eyes turned inquiringly upon her, and in one breath they all asked: "Got what?"

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### Choose Your "Favorite" Madonna!

The Sodality Bulletin Board! Surely you have seen it. Its wide awake looking, isn't it? And from what we hear it is going to fairly "grab" your attention from now on. The items on the board will be changed once a week and everyone will have an opportunity to read them.

Did you see the picture of the Madonna on the first board? Did you know the name of it? And now we have a lovely announcement to make for the Bulletin Board Committee.

A lady in the East, devoted to the Blessed Mother, and inspired with the idea of spreading devotion to her, instituted a movement to have the Sunday before Mothers' Day set aside as Mary's Day, in honor of our Heavenly Mother. And to spread the idea further, she sent an artist to Europe to make exact copies of ten master paintings of Our Lady. Since then, she has had twenty such copies issued. The Queen's Work announces that they have asked permission of the founders of this movement to make reprints which will be available at about five cents apiece. The Bulletin Board Committee hopes to display enlarged copies of these pictures.

Sodalists! acquaint yourselves with these pictures and at the end of the year we hope that you will have chosen your favorite Madonna.

Mary Day spent Sunday with Miss A. Peters of St. Louis. We hear that Mary had a very good time.

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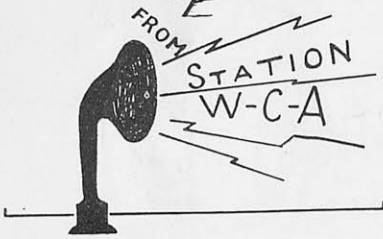
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"Chi" was the big attraction last week—those who enjoyed the big windy city and the game were: Helen Eaves, Joe Thompson, Ruth Dockery, Marie Scheer and Margaret M. Brey.

Jeanne Murphy has returned from St. Mary's Hospital where she underwent an operation for appendicitis. She is now convalescing at home. "Best wishes for a speedy recovery, "Genie."

The Ad business has attracted Thelma Gesell so much that she has accepted a position in the advertising department at Famous-Barr. Thelma had an amount of experience on the Lauretanum staff.

Marie Cregan is working for the Globe-Democrat. Give Webster some publicity, Marie.

Mrs. P. Meagher, formerly Theo Fehlig, is now in St. Louis. Theo says that the length of her visit here is indefinite; we hope she will make it permanent, and come to see us soon.

Gert Jolley and Virginia Cooney are still busy doing clerical work at Bell Telephone Co.

Mary Cook is working for Father Ryan, S. J., in the Alumnae office of St. Louis University.

The Alumnae Association is well represented in Foundation work. Those participating in it are: G. Barthel, Chairman of W. C. Unit; M. E. Newell, co-chairman, and T. Shea, field secretary.

Good news! We hear that Virginia Moore has already promised the contents of her Thanksgiving box. Great, we'll be on hand!

Dorothy Kraft and Alice Widmer attended the Edison Exhibition last Thursday evening in St. Louis.

It seems that visits from relatives are in vogue. Miss "Vicksburg," alias Mary Hickman, received a visit from Mr. J. G. Hickman, recently.

Eugenia Bock visited with her parents, of Peirron, Illinois, last Sunday. Congratulations on your birthday, Eugenia!

Joe Henwerien spent Sunday evening with Kathryn Bussman of St. Louis. Bet you had a darlin' time.

Mary Catherine Collins was surprised by a visit from her parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. S. Collins, from Ashland, Ill.

Remember! Don't forget! Please keep in mind the Mission Bridge, scheduled for November 20. Every one come and help us cross that bridge!

Catherine Geary entertained as her guest over the week-end Miss Agnes Hearn of Evanston, Ill.

## Lookin' in the Locker Room

"Help! Police! Close the doors and lock them securely."

The sun streaming through the windows reveals a young girl, who, with steady, even strokes, is sawing a lock in two. Yes, another fair miss has lost her locker key, and the only thing left to do is to break in, to recover her property.

Did you ever try to enter the locker room at three minutes of nine, to dispose of wraps, to search for books, and to get a fleeting glance of yourself in the mirror? Who hasn't? And the rush continues with unabated vigor.

Standing behind a protecting row of lockers, you are likely to hear choice bits of gossip. "Mary, I have the seventh dance with you, don't forget." "Sorry," answers Mary, "I have it with someone else and I'm not twins, you know."

The busy Seniors are disturbed on all sides at the most inopportune moments by this query: "Let me see your pictures." "Isn't this one darling, did you ever see such a stunning dress?" And the Freshie adds

in a whisper: "If I could take a picture like that I would be satisfied forevermore."

"Jane, is my olfactory nerve deceiving me, or do I really scent "Chili" in the atmosphere. Food may be hard on my allowance, but it certainly smells good to me," one of the Juniors remarks.

The locker room may not be the most popular place on the campus, but it has the distinction of being the first place you think of in the morning, and the last place you think of at night.

## Another Enjoyable Card Party Is Sponsored By Loretto Social Guild

The Loretto Social Guild sponsored another very delightful card party on Monday evening, October 28, in the cafeteria. Mrs. A. A. Quante was chairman, and the following women served on the committee: Mrs. D. Hanlon, Mrs. J. W. Kruse, Mrs. E. Stohlman, Mrs. G. Hopkins, Mrs. H. Flood and Mrs. Wm. Faherty. Attractive bridge sets were given as prizes for each of the fifteen tables.

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## THANKSGIVING HOLIDAYS BEGIN TODAY

### FORMER LORETTO STUDENT LECTURES ON LIFE IN INDIA

Explains Daily Life and  
Customs of the  
Indians

Miss Mathilde Moses, who is a former pupil of the Sisters, gave a most interesting lecture on India, on Saturday evening, November 17. Miss Moses received her early training at Pueblo, Colorado, and was graduated from there in 1906. She was very much inspired with the work of the Sisters and imbibed their spirit of self-sacrifice. Though not of the faith, she decided to offer her life for service to others and in consequence, despite difficulty and hardship, she joined a band of Methodist missionaries and went to India, where she has labored successfully for over 13 years. Reports show that she has done splendid work and she attributes her success to her former teachers. At present she is principal of a boarding school for girls at Counpore.

Miss Moses came to the U. S. in May and is studying for her A. B. degree at the University of Colorado in Denver, after which she intends to return to India. She loves her work and we feel confident that her charges love her. Her lecture gave a vivid idea of the daily life, customs and dress of the natives. She brought with her many costume-dresses of the various clans and the girl donned these, giving a typically Indian atmosphere to the lecture. She also brought with her many articles of interest: prayer wheels, the charm of which is that the natives only need turn the handle and the prayer is said. She brought a picturesque fan which they made of colorful fibre and a miniature bed of the same material, also a wedding ring of significance. She outlined very clearly the educational system and the political and economic life of the country.

Miss Moses attended a convention in Ohio, and desiring to see some of her old teachers, she came to St. Louis, where she visited Sisters Anastasia, Agnese and Marie Loretto; the latter was formerly vocal teacher at Webster. Sister Mendora of Nerinx Hall was a friend of Miss Moses and we are glad that Webster had reason to bring her to our halls, and hope that her next visit will be soon.

### REV. E. H. JENNINGS ADDRESSES SODALISTS

Exhorts Sodalists to Find  
Their Places in the  
World

Rev. Edward H. Jennings, C. S. S. R., of St. Joseph's Seminary, Kirkwood, Missouri, delivered an inspiring talk to the Sodalists of the Blessed Virgin Mary, on Nov. 7.

"The Sodality," Father Jennings said, "is a very important organization in this College, and it has a vital and essential place in the school and in your education. Make this Sodality the *light* of your education and the *spring* from which you gather the waters of wisdom." Then Father spoke of the many people of today who measure education in terms of dollars and cents, instead of using it for a career in the world. Father explained, however, that a career is not the first end or objective of girls attending a Catholic College.

"We look upon the Blessed Virgin as the greatest of all women," Father said, "and although she could not solve great mathematical problems, she could tell you that the world is beautiful and is singing God's praises. She found her place in the world—not a brilliant place, but a humble one. Mary had a life of sorrow but the scriptural phrase 'Blessed is the woman who has found her work' can be applied to her. 'Make your education an attempt to find your place in the world—a place that will take you nearer to God. Work for God to the best of your advantage and beauty will come into your life.'"

In concluding, Father reminded the Sodalists of their model—the Mother of God—with eyes raised toward heaven, praying for us here on earth, and looking down upon us, her arms outstretched, inviting us to come to her in our afflictions.

### First Social Function of Year Is Great Success

The Ivory Room of the Jefferson Hotel was the scene of the Fall Dance on the night of November 8, when the Student Council planned a most enjoyable evening for the students and their friends. The following acted as chaperons for the dance: Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Brennan, Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Coakley, Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Rosenthal, Mr. and Mrs. L. G. Schatzman, Mr. and Mrs. B. H. Tinker and Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Weiler.

### REV. D. A. LORD, S. J., TALKS ON BERNARD SHAW; ALSO ON STRANGE INTERLUDE

Both Lectures Are Attended By Large and Enthusiastic  
Audience

On Thursday, November 7, Rev. Daniel A. Lord lectured on one of the most interesting men of today—George Bernard Shaw—who, coming at the rising tide of a moral and social revolt, is the symbol of all existing heresy today. "A serious comedian," Father Lord said, "he is, undeniably, a poser. Having learned that 'To attack is to strengthen, and to laugh at is to destroy,' he donned the cap and bells of the King's jester and, beneath his levity, fired deadly shafts at all morality and belief. He himself once asserted that destruction was the only thing worth while. A brilliant, misguided intellect, he looks upon Christianity as a curse and upon Nietzsche's blond beast for his ideal.

"Our first sentiment toward him is fury, until we realize that his hatred of all religion springs from that ignorance, and then we sympathize. His earliest religious impressions are traced back to Northern Ireland, which frowned upon the organ as the devil's whistle and whose whole lugubrious practice, to Shaw's ardent, poetical nature, was essentially unbearable, unromantic and dull. He affirms that family life is a fraud and in 'Heart Break House' are living testimonials to the fact that he grew up amid a most sad, dismal home. He hates and mocks patriotism and he has no country nor will he ever have one, because when he lived in Ireland he hated England, and in England he was pointed out as that 'wild Irishman.' Favoring the poorer classes, he is against capital, and it is significant that he learned economics when England was at the lowest ebb of industrialism.

"Perhaps he is most lovable, and it may be that we understand him best in reviewing his contrariness. A man of conflicting doctrines, honest but misguided, he lives a life quite the opposite of what he proclaims in his writings. Acclaiming the survival of the fittest, he practices most evident charity; preaching the super-man, he abhors war, and lauding individualism, is a strict socialist. He denies that husband and wife may find their happiness in their life together and in the love and respect of their children, yet he boasts of a lovely family and a delightful home; he encourages vivisection but wouldn't harm a fly, and it is a strange fact that George Bernard Shaw's finest woman character, Saint Joanne

d'Arc, is the highest example in accord with everything he ridicules."

On the following Thursday Father Lord favored the students with a lecture on "The Strange Interlude," by Eugene O'Neil, who despises Catholicism because he does not know it. He displays his ignorance by confusing the Immaculate Conception and the Virgin Birth of Christ.

The strangest thing about "The Strange Interlude" is its success, which was as much of a surprise to the Theatre Guild as it must have been to Eugene O'Neil himself—so soon after the failure of "Back to Methuselah." Several obvious reasons for its acceptance at the hands of the American public have been emphasized; the prevalence of the Eugene O'Neil vogue, an inadequate criterion for the prestige of "Dynamo," which was laughed off the boards, but was sufficient to place "The Strange Interlude" among the foremost dramas to date; the opposition, which proved to be its best advertisement; the novelty of the lengthy admission, during which time the audience lunched, chatted and promenaded; the experimentation with new technique (always a good drawing card), which consisted in the frequent employment of the "aside" and the soliloquy, and the vicious, grasping woman who destroys the lives of four men, her novelty of structure, the play having nine acts instead of the conventional five, and lasting over five hours, instead of the usual two or three. O'Neil applied the same principles to drama as are applied to the novel by making the former wholly subjective. The omniscient author informs the audience of the actors' motives, reasons and thoughts, through the medium of the "aside" and the soliloquy. We realize that "Speech is the gentle art of concealing thought" when his actors repeatedly give expression to sentiments quite contrary to their true feelings.

We glean the significance of the title from the heroine's own words "The present is but an interlude—a strange interlude—that calls upon the Past and Future to bear witness that we are alive."

The plot is woven about Nina, a most neurotic, eccentric, unpleasant, vicious, grasping woman who destroys the lives of four men, her brother, father, husband and lover.

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### MISS G. KNOTT TELLS STUDENTS OF DRAMA FESTIVAL

Webster Students to Take  
Part in Shakespearean  
Week

On Wednesday, November 21, Miss Gertrude Knott, the instigator of the movement to unite all groups of amateur dramaticists into one central group, known as the St. Louis Civic Theatre, gave an interesting lecture to the student body.

Miss Knott, who is vitally interested in dramatics, is a graduate of the University of North Carolina and has been associated with the Bureau of Community Drama in North Carolina. Association with the North Carolina Players is quite a sufficient introduction, to our way of thinking.

Miss Knott explained the program for the Drama Festival which was held Nov. 25, 26 and 27, and discussed the program for the coming year. Because of actual need for immediate organization, "Drama Week" was planned at the outset and it is sincerely hoped that better results may be brought about through this immediate action and the frequent recurrence of similar meets.

The object of this movement is to stimulate a love for dramatic art, and to bring together many different groups.

A "Shakespearean Week" will take place in spring, in which the students of Webster will participate. Mrs. Knott hopes that before long, she will have established a central library of plays, something which is very much needed in St. Louis.

### ATTENTION, CARD PLAYERS!

The Social Guild will sponsor another very enjoyable card party on Monday evening, December 2, at 8 o'clock in the Cafeteria. Miss Theresa Shea will act as hostess and Miss Helen Mulcahy will assist her. Others who will serve on the committee are: Mrs. J. J. Cronin, Mrs. Brusselback, Mrs. D. J. Hanlon, Mrs. Quante, Mrs. J. J. Riley, Miss Margie Hawkins, Miss Anna Marie McDermott and Miss Helen Eaves.

The admission will be \$1.00 and refreshments will be served free. Besides the prizes for each table and attendance prizes there will be special attractions.

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## THANKSGIVING!

Thanksgiving Day has been, from its origin, a day of both social and religious significance, set aside for the express purpose of offering thanks to God for His many blessings. Every school child knows how it originated back in the days of the Plymouth colonies, when Governor Bradford proclaimed that a day be set aside, in thanksgiving for the first harvests in the New World, the arrival of the long-delayed supply ship, and the fertile rains, which had succeeded a drought of long duration. After that time, its observance as a day of special gratitude to God, seems to have been an annual affair in the colonies and, later, in our new republic. It was President Lincoln, who made it a fixed holiday, proclaiming that the last Thursday of November would be set aside as a national holiday for the observance of this custom.

This holiday will be observed throughout the United States this week; but unfortunately, in this modern age, Thanksgiving Day has lost much of its pristine meaning, and far too many welcome it only as a brief vacation. Thanksgiving Day is a national holiday, and as a nation, we have abundant motives for gratitude, of which the foremost is universal peace. Individually, every one can find, without any lengthy cogitation, many, many personal reasons why he in particular, should give thanks to God. So—don't let the Thanksgiving dinner, a football game, and other social events engross your entire attention tomorrow, to the exclusion of any thought as to the real significance of the day.

## "FIDES, MORES, CULTURA!"

The entire trend of education during the last fifty years has been toward a more practical, general education, put within the reach of the middle class. State and private endowments have considerably lowered the cost of a university education, and the number of men and women with degrees affixed to their names has proportionately increased.

In addition to the lowering of costs, a remarkable change in entrance requirements has enabled many more to receive the advantages of a college education. Today, the ordinary curriculum of the high school furnishes the credits in English history, language, and science, required for college entrance. This was not the case fifty years ago, when preparation for college meant a laborious and painstaking study of the classics and history, and a thorough training in English. In speaking of entrance requirements of former days, Nicholas Murray Butler, president of Columbia University, said: "I feel safe in declaring that not merely the present student body of Columbia, but even its faculty, does not include a single person who could pass the examination prescribed merely for admission to the university fifty years ago."

The number of books in the Latin requirement alone would be enough to discourage the many prospective students today, who, on entering college, present only two years' work in Latin, or no Latin at all. The Greek requirement has been entirely dropped. Of course, in the earlier days of our universities, the classics were emphasized, and Greek, in particular, had a much more prominent place in the curriculum than it has at the present time. At first glance, it seems surprising that no knowledge of any science was required; but at that time, science occupied an entirely secondary place in the college course. The prodigious strides of science during the past half-century have undoubtedly increased the interest in science courses, and have raised them to their present important place in the "ratio studiorum."

A change in college entrance requirements naturally connotes a corresponding change in the college curriculum, itself; and many educators have looked with some disfavor, as requirement after requirement has either been dropped or modified. The requirements of fifty years ago were, indeed, too stringent, but there is danger in the other extreme, as well. The primary aspect of a college education should be cultural; and how many times has the college of today been characterized and criticized as a mere vocational school? A study of the entrance requirements and the curricula of colleges indicates that, to a limited extent, this charge of vocationalism is true. The strictly cultural studies have fallen from their pre-eminent place, and practically, in many instances, has been set up as the standard by which the relative merit of college subjects is judged. Educational standards, it is true, must fluctuate to meet the demands of ever-changing conditions, but the great aim and end of education—"Fides, Mores, Cultura"—remains constant and immutable.

## Message From Freshie To Upperclassmen

We can't walk down the halls in peace  
Unless we're looking ill—  
We're treated like a lot of geese  
Who haven't any will—  
We're always making peoples' beds;  
We're always dusting rooms—  
We're getting nothing in our heads,  
But how to use the brooms.

But all in all we like it here,  
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That you were Freshies your first year,  
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## IMAGINE

Flora Nell Abell sitting still for five minutes.  
Thelma Pape singing high soprano.  
Ann Ryan playing "Kitten on the Keys."  
Mickey Wise anything but nonchalant.  
Jo Heinen typing a perfect paper.  
Margaret Flynn giving "dirty" looks.  
Kathleen Hamel knowing her recital piece.  
Janet Widmer embarrassed.  
Sue Corrigan, a silent observer.  
Essemena Weinacker telling something, calmly.  
Alice Widmer as the demure college girl.  
Catherine Kohl not hungry.  
Esther Kraft speechless.

## Concert Pianist Charms Audience with Program

Willard MacGregor, who last summer distinguished himself in a series of piano recitals at Fontainebleau, in Lausanne, and in Berlin and Vienna, appeared in recital at Webster College Auditorium, Webster Groves, on November 18, making his fourth successive appearance there in as many years. His program of unusual scope and brilliance was as follows:  
Chaconne ..... Bach-Busoni  
Nocturne in D Flat ..... Chopin  
Three Preludes ..... Chopin  
Scherzo No. 1 in F Minor...Chopin  
Intermezzo in E Flat Minor.Brahms  
Variations on a Theme of Paganini ..... Brahms  
Pavanne ..... Ravel  
Jeux d'eau ..... Ravel  
March ..... Prokofieff  
Vision fugitive .....Prokofieff  
Ritual Fire Dance.....De Falla

## Miss Nell Costello Weds Mr. J. W. Holten

### Secretary of Loretto Foundation Marries on Nov. 9

The marriage of Miss Nell Costello and Mr. John W. Holten was solemnized on Saturday, Nov. 9, at St. Margaret's Church.

Miss Catherine Costello was her sister's maid of honor and Mr. Joseph Fleming was Mr. Holten's best man.

The bride was very attractive in a dress of peacock blue velvet, princess style, with a hat of the same shade. The maid of honor wore a dress of brown chiffon-velvet with an irregular hemline. The bride and her attendant carried bouquets of yellow roses. Following the ceremony, a wedding breakfast was served at the Saum Hotel for the immediate relatives and close friends, after which the bride and groom departed for New Orleans where they are spending their honeymoon.

Miss Costello was, for the past two years, secretary of the Loretto Foundation. The sisters and students extend their heartiest congratulations.

## CLUB CHAT

At the first meeting of the Chemistry Club the following officers were elected: President, Mary Frances Broeker; vice-president, Winifred Kane; secretary, Josephine Reddin. The club consists of 22 members and it is its aim to arouse interest and enthusiasm in the field of Chemistry. It was decided that the club would meet once a month.

The Biology Club met on November 11 in the Biology Laboratory, with Josephine Rabbit as chairman, who welcomed the many new members into the club. Several alumnae members who are interested in Biology were present at the meeting. Among them were Catherine Rohan, Blanch Marshall and Marie Cregan, who spoke on the Laboratory procedure at St. Mary's Infirmary, Malta Fever and Anemia, respectively. Marie Reynolds, another alumnae member, promised an interesting talk at the next meeting in regard to the relation of Biology and Social Service work. Orient Weis, Mary Rose Burke and Marie Wittrock also read some very interesting papers.

## What Is Your Committee Doing?

The Literary committee of the Sodality has hit upon a wideawake plan of action. It has filled a rack with just the kind of booklets that appeals to every girl. "Fashionable Sin," "They're Married," "Don't Say It," are only a few of the pamphlets which contain the very discussions the girls have been waiting for.

The rack, in the corridor connecting Loretto Hall with the Administration building, is in easy reach of all, so there will no longer be an excuse for anyone being unable to discuss intelligently the interesting problems of the day.

The Literary committee, of which Sister Marie Clyde is Moderator, is hoping for the whole-hearted cooperation of the Sodality in its new project.

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## ECHOES OF THE HALLS



Frances Ernst and Mary Rose Burke have returned to school after having recovered from their illnesses. May we give you a little advice, girls? Yes? Well, please take good care of yourselves, because we really missed you, lots.

Sister Mary Joseph's niece, Mary Joe Shearer, spent the day with Carrol Coleman recently.

Catherine Bussman and Joe Hennerich received a visit from Lou Schmid and James Fitzgerald.

We were delighted with a visit from two of our old girls, a short time ago. Marie Reynolds and Louise Hays, members of last year's class, came out to see their old friends, and spent some time with them.

Catherine Kohl and Josephine Reis had a very enjoyable time when they visited at their homes in Belleville, Illinois, over Armistice Day.

The girls who were in charge of the Mission Card Party wish to thank their friends for their hearty support and co-operation.

Among those who are going home for the Thanksgiving vacation are: Margaret McCabe, Katherine Kohl, Josephine Reis, Dorothy Ashlot, Lucille Kirk, Eugenia Bock, Catherine Douthat, Mary Catherine Collins, Essemena Winnacker, Dorothy and Ester Kraft, Susie Corrigan and Helen O'Brien.

Katherine Bussman spent Sunday at the home of Dr. J. P. Hennerich of St. Louis.

Mary Catherine Crane, Catherine Dohat, Kate O'Flaherty, Pat McMullen and Joe Hennerich sur-

## W. C. ORCHESTRA MAKES ITS DEBUT ON NOV. 15

### Students Eagerly Await Another Social Dinner

Thursday evening, November 15, was a gala evening for all at the College—it was the evening of Social Dinner. The tables were decorated with dainty yellow flowers in keeping with the school colors, and the varied delights of the culinary artists were enjoyed to the strains of the latest numbers of the orchestra. Some of the new and pretty "creations" made their first appearance on that evening and the dining room was a bevy of long, graceful, flowing and colorful frocks—the modistes had done their share to add charm and color to the event. After Social Dinner had been served, the promenade to the Social Hall began and awaiting us there, was the College Orchestra with all its talented members. Their selection of pieces for the opening was choice and the students danced the time away to the entrancing music. Thus, Webster, lured by the tunes of the "Breakaway," heeded to its bidding and lessons were cast aside. Here's to another Social Dinner and Dance sponsored by the Webster Ensemble.

### Two Honor Guests Pay Visit to Webster

Reverend Mother Olivette, Mother General of the Loretto Order, and Mother Ann Marita, who were guests at the College recently, on their return from the West, have departed for the Mother House in Kentucky, where they will spend the Thanksgiving holidays.

The sisters and students are looking forward to another visit from them in the near future.

prised Mary Catherine Collins on her birthday by "throwing" a party. Chicken, yes, chicken—can you believe it?—was the biggest and best feature on the menu. Then there were cakes, candy and cake, and to make the lunch complete, congratulations to you, Mary Catherine, even though we are a little late.

Alice Star, Dr. and Mrs. O. A. Hennerich, Otto and Iva Mae Hennerich, all of Hays, Kansas, and Mary Mahon visited with Joe Hennerich last week-end.

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## Do You Know That—

There are quite a few girls at Webster at present who are lucky enough to have a sister, aunt or cousin among the Sisters?

Margaret House has never had that forlorn, "freshie" feeling that some of the newcomers have until thoroughly initiated into the joys of Webster, since her "big sister" is none other than Sister Alban?

Margaret Schaefer finds boarding pleasant? Every night she enjoys talks with Sister Julienne, who is her "big sister."

Frances Mattingly is a niece of Sister Nerinckx and Sister Aloysia Marie? Sister Felicitas is Polly Parent's aunt? Virginia Moore is a lucky "little freshie," being a cousin of Sister Borgia's? Catherine Schmuke also likes the cafeteria, where she talks with her cousin, Sister Julienne? Katherine O'Flaherty is a cousin of Sister Francis Marie?

Marie Schmuke is a sister of Father Schumcker of Kenrick Seminary and the professor of Scripture at Webster? Aside from the relationship between students and faculty, there are several families represented by more than one student at Webster? Among the boarders are Estella and Alice Cavanaugh, Anna Marie and Josephine Heinen, Mary and Letitia Hyslop, Dorothy and Esther Kraft and Lucyle and Evelyn Rapillard.

If a lover of books can be called a book worm, can the lover of mathematics be called an angle worm?

The faculty and students extend their deepest sympathy to Anna Marie and Josephine Heinen in their recent bereavement. We assure you that we shall remember your father in our prayers.

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## Breezy Bits

FROM  
STATION  
W-C-A

Along with "coming out" teas, dinners and balls for this season's debs, is the first of many parties for the 1930 Seniors. Following the tradition of the school, the party is given by the Webster College Alumnae, and this year it was a bridge tea at the Congress Hotel. Two guests and two hostesses played together and tea was served by the members of the Alumnae, of which Mrs. R. Rosenthal is president.

Pearl Farrel, our Ponca City girl, is having a very delightful visit with her grandmother at Arkansas City, Kansas. Pearl is planning to spend the winter there, and as it is not very far away, it behooves us to think that she will call on us.

Mr. and Mrs. William Lacy are rejoicing over the birth of a boy who was born within the past fortnight. Mrs. Lacy was formerly Helen Fogg. Congratulations are also being received by Mr. and Mrs. Bob Beardon upon the arrival of a baby girl. Mrs. Beardon will be remembered as Bernardine Algermissen.

Anna Marie McDermott is teaching English and French at Nerinx Hall during Sister Nazaria's absence. Can't you just picture Mac with her "J'aime, tu aimes, il aime," etc.?

Agnes Tuchschildt was a very fortunate spectator at the Chicago-Notre Dame football game, which was played at Soldiers' Field, Chicago.

Members of the Webster College Alumnae are "urgently" urged to attend the next Social Guild card party, which is to be Monday, December 2, at 8 o'clock.

Helen McGuire is enjoying her work in the Registration Office of St. Louis University.

Mrs. O. Kelly, who will be remembered as Libby Dunne, has recently returned to St. Louis "for good," so she says. Luckily for us, "Ode" was transferred back home just in time to escape the cold Minneapolis winter.

Louise Hayes is busily working for the Shell Petroleum Co., where our ever efficient "Haysie" is proving very valuable to this oily concern. We have great hopes that she will have her own oil company some day.

Rosamond Smith, our newspaper enthusiast, is doing advertising and editorial work for a publishing concern where, naturally, she feels perfectly at home. "Copy," "cuts" and "layouts" are like music to her ears. She is also the sure 'nough editor of a sure 'nough magazine, "The Midtown," and several community newspapers, which keep her very busy. This explains why she hasn't been out to see us lately.

## Rev. D. A. Lord, S. J., Talks on Bernard Shaw; Also on Strange Interlude

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and eventually strives to wreck her son's future in order to fulfill her own life. When she despairingly says, "I just want to believe in something, I've been trying to pray," she stands before us as the unhappiest heroine of modern literature.

A play to be immoral must sympathize with sin, teach false philosophy or present immoral scenes seductively. "The Strange Interlude," therefore, is not immoral. However, it uses material which belongs rather to the clinic than to the theatre. It is advisable that only persons having reached the age of 30 see this play, Father said. They are fully capable of looking beyond the thorough despair which is the keynote, of recognizing the inescapable fact that sin is invariably punished, and of realizing where and why and how modern philosophy, whose code is the obedience to the individual whim as well, has failed. To repeat, "that where there is no God there is no morality!"

## A Thanksgiving Dialogue

Jane: "Come here quick! Look! Did you ever see anyone so wonderful? That is what I would call a genuine sun tan complexion."

Mary: "Who, where, and what? Please be explicit."

Jane: "He's right in there; why don't you peek?"

Mary: "He certainly is good looking, and isn't he a splendidly built chap?"

Jane: "Wonder when he'll be ready to come out? I just can't wait, can you?"

Mary: "He only comes about once a year. Have you any idea why he makes himself so scarce?"

Jane: "Well, here he comes now, dear, all golden brown. Hurry and take this turkey before I burn myself."

## TO OUR READERS!

The Web staff is writing to Father Corcoran asking him to tell us of his trip and of the interesting places that he is visiting.

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## WEBSTER GIRLS CELEBRATE OUR LADY'S FEAST

### MR. GEO. M. SHUSTER SPEAKS ON 'MAKER OF CONSTITUTION'

Managing Editor of "The  
Commonweal" Addresses  
Enthusiastic Audience

"Pelatiah Webster Day" suggested the topic of an interesting address given by Mr. George M. Shuster, author of "The Catholic Spirit of America" and "The Hill of Happiness," and managing editor of "The Commonweal," one of our outstanding Catholic magazines.

The speaker began his address by making a reference to the Father of the Constitution. Mr. Shuster lives near Lebanon, Conn., and Yale University, and marveled "that such a luminous mind as that of Pelatiah Webster could come from such hampered surroundings," for Lebanon is still a small New England town and the "Yale" of that day was only a little college. "Yet," he continued, "Jefferson was a farmer, and Washington was ill-versed in cultural subjects, as were numerous others who molded American civilization. Their holy simplicity rests upon the American spirit—and the earnestness with which they faced life, we have received as our heritage."

In speaking of the union of Church and State, Mr. Shuster said

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### ALUMNAE EDITION OF LORETTINE IS HAILED AS GREAT SUCCESS

Literary Quarterly Appears  
on November 27

The first issue of this year's Loretine, edited by the Alumnae, has made its appearance. This short story issue is quite unusual and very interesting; and we were delighted to see that so many old girls had submitted stories or poems.

The articles are amusing, clever and original. "The Fourteenth Station," a poem of outstanding merit, has depth of feeling and perception, and the story, "An Indian Sacrifice," abounds with beautiful word pictures. "The Best Man" is a story with a collegiate background and is very humorous. "Our Baby Book" and "Sophisticated Sixteen Months," which is especially clever, gives accounts of the cunning babies who will some day be enrolled at Webster.

### Noted Biologist Gives Inspiring Talk to Students

Dean of St. Louis U. Medical  
School Praises Work  
Done at Webster

The biology students and their friends who are interested in that subject were delightfully entertained when Father A. M. Schwittalla, S.J., Dean of St. Louis University School of Medicine, talked to them Monday evening, Dec. 2, in their own biology laboratory. Father stressed the importance of the advanced study of this science.

"It may be of interest to you," he said, "to know why I think you should delve deeply into the science of biology. We are all interested in ourselves. Biology unravels us to our selves, and who of us is not intensely interested in self? By studying the amoeba we learn much about ourselves; for whatever is true about an amoeba as a living organism is true of ourselves as living things. Everyone is interested in the universe, but the seat of all that interest lies in the selfish interest in self.

This year marks Father's Silver Biological Jubilee. He has seen biology change in its very contents. He has watched the laboratory of yester-year, equipped with one table, a few pen-knives, and some plants, grow into the present-day laboratory. He remarked that the changes in biology in the past 25 years are tremendous. "Your present department," he said, "is outstanding among those of Catholic girls' colleges."

Father continued: "Biology has

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### ST. LOUIS UNIVERSITY CLASSICAL CLUB HOLDS MEETING AT WEBSTER

Composed of Students From  
Corporate Colleges

The St. Louis University Classical Club, which was started by Mr. Wm. Korfmaker, held its third meeting at Webster College on Dec. 14. The Club, which is only in its infancy, is composed of students from St. Louis University, Fontbonne, Maryville and Webster, and from each of the schools one of the Club's officers was chosen.

At this meeting, Margaret De Lisle read an interesting paper on the Fourth Eclogue of Virgil, and

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### SANTA CLAUS, LADEN WITH HEAVY CHRISTMAS PACK, MAKES VISIT TO WEBSTER

Brings with Him Gifts For Faculty and Students



**BERNICE WOLFF**  
President of Junior Class, Who Had  
Charge of Arrangements for the  
Christmas Banquet

### Loretto Social Guild Sponsors Another Successful Card Party

More Than 150 Persons At-  
tend, in Spite of Incle-  
ment Weather

One of the most successful card parties ever given by the Loretto Social Guild was held in the cafeteria on Monday evening, Dec. 2, at 8 o'clock.

Reservations for 200 persons had been made, but, due to inclement weather, some could not attend.

The prizes were attractive Buss lamps with parchment shades, and the attendance prizes were an Oriental throw-rug, a taffeta cushion, and a bridge water set.

Mr. Daniel J. Hanlon was chairman and Miss Theresa Shea was a very charming hostess. The following ladies helped to serve: Mrs. H. J. Brusselback, Mrs. J. J. Cronin, Jr., Mrs. D. J. Hanlon, Miss Margie Hawkins, Miss Anna Marie McDermott, Miss Helen D. Mulcahy, Mrs. A. A. Quante, Mrs. J. J. Riley, Mrs. T. A. Rohan, Miss Agnes Tuchschildt and Miss Jane Daly.

### GREETINGS

To our kind professors and teachers, to our dear Sisters, and to the students we extend our wishes for their happiness on Christmas Day and throughout the New Year.

On Thursday evening, Dec. 19, the faculty and students enjoyed the annual Christmas Banquet given by Mother Linus—a banquet which is one of the most delightful social functions of the year. Everyone eagerly awaits this occasion and the air vibrates with anticipation and surprise until the very end of the evening. The banquet was held in the cafeteria, which was fittingly decorated, for this festivity, with holly, candles and bells. After the dinner, the seniors received their class-pins, treasures—priceless to the girls—as the insignia of those who have weathered scholastic activity, successfully.

When the banquet was over, the faculty and students gathered around the huge Christmas tree in the auditorium. The sound of sleigh bells ushered in Mr. and Mrs. Santa Claus, all frosty and cold after their long trip from the North Pole. They brought with them gifts for the faculty, for the Sisters and our "babies," the freshmen. And to make the evening complete, the Choral Club entertained with several delightful Christmas carols.

The party was sponsored by the Junior Class, of which Bernice Wolff is president; Rosemary Hynes, vice-president; Ann Ryan, secretary, and Adelaide Murphy, treasurer. Every junior was on one of Santa's committees, each of which worked earnestly and unselfishly for the success of the party.

The students take this opportunity to thank Mother Linus and all of the Sisters, most sincerely and most whole-heartedly, for the lovely banquet, and also the Junior Class, who worked so hard to make the evening such an enjoyable one.

### MR. G. F. DONOVAN, M. A., AUTHOR AND TEACHER, JOINS OUR FACULTY

Harvard Graduate Sees  
Great Educational Advan-  
tages in St. Louis

Webster is indeed fortunate this year in having on its faculty a new current history teacher, Mr. George F. Donovan. Mr. Donovan was graduated from Harvard University in 1927 with a Master's degree, and

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### IMPRESSIVE CERE- MONY MARKS THE FEAST ON DEC. 8

Entire Student Body Re-  
ceives Holy Communion  
at Sodality Mass

The annual Sodality reception took place in the Chapel of All Saints on Sunday, Dec. 8, the Feast of the Immaculate Conception. The Mass, which was attended by the student body, was read by Father James O'Malley, C.M. Father Donovan, C.M., the College Chaplain, officiated at the reception.

Immediately after the ceremony, breakfast was served in the cafeteria, and Neva Daly, prefect of the Sodality, acted as toastmistress. Short talks were given by Father Donovan, Father O'Malley and Margaret Vollet. During the breakfast, selections were played by the Webster Ensemble, and Helen McEvoy sang "Ave Maria." Place-cards with medals were given as souvenirs.

The breakfast was served by members of the Social Committee of the Sodality, of which Sister Mary Paula is moderator, and Mary Frances Broeker, chairman. Other students on the committee were: Dorothy Shuford, Erline Strothkamp, Eugenia Bock, Winifred Kane, Margaret Schaefer, Alice Widmer and Catherine Geary.

### Golden Jubilee Is Celebrated By Sister M. Salome on Dec. 8

Sister and Niece of Jubilar-  
ian Are Present For  
the Occasion

Sister Mary Salome celebrated her Golden Jubilee on Sunday, Dec. 8. Rev. Joseph P. Donovan, C.M., read the Mass in the Chapel of All Saints, and among all the Sisters who were present were seven who have already celebrated their Golden Jubilees. Sister Salome's sister, Sister Michaeline of Florissant, and her niece, Sister Modesta, who is stationed at St. Joseph's Hospital in St. Charles, were present for the occasion. Sister Salome has been infirmarian at Webster for the past 10 years. Many of her friends spent the day with her and extended to her their heartiest congratulations and best wishes.

# THE WEB

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## CHRISTMAS

More than nineteen hundred years ago, a poor Jewish couple wended its way along the road to Bethlehem, which seemed far away to them, footsore and fatigued as they were. Finally, however, they reached their destination long after sunset, and they hastened to find some sort of lodging, for the night air was chill, and Mary was weary to the point of exhaustion. One by one, the inns of the village were visited, but all were filled to capacity and the travelers were turned away. Finally, one of the innkeepers, moved with pity for the sweet-faced young woman and the evident concern of her husband, offered them the use of his stable, no more than a rocky cavern on the slope of a hill, Mary and Joseph eagerly accepted the proffered shelter, and there, in the low, rough-hewn stable among the animals, with their deep wondering eyes, Mary's Child was born. At that instant, the heavens were ablaze, legions of angels appeared, and the voices of celestial choirs rang clear—joyous, through the still night. The shepherds hastened to Bethlehem's stable, as the angel had bidden them, while the heavens still resounded with the angels' divine message of peace and good will. Such were the manifestations that marked the human birth of the Son of God.

The happenings of this portentous night, so many centuries ago, changed the entire course of history; altered ideals, moral and religious; and made possible the civilization of today. So every year on Christmas, again we recall, again we commemorate the birth of Christ, the Child; of Christ, the Lord, Who wrought this remarkable transformation. The myriads of lights and candles on our altars and in our homes simulate, in some faint way, the splendid spectacle that the heavens must have presented on that first Christmas night. Human choirs, now, take up the angelic strains of peace and good will, and sing to the honor and glory of God. Not just a few shepherds, but millions of worshippers come unbidden, with loving, grateful hearts, to pay their homage to the little Christ Child.

Christmas is a holiday, exalted in origin and spirit, and to its observance we give not just one day, but we dedicate rather, many days, to the preparation for, and the celebration of, the Christmas-tide. Many extraneous features have been added to our modern Christmas celebration, such as the exchange of gifts and greetings, various kinds of social events and caroling, to say nothing of the gay tempestuous whirl of last-minute shopping and preparation; all of which have come to be part of accepted Christmas usage. But through all this runs one great unifying element—the Christmas spirit, as it has come down in the hearts of men through the centuries, from that night of long ago in far-off Palestine.

What is this Christmas spirit? Is it a re-echoing of the angels' message, a love for God and fellow-creature, a kindly disposition toward the world, a desire to make others happy? All these enter into it, but Christmas spirit is one of those terms that defies definition. Negatively, it is the one essential element, without which, Christmas is but a cold, empty, and cheerless ceremony.

Therefore, in extending to all its readers, the greetings of the season, the Web includes an earnest wish that all may know the true Christmas spirit, the spirit that emanates from the Manger at Bethlehem, the spirit that makes Christmas something vital, something heart-warming, and the most beloved holiday of all the year.

## "VALE"

The New Year follows close upon the Christmas season, and it will soon be time to bid farewell to the year of grace, *nineteen twenty-nine*. There is always something melancholy, yet gaily expectant, about the ending of another year; a certain regret for the passing of a stage of our life to which we can never return, yet a joyous, hopeful uncertainty for that about to unfold.

Twelve days from today, throughout the world, bells will clang, horns blow, whistles and sirens shriek, all in clamorous welcome to nineteen-thirty. Old nineteen twenty-nine will snatch this, his last WEB, and hurry down the long road of the past, never to return.

But before nineteen twenty-nine has finally departed, we would pay a tribute to a year that has been good to most of us. It has been one of too few years of our college life, and moreover, a year spent at Webster, which means to most of us a happy, profitable year. It has brought unexpected joys, perhaps unlooked for sorrows; but in most cases, the joys have probably outweighed the sorrows.

So we bid farewell to nineteen twenty-nine with the wish that, for those to whom it has been a happy, profitable year, as bright a new year will dawn; and to those to whom the past year has not been joyful or serene, a splendid new year will come, recompensing for the cares and disappointments of yester-year.

## Christ's Birthday

Only the breath of oxen  
Warming His humble bed.  
Only a gleam of starlight  
To the stable of Bethlehem led.

Only the homage of shepherds  
To welcome and praise His love.  
Only a pale moon watching  
Kindly from above.

But the Mother Heart of a Virgin,  
Pure as the new-drifted snow,  
And the tender love of Joseph  
To father Him here below.

Only a kingdom of traitors  
To kiss His tiny hand  
Lifted to wield a sceptre  
Of love in this mighty land.

He came at His Father's bidding—  
He came in His love for men.  
Ope'd wide His arms and His  
Heart to us  
That we might rest therein.  
—M. De L., '31.

## HOLIDAYS

*The Holidays come and they bring  
their own joy!  
We are free to go home, and  
we're happy—Oh boy!  
We're packing our grips and we're  
calling good-bye—  
Toward home and our loved ones  
our thoughts quickly fly.*

*But this world's a queer place, for  
first thing we know  
The long looked for holidays  
come—and they go.  
We hear the old school bell that  
summons us all  
To hasten our steps toward our  
Residence Hall.*

*And the last train that's leaving is  
the one that we take;  
To get back to work—what an  
effort we make.  
But we mustn't be gloomy—it's true,  
it's a strife,  
But we are Collegiate—and that's  
College Life.*

T. P., '31.

## Was It a Poem?

Christmas will soon be here, my  
girls,  
And we'll be going home.  
Now that is such a happy thought  
I have to write a "pome."

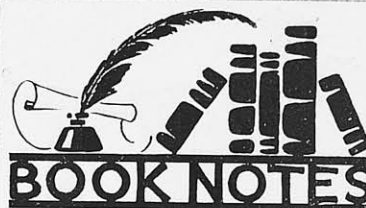
It makes us think of cold and snow,  
And people, in a rush.  
It makes us think of laughter gay  
That doesn't ever hush.

We love the thought of Christmas  
days,  
And all those happy times,  
Of home and all it means to us,  
Just can't be put in "rimes."

I can't express the joy I feel!  
The thought of going home!  
In fact I can't express a thing  
In just a little "pome."  
M. W., '33.

## READERS!

Watch the next WEB for an  
interesting account of Father  
Corcoran's travels.



"The Romantic Prince" by Rafael Sabatini, possesses all the glamor, the breath-taking adventure, and the love, purified in the crucible of suffering, that its title might suggest.

The romance is woven about a prince who is a dreamer, yet alert, awake, and a maid upon whom, with all respect and tenderness, he has cast his eyes. By a twist of fate, the attentions of the royal lover are placed in an unflattering light. Bitterly disillusioned, the maid marries into her own class. How her husband fails to fulfill her expectations, and how "The Romantic Prince," with the shrewdness of a man versed in politics and in the ways of justice, with true love's unflinching power reunites their love, Sabatini tells in his own inimitable manner.

Although some of us might prefer that the heroine had escaped from the snare, unscathed, the novel is, on the whole, satisfying.

"The Field of Honor," by the late Donn Byrne, tinged with the salt-tang of Irish seas, with shadowy mists of tender, emerald twilights, tells us once more of the heart-ache and heart-ease, with its own distinctive charm.

Dark-haired and deep-eyed, true hearted Jacqueline and her staunch, boyish husband, Garry, are estranged from each other by their individual patriotism, their flags are furled above different fields. Despite this bitter test, they finally arrive, triumphantly, at the realization of love's deeper significance, in a splendid sympathetic understanding.

Aside from its merit as a historical novel, "The Field of Honor" has delightful imagery: Jacqueline, her cloak blowing about her, standing on a hill-top, her fine slim grace charmingly contrasted with the rugged stubbornness of the Airdale beside her, Jacqueline, kneeling at her window, praying into the night-sky that Garry might love only her; Jacqueline wandering alone through the desolate rooms, wistfully picturing Garry restored to the arm-chair beside his hearth, his pipe's smoke curling, his listless dog once more lying worshipfully at his feet and her own heart at peace; Jacqueline, pale-cheeked after a vigil of many months reconciled to her lover husband. And through it all is the brooding tenderness of the melodious Gaelic words mingled with harsher terms of bloody war.

We grieve that Donn Byrne's pen must write no more.

Jim: I thought you said that she was the janitor's daughter.

Dick: She is, but the elevator man brought her up.

She was only a laundryman's daughter, but she sure was a wash-out.

She's only a dry goods store manager's daughter, but she has her notions.

Spanish Prof.: Close your books.  
Unconscious: What page?

## CLUB CHAT

The Classical Club had a very interesting meeting last Monday evening, the first half of which was devoted to business, such as discussion of the Classical Club picture for the year book. There followed a very interesting phase in the meeting. Virginia Drummond read a most commendable paper entitled "The Life of a Roman Girl." Rosemary Hynes gave a report of the St. Louis Classical Club. Two papers were assigned for the next meeting, one to Mary Carolyn Fields and the other to Alice Clark.

Our Choral Club is climbing the mountain to fame. They have recently recorded "Dear Webster," "To a Wild Rose," "Trees" and "Santa Lucia." The words to "Dear Webster" were composed by Ann Carr and the music was written by Frank Ward, both of whom were graduated from Webster.

Keep up the good work, Choral Club; we are mighty proud of you.

Enter—pep and snap—into the Chemistry Club. At the last two meetings, interesting reports were given by Dorothy Fairall, Jane Daly, Ruth McKenna, Cecilia Quante and, last but not least, Frances Casey.

We must congratulate you, Frances; your report on Ethyl Alcohol and much discussion. We enjoyed it, a lot of discussion. We enjoyed it, and hope we can do as well when our turns come.

Observe—we are planning to change the title of our Club. Watch for the new name.

## Web Witticisms

Seniors were born for great things,  
And Sophs were born for small,  
But very few people can understand  
Why Freshmen were born at all.

If women would say only what  
they think, we'd never have the  
"talkies."

Prof.: Name the bones of the  
skull.

Stude: I've got them all in my  
head, but I can't think of them just  
now.

Men are very exciting.  
So are parachute drops.

Father Fallon: Any questions?  
Soph: Yeah, what course is this?

1st History Student: Gee, but that  
Mr. Baldwin has a deep voice.

2nd H. S.: Maybe he is one of  
the Four Hoarse Men we've heard  
so much about.

Have a good time at the dance,  
with your blind date?  
No, he couldn't see my joke.

Sister Nerinx: Give a sentence  
using Gunga Din.

Freshman: If you lost your tick-  
ets, how you Gunga Din?

A Freshman is usually called  
"syrup"—just refined sap.

Wornout Joke Gatherer: There  
are no original jokers around here.  
Unconscious Latin Student: We're  
too deep. Now laugh?

## SOCIAL SCIENCE CLASS MAKES REPORT OF TRIPS

### Orphans Are Found Happy and Contented in the Various Institutions

The Senior members of the Social Science Class visited the St. Francis Colored Orphans' Home and the St. Vincent's German Orphans' Home on Thursday, Dec. 5. Both of the institutions are located in Normandy. The former, conducted by the Oblate Sisters, harbors 79 little negro girls, ranging in age from 2 to 15 years. The Social Scientists reported that the children were very content and happy, and that even the tiniest tots gave ample demonstration of this fact by their spirited performance of the Charleston for the visitors' benefit.

The German St. Vincent's Orphans' Home is a well-equipped and well-managed institution. There are at present 120 boys and 97 girls. The visitors were taken on a tour of inspection through the spacious building, and they report finding old Santa, himself, in one of the great kitchens, baking little ginger-bread men for the orphans, and through the gracious kindness of the nuns, they were given a chance to prove that college women are quite capable of devouring ginger-bread men, too.

The Junior Class visited St. Joseph's Orphans' Home for Boys. At that institution there are approximately 130 children, most of whom are not orphans but children whose parents refuse to care for them or whose homes have been broken up. In spite of their ill fortune, the children seem perfectly contented.

The small children entertained the girls by turning handsprings in the halls, although they had been too bashful to talk to their visitors in the class-room. The older boys have little duties to perform around the convent grounds, and after they have completed the eighth grade, the Sisters try to find employment for them. If they cannot do so, then the boys are sent to Father Dunne's Newsboys' Home, where they are kept until they get some permanent work.

Taking care of God's poor and homeless is indeed a great work of charity, a work which will bring an abundance of blessings on those who have sacrificed everything in order to bring happiness to others. But an Orphans' Home can never be the same as a real home—Don't you think that you would be happier on Christmas if YOU did something to make just one little orphan happy?

### OUR FRUITFUL LANGUAGE

A girl shows her raisin when she makes a date with a prune for whom she doesn't care a fig. She may be a peach, but they make a funny pear. She may be the apple of his eye, but she hands him a lemon, although she may have a "cherry" disposition. It is plum wrong and if her name be Anna, it ought to ban Anna. By this time he would realize that his efforts had been fruitless.—Wash. Dirge.

## Milady's Fashions

Contrary to the edict of the convention of the Missouri State Hair-dressers' Association, held in St. Louis recently, the Webster College girls are letting their hair grow.

The most prominent hair dressers say that the bob has come to stay. The masters are making short hair look long, and long hair look short. Nevertheless, the college girl wishes to express an individuality in her manner of hair dress, rather than conform to fashion dictates.

It has been observed at Webster College that the athletic girl wholeheartedly approves of the wind-blown bob, while the "little woman" type, sweet and pretty, rather than excessively chic, wears her hair fluffy, curly and utterly feminine. Others are hoping to acquire the charm and attractiveness of long hair. Just now they cleverly hide the growing hair with "Greta Garbo" semi-bobs that make the head look small and slim; or with sleek "coifs"—hair arranged flat and close to the head.

A marcel wave is never seen on the campus. The girls are modern in every way and they know that the marcel wave is "passe" forever, an opinion with which any smart coiffeur will agree.

### OUR YOUTHFUL TEACHERS

Imagine school-teachers going to school! Among those who have enrolled as Sophomores at Webster this year are two girls who have had experience at the other side of the desk. As soon as Mary Day and Helen McEvoy were old enough to get certificates they began teaching in public grade schools.

"I liked teaching very much," Helen said, when she was questioned about her former work. Helen taught for four years in Williamsburg, Kansas, after having attended the University of Kansas one summer.

Presiding over a school-room has not made Helen feel any older than her class-mates, she said, and added that her experience as a teacher has helped her immeasurably in her college work these last two years. Helen plans to teach again next year.

Mary Day was graduated from Ursuline Academy, Alton, Illinois, in 1926 and attended Webster in 1926-27. Following that she taught for two years in her home-town, Hamburg, Illinois. During the summer of 1927 Mary spent six weeks at St. Louis University.

Mary came back to Webster this fall because she had enjoyed her previous year at Webster and was anxious to continue her work.

When she was asked whether she felt older or "out of the school-life," Mary replied in the negative.

"I would advise all girls to teach school during their college career, preferably between their second and third years," Mary said. "Teaching makes them realize that they are attending school for a purpose and gives them a greater understanding of the work."

If she can find a good position near home, Mary wants to teach again next year.

## "The Evolution of Xmas"

How would you like your Christmas in June? Or in May? Or in January? Or just whenever the rule of your country fancied? Would you ever know when to begin your Christmas shopping? Can you imagine tying packages with holly paper in July? The early observers of this great day didn't know just when to expect Christmas.

It is not known exactly when the custom of observing Christmas began. Some attribute its institution to Telephorus, about the second century. This is uncertain, but definite proof is found that December 25 was not the date generally observed at first. Often the celebration was held in January, May or April. January 6 was the date observed in the Eastern church. This contention over the date was caused by the uncertainty of the time of Christ's birth.

The date of December 25 was established when the early Christian church tried to replace pagan festivals with Christian ones. Accordingly, the feast of the winter solstice, when the days begin to increase in length and the light to conquer the darkness, was changed to a celebration of the birth of the Light of the World.

To arouse interest of recently converted pagans, the well-known "manger" and carol songs were begun. The origin of Christmas trees was another replacement of pagan practices with those of Christian significance. The palm tree with 12 branches was used to suggest the beginning of a new twelve-month and the end of the winter solstice. The palm was replaced by fir in the northern countries, and decorating the trees eventually became a common practice.

Christmas has become a social feast for all, especially for the very young. No other religious feasts have such significance for the little ones.

Down through the ages Christmas has been one of the chief feasts of the Catholic church and its observation is increasing in Protestant sects. The importance of its meaning seems to increase with age and to grow dearer to the hearts of its observers each anniversary.

### Isn't It Queer, That

Telephone booths, at first glance, seem to hold little significance in college life? However, after interviewing several popular girls who broke off their statements of "Really, I don't know a thing about the telephone booths, because I never get a call" to answer the cry, "Telephone on Third!", one is inclined to question the statement.

Popularity depends on the telephone calls? Romance awaits the girl summoned to the narrow booth, and curiosity keeps her in a constant fever of anticipation. Woe to the girl who doesn't make a friend of the telephone booth. She will probably miss out on the Prom, the football games, the week-ends in town, and all of the latest "scandal."

A good-hearted Scotchman left his money to the unknown soldier.

## Sophs Beat Frosh In Basket Ball Game; Score, 31 to 25

The Freshmen made their first appearance in basketball Thursday night, Dec. 5, in one of the most exciting games of the season. Although they were not victorious, they certainly made a good impression. For the first time in years, the Sophomore Class won a basketball game, with a score of 31 to 25. The latter were the first to make a basket. With first one side and then the other making points, the score was soon tied, but in the second quarter, the Sophomores gained a lead which they held throughout the game, which was one of the fastest class games ever witnessed at the college. Both sides displayed excellent skill. If all the coming games are as good as this one was, we predict an interesting season.

## 'Won't Be Long Now!'

"O boy, just a few more hours." Does this apply to a dance, to a game, to an examination? No, to nothing else but Christmas. That eagerly anticipated day—the beginning of the holidays—at last is here. Great joy is written on the face of every Websterite, but particularly on those of the Freshies.

Train reservations are made, and last minute assignments are hurriedly completed. Mail boxes are filled with letters welcoming the girls home.

The pleasure of the Christmas Banquet—the affair of the season—has been enjoyed. Presents have been exchanged and Yuletide greetings heartily extended. Even New Year's resolutions have been made. In general, a "Christmasy" atmosphere prevailed throughout social hall, locker rooms, cafeteria and every other gathering-place of Webster.

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**AT THE BREAKFAST TABLE**

"She is only twenty-four hours from home."  
 "Well, I'd hardly call that just around the corner," said a girl from East St. Louis.  
 "No, but when you hear Ruth and Margaret talking about three nights and two days of traveling, twenty-four hours seems short."  
 "I guess I don't mind staying here so much. 'Gravy' and I will be together," sighed Ruth.  
 "If my family sent me a check for the amount necessary to make the trip, don't think I'd send it back to them," remarked another Californian with a wistful look in her eyes.  
 "I hear there is a good rate on. The trip can be made for ninety-seven dollars, then with forty dollars for meals and the pullman extra, it wouldn't be so bad."  
 "But we would get to stay such a short time with so many days spent on the road."  
 "We should go by air."  
 "I know some aviators but they are not here," another sigh from Ruth.  
 "Is your sister coming home?"  
 "No, I think she will go to Havana. The climate is so different here from that in Asheville that mother doesn't think it best for her to come. I wish she could, though. Thank goodness, I am only about four hours from home."  
 "And I'm only two. We will get there anyway, won't we, Mary?" said Anita gaily.

**A FEW SMILES**

Wife: "I took the recipe for this cake out of the cook book."  
 Husband: "You did perfectly right. It should never have been put in."  
 She: "You said you spent every cent you made on me before we were married."  
 He: "I certainly did."  
 She: "Well, if you could live then without money, why can't you do it now?"  
 Teacher: "Johnny, if five sheep were in a field, and one jumped out, how many would be left?"  
 Johnny: "There wouldn't be any left. You might know arithmetic, but you don't know sheep."  
 Father: "Why didn't you get your pharmacy degree?"  
 Son: "I flunked in sandwich making."  
 A Scotchman bought two tickets for a raffle and won a \$1500 car. His friend rushed up to congratulate him, but found him looking very miserable.  
 "Why, mon, what's the matter?"  
 "It's that second ticket. Why I ever bought it I canna imagine."  
 (The Washington U.-St. Louis U. Football Game under discussion.)  
 First Frosh: Isn't it too bad? My brother will not be able to play tomorrow.  
 Second Frosh (much excited): Oh, have you a brother on the football team? What does he play?  
 First Frosh: Saxophone.  
 Coach: Remember, any sport develops individuality, initiative and leadership. Now get in here and do exactly as I tell you.

**There Is a Santa Claus**

You've heard some wise old people declare from year to year, That there is not a Santa Claus. But they are wrong, I fear. We have our proofs of old, and this you must agree  
 That there MUST be a Santa, 'cause who brings the Christmas tree?  
 When Mother understands you, and eases your distress  
 By giving you your great desire—a lovely evening dress;  
 When Dad is feeling happy, and says, "Dearie, just because  
 You've done so well, here is a check." There IS a Santa Claus.  
 When there's a dance—you'd like to go, but can't decide—it's late,  
 For though it's sad but very true—you haven't got a date.  
 The 'phone bell rings, it's Jimmy, and he'd be GLAD to go—  
 If there is not a Santa, then, I'd surely like to know.  
 When things are looking gloomy, and an "F" you fear to see  
 And the prof gets tender-hearted, and he gives to you an "E,"  
 Then it's time that you awaken, that you stop awhile, and pause,  
 For if I am not mistaken—THERE MUST BE A SANTA CLAUS.  
 T. P., '31.

**A Letter To Santa Claus**

Dear Santa Claus:  
 With Christmas in the offing  
 I take my fountain pen  
 To write a little letter  
 To your great ice-bound den.  
 'Tis said you are a kindly soul  
 You give what e'er you will  
 To good young girls out in the world,  
 And besides, you foot the bill.  
 Would I not like a little car  
 So very trim and neat?  
 That I might get to school on time,  
 Despite the cold or heat.  
 And, Santa dear, please send to me  
 Some knowledge in a book,  
 That all to do would be for me  
 To take a little look.  
 Some A's and B's would be right nice  
 On my report card, new,  
 To take home to my family—  
 I wonder what they'd do?  
 In the form of a handsome sheik  
 I want a little pet,  
 To take me to the shows and  
 proms—  
 Good times that must be met.  
 So, dear old Saint, don't pass me up,  
 But be a kind old sport,  
 That I may be contented, sir,  
 Bring along a nice fur coat.  
 And if you are forgetful, dear,  
 I've heard you really are,  
 Forget the rest, I've listed—all,  
 But don't forget the car.  
 Hopefully,  
 C. R., '33.  
 Did you hear about the Scotchman who wanted to commit suicide and used his neighbor's gas?

**"We're Quite the Thing"**

Now, when Miss Barthel blows her whistle for the Freshman Gymnasium Class to "fall in," one sees, instead of the ancient baggy bloomers and the wrinkled middies, 50 figures "toeing" the white line in the trim new "gym" uniforms.  
 Miss Barthel's ambition has been realized—the uniform gymnasium suit has been adopted. For three years she has been trying to introduce it, and she has at last achieved her purpose.  
 Although it pleases the instructor, there is a diversity of opinions among the girls as to the good and bad points of the suit.  
 If one should go into the locker room while the Freshmen are dressing for gymnasium, she would be enlightened as to the girls' sentiments toward the uniforms—  
 "Once more into the suit, dear classmates, once more!—Gee, I wouldn't mind these things so much if I didn't have to put them on, and then a few minutes later take them off."  
 "Is that all that worries you? Say, Ginny, what do you think of these suits, aren't they novel?"  
 "Novel? Well, I'd say 'rare.' If I could find that other button I'd say, 'Hurray!' There, that's that. What do I think of them? They really are a blessing—I abhorred those bloomers and middies; mine never did fit. That's score one for the gym suit."  
 "Oh, the color is positively atrocious, although it does hide the dirt. Whenever I don this suit it makes me feel like 'I'm in the army now!'"  
 "I need something. I feel like a two-year-old dressed up in a romper suit, ready for my first party."  
 "But don't we look collegiate in class? There, we have no upperclassmen to chuckle and remind us that we are only Freshmen."  
 "Poof! They wouldn't be anything to write home about in gym uniforms like ours—one has to have style to wear them, and the Freshmen have it."  
 On, on, they discuss until finally each is buttoned and hooked and on her way to Idle Hour. But in spite of all their lamentations and disapprovals, they are a classy looking crowd in those "awful" gym suits.

**People We Detest**

Those who whiz past us when we are trudging our weary way to school.  
 Those who open windows in the class-room when we are freezing to death.  
 Those who offer us a box of delicious chocolates when we are dieting.  
 Those who tell us we have holes in our stockings.  
 Those who make "wise cracks" while we are being "put on."  
 Those who trip us on waxed floors.  
 Those who turn on the radio while we are playing the piano.  
 Those who interrupt an animated conversation.  
 Those who laugh uproarously at their own jokes.  
 Those who "high hat" us.  
 Those "friends" who turn out to be false.  
 Those who "knock."

**CHRISTMAS CAROLS**

Webster is going caroling. It's something new in Catholic action. Several years ago, a non-sectarian charitable organization revived the old and lovely custom of caroling on Christmas Eve. Last year there were three hundred bands of carolers. There was not one Catholic group in the three hundred, but the organization devoted a generous part of its receipts to Catholic charities.  
 The St. Louis Christmas Carol Association is very eager to have groups participate. Father P. Maxwell, who is head of the Boy Scouts, is in charge of the Catholic movement and the details are under the able supervision of Miss Harry Smith.  
 Webster is delighted to have the opportunity to publicly honor the Christ Child and His Blessed Mother. The girls are enthusiastic and anxious to do all that they can in this new work. Thirty-five Sodalists have responded to the call and are being trained by Sister M. Paula. We are confident that the Webster Carolers will be successful in this work and that the Christ Child will shower His choicest blessings upon them.  
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 It is all right to begin at the bottom, except when you are learning to swim.  
 "Hello, what's on your mind?"  
 "Aw, nothing."  
 "Don't be so frank about it."

# ECHOES OF THE HALLS



A dinner party for Catherine O'Flaherty was given at the Hotel Coronado by Miss Marcelle Prevost, Pat McMullen, Dorothy Fairall, Margaret Wilde, Helen Graves and Josephine Reddin on Nov. 23. Katie was unable to return to school after Thanksgiving, so her friends entertained her with a delightful farewell party.

Carroll Coleman spent Thanksgiving Day at the home of Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Rosenbaum. She was the guest of Mr. Thomas Mosheim at the football game that afternoon, and saw the Billikens put up a good fight. Mr. Richard Bishop of Kansas City brought Carroll the home town news, Saturday.

Mary Day went home for the Thanksgiving Holidays. Her father, Judge John Day, drove down to the city for her and her sister, who attends Visitation Academy. Weather conditions provided her with plenty of excitement on the return trip Sunday.

Catherine Sullivan entertained several guests at supper in Loretto Hall Wednesday, Nov. 27, in honor of Mrs. Dayton O'Donnell, formerly Marguerite Barthel, of Detroit, Mich. The guests were Mrs. John Riley, Helen McAnulty, Mary Elizabeth Newell and Genevieve Barthel.

Genevieve McBride, Billy Surprise, Margaret Welsh and Marjorie Sheu also entertained Kate O'Flaherty before she departed for her home and this time it was with a chicken dinner. Pat McMullen and Margaret Wilde also were guests at the party.

Julie Bourke enjoyed a visit with her sister, Margaret Bourke of Kansas City, over the Thanksgiving Holidays.

## 'Nite, Mom

"Aw, mus' I go to bed, Mom?"  
Is a yearly psalm  
When Christmas comes around.

"'Twould be more fun to see  
Santa come a-slidin' down.  
Aw, can't I, Mom?"

"Say, Mom, he won't forget  
I wanna drum, a gun, a pet,  
Will he, Mom? Gee! won't you  
let—"

"Aw, alright, but you gotta keep in  
mind  
You promised me y'would try to  
find  
Dad's old huntin' gun. Gee! but  
you're kind.  
'Nite, Mom."

## LOCAL COLOR

About five years ago the famous "old gray mare," at Nerinx Hall, made her debut into the Loretto Society, and since then she has led a life similar to that of Webster College women, secluded from the rest of the world, yet content to "gallop around" in her own little pasture.

During her youth she was known to mingle more with the girls; however, of late she seems to have lost her popularity. It has been rumored that "she ain't what she used to be." In spite of this, she still remains the pride and joy of the faculty.

Last Hallowe'en she appeared gaily clad in loud stripes, with a huge "DEM" on one side, proudly displaying her political sentiments.

In her more generous moments she has been known to give the girls buggy rides, but of recent years she has become more subdued and is known chiefly for keeping secrets.

Fortunately for the girls, she is too noble to reveal what she knows about them. For these and other small favors, we are deeply grateful, and therefore dedicate to her that touching little ballad, "THE OLD GRAY MARE."

## WHY WEBSTER?

"Where is your home?" was a question that reverberated through the halls the first month of school. When the reply happened to be "Montana," "Alabama," or even "Illinois," the next query of the interested upper classman was sure to be, "But why did you come to Webster?"

To this there were various answers. The majority of the new girls had heard of the advantages here, from other girls, usually graduates. Eight came because of Webster's reputation as a superior school.

Three were attracted by the hospitality and friendliness shown by the faculty and students at the Spring Tea given annually in honor of the seniors of the High Schools of St. Louis.

Nerinx Hall girls seemed astonished that anyone would suggest a possibility of their attending school elsewhere.

One of the freshman said she could not remember when she first became interested in Webster. "My mother was a Loretto girl and it has always been understood that if any of her daughters went to college she would go to Webster."

"I've been interested in Webster from the time I entered the first grade," was the reason another girl gave.

Perhaps the strangest and most round-about way of learning about Webster was that of a girl from another state who first heard of the college from a St. Louis University bulletin.

Soph: Are you in my Current History class?

Freshie: Yes, why?

Soph (impatiently): Well, haven't you any Outlook?

Freshie (wonderingly): No, I haven't had any since the beginning of the year.

A way to turn people's heads is to come to a class-room late.

## Wonder What a Lounge Thinks About?

As the 8:30 bell rang, the big lounge in the corner of Social Hall realized that soon his daily work would begin. He wondered what he would hear today. Dates, dances and studies were always being discussed. Surely he lent enough beauty and attraction to the room to deserve some attention. His thoughts were arrested at this moment by two girls, who, talking animatedly, sat down. In the true sense of the word, he was made to "stand by for station announcements." And like most station announcements, this conversation did not, in the least, interest "Mr. Lounge." His first occupants were deeply engrossed in a few illogical syllogisms. Would the bell never ring and rid him of these unappreciative girls who, no doubt, never considered his lonely plight?

Bells rang and various groups found their ways to and from the secluded corner and the lounge. After the 3:10 bell the Social Hall was deserted, except for an occasional passerby. Then, at last, one tired and exhausted looking girl sought refuge in the cushions of the popular, yet unappreciated, lounge. After writing furiously and frantically for ten or fifteen minutes, she was interrupted by a friend walking through the hall, who asked the contents of the paper.

You must know the answer.

"I'm just briefly putting into words the thoughts, which, I know, this most frequented Mr. Lounge must think."

## NOTED BIOLOGIST GIVES INSPIRING TALK TO STUDENTS

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grown tremendously. There are approximately 4200 researchers in the world today; several decades ago they numbered about 200. Biology was unknown, even to scientists, at one time. Only the unusually learned, or very wicked, spoke of biology. Some preliminary knowledge of this science is requisite for many of the present professions. Novels are based on the concepts of heredity, and biological references are found in newspapers.

"The mysteries in a drop of water are greater than those with which the astronomers meet. In the present status of science we stand a better chance of solving the astronomer's mysteries than those of the biologist. Dead matter is easier to study than is living matter. Life cannot be defined. The mysteries of nature are tremendous; they portray the Omnipotence of God. Learning about one's self is learning about God. It seems to me that I have become a better priest since I have studied, extensively, this science of biology. Sooner or later, behind every biological phenomena, the mind must see a personal God. Biology is a revelation of one's self, and through one's self a revelation of God in nature—that is to me the most interesting thing I have found in biology."

Southern Miss: Aren't they darlin' shoes? Don't yo all think they ah Enna Jettick?

Northern Miss (deep in Horace): Oh, I don't know; they haven't much push.

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Mr. and Mrs. Francis Kane are rejoicing over the birth of a baby boy who was born on Nov. 29. Mrs. Kane will be remembered by her old friends as Helen Simon.

Congratulations are also being received by Mr. and Mrs. Norman George upon the arrival of a baby girl on Nov. 24. Mrs. George was formerly Anna Mae Barry.

Sister Marie Terese writes us that she and Sister Rose Celeste are training 37 tiny children for a Christmas play, a pillow dance, a skating dance and, last but not least, a musical number entitled "The Blue Danube." She says that it would be worth our train fare to Denver to see and also hear them, and wants to know how many reservations she shall make.

The Webster Social Guild Committee wishes to thank their many friends who so generously co-operated in making their card party a success.

Catherine Skarry is working for the Equitable Life Insurance Co. Can't you just see her approaching you with a policy and saying, "Please sign on the dotted line?"

Catherine Hazel, better known as Hank, visited at Webster recently. Hank tells us that she has a position in Owensboro, Kentucky.

Mrs. Dayton O'Donnell surprised her old friends with a visit, a short time ago. Mrs. O'Donnell, formerly Margaret Barthel, is residing in Detroit.

### What Shall It Be?

"Oh Marj—turn on the radio while I find the page of our French; will you please?"

"Oh, all right, but I don't see why you couldn't; I've just as much work to do as you have."

"Oh, Marj, get something jazzy, that music will put me to sleep."

"Turn that off, that's worse. Why not get the football game? That would be more exciting."

This is part of a conversation, overheard at most any time, which comes from a small, secluded corner of Social Hall, for that is where our radio, guarded by a ferocious looking lion, is located. This corner is neither a lonesome, nor a quiet one, for it is popular with all the girls, though there are diversities of opinion on programs.

The reasons for its popularity are hard to number, but the outstanding one is that it can be enjoyed by all. Everyone doesn't enjoy playing basketball, tennis, football, and other gymnastic sports. Everyone is not gifted with the art of playing a piano or of dancing, but everyone, from the oldest to the youngest, can appreciate the radio, and the fact that ours is going, almost all the time, gives evidence of that.

### Mr. G. F. Donovan, M. A., Author and Teacher Joins Our Faculty

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since then has followed the profession of teaching.

Mr. Donovan tells us he had previously taught in a girls' school for half a year, and maintains that girls are faithful in their work and do not resent the amount of work assigned (as some of their brothers do). However, they are not usually well informed on current events and with few exceptions have a limited knowledge of American History. This is not a commendable fact, because the people of this country, both men and women, should be educated to the needs of our government.

Coming from the old Puritan state of Massachusetts, Mr. Donovan is favorably impressed with St. Louis, and, for a city of the Middle West, thinks it presents exceptional educational advantages. Mr. Donovan is interested in the field of American Government, especially American Federal Government. He has written two books, "Irish in Massachusetts Before 1700," which was published in 1925, just after he had received his Bachelor's degree. His second book, a more detailed work, is "Catholics in Massachusetts from 1875-1900." These two books contain material from authentic sources, giving information on topics little touched upon heretofore. It would be well for every student of American History to make an effort to read his works.

Mr. Donovan also teaches American History at St. Louis University, and Webster welcomes him to its faculty.

### MR. GEO. M. SHUSTER SPEAKS ON "MAKER OF CONSTITUTION"

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that it is absolutely necessary—that they cannot be disjoined in theory. The State is a social and civic reality whose historical origin is a mystery and whose existence is known only through the observation of its process of development. Religion is a supernatural reality, explained. Christ has given the world a principle of unity, not hatred nor vengeance — only transcendent and abiding love.

"Chesterton," Mr. Shuster said, "has called democracy 'the million masks of God,' and if religion can be looked upon by America as the main influence of life, we shall have the greatest possible force for unifying the elements that will otherwise be discordant. The time is ripe for America to realize that in 1920 came a moment of crisis when religion and the family were derided by literature, journalism and the law, and that now the power of both must be restored. We must create a record of human experience, so that the two pulses may throb in unison. Let America take her cue from the poet who wrote:

*'Fear not sensible failures,  
Nor mind the gain at all—  
But fighting, fighting, fighting—die  
Driven against the wall.'*

On the morning of the same day, the seniors and juniors had the rare privilege of hearing Mr. Shuster speak on a topic with which he is, of necessity, thoroughly familiar. He spoke on the very illuminating subject, "How to Write," and he gave his eager audience much invaluable

### Strange, But True

A girl's room at College may, and often does, reveal her tastes, and traits of character. There are frilly rooms, sporty rooms, plain rooms and collegiate rooms, all side by side.

One room is delightfully feminine, from the daintily ruffled curtains at the windows to the lacy scarf on the dresser. A beautiful old-fashioned doll nestles on the bed amid an avalanche of lace, ribbon and embroidered boudoir pillows. An air of restfulness and faint perfume seems to pervade this room.

Next door the strains of a peppy dance tune break the morning stillness. Here a menagerie, consisting of dogs, cats, and other fuzzy animals, holds sway; while two very modern misses are busily restoring their sitting room to some kind of order. There are pictures everywhere, snaps, large photographs, and cuts of movie actors.

Across the hall is a plain room just bursting with efficiency and energy, and bits of bright color. Everything has its place and is in it. This is someone's cozy workshop, but above all things, it is orderly.

At the end of the corridor is a room full of pennants, raquets, golf sticks, and ice skates. The furnishings are made for comfort. There is a breath of the great outdoors here. Magazines are scattered about, interesting worthwhile articles, which denote that their owner is a thinker.

Contrast, difference of opinion and temperament are everywhere evident, and that is what makes the world such an interesting place in which to live. One wonders what would happen if we all agreed on everything; surely there wouldn't be nearly so much to look forward to in the way of entertainment.

### ST. LOUIS UNIVERSITY CLASSICAL CLUB HOLDS MEETING AT WEBSTER

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Marie Wittrock contrasted Classical and Patristic Latin. A general discussion of the papers followed. After the transaction of business, refreshments were served to the members of the Club.

This organization has received the hearty approval of the faculty members of the four schools because, besides its educational value, it has another very desirable feature, i. e., that of bringing together the members of the Corporate Colleges.

information. The students hope that they will be favored with another address by Mr. Shuster in the near future.

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## BUSY DAYS AHEAD FOR WEBSTER GIRLS

### MISS AGNES REGAN SPEAKS ON SOCIAL SERVICE WORK

#### Urges Catholic College Women to Enter Field of Social Service

"The most important phase of social service work at the present time is to secure trained Catholic leaders to remedy the problems of labor, divorce, child welfare and the like, by the use of Christian principles," declared Miss Agnes Regan of the National Catholic School of Social Service in her address to the upper classmen on Friday morning, January tenth.

"The social problems of the world today will be effectively solved only through the application of true Christian principles. In our state universities, the students get the wrong philosophy, therefore it is necessary for Catholic young men and women armed with the fundamental moral principles to act as leaders in this movement. The work of the National Welfare Conference and the National Catholic School of Social Service can be carried on only through their cooperation," continued the speaker.

Miss Regan told how the National Catholic Welfare Conference was the outgrowth of a National Catholic War Council organized by the Bishops of the United States to meet war needs. In 1919 it was reorganized on a peace basis, and thus became the first great united social movement of the Church. This organization has national headquarters at Washington and has done very splendid work. Each year the Bishops throughout the United States meet to elect an administrative committee numbering seven. Bishop Hannah of San Francisco is the present chairman of this group.

There are five departments, viz., one of Education, Social Action, Press and Publicity, Legislation, and Lay Organization.

The speaker pointed out the tremendous responsibility of college trained women of using advantage—  
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### Jefferson Hotel To Be Scene of Annual Prom on February 13

The annual prom, which is the biggest social event at Webster, will be given at Hotel Jefferson on the eve of Valentine's Day. The Gold Room has been engaged to insure ample space for dancing.

Mary Frances Broeker is chairman of the Committee on Arrangements, and it has been decided by the Student Council that, in the future, all the Proms will be Dinner Dances.

This is one social affair which the Alumnae members are invited to attend. Many of the old girls have made reservations, and for this one night they will pretend they are Webster students once more.

### SIZE OF THE WEB AGAIN INCREASED

With this issue, the size of "The Web" is increased to a full length 5-column newspaper. The growth of "The Web" since September, 1927, which is the earliest copy which we have available, has been steady. At that time "The Web" was only 4 columns wide and 13 in. deep. In January, 1929, the paper was enlarged to a 5 column width and a slight increase in height was made. This size was maintained until the present issue, when a large increase in the number of advertisements and news stories made another increase necessary.

"The Web" is now as large as the standard size, small or "tabloid" newspaper.

### 'GOD GIVE US SAINTS' IS SUBJECT OF TALK BY REVEREND D. L. KEATING

#### Priest Urges Sodalists to Model Their Lives After That of Little Flower

The quotation "God Give Us Saints" was selected by Father Keating, C. S. S. R., as the theme of his talk to the Sodality on Thursday, January 16, at 11:30 o'clock.

"When the world needed a religious leader St. Peter was given to the Church; at another period of history St. Paul cut into the pagan philosophy like a sword; and at the time of the Reformation a valiant soldier, St. Ignatius Loyola helped to bring the people back to truth," the speaker declared.

Father Keating asked: "Have we a Saint today through whose intercession the world may be regained from its materialistic viewpoints? The Little Flower of Jesus has been given to us to bring back into our daily lives, especially into the minds of our young people, the necessity of purity, candor, love, and confidence."

The speaker, in conclusion, pointed out a practical application of these virtues in the old phrase: "avoid any persons, places, or things which may lead you into sin."

The Web staff regrets that it was unable to procure a news article from Father Corcoran, telling of his trip to Palestine. We shall try to publish it in the next issue.

### Calendar of Coming Events

- Jan. 27-Feb. 3—Mid-year exams.
- Feb. 4—Holiday.
- Feb. 5.—Retreat.
- Feb. 13.—Prom at Jefferson Hotel.
- Feb. 19.—First of a series of Lectures on Etiquette.

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#### Rev. T. Knapp Praises Work of Sisters of Loretto

Rev. Mother Linus and the Sisters were hostesses at a tea in the Pink Room of Loretto Hall, Sunday, January 12, from four until five o'clock, for the officers and members of the Board of Directors of the Loretto Foundation. The College girls served and a dramatic reading by Catherine Cody, a piano solo by Eugenia Bock, and a violin solo by Dorothy Dawson were special features of the afternoon.

At five o'clock, the officers and directors on the Executive Committee of the Loretto Foundation held their regular quarterly meeting in the Administration building of the college. Miss Blanche Corley, the president of the Foundation, was in the chair and the Rev. Thomas Knapp, S. J., Dean of the School of Arts and Sciences, St. Louis University, was the outstanding speaker on the program. The purpose of the meeting, as stated by the Chair, was threefold: To explain the organization and its purpose, to report what had been accomplished since the formation of the organization, June 9, 1929, and to state what must be accomplished.

Father Knapp explained and praised the marvelous work of the Sisters of Loretto. Most remarkable, in his estimation, is the fact that they have worked through the years without any appeal for outside assistance. But they have now progressed to the point where they need help. However, even if they were not financially in need, to go on without an organization of their students and friends would be a great mistake. Loyalty is the keynote of success and should be displayed in an organized way. Then, no college or university is worthy of the name unless it is backed by an endowment. The purpose of the Loretto Foundation is to foster loyalty to the Sisters of Loretto and to further the interests of the Order. It answers the two vital needs pointed  
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### Rev. R. McCarthy to Conduct Retreat, Feb. 5-8

On Wednesday morning, February 5, Rev. Raphael McCarthy, S. J., will open the students' annual retreat at Mass at 8:30 o'clock. Father McCarthy is professor and director of the department of Psychology at St. Louis University. The retreat will close Saturday morning, February 8, with 8 o'clock Mass.

One of the features of the retreat will be a talk given by Father McCarthy at 7:15 each morning. The retreat of Nerinx Hall will be given at the same time by Rev. Gerard B. Donnelly, S. J.

### EXAMS, RETREAT AND PROM TO FOLLOW IN ORDER NAMED

#### Webster Presents Dramatic Art Student in Recital

On the evening of January 16, Helen O'Brien, assisted by Kathleen Hamel and Catherine Kohl, gave an Interpretation Recital in the Webster "Little Theatre." The program was varied in its selection with comic sketches.



MISS HELEN O'BRIEN

Her reading of Amy Lowell's "Patterns" was delightfully done and she captivated her audience with it. The pitiful stupidity of the maid and her complete disguise as the fastidious friend which made so difficult this reading. The New Maid only proves Helen's great capability. "The Littlest Rebel" stole into the hearts of the audience as she did into the heart of the Yankee Colonel. There are several characters in this story and Helen made the transitions beautifully; she lived each in turn. It is unnecessary to state that "Mrs. Fidgetti on the Car" was the cause of much merriment, not merely because comedy always entertains but because Helen portrayed her comic characters naturally and understandingly. The three musical readings which followed: "When Mistah Sun Am Blazin'", "The Island Where Babies Grow" and "Spring Fever" were light and entertaining and extremely well done, and their effect was enhanced by Catherine Kohl's pleasing musical numbers at the piano which accompanied them. Helen's last number was a very difficult psychological play to which she did adequate justice, her artistic interpretation of Delia. Her graceful unintermittant activity made the monologue convincing and her well simulated emotion made the audience sympathize with her even to tears.

Miss O'Brien's recital was a most successful one and she and Miss Hamel, who so entertainingly assisted her, are to be congratulated.

The next three weeks have many unusual and interesting events in store for the students at Webster. Mid-year exams, which begin on January 27 and end on February 3, are just around the corner and the girls are commencing to show signs of great mental anguish. Term papers are being completed at the last moment, and everywhere one sees groups of girls attempting to review the semester's work.

Tuesday, the day immediately following the last exams, will be a holiday, and on February 5, the annual retreat commences. It will be conducted by Rev. R. McCarthy, S. J., Professor of Psychology at St. Louis University. Father McCarthy is well known to St. Louisans as a lecturer. His Lenten sermons in recent years at the Cathedral and "College" Church attracted much attention.

And last, but not least, the girls are eagerly anticipating the Prom, Webster's biggest social event, which will take place on February 13. On that night, the Jefferson Hotel will be the scene of our dinner dance. And so—there must be some truth in the statement that "All dark clouds have silver linings."

### Loretto Players Present Plays at Odeon Theater

#### Webster Participates in Second Tournament of Drama League

The Dramatic League, which was organized in Saint Louis just lately and of which the Loretto Players Club of Webster College is a member, presented a one-act play on the evening of January ninth at the Odeon Theatre. The Players contributed a great deal to the success of the League's first performance.

The play given by Webster's dramatic students was "The Whirlwind Blows." The plot is one about a revolution—where, when, or how doesn't matter. The action concerns three characters—an aristocrat, a spy and a peasant. The scene is laid in the latter's hut where the aristocrat outwits the two revolutionists, one of whom is planning her death, and where we learn, as the play proceeds, that "there will always be a master-class of brains." Mary Frances Broeker, as Madame Androya, played her part very well, and we think it was one of her best portrayals. The part of Anna, Madame's maid and the treacherous spy, was played admirably and with much expression by Catherine Cody. Jo Rabbitt had a difficult "character part" which she portrayed exceedingly well and which had a great deal to do with the success of the play.

The Whirlwind Blows is a very dramatic play and therefore quite  
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## OUR ANNUAL RETREAT

A retreat is the setting apart of a few days for the consideration of one's spiritual welfare. Unfortunately, there is a growing tendency among the people in the world today to declare that their time is so engrossed with business and pleasures that they have no time to set aside for their souls, and yet the salvation of their souls is the greatest obligation ever imposed on men.

When physical ills befall us, we cast aside all business and think only of the recovery of our physical health, and rightly so. But if such is the case, is it not all the more important for us to set aside a few days in order to recover our spiritual health? Dangers and temptations beset us on all sides, and in order for us to come out victorious, strong courage, powerful helps and continual precautions are necessary—hence we must fortify ourselves by the exercise of a retreat, against the evil influences that assail us.

Catholic College Girls! Let us not fail to appreciate the grace that God has bestowed upon us by placing us in institutions where we have the opportunity of making an annual retreat. Let us thank God for His generosity and resolve to enter into the spirit of the retreat in order that we may derive the greatest spiritual advantages from it.

## OPTIMISM vs. PESSIMISM

This is going to be a pessimistic editorial, decidedly so. This issue is the first of the new year and we would like to say something nice about the month of January, but we can't. The month has been, so far, and gives signs of continuing to be to its bitter, a most dismal failure. It started right out on the very first day of the year by deluging us, and has continued ever since, to bestow on us all sorts of choice bits in the way of nasty weather. Even now, should the sun suddenly decide to come out and dry the slush away, it is too late for the January of nineteen-thirty to try to compensate for the weather it has given us.

When we returned to school after the Christmas vacation, did we come back, cheery, bright, rested, and prepared and eager for our work again? Well, if we had, this editorial would not be quite so lugubrious in tone. About the only ones all ready for work after the holidays were the professors, and they seem to have enough enthusiasm to make up for any lack on our part. They started the year right, either by gently breaking the news that longer assignments would be necessary to finish this or that text before the end of the semester; or by exhorting us to begin a thorough and painstaking review; or by reminding us of the various theses that must be in before the end of the month.

Examinations will soon be here. What more fitting climax could be found for January, than exams, the student's inevitable sword of Damocles. But there is no need to discuss exams, this editorial is too much like a dirge now.

Two less unpleasant features of January have occurred to us and we must, in all fairness, mention them. The first has to do with the weather which gave us, you will have to admit, some of the most beautiful winter scenery in years. If you are one of the practical minded, to whom it was all just a lot of snow and ice, who couldn't forget the fact that melted snow in one of your galoshes was most uncomfortable, you missed even the ornamental possibilities of the world's worst weather. However, if, despite all, you could admire a frosted and nicely glazed earth, with crystal trees, and huge sparkling icicles, clinging to every possible ridge and corner, you were recompensed aesthetically for your physical discomfort.

The second happy fact, everyone will enjoy. January is two-thirds gone and we won't have another one for a year.

## A PLEA FROM THE STUDENT COUNCIL

The Student Council is the executive body of the students' association, and as such, has the obligation of doing everything possible to promote student welfare and school welfare, in all its ramifications. This is an extensive work, and the activities of the Council, so far, indicate how well it is fulfilling its duties. There is probably not a single girl in the school who has not benefited, in some way, through the efforts of this board. The Council has continued its publicity work for the school, it put over a splendid Fall dance, it has handled tickets for games and shows, it has conducted a handy lost-and-found department, it has kept a well posted bulletin board, and it has kept the Council Room open every day for the greater convenience of the students.

In return for these benefits, it follows that the students have the obligation of co-operating with the Council and it is only right that they should do so. They can do this in a most particular way at present, for the Council is doing its best to increase the attendance at basketball games and dramatic recitals. Of late, for some reason or other, too few have attended either. This condition should not exist, for it not only indicates a deplorable lack of school and class spirit, but it is also discouraging to the teams and to those who take part in the plays, and have spent long hours of practice to make athletic and dramatic events a success. Now, there is an added offense when a student fails to attend; she is failing in her duty to co-operate with the student Council. At the next game or play, show the Council that they have the support of every student in the College!

## Thoughts

(Lamentations of a dumb student at exam time)

*If all the thoughts I have at sea should come a-sailing home to me  
Ah well, my head could never hold  
So many thoughts—worth weight in gold.*

*'Tis true, yet it seems strange to me  
That all my thoughts should be at sea.*

*If half the thoughts I have at sea should come a-sailing home to me  
Then, I would have an A or B  
In this exam, so vague to me.  
Come thoughts, come sailing back to me.*

*Oh, do not fail to hear my plea.*

*If just one thought I have at sea should come a-sailing home to me  
Ah, I would welcome teacher's frown,  
Laugh at the world, as others go down.*

*So glad, so proud, so rich I'd be  
With that one thought, so far from sea.*

C. C. R., '33.

## Webster's First 'A. B.'

A few years ago, when Webster was in its infancy, a certain young lady, Florence Waddock by name, left Washington University after a successful Freshman year, to enter Loretto College, as it was then called.

Florence was very fond of "Math" and at the slightest provocation would burst into "angular" talk. She studied Latin and French, too, yet the languages proved a trifle burdensome to her.

The classes at Loretto College in those days were small, indeed. The girls stood in dread and fear of the menace of "daily recitation." The favorite back row was a thing unheard-of, choice front seats were in vogue.

The corridors and classrooms must have been unusually quiet. What happened to the tardy members at assembly time? Did the phone ring in those days, just as often as it does now? Wonder where the mail box was hidden.

The parties were held in the "den," which is now the museum. The old girls tell thrilling stories of how some unsuspecting Freshie was "dragged to their den."

Think of running the whole Senior Class, it was done once but in modern English, "never again." Just think—no fuss over pictures, class pins or the date of the Prom. It must have been a grand and glorious feelin'.

Thanks to modern advertising, everyone has heard of "2 in 1," but who has heard of "4 in 1." Florence had to be president, vice-president, secretary and treasurer rolled into one. Just imagine, no worry over class dues—one collection and she had finished.

Florence was graduated with an A. B. degree, and since her graduation she has been teaching successfully her dear "Math" and other subjects in various St. Louis schools. She is a loyal Websterite and works untiringly to help put Webster over the top.

## BIGGER AND BETTER VACATIONS!

Webster is now exhibiting the effects of the well-quoted slogan: "Bigger and Better Vacations." Girls arrived at school, cold, miserable, and homesick, only to find this haven of peace reaching the dread word "exams." Professors have been kind in extending good wishes and a week of late permission. Still, this does not help the hollow-eyed student in her effort to hold fast to a subject and get something out of it, not yet. Many of the girls still come to classes with that suspiciously dreamy expression—the effect of bigger and better vacations.

## WEBSTER COLLEGE ALUMNAE GIVES DANCE AT CHASE HOTEL ON FEB. 15

### About One Hundred and Fifty Couples Attend Dinner Dance

The Italian Garden of the Chase Hotel was the scene of the Loretto dinner dance which was given on the night of January 15, by the Webster College Alumnae, under the auspices of the Scholarship Committee, of which Mrs. J. C. Weiler is chairman.

Large and small tables were grouped around the dance floor. The dinner dance was formal and the bright hued evening gowns of the girls made a colorful picture.

Others who assisted Mrs. Weiler are Theresa Shea, chairman of the arrangement committee and Mrs. Fallon O'Leary, Miss Marie Powers, and Mrs. Norman J. George, Miss Mary Elizabeth Newell, chairman of the ticket committee, and Miss Genevieve Barthel, Miss Marie Murnane, Mrs. John A. Reilly, Jr., and Mrs. Robert Farrell, Miss Rosamond Smith, chairman of the publicity committee; Miss Maud Jokerst and Mrs. Burnham Tinker, Mrs. Clarence E. Mooney and Mrs. Vincent L. Jones.

## WHAT IS MISSION SPIRIT?

A heated discussion stirred the Assembly Wednesday morning, Jan. 15, when Miss Estella Cavanaugh, president of the Mission Unit stated her question: "What is Mission Spirit?" Enthusiasm waxed not and statements and refutations followed each other in quiet succession. One would make a statement and no sooner had it been uttered than someone else was on her feet either to refute or add to the statement. What price mission zeal. The battle raged on and immediate Action was decided upon as a means of showing this Mission spirit.

Following Miss Willman's advice, it was decided by the assembly, to help the Medical Missions by writing to some of the Missionaries and by securing sample medicines for their aid. Mary Virginia Cummins gave an inspiring talk on her experiences in the Home Missions, and the students pledged aid in this Apostolic work.

Get your name and address for that letter for far away Missionary and get some samples of medicine today. A little sample goes a long, long way. Sacrifice your time and money and help the Home Missions. God loves the cheerful giver.

## Have You Seen the Red Room?

We have all seen the Red Room on the ground floor of the Administration Building, but have we all seen the new red room in Loretto Hall?

This room is on the third floor, and is occupied by one of the most original and clever girls in school—it is none other than Kay Bussman. Kay decided, during the holidays, that she would like to change the decorations of her room. So, with red in her (mind's) eye, she set about making the change.

The curtains and bed spreads are of a large red-and-white checked gingham, and the pillow on the rocking chair is of the same material with "KAY" in solid red letters. The desk blotter is red and we think the books on the table are "read." Attractive pictures on the wall, and a group of toy dogs on the window-sill add to the attractiveness of the room.

Congratulations, Kay! Your room is one of the cutest in school.

## CLUB CHAT

The Classical Club met on Monday evening, January 13. After a brief business discussion, the members of the Club enjoyed a very pleasant meeting. Guess what they intend to do—sh—secret. They are going to learn some Latin songs of which "Gaudeamus Igitur" is the most appealing.

The Dramatic Club has been coming to the front. At a brief meeting, the members of the Club drew up a Constitution and decided to have regular meetings. The officers of the Club are: Alice Widmer, President; Mary Frances Broeker, Vice-President; Helen O'Brien, Sec., and Mary Hickman, Treasurer. We are proud of the members of the Dramatic Club who have offered such fine productions at the Odeon.

Members of the Choral Club sang Xmas carols at the Chase Hotel on December 23, during the dinner hour. This was an unexpected request for hitherto our Choral Club has not been asked to do anything of this nature. Our girls entertained the residents of the Hotel with "Silent Night," "Adeste Fidelis" and other Xmas songs. It will be interesting to know that our group of carollers collected the second greatest amount of money to be distributed to charitable organizations in St. Louis.

The Poetry Club had an interesting discussion of Stephen Benet's book of poetry entitled: "John Brown's Body." Stella Cavanaugh gave the life of Stephen Benet and Thelma Pape and Helen O'Brien read papers discussing the style of the poem. Joe Rabbitt and Alice Widmer read selections from the poem.

## Do You Keep a Scrap Book?

A bottle of glue, a pair of scissors, note books with blank pages and all Ann Russell James needed to compile her scrap book of poetry were the clippings now neatly arranged on the pages.

And were the clippings easy to obtain? Oh no! Don't think just any old thing could merit a place in that book, even if every newspaper and magazine did offer possibilities. Discriminating taste is shown in the selection.

The process of clipping poems started in 1922 and as a result, Ann has filled two volumes. A glance through these books tempts one to spend hours musing over them.

Long poems, short poems, sad poems, funny poems, all are found in the collection. Practically any type of verse is eligible but those with dramatic appeal stand a better chance of gaining admittance.

Ann said that many of the selections had been used in her expression work, in fact, from that work, the desire of keeping a scrap book was prompted by the constant need of poems.

When asked her favorite poet Ann replied, "Holmes is my favorite of the American poets and his work 'The Boys' is my choice of his poems."

Mother: "Sammy, when you divided those seven pieces of candy with your sister did you give her four?"

Sammy: "No, mom. I knew they wouldn't come out even so I ate one before I began to divide."

Success Expert: "What's your name?"

Greek Client: "Gus Poppapopoulos."

Success Expert: "Get a job selling motorcycles."

## ECHOES OF THE HALLS



Carroll Coleman spent last Saturday with Rosemary Hynes. They attended the St. Louis "U." basketball game.

These people on the third floor who go places and see things. Guess who? Margaret Schaeffer visited Janet Widmer last Saturday.

Mary Lou Hogan visited with Ruth Gimble, from Monnet, Mo., who spent several days in St. Louis. Why not bring your friends to Webster and let us get acquainted, Mary Lou?

Jake Anderson doesn't "choose" to go sleigh-riding any more this winter. We are sorry that you hurt your ankle, and we hope that it will not bother you very long.

Anita Bareis tells us that she visited friends and relatives in Danville, Illinois, during the holidays. While there, a bridge party was given in her honor.

Helen McAvo, who had an operation for appendicitis, has returned to school. We are glad that you are back, Helen. We missed your voice in the Music Hall.

Billie Surprise went to Urbana, Illinois, last week, where she visited Catherine Ellis, who is a student at the University.

Irene Tierney spent last Tuesday evening with Mary and Letitia Hyslop. They wish that you would come often, Irene.

Frank Oberkoetter, of Notre Dame University, visited Margaret Delmare last Tuesday.

Mrs. Ojeman wishes to thank the girls for the most welcome and useful gift which she received for Christmas. She also wishes to extend her heartiest wishes for a happy New Year to all the Webster girls.

Father: Why are your grades so low since the holidays?  
Daughter: You know everything is marked down after Christmas.

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### Name of Chemistry Club Is Changed to "Sigma Phi Theta"

The last meeting of the Chemistry Club was one of the most important as well as the peppiest meetings of the year, due to the fact that a name was chosen for the club. So, from henceforth, the Chemistry Club will be known as Sigma Phi Theta, a title which embodies the aim and object of the Club.

Besides naming the club, a number of discussions were held on various Current Items of interest in Chemistry. Miss Catherine Kohl and Miss Josephine Reis led a discussion on the life and work of Edward Slosson, and Miss Eleanor McGinty related the developments which have been made in Chemistry in 1929.

Other topics of interest were given by Jo Reddin and Marie Wibracht.

### Freshmen Defeat Juniors in Basketball; Score 22-16

The second round of the inter-class basketball competition began Monday night, January the thirteenth, when the Freshmen handed the Juniors their third defeat this season, by a score of 22-16. It was the second Junior-Freshie contest and the older girls fought desperately to overcome the lead which the "youngsters" had piled up early in the game. But the "thirteenth" was a "jinx" as far as the upper-classmen were concerned—they just couldn't take that victory from the Freshies.

The result of Monday's game excludes all possibility of the Juniors winning the basketball tournament for 1930 and gives the edge to the Sophs who have beaten both of the other teams. If the Freshies beat the Sophs in the game tonight the two teams will be tied and they will have to play again. However, if the Freshies take the beating, the basketball championship will go to their opponents. Come out and root for your team.

### MISS AGNES REGAN SPEAKS ON SOCIAL SERVICE WORK

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ously the principles of Christian philosophy to help the world. After graduation, the desire to earn money, or lack of interest, may prevent many from pursuing professional training which is absolutely necessary for social work. Those who care to give only part of their time should belong to the Welfare Conference, which, to be effective, must represent the greater part of the Catholics of the United States. Out of a war time movement, the National Catholic School of Social Service has grown extensively, and numbers among its student body pupils from Australia, the Philippines, Porto Rico, and Germany. Many of the girls are interested in family case work and child welfare, in which fields conditions must be diagnosed just as in the case of physical ills. There are also the fields of hospital service, and psychiatry, the science dealing with mental deficiencies, to consider.

Miss Regan, in conclusion, pointed out the necessity of restoring to the world the ideal of Christian Charity. In the speaker's own words: "What's back of poverty? The problem is to cure the evil, not just to give temporary relief." She voiced a plea that more Catholic college-trained women would enter the field of social service, for which vocation two qualities are necessary, "faith in God, and faith in humanity."

### GOVERNOR OF I. F. C. A., OF NEW YORK, TALKS ON MEDICAL MISSIONS

Tells Interesting Facts Concerning Work of Medical Missions

Miss Dorothy Willmann, Executive Secretary of the Women's Parish Sodalties, gave a very interesting and inspiring talk to the Sodalties of Webster on December 18. The subject of the talk was: "The Medical Missions."

Miss Willmann urged the girls, first of all, to be interested in the missions. "Writing to the missionaries is the most important thing we can do for the missions, besides praying for them. God has made us Catholics so that we can help others. God has left this work for us to do, so we must do it through missionary work" she said. "There are so many uses for the Medical Missions," Miss Willmann continued, "they will bring people to understand what Catholicity means, quicker than anything else. From the small kits that were fitted out and sent to some of the missionaries, hundreds have been treated and probably cured. It is through the Medical Missions that we can win the confidence of these people, and through the same Medical Missions that the health of the missionaries themselves can be protected. In some places two to three years is the normal span of a missionary's life."

Miss Willmann concluded her talk by telling the Sodalties that the missionaries are our representatives—that they must make a good showing because they were taking our place over there and therefore we must take care of them so that they will live to win souls. "We can't be slackers," said Miss Willmann, "it is a great privilege to be working in the name of Christ."

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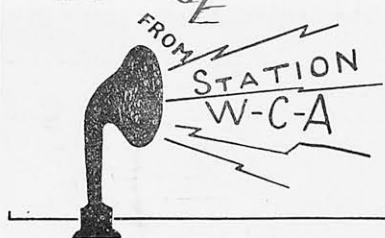
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At the Alumnae meeting Saturday, January 11, 1930, held at Webster College, it was decided that "Sheridan's Rivals" would be enacted by some of the members shortly before Lent.

January 15, the Alumnae sponsored a delightful dinner dance at Hotel Chase for the benefit of the Loretto Foundation. The alumnae deserves praise for the great success of this dance.

Missouri State Life Insurance Co. claims another of Webster's fair students—Marie Scheer. Rosemary "Babe" O'Reilly is working for a realty company.

Margaret Reardon, of Chicago, visited the College last week and she says that she likes her new position at Mandell Bros. very much. Seemed like old times for Margaret to be back on the 3rd floor of Loretto Hall.

Ellen Hogan is working in Marion, Ohio, where she is doing comptometer work.

Of more than passing interest is the engagement of Celeste Grindon to Mr. George F. Mockler. Webster

is eagerly awaiting to learn the date of the wedding.

**LORETTO PLAYERS  
PRESENT PLAY AT  
ODEON THEATRE**

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difficult for amateurs to give. But as someone said that Thursday night. "Those Webster girls certainly aren't amateurs." Very much of the success was due to Mrs. Sankey because no matter what the play, who the actors, how much the work and rehearsing, no performance can be truly good without a capable and hard-working director.

The Dramatic League plans to have plays given by the members on several Thursday evenings in the future, and the Loretto Players will probably have another chance to show their talent. In the meantime the Freshmen will rehearse for two plays to be presented soon and the entire Department will begin work in February on the annual Shakespearean play.

**Mother Linus Hostess at  
Tea For Old Loretto Girls**

A holiday bridge tea was given in Loretto Hall by Mother Linus and the Sisters on Saturday afternoon, January 4, for former Loretto girls who are taking an active part in promoting the interests of the Loretto Foundation.

There were five tables of bridge and the prizes for each table were decorate bridge sets.

Tea was served in Social Hall from a beautifully appointed table. This social gathering was most enjoyable and the old girls promised to visit Webster more often in the future.

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out by Father Knapp and thus the success of this organization foreshadows the future progress of Webster College.

Mr. W. Robert Clark, a member of the Board of Directors of the Loretto Foundation and a St. Louis man, well known for his ability for organization and his wonderful charitable work, was chosen by the Executive Committee to act as General Chairman of a committee, authorized to devise ways and means of strengthening the Foundation. A one million dollar endowment for Webster College is the ultimate financial objective of the organization.

The students wish to extend their sympathy to Ruth Goodbody on the death of "Sporty" (her dog). We hope it is in canine heaven, Ruth.

**GONE!**

In every corridor, class room, and in many of the girls' rooms, there seems to be a mysterious hustling, a subdued rustling of papers. Abandoned, the radio stands in one corner of Social Hall, and the piano in another; and, on the whole, it seems a very empty and dreary place, while the library and other such places of study can hardly accommodate the crowds.

A stranger might inquire the meaning of it all. There can be only one answer—**Exams are coming!** Those girls who thought college life was a "snap" are waking up to find that it is not so. They are busily cramming, in a short two weeks, what should have been assimilated in the past three months.

Other girls who have studied and applied themselves are nervously reviewing their notes in order to refresh the memory of facts that were lost in the rush of the long Christmas holidays. All in all, every girl is looking forward to exam week as a week of work and we are sure everyone will be glad when it has come and gone.

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## RETREAT GIVEN BY FR. M'CARTHY CLOSED ON FEB. 8

### St. Louis U. Professor Con- ducts Successful Retreat

The students' Annual Retreat closed Saturday morning, February 8, with Mass in the College Chapel. The retreat, which opened on Wednesday morning, February 5, was conducted by Reverend Raphael McCarthy, S. J., professor and director of the department of Psychology at St. Louis University.

The Retreat-Master began the



first conference by pointing out the value of three days introspection and spiritual "stock-taking." He compared those making the retreat with Martha and Mary, and bade them, like Mary, to sit at the feet of Christ and converse with Him alone, oblivious and forgetful of Martha-like duties.

There followed in the daily conferences a series of talks, practical and readily applicable to the problems of the Catholic college woman. As Father McCarthy said, it was a time to ponder and consider "serious truths," and it was of these "serious truths" that he spoke. Sin, heaven and hell, duties and obligations towards God, God's mercy, prayer, true Christian and Catholic womanhood, and the Apostle of Christ, constituted the subject matter of the daily conferences.

The topics of the evening conferences were furnished by the students themselves by means of a question box. Much variety was found in the subject matter of these sessions, for the questions took in marriage, purgatory, women's smoking, birth control, predestination, vocations and interpretations of various passages in the Bible.

The last afternoon of the retreat Father McCarthy varied the usual program by substituting for the second conference, Holy Hour, with a series of talks and meditations on the Passion.

The next morning the retreat closed with Mass celebrated by Father McCarthy, and as it was the close of the Nerinx Hall Retreat, as well as that of the college, the entire student bodies of both schools attended.

The faculty and students extend their deepest sympathy to Sister Felicitas in the death of her father; also to Mrs. Sankey, whose mother died recently.

## 'SOCIAL USAGE' IS TOPIC OF COURSE GIVEN BY MRS. THEODOSIA CROSSE

### Consists of Series of Six Lectures

A series of lectures on Social Usage is being given by Mrs. Theodosia Crosse, a dramatic interpreter and lecturer of national reputation. The first lecture was given on Wednesday, February 19, at 10:40 o'clock in the lower assembly hall.

This course includes many useful hints and rules in regard to table etiquette, social occasions in general, personal appearance, conversation and behaviorism.

One of the features of Mrs. Crosse's lectures is the answering of all questions placed preceding the talk in the question box.

This Social Usage course is practical because it is usable by everyone, every day, everywhere. Knowledge of the proper thing to do or say increases self confidence and banishes self consciousness.

Mrs. Crosse possesses dignity, education, refinement, personality. Enriched through social experience and observation, she is well equipped to present the "whys and wherefores" of this vital subject.

## Students Welcome Fr. Corcoran Upon His Return to W. C.

### Apostolic Blessing Is Im- parted to the Students

On Wednesday, February 12, at an informal reception, the students welcomed home their friend and professor, Father Corcoran, C. M., who had just returned from an extended trip abroad.

When the old girls had welcomed Father, and the new girls had been introduced to him, chairs were drawn up into a circle and all seated themselves to enjoy the program that had been planned by the Student Council.

After a short speech of welcome by Margaret Vollet and several delightful readings and musical numbers, Father took his place in the center of the group and in a very vivid and absorbing way, told the girls all about his trip to the Holy Land. Father spent some time in Spain, where he became very interested in its universities. He found his trip to Cairo very fascinating, especially the ride on camel back, to the great pyramids. His visit to Jerusalem and the places thereabout, Galilee, Bethlehem, Mount Tabor, were no less interesting. And lastly, the visit to Rome, where he had the privilege of an audience with His Holiness, whose blessing he asked for Kenrick Seminary, the Honor Society, in which Father is so deeply interested, and for Webster.

After Father concluded his talk, the students knelt and he imparted to them the blessing from the Holy Father.

## Father Lord's Letter to the Sodalists

Dear Students:

Conventions have played an important part in the development of all the large enterprises in this country. National meetings have proved essential if small enterprises were to grow great and local movements take on a national character.

Our first Students' Spiritual Leadership Convention in 1928 was a magnificent success. Everyone who came enjoyed it heartily, and from that day to this we have been getting hundreds of inquiries: "When do we have our next Convention?"

We shall have our next Convention June 20, 21 and 22.

We are meeting in Chicago, and by a very special arrangement, which we shall explain to you later, we are going to house the delegates in the Palmer House, one of Chicago's finest hotels.

Please start thinking and talking and planning Convention. We must have a representative delegation from your school. In a short time we shall suggest means by which you can finance your delegates. But we want young men and young women who have enthusiasm for the cause of spiritual leadership and who will come because they themselves really want to.

One interesting development in the program this year will be that after the opening session, the college students and the high school students will meet separately and thus be able to discuss their own problems from their own point of view. We are planning a most interesting program, and we know that the delegates are going to leave the Convention with a deeper appreciation of their faith and a keener interest in spiritual organization and the possibilities of Catholic leadership.

Merely a line from any student in America telling of his or her interest will be welcome.

And please pray that God will bless this Convention and make it do for His cause all that we should like it to do.

Pray! Plan! Talk! Come!  
Sincerely yours in Christ,  
DANIEL A. LORD, S. J.

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## DOCTOR F. J. KINSMAN LECTURES AT WEBSTER

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"The Oxford movement was an effort to absorb the various English denominations and parties into the Roman Catholic Church, whence their ancestors had departed at the time of the Reformation," declared Doctor Frederick Joseph Kinsman in his lecture on Wednesday evening, February 19. Newman's famous sentence, "Rome did not make us Catholics; Oxford made us Catholics," was the theme sentence of the talk. Dr. Kinsman showed how the famous old University, particularly Oriole College, has always been Catholic in its traditions and that this leaning toward Catholicism was manifested in the many Romeward movements, from that of the sixteenth century in which Blessed Edmond Campion figured so largely on down to the great upheaval of 1832, to which the name has finally clung. Oriole, Magdalen, Laud, Pusey, Keble, Campion, Wiseman, Newman, names to conjure with, and the learned lecturer showed us much of the history that twines around them.

Dr. Kinsman, once the Episcopal Bishop of Delaware, was converted to Catholicism in 1919. He received several degrees from Oxford University and is a writer of note. Among his well-known works are: "Principles of Anglicanism," "The Issues Before the Church," "Americanism and Catholicism" and "Trent."

## Plans For Observance of Mission Week. Mar. 17, Being Formulated

The principal announcement made at the regular meeting of the Nancy Havern Mission Unit on Feb. 12, concerned the plans for the observance of Mission Week, which is scheduled to begin on March 17. The first event of the week will be a Mass at the new Cathedral, on Monday, for the missions. All the Units of the local conference in St. Louis are expected to be present, and Webster must be well represented. This will be an opportunity to prove your "mission spirit," Websterites!

A committee of six girls chosen from the different classes was appointed to make out a program for Mission Week. It has been decided that each class will be responsible for one day of the week, and on that day, sponsor some activity for the missions. Then, too, each class is to elect one girl to be its Mission Leader, and Chairman of its mission activities. The Juniors have already elected Anita Bareis as their leader. It is hoped that the other classes will likewise hold their elections as soon as possible, so the Leaders will be able to get busy on their plans for Mission Week.

The girls are especially urged to raid every drug store and doctor's office that they know of, and to collect as many samples of medicine as possible for our big "drive" for

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## MARGARET VOLLET TO BE W. C. MAID AT ST. L. U. PROM

### Reigning College Queen Is Elected By Students

During examination week a member of the Student Conclave of St. Louis University came out to school to preside at the election of the Maid who is to represent Webster College at the St. Louis University Prom. The ballot was a secret one and when the young man left he took the ballots with him, promising to notify the elected Maid as soon as possible.

A few minutes before the second



MARGARET VOLLET

bell rang for history class, Tuesday morning, one of the girls rushed into the assembly hall with a letter addressed to Miss Margaret Vollet. The upper left-hand corner of the envelope read: "Student Conclave of St. Louis University." We all crowded around while Margaret read:

"My dear Miss Vollet: It is with pleasure that we notify you that you have been elected the Webster College Maid to the St. Louis University Prom."

It was with difficulty that the professor restored order, and "Peg" sat in a daze, reading and re-reading the letter until the magisterial voice called on her for a recitation.

"Peg" is the president of the Student Council of Webster College, the reigning college queen and a general favorite with the girls. She is tall, slender and stately, has fluffy blond hair, and a ready smile. She is never too tired to lend a helping hand.

## W. C. Alumnae to Present 'A Fantasy of the Passion'

The truest criterion of the culture of any era is the character of its drama.

Every age of mankind that has achieved a really worthy culture, has immortalized itself in the drama it has bequeathed to posterity.

The most sublime of all dramas is the tragedy of Calvary, all that is finest, noblest, and splendid in the human heart has its crystallization in the sacrifice of the cross and no age of mankind stands more in need of the lessons of Christ taught in that great act than our own.

Can the sublime lesson of Calvary

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## CONVENTION

In this issue of the WEB is printed a letter from Father Lord concerning the second Students' Spiritual Leadership Convention, which is to be held in June of this year at Chicago. Those of you who attended the convention of 1928 will probably need little encouragement to attend this one. You know how interesting it will be. This year we want a delegation from Webster twice as large as the one in 1928, so that means that not only will you have to go, but you'll have to bring another with you. The point to be made is this: if you are going (we know you will if you possibly can) or even if you can't go, get someone else to go! By your own infectious enthusiasm, get that girl who didn't read Father Lord's letter, that girl who didn't attend the Sodality meeting, that girl who wasn't interested in the convention, and touch the spark to her latent Sodality spirit.

Concerning that convention, Father Lord says, "Pray! Plan! Talk! Come!" If every student will do all four, the Convention cannot fail to be an overwhelming success. Prayer, of course, comes first and God will surely prosper this undertaking, if every hour of the day from now on to the Convention, some student will steal into Chapel and speak just a word to Him for the success of our Spiritual Leadership Convention. Plan, of course! Think of ways and means by which this Convention can be better than the last one, think of interesting questions to bring up, and other things to do to make this meeting at Chicago a splendid example of what the Catholic students of America can do if they really want to. Talk up your convention. There is a certain group in every school, too apt to be indifferent and lackadaisical concerning that important phase of their Catholic education which develops them spiritually. It is to be hoped that that number is small here at Webster, but if there are some girls like this, get them! Tell them about the last convention, tell them about this convention, tell them that you're going, tell them what you and others are going to put it over. That will give them something to think about, and that only will make them feel that they are missing something if they let this Convention escape their attention. And don't talk only at Sodality meeting, that's only once a week. If you can, say a word about the Convention every day. It is only such repetition and your enthusiasm that will bring in the slackers.

The last exhortation is "Come to the convention!" Well, if you have prayed and planned for the Convention and talked it up as energetically as you can, by the time June rolls around, it would probably be an exceedingly difficult task to keep you at home. You'll want to be there and witness the success that is a result, at least in some small degree, of your personal efforts, so start TODAY, not in June, to do everything within your power to make this Convention a glorious success.

## THOSE A'S, B'S, ETC.

Since the publication of the last issue of the WEB, there has come and gone the tumult of examinations, the contrasted quiet of retreat, the issuance of reports, and the first plunge into a new semester's work.

Consequent to exams comes those reports, bearing good or evil tidings, and everyone has to draw a long breath and hold it, while she steals the first fearful glance at that little list of A's, B's, etc. The grief or exaltation, as the case might be, has subsided by now. The semester grades, however, whether good or bad, should be incentives to better work, not theoretically, but really. Poor grades should not be the source of depression, but should motivate a firm determination to profit by and rectify the mistakes of the past. That is the advantage of the semester system. The break in the school year offers an opportunity to put four months' work definitely in the past, and to start again with fresh energy, vigor, and enthusiasm. On the other hand, good grades should not give rise to a false sense of security or to a desire or hope to rest on past merits; they should engender the spirit of competition with ones own past record and inspire the energy necessary for such self-emulation.

Mission week, beginning March 17, will soon be here, and Websterites will have the opportunity of showing what real mission spirit is. We Webster students should be exceptionally interested in the missions on account of having our very own Loretto nuns laboring diligently on the mission fields of China, nuns that many of the girls have known personally. Let's don't forget them, especially during the week that is to be set aside for them, as well as for others who are sacrificing their lives in order to spread the faith among the poor unfortunate pagans.

Classes! Elect your mission leader, so that plans for mission week can be commenced at once.

Talk up the mission Mass to be celebrated at the New Cathedral, March 17. Webster MUST have one hundred per cent attendance, so mark down this date in your heads, lest you forget.

During this week let us endeavor to go to Mass and Holy Communion every day, to beg God's blessing on those who are laboring in His name.

## FANCY

High up in the hills of Droon  
Above the Sapphire Sea  
In the palace of the pale New Moon  
A fay-child waits for me.

I found him 'neath a blackthorn tree  
Cuddled in a wood-cock's nest.  
I loved him tho' a fay child he,  
And clasped him to my breast.

He was gone when the sun arose,  
And he'd taken my heart away.  
It's fatal, so the warning goes  
For a mortal to love a fay.

High up in the hills of Droon  
Above the Sapphire Sea  
In the palace of the pale New Moon  
A fay-child waits for me.

H. L., '34.

## FEASTS

The lights went out at ten o'clock,  
And "good girls" were in bed,  
When at my door was heard a knock

And a voice that softly said:

"Come on—don't go to bed so soon

The night has just begun—

Outside there is a gorgeous moon,

And we can have some fun—"

I joined my friend with eagerness

And got in on a treat—

The food was mostly meagerness;

But this I should secrete.

When we are feeling at our best

And going at some gait—

A faint noise caused us to arrest

Our silly fun and wait.

When Sister came "a charging in"

We were on and under beds—

In a stern cold voice did she begin

To chastise our "misdeeds."

When she was through we all felt cheap;

As though we were not needed—

And so we went on back to bed,

To dream of feasts "un-eated."

Morale: Feasts are but a gamble.

M. W., '34.

## THE CLOCK.

It's an eerie thing to watch a clock,  
Tick-tock, tick-tock,

As it slowly, slowly wipes away,

Minute by minute, day by day,

The patient trace of time,

Until a year is gone.

It's a dreadful thing to watch a clock,  
Tick-tock, tick-tock,

And to see the year go by, go by,

Without your knowing why,

You've lived them,

Until your life is gone.

H. L., '34.

## Dream Castles

We build them in the sunset,

We build them in the dawn.

Desire directs the masons,

By the plans that Fancy's drawn.

Their walls are rosy cloudbanks,

Their turrets, sunbeams gold.

Their halls are very spacious,

For they've all ours hopes to hold.

We people them with heroes,

Who claim us as their queen.

And the Joys become our servants,

In these castles of our dreams.

H. L., '34.

## Second Issue of College Quarterly Devoted to Drama

The mid-year Loretine is off the press. This issue of Webster's quarterly magazine, edited by the students, is a dramatic number. Grecian, Spanish, English, French, American and Musical Drama is discussed. Even the Show Boat and the Talkies come in for an equal amount of prominence.

"Marionette" and "Backstage" are two of the very interesting short stories treating of stage life.

"Exchanges" tell us what our contemporaries think of us. We seem to rate.



Just off the press is the Year Book of the Short Story, "The Best Short Stories of 1929" by Edward J. O'Brien and retracing its pages we find that this collection is one of the best and most interesting since its first publication. Art is developing with rapid strides and with it the art of short story writing. These stories are well and artistically written, and Mr. O'Brien has shown excellent judgment in his choice. These stories, for the most part, are built upon, or centered around, little nothings, and dressed in exuberant expression, they are most different in style and therefore very entertaining and interesting.

"Double Birthday," by Willa Cather, is undoubtedly one of the best. It is light, pleasurable, strikingly different and delightful. One is loathe to leave the characters, verily anxious to know more of them. It is a most perfect type and its first line arouses interest which it holds until the very last. It has a bewildering and strange title, so different and unique. The story is quite fantastic and unobtrusively moral.

"Hound of Heaven," by Sarah Ad-dington, has a very misleading title but is perfectly suited. It relates the adventure of a dog and portrays the anxiety of its master as to its whereabouts, and finally shows the great bond between master and dog. This, as most of the collection, is light, entertaining and cleverly titled.

"Manicule," by Margaret Leech, is a jumble of interestingly connected sentences brim full of natural expression; while "Wild Plums," by Grace Stone Coates, is strikingly different and exceedingly interesting. It is the relation of trivial experiences augmented.

"King Spider," by D. B. Lewis, is a delightful collection of essays on the life of Louis XI of France. This book reveals a new aspect of his life, for instead of the portraying Louis as a villain, it rather stresses his good points. Without minimizing his mistakes it points out that his sense of duty and patriotism, consequent on his kingship, led him to do what, under different circumstances, he would not have done.

It will be of interest, too, to those whose romantic trend of mind leads them to admire the 'Beloved Rogue,' Francois Villion, to know that Mr. Lewis has made him a very different Francois.

This book, although listed under Individual Biography, is really a collection of the biographies of the contemporaries of Louis XI, and therefore very interesting, a feature that makes it unique among its kind and unique in style from the usual 'cut and dried' biographies. It is certainly an asset to the library and should be quite acceptable to those interested in works of its type.

In short this is a true collection of human interest stories, which are light, fanciful and cleverly titled and written. They are more dramatic, as it were, and ooze with expressiveness. Their subjects and characters are, for the greater part, very ordinary and the plots are very probable. They deal with the realities of life and are, therefore, extremely appealing and interesting. In fact, they are so interesting that one might say, despite the subject of the theme, misguidance of title, and surprise of plot and character, they give life to inanimate objects. In this, they have done every possible thing and what more could be desired. Their authors are to be commended.

## ST. LOUIS ART LEAGUE ANNOUNCES PLANS FOR THEATRE TOURNAMENT

### Loretto Players to Compete in Tournay for St. Louis

The St. Louis Art League has announced a Little Theater Tournament to be held during the last week of March. This tournament will consist of twelve one-act plays to be produced in three separate performances, and will be held with the intention of making of it an elimination contest for the selection of a play to be sent to New York in May. The participants will compete for the David Belasco Cup in the eighth Annual National Little Theater Tournament. This elimination contest, sponsored by the Art League, is the first of its kind in the United States, although this method was adopted in England several years ago, with the result that England has twice and Scotland once, won the Belasco Trophy.

In January, another contest held by the Art League closed. Thirty-five original plays had been submitted, out of which were chosen twelve, those twelve to be produced by the Little Theater groups in and around St. Louis for the tournament mentioned above. The allotment of plays was made by the Drama Committee of the league, which will appoint five judges to select the four best plays of the twelve presented on three consecutive evenings in March. The following evening these four will be produced and the judges will select the play to be entered in the National Tournament.

The Art League has given two one-act plays to the Loretto Players, which they will work up for the tournament in St. Louis.

If they are successful, and if one of their plays is the one chosen for the entry in the National Tournament, they will go to New York with all expenses paid. Since there are only twenty entries allowed in the National Tournament, the Art League has already made an entry in the name of the St. Louis Art League and paid the registration fee of one hundred and fifty dollars. Instead of requiring a fee from the competing groups, the league will require each competing company to secure twenty-five subscribers to the four performances of the St. Louis Tournament and will expect the winning company to help dispose of the ninety-five tickets given for the evening on which its play is performed in New York, thus securing necessary funds for expenses.

In the March Tournament the Art League will furnish the theater with its facilities of stage hands, lighting and so forth, and will pay for printing, advertising and clerical work necessary for the production, but the individual expenses of each production, costumes, properties, etc., must be borne by the Little Theater group entering the play.

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# ECHOES of the HALL

Virginia Caffrey gave a Tea at her home, in Webster, on Feb. 15. Catherine Geary and Helen Leuer were among her guests, and they reported a very pleasant afternoon.

We were glad to welcome back Margaret Reardon, who was formerly one of the members of the present Senior class. Margaret held a position at Mandel Brothers in Chicago the first part of the year, but she got lonesome for Webster, and decided to return for the remainder of the school term.

While we are glad to have our former students with us again, we are very sorry to lose those who were with us the first semester. Margaret Welsh, a Freshman, from Great Bend, Kansas, had to leave Webster, due to the illness of her father. Margaret does not intend to go to school for the remainder of the term, but she is planning to return to Webster next year, and we are sure that she will be counting the days until September, 1930. Mary Lou Hogan also had to return home at the beginning of this semester. We hope Mary Lou will also come back to "finish" at Webster.

Among the former students who attended the Prom were: Lura Bayne Habich, Ann Boone, Helen Sherman and Carol Emge. We were very glad to have you, former Websterites!

"Jake" Anderson spent the week-end of February 14th with her parents in St. Charles, Mo.

Marie Wittrock was hostess at a Valentine Bridge Party, in honor of Mary Day, on Friday evening, February 14.

Mr. John Roach of Grand Rapids, Mich., drove down to visit Virginia Moore over the week-end.

Rita Sherer of Kansas City has enrolled as a Freshman at the College. She was graduated from Loretto Academy, Kansas City, last June.

Dorothy Shuford, Marie Walsh, Virginia Drummond and Elizabeth Watson gave a dinner party on Wednesday, February 12, in honor of Margaret Delmore, who celebrated her (?) birthday. They had a birthday cake 'n everything!

We are glad to welcome Martha Jane Lenartz to our Dramatic Department, and Helen Mae Griffin to our Voice Department. We hope you will enjoy your work here.

The Choral Club will be heard in a program over Station WEW, given during the first part of March. Watch for the date!

Ellise Lee, a Junion, returned to school this semester, after her recovery from an illness. Ellise attended school last summer at Southwestern College in Weatherford, Colorado.

Julie Bourke, who completed her course last semester, has returned to her home in Kansas City, Mo.

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## W. C. PROM HELD AT JEFFERSON HOTEL ON FEB. 13

### One Hundred and Fourteen Couples Attend Dinner Dance

The Gold Room of Hotel Jefferson was filled with beautifully gowned young ladies and stalwart, "tuxedoed" young men, on Thursday evening, February 13, the night of Webster's Prom. The guests were seated at numerous small tables on which rested the "favors," cunning jewel boxes bearing the College seal.

"Who was there?" There is only one adequate answer, "Everybody." This was the best attended Prom Webster has ever given. The "Old Girls" were there in numbers, and the students were happy to welcome them to Webster's greatest social event of the year.

What girl isn't interested in fashion hints? Well, at the Prom "there were hints to the right of you, and hints to the left of you." Long hair was the most popular by far, and the long bob came in for a fair share of popularity. The jewelry was quite effective, yet simple, for the most part. Earrings were worn by many. And the shoes! Cinderella in her wildest dreams could not have imagined anything more dainty and irresistible. Gold slippers, silver ones, red, blue, pink, yellow, all peeping out from under the skirts—for they were long, you know.

It is an age old custom to save that which is best for the last and so now we come to the most important subject of all, "the dresses." One model was adorable—a white embroidered bodice with rhinestone shoulder straps and a long skirt of tulle, white veiling green. A flowered net dress with rows of ruffles on the skirt and an immense bow at the side made the wearer look quite demure. A yellow crepe "robe de nuit" featured the new high waist line, and the neckline was outlined in crystals. A beautiful red velvet creation was made with a simple "V" neckline front and back and the godets in the skirt made it one of the most graceful models. An all-pink tulle frock was very youthful and becoming, for it was just one ruffle after another.

The lights grew dim, fantastic prisms of light shone forth from the crystal chandeliers. The music became softer and at last the strains of "Good Night" floated through the air and Webster's Prom of 1930 was over, but the memories of it will live forever.

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A famous French hairdresser from Paris recently designed four coiffures. He advises a long bob with one lock brought flat over the head, ending in curls just over the ear. The lower curls fall gradually about the neck. Another sophisticated, but easily arranged manner of wearing the hair in the evening, is to brush it sleekly down and bring it forward on the cheeks. A short upper strand of hair is curled across the crown of the head. And still another way is to arrange in a side-part with three fat, little, uncombed curls on the side forehead. This is very simple and is becoming to a young person. If you have perfect features, a round head, and a natural wave, you can wear your hair in one unbroken swirl around your head, a very chic mode for sport wear. Long hair is extremely attractive for evening, when worn with a slight wave, back of the ears, and a single knot worn low on the back of the neck. A pair of long, striking ear-rings sets off this style. There are numerous ways of fixing long hair. Well, this is the long and short of it.

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Hall. There was an upright piano, several oblong tables, and plain chairs, instead of the beautiful red wicker chairs, tables and divans, grand piano, rugs, hardwood floors, flowered draperies, lamps, and radio. The locker room was not as it is now, so some of the "day hops" had their lockers in the recreation room. It is quite obvious that there have been many changes with the completion of Loretto Hall.

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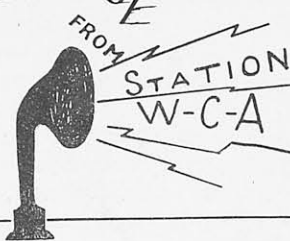
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## Breezy Bits



The engagement of Agnes Tuschmidt to Mr. Earl G. Smith was announced recently at a delightful bridge party given by Mrs. Bayless in honor of the prospective bride. "Tuchie's" classmates and all her Webster friends extend their congratulations.

Mrs. D. O'Donnell of Detroit, better known as Marg Barthel, recently visited her sister, Gen. Marguerite surprised her friends and former classmates and we sincerely hope that she will surprise us with a visit soon again.

Pearl Broderick of Sterling, Ill., spent a few days at Webster last week. Her visit with the girls was "sweet and silent," as the retreat was in full session. Pearl is teaching school at Vandalia, Mo.

On April 5th, 7th and 8th the Alumnae will give a Passion Play at the Odeon. Many of the old girls are working very hard to insure its success. Mary Elizabeth Newell is Chairman of the affair, and Agnes Tuschmidt is Chairman of the Ticket Committee.

## Have You a Line?

The day, the time—or what have you—has arrived when to be sophisticated, interesting, or have the much celebrated "It," it is vitally important that one possess a very polished, much rehearsed, but very seldom original collection of words—preferably adjectives—which, when drawled out, produce what the modern youth terms a "line."

Now-a-days a girl would be bored to tears trying to make conversation with her boy friends as girls did in mother's day, but fortunately, all she needs to say is, "Bob, that sweater! It's so doofopish and wooly; it matches your socks; say, you look darling!" Twenty minutes later when Roy drops in, it's, "Oh, Phil, I like your tie, it matches your sweater; you look darling!"

We cannot limit the "line of the fair sex—by no means. After thinking it over, we surely find that the "line" must have originated with the hearty he-men of the high seas. For the "gob" with a girl in every port could tell them all the same story and never worry about the girls getting together and finding things out.

When once started, this "line" develops by use, and new phrases are always easy to pick up, unless you belong to the more select "Non-copiest," then you add words of your own, suitable to the occasion. But if you hold membership among the minors, who try to get along with the majors, you have one standby—"Gee, I think you're fine; no foolin', you're like someone I've always wanted to meet!"

In mother's day the "line" would probably have been like this, "Oh, Tim, I'm so pleased that you saw me home from church." Although mother didn't call it a "line," she merely thought herself clever at a little game. Her daughter today doesn't consider herself clever, merely natural, and a "line" is a great sport until she really meets "someone she has always wanted to meet," then if she has a "line" we'll wager she has only one "station" on it.

## Card Party to Be Given By Loretto Social Guild

Loretto Social Guild will give its monthly card party on Thursday evening, February 27, at 8 o'clock, in the Cafeteria.

This pre-Lenten party will have as hostess, Mrs. George E. Wibracht. She will be assisted by Miss Mae Murray, Mrs. G. L. Gruner, Mrs. R. J. Nichols, Mrs. J. Keleher, Mrs. John C. Murphy, Mrs. J. E. Smith and Miss Catherine Skarry.

Bridge will undoubtedly be the predominant game of the evening, although the guests are permitted to play any game they wish.

There will be attractive table and attendance prizes. Refreshments will be served.

## Plans For Observance of Mission Week, Mar. 17, Being Formulated

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the benefit of the Medical Missions.

The Seniors are planning a dance in Social Hall for the benefit of the missions. The music will be furnished by the College Orchestra, and refreshments will be served during the afternoon. WATCH FOR THE DATE!

## W. C. Alumnae to Present 'A Fantasy of the Passion'

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be brought to thrill the modern world? Has its poignant appeal to man diminished through the ages? ages?

We are announcing that under the auspices of The Webster College Alumni Association, "A Fantasy of the Passion," written by Father Daniel A. Lord, S. J., will be given in the reverent spirit of Lent—at the Odeon Theatre on the evenings of April 5, 7 and 8.

The plot is centered about a man who is fatally injured in an automobile accident on Good Friday and as he lies dying in the hospital his past life flashes before his eyes. Interwoven with his life of sin and irreligion are the various episodes of Christ's Passion and, as the realization of what all his transgressions have meant to our Lord, come upon him, the man repents and dies at peace with God.

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## ALUMNAE ARE SPONSERING PASSION PLAY

### SOCIOLOGY CLASS VISITS THE GOOD SHEPHERD HOME

Seniors and Juniors Learn  
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On February 29, the Seniors and Juniors of the Social Science class visited at the House of the Good Shepherd, located on Gravois avenue. The Institution, which is supervised by the Sisters of the Good Shepherd, is a reformatory school for girls. The girls come to the Sisters through various avenues, such as courts, private families, schools and police departments. Upon entering, their stories are recorded by one nun only. They are given a new name, and thus the work of reconstruction begins at once. There are about two hundred girls in the institution at present, and most of them are still in their "teens." Some, however, are very young children who come from the juvenile courts. They attend the grammar school which is conducted by the Sisters. The girls are kept busy with the laundry work and sewing, and with music and cooking lessons.

A large chapel is the newest acquisition to the building. It is divided into four sections: one for the Magdalens, a cloistered religious order for penitent girls; one for the Sisters; one for the juveniles; and one for the delinquents proper.

The length of time a girl is required to remain in the institution depends on the doctors' advice, or the set period of probation, or the general conduct of the inmate.

The institution is financed by the sewing done for large clothing companies, by individual donations, and by the laundry work done for hotels.

### Webster Has True Lenten Spirit

Marvelous is the change that has come over the boarders at Webster College. The usual vacant pews in chapel each morning are now filled. A long procession of devout little Websterites, with hands folded and heads bowed, files up to the altar daily to receive Holy Communion. The candy section of the cafeteria has noticed a sudden decrease of sales. What can be the cause of all this? Why, it is LENT.

The Lenten season has begun with great earnestness at Webster. Each girl is doing her utmost to perform acts of kindness and mortification, and we know that the fine attendance at daily Mass will bring great blessings on both the College and the individual. One rarely finds the chapel empty, for, in the mornings, evenings and between classes, the girls run in for short visits. Keep this up, girls, for it shows real spirit and proves that you are not an "exam-week Catholic."

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The work of teaching colored children was a pastime for "Bill" while at school. She was one of the first Webster girls to go out to the colored missions of St. Louis and teach catechism. As a teacher at St. Patrick's Sunday School she won the hearts of many of her little pupils.

Miss Hummert received her A. B. degree in 1928, being graduated with a Summa Cum Laude. The following school term she served as an instructor in the Classical and Educational Departments at Webster.

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On March 1, at one o'clock, the Sophomore Class, of which Esther Kraft is president, entertained the Seniors with a delightful bridge-luncheon at Westborough Country Club. The tables were artistically decorated with surprise centerpieces which turned out to be corsages for the Seniors and the chaperones.

At the conclusion of the luncheon, the guests assembled at the tables which were laid for bridge. The prize for highest score, a make-up box, was awarded to Lucille Rappilard; the second, a green desk clock, to Winifred Kane; the third, a pair of orchid moire boudoir pillows, to Rosemary Brennan; the fourth, a desk set, to Neva Daily; and the fifth, a boudoir doll, to Eugenia Bock. The chaperone prize, a leather purse, went to Mrs. F. J.

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### MEETINGS ARE BEING HELD AT WEBSTER TO AROUSE INTEREST IN FR. LORD'S PLAY

Members of Cast Addressed Student Body and Ask Their  
Cooperation

On February 17, Rev. Daniel A. Lord, S. J., addressed a large group of Webster's Alumnae members in regard to the Passion Play, which they are sponsoring on April 5, 7 and 8.

At the meeting, definite plans were outlined for keeping the play before the minds of the people of St. Louis. The members of the Alumnae are divided into groups of ten, each headed by a captain, who is to keep in touch with the girls in her particular group. Each member has pledged herself to telephone the twenty-five persons on her list to talk up the Passion Play and also to inquire how many tickets the persons may wish to have sent to them. The captains of the various groups in turn, report to Miss Agnes Tuschmidt, chairman of the Ticket Committee.

March 14 has been set as the date for the second meeting, at which the reports of the members will be given. However, before this date, each person will have been 'phoned four times by a member of the Alumnae, so plan immediately how many tickets you will want, that you may give your order when you are called.

The next talk on the Passion Play was given on March 3 by Mr. Ray Krings and Mr. Warren Carroll, both members of the cast of the "Modern Passion Play." Mr. Krings takes the part of the "man" in the "Fantasy of the Passion," while Mr. Carroll assumes the role of the German chemist. As Mr. Carroll remarked, the fact that a German is taking an Irishman's part and an Irishman a German part, would be enough to arouse anyone's interest in the play.

### Many Attend the Entertainment Given By E. H. Sothern

A number of Sisters and students attended the dramatic entertainment presented by E. H. Sothern, Shakespearean actor of note, which was given in the Kirkwood High School auditorium on Thursday afternoon, February 20. This recital was sponsored by the Kirkwood League of Women Voters.

The program consisted of an interpretation of the murder scene of Macbeth, the trial scene from the Merchant of Venice, and poems from If I were King. Mr. Sothern spoke informally of his early stage experiences, and a mention of Julia Marlowe, in private life Mrs. Sothern, brought forth much applause.

After the performance quite a few had the privilege of meeting Mr. Sothern personally.

### Webster Alumna Who Is Taking Part in Passion Play



MISS THELMA COYNE

Mr. Krings, who spoke first, said that April 5, the first night, will be Webster night. In order that the play be successful in a financial way, the Odeon must be full on April 5. If it is not, the theater will certainly be far from "sold out" on the succeeding nights. So, don't forget Webster Night—April 5. He ended his talk by saying that he knew the Webster girls would do their part to make the play a success, since the proceeds are to go to their school. He advocated much publicity in the form of talk.

Mr. Carroll said that he had made a bet with one of the nuns and expects the students to win it for him by selling more tickets than the Webster Alumnae, and urged the students to talk about the production of this "Modern Passion Play" to everybody—their families, and their friends.

Another meeting in regard to these plans is to be held on Thursday, March 6. Let's go, Webster. Make this production a huge success. Don't let a day go by without mentioning it to someone.

### Marked Improvements Are Made in Library

Many New Books Have Been  
Donated Recently

The Webster College Library has made rapid strides during the past two years. It has increased the number of books by more than 2,000. It has added magazines enough to meet the requirements of each department. It has installed a new system of lighting, and has in addition, a new work room. It has, also, joined the Catholic "Book of the Month Club" during this time, and boasts a new system of charging that eliminates the need of personal cards.

The accession book for the library carries at present the title of 11-200 books, with more waiting to be "entered." Many of these new books

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### COLLEGE CHAPLAIN BEGINS SERIES OF LENTEN TALKS

Speaker Urges Students to  
Make Practical Reso-  
lutions for Lent

On Thursday morning, March 6, Rev. J. P. Donovan, C. M., gave the first of a series of Lenten talks which he will deliver each Thursday morning during the Sodality period.

In the course of his talk, Father called to our minds the fact that the career of every Catholic is to lead a devout life. Leading a devout life, in the full sense of the word, is avoiding mortal sins and deliberate and malicious venial sins and practicing the virtues of prayer, fasting and almsgiving.

One of the best ways of fulfilling the obligation of prayer is to hear Mass, Father said. Mass is a perfect prayer and should be chosen above every other form of prayer. To hear Mass and receive Communion daily during Lent is an admirable practice.

Fasting is an obligation imposed on all persons over twenty-one. Delicate health and laborious work excludes a person from the LETTER of fasting, but no one is excused from the SPIRIT of fasting. Fasting disciplines our souls so that they may be able to overcome temptation.

In closing, the speaker admonished the audience to make some practical resolutions for Lent, and suggested that the obligation of almsgiving might be fulfilled by giving the "Mortification Money" to the Missions.

### Editor and Business Manager for 1931 Year Book Elected By Sophs

Juniors of Next Year to  
Edit Lauretanum

Mary Hickman and Mary Brown were elected editor-in-chief and business manager, respectively, for the 1931 Lauretanum, at a meeting of the Sophomore class on Friday, February 28.

Both girls have attended college at Webster during their Freshmen and Sophomore years and have been active in school affairs.

Mary Hickman is very talented in dramatics and has appeared in many recitals as well as plays. She is treasurer of the Dramatic Club this year and also a representative of the Student Council.

Mary Brown is interested in athletics, music and dramatics, and is a member of the Choral, Classical and Dramatic Clubs. She was also a member of the class basketball team.

With the co-operation of the Sophomore class, these girls hope to make the 1931 year book as splendid as possible.

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## LENT AND THE MODERN WORLD

Cardinal Newman has said that the Catholic Church is like a stained glass window; from the outside, it appears dark with an indistinct tracery of lines; but seen from the inside, the figures stand out clearly and it becomes a thing of beauty. In like manner must the Lenten observance of a true Catholic appear austere and senseless to the outsider, and unfortunately, even to some of his own faith, who have not grasped the fundamental ideas of a beautiful religion. To the spiritually lazy, Lent is an almost endless round of deprivations, too much fish and fasting, and a cessation of many enjoyable social activities. Others, a little more zealous than these, give up, it is true, some small pleasures, and, perhaps, attend a Lenten service once a week; but they do this grudgingly, more out of a sense of duty or because every one else does. Neither group has caught the true spirit of Lent, which is loving, cheerful sacrifice in token of gratitude to God and repentance for offenses against Him.

The Church gives her children this special season of Lent, that they may have time to consider spiritual things. The brief break in social activities which Lent affords, gives men and women time and occasion to think again of the story of Calvary. Mortification weakens man's purely physical urge, and facilitates the activities of his higher faculties. It also serves to remind him that the end, for which he must so unceasingly strive, is a spiritual end—"to be happy forever, with God."

Probably there has been no time in the history of Christianity when a penitential season such as Lent could be more salutary, more necessary. We see about us, today, a world where personal aggrandizement is the goal, to be gained despite any obstacle, moral or religious; where Mammon rules the lives of far too many; where science has produced unbelievable marvels, but—over proud of its feats, vaingloriously attempts to decry and ridicule the existence of anything beyond its ken; where many men and women write and spread abroad their materialistic psychology and philosophy; where men and women apparently find it impossible to give up half an hour, a week, even half a minute a day to the thought of God and their own final destiny.

To such a world comes the sweet influence of Lent with its peace and quiet, to bring solace, to renew faith, to revive hope in those who look about them bewildered and half inclined to doubt when they see themselves surrounded by the influences and mocking voices of a materialistic civilization.

Again it brings to us the glorious tragedy that was enacted in far off Palestine nearly two thousand years ago. It brings to mind that awful night when Christ, the Man of Sorrows, prepared for the culmination of His life's work, the salvation of His creatures, through the unspeakable anguish of the Cross. He took upon his shoulders the fearful burden of sin, and in atonement for the offenses of man whom He loved so well, underwent His Passion: He suffered the unspeakable Agony in the Garden, endured the ignominy of the mock trial, submitted to the shame and dishonor of His imprisonment, and after climbing the long, weary way to Calvary, He poured out with His life's blood the greatest love the world has ever known, for it was the love of God Himself, for His people. It is well that year by year, the penitential season comes to remind the Christian world of the love and the gratitude due to God, and of the triviality of this worldly existence, except as a preparation for a greater life.

## MORE ABOUT THE PASSION PLAY

Loyalty is a lovely thing, and there are many kinds of loyalty: loyalty to faith and Church, to relatives and friends, to country and state, to school and class. We would speak here, however, of that loyalty that means a realization and an allegiance to the ties that bind the student to her college, and that, even in after years. The present students at Webster have a splendid example of such fidelity in the Webster Alumnae and the Loretto Foundation workers. These women, despite many other cares and interests, are sacrificing time and energy in active service to show their love and appreciation of Webster College. The Alumnae's latest venture is a play to be presented during Lent, the proceeds of which will be turned over to the Loretto Foundation.

No pious hands raised in horror, please! Father Lord wrote the play, "A Fantasy of the Passion," and although gripping in action, it is deeply religious in significance and well suited to Lenten presentation. There will be three performances of the play at the Odeon on the 5th, 7th and 8th of April.

The Alumnae is asking us, the students at Webster, to cooperate with them in this venture: to help to advertise the play, to sell tickets for it, and to do everything in our power to make it a success, financially. This is not asking much in view of the fact that the Alumnae is working for the College, and the more it is able to do for the College, the more advantages the college can offer its students. And to get back to the original subject of loyalty; love and fealty to Alma Mater should foster a desire to serve her in whatever way possible; and especially, to work with our older college sisters in anything in which they ask our aid in the name of loyalty.

## Let's Go, Webster

Onward to Chicago and the Convention let us go!  
We're true and active Socialists and we want the world to know  
The many things that we have done in our Sodality.  
Remember though, "it all depends on you"—and me.

Let's save our pennies and our nickels; even all our dimes;  
Be mortified for Lent, give up a few good times.  
We owe that to our Alma Mater, our Webster ever dear—  
Unless we go in numbers, we lack loyalty, I fear.

Remember, Father often talked to us of zeal and pep?  
Come on, we can't afford to stay and thus to lose our rep.  
June twentieth at the Palmer House, Chicago, is the date,  
So make your plans right now and let's turn out in numbers great.

Now, don't forget. Be on the dot,  
"Because we want to—and, why not?"

C. G., '31.

## My Fate

Now I can't cook and I can't sew,  
I guess I'll never have a beau.  
Now I can't mend and can't do dishes,  
I guess I'll never be a "Mrs."

Now folks, please tell me—quickly,  
too—

What is a girl like me to do?  
I'm almost twenty-one; that's so;  
Quite old enuff to have a beau?  
—R. B., '30.

## Times Change

When I was but a little child  
I lived upon a ranch,  
City people thought me wild—  
Perhaps I was, by chance.

Now in a town I have to strive—  
And even go to college—  
And other people try to drive  
Me into "getting" knowledge.  
M. W., '33.

## Embarrassing Moments

BE NONCHALANT—  
When you drop a tray in the cafeteria.

When you bring your "pony" to Latin class.

When you eat alphabet soup, and drop your "g's."

When you trump your partner's ace.

When you step on someone's foot while dancing.

When you sleep in class.

When you laugh at the wrong time.

When you fall down in front of a crowd.

When you miss a street car.

When you bet on a horse and he comes in last.

When you have a quiz.

When you pull the faculty down in the elevator in the Administration Building.

## "Vacation"

She stood on her hands  
And waved her feet;  
She turned somersaults galore—  
She laughed, she cried,  
She danced and pranced:  
For she was a slave no more.

A slave no more—  
To the daily tasks  
Of work and study and grind.  
For three months now  
She would not be asked,  
Even to use her mind!

—M. W., '34.

## ANNOUNCEMENT OF CASTS FOR LITTLE THEATRE TOURNEY MADE RECENTLY

### Date of Plays to Be Announced Later

In the previous issue of the Web, an announcement was made concerning the St. Louis Art League Theatre Tournament, and the Annual National Little Theatre Tournament. In the same issue it was mentioned that the Loretto Players would compete in the first and try for a place in the latter. The Dramatic Department had try-outs on February 25, for the purpose of selecting the casts of the plays allotted to the Players for the contest. Helen O'Brien, Alice Widmer, Catherine Geary and Billie Surprise have been selected to play in "The Randalls of Virginia," by Mrs. Margaretta Scott Lawler. Those playing in "Obligato," by Mrs. Wm. Flewellyn Saunders, are Mary Hickman, Essemena Weinacker and Jane Poole. The authors of these plays were present at the try-outs and they, together with Mrs. Sankey and Sister Marie Anthony, chose the girls for the various roles. The Tournament will be held in the latter part of March. Watch for the date on which the Loretto Players will perform.

## An Artful Intruder

A most unwelcome personage has entered the dignified corridors of Loretto Hall. It is difficult to say whether or not this said "personage" is a boarder or a "day-hop." One is more inclined to think the former because "it" is seen only during the early evening or at night. Although in the Hall, "it" does not follow the regular college course, nor is "it" seen at any of the classes in the Administration Building. "It" certainly could not be called a student and one could scarcely call "it" a guest.

Webster is not considered a "snobbish" school, although careful and discriminating in its entrance requirements. Yet the girls have absolutely refused to accept "it" into their society. Can you imagine anyone staying in a school after being openly rejected as "it" is?

The odd part of this story is that "it" was seen visiting in some of the girls' rooms about Christmas time. Then "it" disappeared, but returned one Sunday evening to a room on the third floor Hall. The conclusion is that "it" was satisfied with Webster and decided to enter for the second semester.

Although the new term began a month ago, only a few of the residents of the Hall have seen "it." The usual lodging place for "it" has been in the rooms at the front on the third floor. One night rather late "it" appeared on the window sill of one of these favored rooms, and frightened its occupants dreadfully. The visitor was also frightened by the screams of the onlookers so much so that "it" jumped from one window sill to the other.

Now the question is, "Shall Loretto Hall accept into its company this intruding visitor, or shall it provide a means for its removal?" Surely, by now, you realize that this artful intruder is a little gray mouse.

Vacuum cleaners and carpet sweepers are all right, but the average woman gets more "dirt" over the telephone.

She: "This dining room goes back to Louis, the Fourteenth."

He: "That's nothing. My living room suite goes back to Sears-Roebuck, the fifteenth."

## CLUB CHAT

The meeting of the Mathematics Club proved to be a very interesting one. Two papers, one, "Interesting Topics in Algebra," the other, "Some Problems of the Factory that were solved by Calculus," were read by Jo Reddin and Ellen Quirk, respectively.

The Classical Club held a meeting for the purpose of practicing the Latin Song, "Gaudemus Igitur." Papers concerning classical items of interest were assigned to Jane Burleigh and Rosemary Fellenz.

The Poetry Club has decided to have an open meeting in the near future. Let it be understood that everyone is invited to all the open meetings. Senior members of the Poetry Club were nominated for Ivy Poet. Watch for the name of the girl who is so honored.

## GERMAN GRAND OPERA COMES TO ST. LOUIS

St. Louis was recently greatly complimented by the appearance of the German Grand Opera Company here in the city. Under the direction of S. Hunak, the Niebelungenring, consisting of the four operas, "Rheingold," "Valkyrie," "Siegfried," and "Dusk of the Gods," was presented in a most brilliantly, able and finished fashion. The "Ring," as it is generally called, deals with ancient folk-lore and saga of Northern Mythology. Wagner developed from these simple disconnected legends a unified whole and interpreted them in his gigantic musical way. In the light of his genius the simple legends have acquired a new significance: the rape of the Rheingold, and the curse which was thereafter visited upon its possessors became symbolic of the lust for wealth and power, a curse which could be removed only through the triumphant love of Bruennhilde, which marks the end of the gods, but a dawn of a new era upon the earth.

The musical composition of the four operas Wagner undertook in their natural order, in direct contrast to the book which he wrote in inverse order, and filled it with musical themes which are frequently and significantly repeated throughout the composition.

The presentation of this mighty piece of work was indeed inspiring. The singers, all of great renown both here and abroad, were superb. The orchestra, under the direction of Ernest Knoch, was quite in keeping with the magnificence of the singers. In fact the immensity of the whole production quite evades description, while the grandeur and brilliance of the art displayed, renders the listener immune to all but Wagner.

## Dance Is Sponsored By Senior Class For Benefit of Missions

A Mission Dance, sponsored by the Senior Class was held in Social Hall on Thursday afternoon, February 27.

The splendid attendance at this affair was a proof of Webster's fine Mission Spirit. Music was furnished by the College Orchestra and the dancers made the most of the peppy tunes.

During the intermissions home-made cake, candy and "cokes" were served in an adjoining room.

The large sum of money realized will be given by the Seniors to the Mission Unit as their quota for this semester.

Love is like apple pie—just a little crust and a whole lot of applesauce.

# ECHOES of the HALL

Mary Catherine Collins was called home on account of the death of her aunt. We're sorry, Mary Catherine, and we will remember her in our prayers.

A number of the Websterites went to K. C. as rooters for the Nerinx-Loretto game. Sorry, you lost, but here's for better luck next time. Remember, we're still with you.

Anita Bareis 'day hopped' it last week, while her father was in Colorado. How'd you like it, Anita?

Almost the entire student body availed themselves of the opportunity to hear E. H. Sothorn in his Shakerpearean interpretations at Kirkwood high school on February 20. The echoes report that it was wonderfully interesting.

It has been rumored that Julie Bourke has been ill with tonsillitis. We're sorry, Julie, and hope you'll soon be better, and pay us a visit in the near future.

Thursday afternoon the Seniors sponsored a delightful dance for the benefit of the Missions. It was a huge success and we hope you will give another.

A surprise birthday party was given last Saturday evening for Virginia Moore. There were fifteen guests including two guests of honor. Everybody had a delightful time and we sincerely hope that "Ginny" doesn't feel any older.

A number of girls attended "A Mid-Summer Night's Dream," given by the Alumnae of Rosati Kain High School. Mrs. Ojeman's daughter, Olivia, did justice to her part as Theseus, and Elvira Krings, one of our Freshmen, played the part of Titania remarkably well.

Kathryn Musmann, Catherine Schmuke and Frances Ernst, have been on the sick list. We are glad that you are well again, girls, for we missed you a lot.

The notice, "Freshmen will have no English classes Monday," caused excitement for a while, but certainly left the Freshies with a "let-down" feeling. No Freshmen English classes are held on Mondays.

The Freshmen class gave a cake and candy sale on Tuesday, March 4, to raise money for the Missions. They are happy to announce that it was a great success.

The Webster College Alumnae Association will sponsor "A Fantasy of the Passion," by Daniel A. Lord, S. J., at the Odeon Theatre.

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## MISSION WORK AT HOME

The fourteen active sodalists that answered St. Patrick's Parish plea for god-mothers found themselves assisting at a quaint ceremony of Baptism at three o'clock one recent afternoon in the parish church at Sixth and Biddle streets.

The god-children ranged in age from 53 years to two small infants in arms. However, the majority were children from six to twelve.

Families were well represented. One claimed a member for each of three generations and another claimed a mother and five children. Then, in the audience were two brothers; one had been baptized and had brought his brother to see the ceremony.

Clothes or the lack of them seemed a universal problem. Toes stuck out of shoes, that were unshapely and sometimes too large. Misfit dresses and coats hung unevenly and those dressed with the best of care by the Sisters showed the conspicuous lack of the proper materials.

There were not quite enough sponsors to go around. Stella Cavanaugh, who was proxy for Mary Virginia Cummins, stood for three and her sister Alice stood for two. All the god-mothers came from Webster College.

Most of the god-children were well behaved. Helen Leuer's year-old charge gave the one and only exhibition of temper, and we are told that she quitted down after the ceremony.

The names for the god-children were of interest. Many were the ordinary Roberts, Florences, Ruths, but to these were added the more colorful ones of Melvin, Sadie, Violet, Cornelius and Valentine.

Father Schuesler, parish priest, conducted the services, but great credit must be given to Mother Clotilde of the Little Helpers, who is mainly responsible for the conversions. Mother, who was formerly in San Francisco, where she built up the mission for the Little Helpers, has been in St. Louis for three months and numbers 39 converts as her proteges.

## That Mail Box!

Social Hall and the Cafeteria may be popular day and night, but if you ask any of the resident students THE popular place at 9 a. m. and 3:10 p. m. and they do not say "The Mail Box," there is something wrong some place.

When Sister Edwarda appears with the mail those in Social Hall follow her to watch the distribution, and those not on first floor on hearing the call, "The mail is out," come running to see what their fate may be. If you stand by, these are some of the things you may hear:

"Oh, look! 'Essie' got three and Sister is only half through. Such luck! And there is one in every box except mine!"

"Oh, thank you, Sister, it's from mother. Hope she sent a check. Another for me? This is my lucky day."

"Please hand me the one out of 325. Oh, it's from Don. Minnie will be thrilled to death."

"I'll take the ones out of 338, as I have class with those girls next period."

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## Bulletin Boards!

The bulletin boards, especially the black boards used for written announcements, are the cause of an occasional laugh and of many gasps. Groups of girls may be seen standing before the board near Mission Hall after each class period. Each reads the announcements aloud and gives her opinion of them, usually to the air, for everyone else is too much absorbed in reading for herself and making her own remarks, to heed others.

A typical soliloquy is this: "An assembly today! How can I get my French? Mission Mass on Thursday! That's my hardest day, I can't get up at 5:45. Sister Borgia wishes to see —. What have I done now?" and so the disheartened maiden goes on her way only to stop again to scan the board for new announcements, for no matter how often she turns that corner during the day she hesitates a moment to read the bulletin board.

## Mission Spirit!

"Friends, Websterites, fellow classmates, lend me your eyes," and you will learn about something oh, so thrilling! The time is most any sunny, spring afternoon—the characters two College girls—the place, a drug store.

The proverbial three guesses for the true plot of this story. Why did the girls go into the store? Perhaps they wanted to order a favorite "sundae," buy postage stamps or look at the "movie classics."

"We would like to see the manager, please," said one of the young ladies. A few minutes of earnest conversation and the other girl remarked, "Thank you so much, it will be such a great help to the Missions." "You're entirely welcome," replied the druggist, "I will be glad to give you all my sample medicines, they are of no value to me."

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**Marked Improvements Are Made in Library**

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are distributed among the different department libraries that are directly connected with the large library.

Among the latest books donated, we find the new "Catholic Dictionary," Alice Meynell's "Memoirs," "The Shadow on the Earth," forty-five volumes of Warner's "Library of the World's Best Literature," thirty of "Encyclopaedia Britannica," ten of "World's History and It's Makers," eleven of "International University Lectures," fifteen of "Popular Science," and too many more to list. The outstanding magazine donated to the Art Department is the "Burlington Magazine."

The increased circulation is notable. This is shown in the books taken out and in the number used in the library and left on the tables. This may be due, in part, to the fact that except on Saturdays and Sundays when it is open only four hours, a ten-hour-a-day schedule is now the rule.

With all this progress and work, the library is still open to outside help. Magazines need binding, new books are always welcomed acquisitions, and donors and benefactors can find many ways of helping.

**Local Talent!**

Webster College has several talented young women within her portals... actresses, poets, artists, and—one single playwright.

Thelma Pape, a member of the Junior Class, has the honor of being that distinguished personage, for she is a writer of musical plays.

During the past year two of her plays, "Medodious Review," and "Sunshine Capers" have been produced under her own able direction, by the Young Ladies' Sodality of St. Pius' Church. Now, we hear Thelma is going to try her talented pen again and write some more musical comedies.

She has been writing since her high school days at Loretto Academy and finds it quite as easy to write a play as to write a poem.

**FAMOUS SAYINGS ON THE BULLETIN BOARD**

2,500 words missing from Mrs. Sankey's Studio. That's too bad, now someone has a large vocabulary.

Lost, my shorthand. Will finder please return? Which hand was the short hand?

Sister Borgia wishes to see—

**SENIORS ARE GUESTS OF SOPHOMORES AT WESTBOROUGH CLUB**

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Burleigh. Each Senior was presented with a clever favor in the form of French gray monogrammed note paper.

The chaperones were: Mrs. H. T. Bussman, Mrs. J. J. Brown, Mrs. F. J. Burleigh and Mrs. F. J. McKenna.

The committees in charge were: Favor Committee, Josephine Reddin, Chairman; Dorothy Fairroll and Janet Wimer, assistants; and the Prize Committee, Frances Casey, Chairman; Marie Wibracht, assistant. The Decoration Committee consisted of Mary Margaret Everroad, Chairman; Kathryn Bussman and Grace Strecker, assistants; and the Bridge Committee, of Mary Hickman, chairman; Frances Sloane and Agatha Cowley, assistants.

Her talent for poetry is well known at Webster, and the "T. P." is familiar to all readers of the WEB.

Thelma's popularity is increasing steadily and soon she may be writing "Talkies" and Broadway successes.

Dramatic Director: "Jo, run up the curtain, please."

Jo: "I'm sorry, but I'm not a monkey."

**ATHLETIC NEWS**

The basket ball squad has elected Jo Reddin as captain of the team for this year. We feel sure that Jo will lead her team to victory over Maryville, for she has the co-operation and support of every girl on the squad. But she also needs the loyal support and backing of every Webster girl. Come out and help the team beat Maryville. Don't forget the dates of the games—March 12 and 19. And the first game is at Maryville—let's go!

On Wednesday evening, February 26, the College Basket Ball team took on the Webster high school team in a practice game. The playing was "fast and furious" and when the timer's whistle blew at the end of the fourth quarter, the College had come out on top, the score being 28-17. This game was the first one for the yellow and white squad and the girls showed what might be expected of them in the Maryville games. If the team's offensive and defensive work of Wednesday evening was at all indicative of their future playing, Maryville will have to fight mighty hard to come within sight of victory on March 12 and 19.

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## MISSION MASS AT THE NEW CATHEDRAL ATTENDED BY FIVE THOUSAND STUDENTS

National Secretary of Mission Crusade Delivers Inspiring Address

Five thousand students from thirty Catholic schools, and the seminarians from Kenrick attended the Pontifical Mass of the Catholic Students' Mission Crusade in the New Cathedral on St. Patrick's Day.

Archbishop Glennon congratulated the Crusaders on their attendance and spoke a few words of welcome. Archbishop Francis J. Beckman of Dubuque, Iowa, was celebrant of the Mass and Msgr. Frank A. Thill, national secretary of the movement, delivered the sermon.

Webster students were present in cap and gown and filled the entire center aisle in the recessional. The left side aisle of the Cathedral was reserved for them.

Msgr. Thill praised the St. Louis Mission Unit for the co-operation and enthusiasm it has evinced since the beginning of the movement in 1918. He pointed with pride to the

treasured flag hanging in the rear of the Cathedral—the service flag with its many stars representing the St. Louis workers in the mission field. The speaker related many of his experiences while in the missions of the Orient.

"Unless a man take up his cross and follow Me, he is not worthy of Me," was the text Msgr. Thill selected for his sermon. "Crosses in themselves mean nothing, for even the pagans have their crosses," continued the speaker. "A cross in itself is a symbol of degradation; it becomes a Crucifix when we conform our lives to the life of Christ," remarked Msgr. Thill. "A great means of conforming our lives to that of Christ is by sacrifice, expressed in willingness and readiness to become actual missionaries. That is the real challenge of the Crusade," concluded Msgr. Thill.

## MSGR. BIONDI PAYS VISIT TO WEBSTER

Apostolic Delegate Is Accompanied By Archbishop Glennon

Msgr. Pietro Fumasoni-Biondi, apostolic delegate to the United States, visited Webster on Friday afternoon. He was met by the Sisters and the student body, who escorted His Excellency to the College Chapel. There was then an informal reception in Social Hall.

His Grace, Archbishop Glennon, who accompanied Msgr. Biondi, introduced him to the assembly, and told His Excellency of the unusual mission spirit that prevails at Webster, and of the zealous work that many Websterites are doing on Sundays in the various poor parishes of St. Louis.

His Excellency addressed the student body and commended them very highly for their splendid missionary work. He imparted to the Sisters and students the Papal blessing.

Msgr. Biondi, before being assigned to service in the United States, spent many years as Papal delegate in Japan. He visited St. Louis on two previous occasions, once in 1926 and again in 1929.

## SOCIAL SCIENCE CLASS VISITS HOME FOR AGED

On Friday afternoon, March 7, both the Seniors and Juniors of the Social Science Class visited the Home of the Little Sisters of the Poor.

These Sisters, an order of French foundation, devote their entire life to the care of the aged. There are about 250 inmates, both men and women, under their protection. These Sisters depend entirely upon charity for the care and sustenance of the old folks and themselves and

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## National Pres. of 'Kappa Gamma Pi' Addresses Students

On Wednesday, March 12, Miss Cecil Marie Ronan of Grand Rapids, Michigan, addressed the student body in the interest of the Honor Society, Kappa Gamma Pi, of which she is national president. She was introduced by Father F. V. Corcoran, C. M., who is moderator of the society.

"Kappa Gamma Pi is an organization whose purpose is the banding together of Catholic women of this country who have had the opportunity of Catholic education," said Miss Ronan, in explanation of this society which, she said, was brought into being through the efforts of Doctor F. V. Corcoran at one of the conferences of deans of Catholic women's colleges. The membership is made up of the college alumnae who have attained special honor in graduation and have not only scholarship, but at least potential leadership. Kappa Gamma Pi members are supposed to go out and prove by leadership that they have had a Catholic education.

The organization is still young, but has made rapid strides, and local chapters are being organized throughout the country.

The emblem of the society is a key, and the motto is "Faith and Service."

Miss Ronan also informed the students that on March 29 and 30, they will be hostesses to thirty-eight Catholic college alumnae, invited here to form the St. Louis chapter.

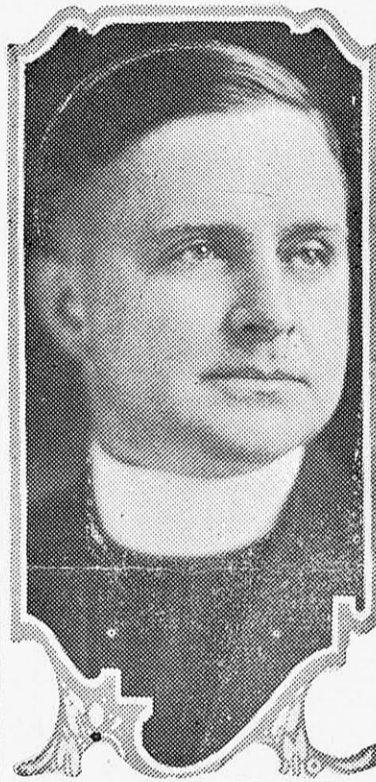
Miss Theresa Shea, charter member from Webster College, is acting in the capacity of chairman in organizing this chapter. She told of her plans and expressed a desire that Webster be well represented in Kappa Gamma Pi.

In closing, Father Corcoran suggested that the Freshmen begin now to study so that at the end of their course they may merit membership in Kappa Gamma Pi.

## "The Talkies" Is Subject of Lecture By Fr. Lord

Explains Process By Which They Are Made

"Before the advent of the 'talkies' the movie industry was failing, due to lack of interest, the enormous cost of film production and the maintenance of movie palaces," declared Rev. D. A. Lord, S. J., in an inspiring, inside talk of Hollywood, given in the auditorium on Thursday afternoon, March 3.



REV. D. A. LORD, S. J.

During this slump in movieland Warner Brothers were looking for something to pin their hopes to and consented to try Vitaphone, but the first attempts at synchronization were not altogether pleasing. Then Al Jolson, the godfather of the Talkies, assured the success of sound pictures in his inimitable production, the Jazz Singer. During the last few years the talking pictures have been perfected through experiments conducted by the Western Electric and the Bell Telephone Companies.

Father Lord explained just how a "talkie" is made. In a large building on the movie lot, absolutely soundproof, the shots are made and the sound is recorded in another solid concrete building in the center of the lot by means of telephone wires.

Formerly the majority of theatre-goers were "star fans"—the story did not count. With the coming of the talkies the story is all important and the poor neglected authors come in for their share of recognition.

Since the adoption of a new code of ethics, the rough songs and jokes of Broadway are eliminated from talking pictures. The advantages the "talkies" offer are numerous—people all over the world will see the most talented artists in the best plays, and for educational purposes, illustrated lectures and scientific experiments will be shown to students, Father said. It will also be possible to record symphonies as well as jazz orchestras. Fr. Lord's last words were prophetic, "Hollywood will become the musical center of the world."

## WEBSTER COLLEGE ALUMNAE TO GIVE PASSION PLAY AT ODEON ON APRIL 5, 7 AND 8

Modern Passion Play to Be Presented to St. Louis Audience

The Webster College Alumnae Association will sponsor "A Fantasy of the Passion," by Rev. Daniel A. Lord, S. J., at the Odeon Theatre, on the evenings of April 5, 7 and 8. The Passion Play is being presented by special arrangement with the author and is especially appropriate during the Lenten season.

Oberammergau, during the present year, will offer its famous and incomparable play. In many other places Passion Plays will be given, yet "A Fantasy of the Passion" will be distinctive, due to its unusual treatment. It does not present the sufferings and death of Christ directly, but relates the life of a successful man of the modern world, who lives and sins, unmindful of the fact that his misdeeds helped to fasten Christ to the Cross. Each episode is a deeply dramatic scene depicting the man's part in the death of the Saviour. The story does not take place in the Jerusalem of nineteen hundred years ago, but in the St. Louis of the present day.

"A Fantasy of the Passion" has a mixed cast of sixteen characters, eleven men and five women. Among the members of the cast are: Catherine Cody, Thelma Coyne,

Martha Jane Lenartz, Mrs. Theo Monti O'Mara, Warren Carroll, Donald Gunn, Glenn Saxton, Alex Kilmas, Walter Klosterman, Ray Krings, Sylvester Kuntz, Leo Oetter and Dan Sullivan. The male parts, as a whole, are played by St. Louis University Alumni. All feminine characters are portrayed by Webster College girls, present students and Alumnae members. The cast is under the personal direction of the author.

The Rev. Daniel A. Lord is a nationally known writer of drama. He represented the Catholic Church when all sects met in Los Angeles to review and approve or censure Cecil B. De Mille's "King of Kings" before it was released.

"The Dreamer Awakes" and "The Giant Killer" are outstanding dramatic works of Father Lord with which St. Louisans are familiar. These two received city-wide attention and were made up of casts of several hundred. Each year he writes a play for the Loretto Players of Webster College, which they present in their Little Theatre at Webster. This, however, is the first time he has given the Alumnae a play for presentation under its individual auspices.

## MARYKNOLL MISSIONER TALKS AT WEBSTER

Tells of His Experience in China and of the Demand For Doctors and Nurses

Father A. Paschang addressed the student body last Wednesday and gave a very clear idea of the work done by the missionaries in China. He is a Maryknoll missionary, and came back from China last August, after having worked eight years in the mission field. "The missionary's life, ordinarily, is not full of thrills," he said; "it is just a matter of waiting around for converts and holding on to those he already has, and it becomes monotonous." Persecutions in China are due to the Russian influence in the schools where propagandists are paid to spread the Bolshevik religion; but the Chinese are very changeable—as soon as the Russians leave, they are again friendly to the missionary.

"The Church," he continued, "is growing through the lay-apostolate. The mere fact of presenting the truth to the Chinese does not make them willing to be Catholics." There was a persecution in an Italian district about three years ago where two hundred Catholics were martyred; and most of them could have been saved, had they renounced their religion; but they refused. It would seem that when two hundred were martyred, there would be no more work for the missionary in that district; but the people instead of being frightened at this, were so moved that many became

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## TUNE IN!

The Choral Club will broadcast again over station WEW on Thursday afternoon, March 27. The club, which has attained a wide reputation this year, has selected for the coming program: "Trees, To a Wild Rose, Dear Webster, Shubert's Serenade and the Bells of St. Mary."

We assure you that if you tune in on station WEW, Thursday afternoon, March 27, at 5 p. m., you will enjoy a most entertaining program.

## DRAMATIC NEWS

The Loretto Players will take part in the St. Louis Art League Tournament on the evenings of April third and fourth, at the Wednesday Club Auditorium. Twelve plays will be given on three successive evenings. On the fourth evening, the fifth of April, the best play of each preceding performance will be presented, and the one chosen that night, will go to New York.

On the third of April the Players will present "Obligato," by Mrs. W. F. Saunders, and the following night, "The Randalls of Virginia," by Mrs. M. S. Lawler. Those taking part in these performances are Mary Hickman, Essemena Weinacker, Jane Poole, Ann Janes, Helen O'Brien, Alice Widmer, Billy Surprise and Catherine Geary.

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## THE RUSSIAN QUESTION

Last week a day of universal prayer was observed by religious groups in every part of the world. This day, originally designated by the Pope, was set aside in order to unite people in their petitions to God to relieve the religious conditions in Russia.

History, they say, repeats itself; but as we turned the pages of the bloody history of pagan Rome, and read of the persecutions of the first Christians, we heaved a sigh of relief as we thought to ourselves that such brutality, such injustice, such hatred could never be repeated. We felt that our superior, our highly developed civilization would never witness such atrocities; and despite a certain materialistic trend, could never turn to such primitive measures. In fact, a few years ago, the possibility of such an attack upon all religion as we find in Russia today, would have been ridiculed.

But history has repeated itself, and despite the efforts of the Soviet government to prevent news of the religious persecutions to penetrate to the outside world, enough finds its way into our papers, to give us, at least, a sketchy idea of conditions in Russia today. We read of the League of Godless and their preparations for a "more intensive assault against God and the churches during the approaching Easter period"; we have already heard too much of their methods of "assault," and shudder if they are to be made more "intensive." Religion is spoken of as "organized superstition and bigotry."

We have no fear for religion and Christianity. Diocletian threw all his pigmy strength against the impregnable fortress of God; and today, Christianity flourishes throughout the world, while the glory that was imperial Rome's remains only within the dusty books of history. Christianity weathered many other storms, and always emerged stronger, more triumphant. Indeed, the ultimate effect of these persecutions in Russia, aside from the individual tragedies, will be for the better, for Russia, fast traveling toward a political chaotic condition, despite the boasted success of communism, will illustrate to the world the probable success of any country which attempts to abolish God and His laws. We see in Russia today, a suffering peasantry, dissatisfied citizens, hordes of starving children, little real family life, and a godless and immoral younger generation; and these are not the basis upon which a strong and flourishing nation is built.

## WEB CRITICISM

We have heard a few criticisms of the fact that the WEB prints, at least in part, some of the various lectures and addresses which are given to the Webster students during the year. Some of the girls have said that after they have heard the lecture, they do not care to read about it, and would much prefer feature stories or other news articles instead of such accounts. This is a rather thoughtless, selfish view of the situation. It is true that the school paper is primarily for the students, but it is not only for them. It is for the faculty and alumnae of the college, and the friends and parents of the students, as well.

During the school year, many fine speakers, men and women who have devoted their lives to certain subjects, give to the student body interesting, valuable, and entertaining information, information which quite often is not to be found elsewhere. Some of the faculty members may not have the opportunity to attend these talks, likewise the parents and friends of the girls, as well as the Alumnae. The WEB, however, finds its way to the desk of the busy faculty member; brings detailed information of the student's activities to her home, and informs the many interested alumnae of the doings of their old school. For these people, the accounts of the lectures are of vital interest, for they enable them to participate in the cultural advantages offered by the college. It would be wrong to deprive them of such advantages.

Furthermore, this is the day of advertising, and a school paper is in a way, an advertisement of the school to the outside world. It publishes the many interesting activities of the college, and there are few surer indications of the worth of a college than the quality of the speakers that she puts before her student body.

Probably, if those who have criticized the printed repetition of salient points in a speakers address (and their number is probably small) will stop to consider the other side of the question, they will find that there are good reasons for such repetition; and if they will do a little personal investigating, they will also find that many of their own fellow-students welcome such accounts to recall or concrete the impressions made by good speakers.

For some reason or other, the second semester always seems to fly faster than the first, despite the fact that there are more holidays in the first division of the school year. The Prom this year, quickly followed the close of first semester examinations, and almost before we knew it, Lent was upon us. Lent is being well taken up with plans and preparations for all the events that will follow the Easter holidays, as well as such activities as Mission Week and the Lenten play, "The Fantasy of the Passion." When Holy Week comes, it will seem hardly more than a week after Ash Wednesday. Then will come the Easter holiday, after which, the Seniors always become a much pampered group feted by classes and Alumnae. The Shakespearean play will be given the beginning of May; and that will bring us to the time when activities crowd upon one another in rapid succession. For in May, the Year

## To Webster

You're our old friend and you're our Mother,

You must guide us all the way.  
With your standards e'er before us  
We can never go astray.

In this world of sin and sorrow  
You have taught us how to live,  
As we journey ever onward,  
Good example we shall give.  
Alma Mater, Royal Webster  
May we never fall below  
Your ideals and your high stand-  
ards!

May they guide where'er we go!

M. A. R., '32.

## "Baby Alvina"

Girls! Have you met the new boarder in room 314? If you haven't, don't fail to make her acquaintance. Her name is "little Alvina." She is an attractive child with large blue eyes and blonde hair. She wears a blue velvet dress trimmed in white felt, which greatly enhances her fair complexion. The peaked hood that is tied under her chin with an ample bow adds a demure expression to the baby stare of her big eyes.

Little Alvina Shuford entered Webster, St. Valentine's Day on a large heart-shaped box of candy, the identical color of her gown. Perhaps this explains why "Baby Alvina" is so jealously guarded by her fond mother and why she is forbidden to associate with other dollys who have no such prestige.

Nevertheless you are welcome, Alvina, and we trust that you will be a true "Websterite" and will enjoy your new home as much as we enjoy having you.

## "ROOM 216"

Many of the rooms in Loretto Hall have been mentioned in the WEB, but if the rooms were to be judged for prizes, the rose room—216—would surely win. Ann Russell Janes is its owner.

As one enters, a rose lady holds the door open wide and on a little walnut table just inside is the dear, old-fashioned, lavender lady with her hands outstretched in welcome. The bed is covered with a rose taffeta spread and at its head six luxurious lace pillows are piled high beneath the soft glow of the rose chiffon bed lamp.

Cream "crossover" curtains edged with rose stitching, and rose damask drapes reaching almost to the floor, adorn the windows. On one window sill is "Lucky" a diminutive elephant, and on the other is a large black cat with a green collar and big, green eyes.

Beneath the window is a wicker waste-basket tied round with a large bow of rose taffeta, and believe it or not in the basket is a crumpled piece of rose Kleenex.

On the dresser is a handsome, modernistic, black, white and gray dresser set, flanked at the right by a pink lady pincushion. To the right of the windows is the desk with its tapestry runner, green study lamp, alarm clock, green leather diary, a motto and a large Bible. Between the desk and bed is a beautiful picture of three dainty maidens lingering at the water's edge. Four rugs are scattered about the floor and two straight chairs take their places in the corner, while the comfortable rocker is at the desk.

As one reluctantly turns to leave this charming room, it is easy to imagine that the lavender lady is extending her hands to bless the de-

parting guest, but the gray pussy cat sleeping beneath the table is never disturbed by the comers and goers.  
Book comes out, the baseball season comes to an end, the high school seniors are entertained at a tea, the track meet finishes the athletic season at the college, the Spring Dance takes place, the Conservatory closes with a brilliant recital, the May Queen is crowned, the Sodality holds its annual fete, and elections for seemingly numberless offices are held, and then come (we hate to bring this up) final examinations. After them everything is over but Alumnae Day and finally, Graduation with all its attendant ceremonies and multitudes of flowers and congratulations. And on that day, we'll heave a sigh and say that it seems as though it were just yesterday that the second semester began. We don't know just what does this—maybe its the strange elixir of spring, maybe, the prospect of vacation and all the enjoyable things we'll do before it comes, that makes the days speed by; but whatever it is, the second semester seems to be measured by weeks rather than months.

## College Chaplain Tells Sodalists of Persecutions in Russia Today

On Thursday, March 13, during the Sodality period, Rev. J. P. Donovan, C. M., told the students of the terrible conditions existing in Russia. Father said: "The Russians have put down their earthly ruler, the Czar, and now they are endeavoring to put down their heavenly Ruler, God. All Russia is in turmoil. If any person professes any creed, except atheism, his bread card is taken from him and starvation is his lot. Parades and demonstrations are taking place daily in order to rouse enthusiasm against God and religion. If the Godless regime is a success in Russia, the 150,000,000 inhabitants of that nation plan to spread their rule over the world."

A resolution was adopted by the entire assembly deploring the terrible sacrileges against God and the Blessed Sacrament, which are being committed by the Russians. As a last resort, the Pope has begged the entire Christian world to pray for the return of religion to Russia.

The girls are all asked to pray that religion may be restored to the suffering Russians and sign a pledge card promising to say prayers each day in March and to receive Holy Communion on the feast of St. Joseph for this intention of the suffering Russians.

The pledge cards were issued by students of St. Ignatius College, San Francisco, California.

## SOPHOMORE CLASS PRESENTS MISSION SHOW

The Sophomore Class presented a "real" Mission entertainment as their part of the Mission activities. A dozen or more little colored children from St. Patrick's and St. Nicholas' "danced dances and spoke speeches" in Webster's Little Theatre last Thursday, and proved themselves to be delightful entertainers. The program was a very simple one, but heartily enjoyed by the entire audience. The first number was a Rainbow dance, by the St. Nicholas' girls. The smaller children then recited little verses, some sang, and a few did the "Charleston." A final Rainbow dance closed the program. Little Miss Drucella Clay, of St. Patrick's, who is only three years old, attracted much attention. Stage fright made her reserve her entertainment for the cafeteria audience.

After the entertainment, the Sophomores played the role of the charming hostesses and they served the children ice cream, cookies, and candy.

It was with light and happy hearts that these poor little waifs of slum-land were driven home in the "swell ca's" of several Sophomores. The drive in itself was a treat for these children who rarely have such a pleasure. One little fellow was heard saying: "It sho' was nice for dem girls to have us out to dis beau-i-fil place. I hopes we kin cum agin." The prospects for Webster boosters promises to be colorful.

parting guest, but the gray pussy cat sleeping beneath the table is never disturbed by the comers and goers.

## CLUB CHAT

The St. Louis Classical Club of St. Louis University met last Saturday at Webster and Rev. C. L. Souvay, C. M., of Kenrick Seminary, spoke to the members. A report of the successful dance held at the St. Louis U. Gym was given, and the meeting was concluded by the singing of the well known song of the Club, "Gaudeamus Igitur." The next meeting, it was decided, will be held at Fontbonne College, on April 12.

The Poetry Club held an open meeting last Wednesday evening. Jane Poole gave the reading, "The Highwayman," by Alfred Noyes, and Orient Weis and Josephine Rabbitt read interesting papers. There followed a discussion of certain books of poems in which the members are interested.

Three cheers for the Choral Club! Anyone who heard the Club sing Shubert's "Serenade" last Monday evening would not question "Why?" We believe that Webster has one of the finest of Choral Clubs. Keep it up "Chorallers." We are proud of you.

## WEBSTER COLLEGE STUDENTS OF MUSIC PRESENTED IN RECITAL

On Monday evening, March 17, the Loretto Conservatory of Music presented the students of music at Webster College in a recital in the Little Theatre of the college. The program followed:

Impromptu No. 23, Schubert; Miss Dorothy Dawson.

(a) Prelude No. 23, Chopin; (b) Scherzo from Op. 26, Beethoven; Miss Frances Mattingly.

Au Matin, Godard; Miss Jake Anderson.

Voice: "A Little Bit O'Heaven," Ball; Miss Helen McEvoy.

(a) Romance, La Forge; (b) Arabasque, Rolan; Miss Kathleen Hamel.

"The Two Larks," Leschetizky; Miss Bernice Durbin.

Voice: "By Waters of Minnetonka," Cadman; Miss Frances Weber.

Violin: "Meditation From Thais Saint," Scienc; Miss Dorothy Dawson.

Serenade, Schubert; Choral Club. In Sevilla; Miss Margaret Wilde.

Dancing Doll, Poldini; Miss Angela Kollias.

Voice: "Smiling Through," Penn; Miss Margaret Mary Everroad.

"Rustle of Spring," Miss Frances Weber.

Hungarian, MacDowell; Miss Katherine Kohl.

Voice: "Mother Machree," Ball; Miss Leona Simma.

## The Language of Lamps

"By their lamps ye shall know them?" For, is not a girl's personality expressed in the things she chooses to have near her?

In the rooms of Loretto Hall are tall and stately floor-lamps, some with parchment shades, others with silk shades of delicate colors; table lamps of the severe type for the typical student, others with slender bases and bright shades, and still others with squatty, homey bases and pastel shades that cast a friendly glow over the room. Bed-lamps in pleated and painted silks with tiny ornaments, lend their soft light to the few lines read after the owner has crawled between the sheets a few minutes before 10 o'clock. The white ceiling light with its tiny yellow design illuminates the room sometimes, but for hours of comfort and friendly chat only the soft lights give the proper light and atmosphere.

# ECHOES of the HALL

Maragret Riley gave a St. Pat's party at her home in the city. Dancing was the biggest feature of the amusement for the girls. Your classmates and friends enjoyed your party, Margaret!

Margaret Schaefer has deserted us (?) No, Margaret has gone to visit her sister in Indiana. Third floor would like to see you back again, Margaret.

Some of our Freshmen brought their friends from the Visitation Convent to enjoy Webster's hospitality last Friday evening. Come again, girls, and we hope you will be with us next year.

Webster, Rah! Rah! Rah! Who attended the Maryville game? Every loyal Websterite, to be sure! Did we cheer? Oh, no, not much! All the girls appreciated the hospitality of Maryville.

A number of music lovers from Webster attended the concert by Sergi Rachmaninoff, given on March 12, in the Gold Room of the Jefferson Hotel. The program consisted of Chopin and Liszt numbers, and the famous Prelude in C sharp Minor, composed by Rachmaninoff himself, was played as an encore with the interpretation as it really was meant to be. Everyone revelled in the beautiful tone quality coupled with the fine finger work demonstrated by this genius of the piano. We hope to have the opportunity of hearing Rachmaninoff sometime again.

Our Mission Unit was well represented at the Mission Mass on St. Patrick's Day, and made a splendid appearance in caps and gowns.

Lucille Kirk spent the week-end of March 15 in Terre Haute, Ind., visiting with friends.

Virginia Drummond and Marie Walsh attended an Alumnae meeting at their high school Sunday, March 16.

Emma Kohl of Belleville, Ill., spent St. Patrick's Day at Webster College visiting her sister, Catherine, and her former classmates.

Elizabeth Watson and Margaret Delmore enjoyed dinner with Lakme Perez at her home in Kirkwood, March 17.

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## DRAMATIC ART DEPT. TO GIVE 'TWELFTH NIGHT'

"Twelfth Night" or "What You Will," with its plentitude of good parts and splendid possibilities for dramatic success, has been chosen as the annual Shakespearean production for this year. Rehearsals have begun and although the cast is as yet incomplete, actual work has been started. The cast, with few exceptions, is being chosen from the Senior Dramatic Class, and the old idea of the double cast has again been revived, so there will not only be one set of twins in "Twelfth Night," but everybody will have his double and the twins theirs.

The selection of the twins has caused much merriment and for a while it was believed that pairs would have to be made to order. Now, however, after careful searching, we believe that Webster has two sets of quite possible looking twins in her student body. See "Twelfth Night" and believe it or not. Shakespeare, himself, would marvel at the good judgment of Mrs. Sankey and Sister Marie Anthony in the selection of all the members of the cast, for they kept before them his words: "It is the purpose of playing to hold the mirror up to nature."

## MARYKNOLL MISSIONER TALKS AT WEBSTER

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Christians. "The blood of martyrs is the seed of new Christians."

It is the Chinese's belief that if the husband is Catholic, that will do for the entire family. So it is rather difficult to convert the women; but once they are converted, they become very good Catholics, and are better than the men. It is hard for them to learn and it takes months to instruct them. The prime requisite for the missionary, therefore, is a great deal of perseverance and patience.

The best way to win the Chinese is through the medical dispensary, which is a means of breaking down their prejudice, and also offers opportunities of baptizing those that are dying. But, sad to say, the Protestant missions are far in advance of Catholics in this field, for they have hospitals with many doctors and nurses.

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## DR. P. E. KUBITSCHKEK TALKS TO SOCIAL SCIENCE CLASS

### Students Urged To Do Psychiatric Social Work

On Thursday afternoon, March 20, Doctor Kubitschek, who is head of the Child Guidance Clinic of St. Louis, and has been associated with psychiatric Social Work, gave a most interesting and inspiring talk to the students of the Social Science Class.

"Social Work is not only a science but it is an art, an art which has made rapid strides in the last thirty years," said Doctor Kubitschek in his talk. He also said that there is an urgent need for more and better social workers, social workers who possess that 'something' which is so necessary in this work to make the required contacts successfully. He told of the important part that they play in psychiatry and gave concrete examples of the work accomplished in the clinic with which he is associated. He said that in the field of psychiatric social work, with problems of behavior and family work today, prevention is much stressed just as it is in medicine. When the case is presented to the Social Worker she gets the necessary data and makes a record which she lays before the psychiatrist for his consideration. After diagnosis has been made, he works hand in hand with the Social Worker in the rehabilitation of the family or the rebuilding of the individual as the case may be.

Doctor Kubitschek further said that Social Work is not only interesting but that it has its own compensation, notwithstanding the many difficulties which it entails. He claims that the experience received is invaluable from every viewpoint. Study of the actions and reactions of others increases self knowledge. This is a psychological fact not to be disputed.

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But Webster's women are different. They have access to a gallery of beauty that contains pictures of the most beautiful woman that ever lived. There are many, many pictures of Her in the little Red Room (yes, we are talking about Sister Marie Anthony's Room), and the Websterites who love to stop for a few minutes to admire the old favorites and to exclaim over each new acquisition, are numerous. If you don't believe us, sneak in and hide behind a china dog or a calico cat, strange but sincere offerings that have been left at this shrine of beauty, and watch the number that will come in while you are there.

It will be enlightening, too, to listen to the comments that are passed on each picture. Few girls perhaps, will have an appreciation for the glorious display of talent that is embodied in each painting. There is one great ideal by which all judge their pictures. If the artist has pictured this Woman as the Most Beautiful Woman that has ever lived he has done his work well, for they will declare that no girl wants her mother to be pictured otherwise.

**SOCIAL SCIENCE CLASS VISITS HOME FOR AGED**

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therefore go each day begging in behalf of their charges.

Despite the fact that there is no assurance of another meal, the old folks, for the most part, seemed quite resigned and happy, and busy themselves with mending, reading and games of cards. The old men have a barber shop, tailor shop and shoe shop where they keep themselves busy, and thus care for the needs of the inmates and any outsiders who wish to leave their work to be done.

This was the first trip taken to an institution of this kind, but aside from the fact that it was rather depressing, the sincere enjoyment which manifested itself on the faces of the old people at the sight of young faces and gay spirits, repaid the girls a thousand-fold for their trip.

**Webster and Maryville Meet in Exciting Basket-Ball Games**

Webster defeated the Maryville basket-ball team in the first game of the season on March twelfth, by a score of 25-19. The game was fast and exciting, the score being tied several times in the last two quarters, but Webster finally pulled ahead and came home with the victory. Maryville came out to Webster a week later, determined to show the yellow and white squad how to play basket-ball. The result was another exciting game at the end of which Webster was left with the small end of a 30-23 score. Not until next year will the two teams meet again and it goes without saying that the Webster team will be ready for Maryville and will try to average the three defeats in two seasons, which have been handed them by the red and white basket-ballers.

The zipper shirt we sent to the laundry the other day, as a joke, came back with buttons sewed on it.

**Course in Social Usage Completed on March 12**

Mrs. Theodosia Crosse, dramatic interpreter and lecturer of national reputation, completed her course in "Social Usage" at Webster on Wednesday morning, March 12. The course was very comprehensive and Mrs. Crosse left behind her at Webster a group well instructed in the art of correct social forms and customs. Many of the points discussed are forms of behavior in general use among members of the student body, but the lecturer also introduced into her course many new points in social usage, points which have changed recently to fit in with ever changing social conditions.

During her course, Mrs. Crosse spoke on table etiquette, charm, social occasions, appearance and dress, conversation and general behavior.

Is Rudy Vallee really a Connecticut Yankee? Sure! Didn't you ever hear of the Connecticut valleys?

**ALUMNAE NEWS**

Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Gerding are rejoicing over the birth of a baby boy. Mrs. Gerding will be remembered as Helen Graham.

Catherine Hazel tells us that she has accepted a position at a chemical laboratory in Indianapolis, Ind.

News has been received of the marriage of Ellen Niernan to Mr. Fred C. Owen, which took place on February 20.

Margaret Mary Parker is teaching dancing to the students of Nerinx Hall.

Loretto Heights College, in Denver, has claimed one of our old girls, Mary Tancred, better known as "Tanc."

Gertrude Jolley attended the St. Patrick's Festival which was held at the Rolla School of Mines.

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## Easter Vacation Begins at Noon, April 16th, 1930

### JOSEPHINE RABBIT ELECTED IVY POET BY SENIOR CLASS

Chosen Among Four Candidates From the Poetry Club

Not least among spring elections was that of the Ivy Poet which took place on March 27 at a meeting of the Senior Class. This year the honor has been bestowed on "Jo" Rabbit, who is the president of the Poetry Club and who has quite a deal of ability for writing "in numbers." "Jo" has been very prominent in school activities during her four years at Webster and it will be remembered that many of her poems have appeared in the WEB and in the Loretto. She will be graduated in June with the degree of Bachelor of Science, with Biology as her major.

The custom of planting Ivy each year, which dates back to the first year of Webster's existence, is one of the impressive ceremonies that marks Commencement Week, and it is during this ceremony that the Ivy Poem is read. A new vine is planted each year beside those of former classes, along the walls of our Alma Mater.

### NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY HOLDS MEETING AT WEBSTER COLLEGE

Members of Kappa Gamma Pi, national honor society for Catholic Women's Colleges, held a two days' meeting at Webster College on Saturday and Sunday, March 29 and 30, for the purpose of organizing a Saint Louis Chapter of Kappa Gamma Pi. After the National Congress held last summer at Seion Hill College Pennsylvania Miss Theresa Shea of Webster College was authorized by the National Chapter to organize this Saint Louis Chapter and members of the national organization irrespective of college affiliations were recommended to the Saint Louis Chapter if they lived in this locality. This makes the possibilities for active work much greater.

Four colleges were represented at the meeting held at Webster College: Trinity College, Washington, D. C.; Marygrove College, Detroit; St. Teresa's College, Winona, Wis.; and Webster College, Webster Groves. The Rev. Moderator, F. V. Corcoran, C. M., and the National president, Miss Cecil Mary Ronan, of Grand Rapids, Mich., were also present. The following officers were elected for the Saint Louis Chapter of Kappa Gamma Pi: Regent and Representative to National Chapter meetings, Miss Theresa Shea, Webster College; Vice-Regent, Miss Thelma Gesell, Webster College; Secretary-Treasurer, Miss Veech Matthews, Trinity College.

### FEAST OF SEVEN DOLORES IS OBSERVED WITH SOLEMN HIGH MASS ON APRIL 11

Loretto's Feast Day Marks Close of Forty Hours' Adoration

The Feast of the Seven Dolores of the Blessed Virgin, which commemorates the sorrows of Mary during the life of her Divine Son, was celebrated on Friday morning, April 11, and marked the closing of Forty Hours Devotion. This was the special feast of the Sisters of Loretto, and His Grace and many of the St. Louis clergy were present. The Mass was celebrated by Rev. Patrick Doyle of Visitation parish. Rev. Timothy Meagher of St. Pius' parish, was deacon and Rev. John Highland of St. Cronins parish, sub-deacon. Rev. Joseph P. Donovan was master of ceremonies and the sermon was preached by Rev. Joseph Sullivan of the Immaculate Conception parish.

The entire student body in cap and gown attended.

The Seven founders of the Servite Order, in the thirteenth century, devoted their lives to special meditation on the seven sorrows of Mary which are, the prophecy of Simeon, the flight into Egypt, the loss of the Child for three days, the meeting of Christ and His Mother on the way to Calvary, Mary, standing at the Foot of the Cross, Mary's reception of the Body of Our Lord taken down from the Cross, and the Placing of Christ in the tomb.

The Feast of the Seven Dolores was instituted at a Provincial Council, held at Cologne, in the year 1423, during the time that the Hussites with fanatical zeal were destroying crucifixes and images of the Blessed Mother. Later in 1725, Pope Benedict XIII, ordered the Feast to be celebrated on the Friday following Passion Sunday.

### SISTER M. ALOYSE, S. L., RECEIVES HIGH HONORS

A summarized report of original research on Ameba Proteus by Sister Mary Aloyse Elingson, S. L., Director of the Department of Biology of Webster College, Corporate college of St. Louis University, was contained in a recent number of the "Proceedings of the Society for Experimental Biology and Medicine." This report, entitled "Physiological Conditions of Ameba Proteus at Varying Hydrogen Ion Concentrations" was presented at the December meeting of the Missouri Section of the Society, introduced by Dr. John Auer of the Pharmacology Department of the St. Louis University School of Medicine. The paper was read by the Rev. A. M. Schwitalla, S. J., Professor under whom the work was carried on. It represents observations beginning in 1927, with a total of approximately six thousand readings.

The Society of Experimental Biology and Medicine has a scientific prestige in this country comparable to that of the "Comptes rendus de la Societe de Biologie" of France. Membership in this society is carefully restricted, and the name of every experimental worker of importance in the field of Biology and Medicine is on its roster.

The honor afforded Sister Mary Aloyse is having her report printed in the publication of this society is of even greater significance from the fact it is the first time that a member of a Catholic Sisterhood in the United States has been represented in its pages and in the field of Protozoology. Sister Monica Taylor, S. N. D., of Glasgow, and Sister Lucy Carter, E. N. D., are authorities in this field in Europe.

### College Chaplain Exhorts Sodalists to Be Defenders of Faith

The talk which Rev. J. P. Donovan, C. M., delivered during the Sodality period on Thursday, April 3, took the form of a Socratic discourse.

"Do college girls deserve the title D. F.," asked Father. "The title, as we know, stands for defending of faith, and was given to Henry VIII by the reigning Pope back in the sixteenth century." Father Donovan gave quite a different meaning to the two letters, namely, "devotional faker."

"As soon as students enter a Catholic College they are taken to be model Catholics. They are given every advantage to practice their religion, especially by attending Mass, daily, and receiving Holy Communion frequently. Yet there are many who seldom avail themselves of this privilege," the speaker continued.

In closing, Father Donovan urged the Sodalists to live up to the true meaning of the letters D. F., by attending Mass regularly, especially during periods of special devotion, by striving to save souls for Christ.

### Calendar of Coming Events

- April 16-24—Easter Vacation.
- April 28 — Recital by Eugenia Bock.
- April 30 — Student Association Meeting.
- May 8-9—"Twelfth Night" to be presented.
- May 12 — Recital by Erline Strothkamp.

### DR. JAMES J. WALSH TALKS ON MUSSOLINI

Tells Students of Recent Changes in Italy



JAMES J. WALSH

Doctor James J. Walsh, M. D., of New York City, addressed the student body Wednesday afternoon, April 9, on the subject, "Mussolini." Doctor Walsh is quite noted in the historical, as well as the medical world, and many of his very interesting books are to be found in the library.

He told of the great changes that have taken place in Italy in the last few years.

"The Italian trains are on time now," Doctor Walsh said, "because the number of officers at each station has been decreased and the proceeds of departure shortened."

On each railroad station is a sign, "You must not blaspheme Italy," and it means what it says. The lurid magazines have disappeared from the newstands. The beggars have gone from the streets, and even the taxi-drivers in Naples do not try to cheat their patrons. Italian vessels are becoming famous and anyone who rides on one of them will be tempted to enjoy their service and luxury again.

Benito Mussolini was born in a small town. His father was a blacksmith and his mother was the village school teacher. He learned to read and write before starting to school. He was intelligent, but resisted discipline.

"At twenty, he sowed his wild oats," said Doctor Walsh. At this time, he ran a Socialist paper in Milan. He had gone to Switzerland, but after they sent him back to Italy, he decided the Swiss did not want him there.

Mussolini preached against entering the World War on the side of the Central Powers. When Italy chose to stay with the allies, he enlisted, went to the front, and was

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### EASTER GREETINGS

The WEB staff extends to the faculty and students, its heartiest wishes for a happy and joyous Easter.

### EUGENIA BOCK TO GIVE SENIOR PIANO RECITAL

Program Includes Works of Classic, Romantic and Modern Composers

The Loretto Conservatory of Music will present Eugenia Bock in her Senior Piano Recital on Monday evening, April 28, in the College Auditorium. She will be assisted by Jane Poole. Eugenia is majoring in piano and minoring in organ and will be graduated in June with the Degree of Bachelor of Science in Music. She has appeared in recitals on numerous occasions and she is also prominent in other school activities. Her program follows:

- Sarabande ..... Bach
- Preambule ..... Bach
- "Nel Cor Piu" ..... Beethoven
- Air and Variations ..... Beethoven
- Prelude in C minor ..... Chopin
- Prelude in G sharp minor... Chopin
- Waltz in E minor ..... Chopin
- Waltz in C sharp minor ... Chopin
- Fantaisie Impromptu ..... Chopin
- Evening Whispers ..... Palmgren
- En Bateau ..... Debussy
- Rigoletto ..... Verdi-Liszt

### 'FANTASY OF THE PASSION' HAILED AS GREAT SUCCESS

Play Is Presented to Large and Enthusiastic Audiences

A Fantasy of the Passion by Rev. Daniel A. Lord, S. J., presented at the Odeon Theater on April 5, 7, 8, was well received by the audiences. The attendance on the first night, Webster night, was very good.

The Fantasy presentation is unique in that there are no acts. The story is of a man, mortally injured in an automobile accident, who is brought into a Catholic Hospital on Good Friday, where he is told that he will live only until 3 o'clock. In the ensuing time he lives over his whole life again and sees how his own sins have helped to crucify Christ. At last he sincerely repents and calling for a Crucifix dies with Christ's name on his lips.

A Fantasy of the Passion was sponsored by the Webster College Alumnae and a list of the patrons and patronesses follows: Miss Louise Anderson, Mrs. J. Baer, Mrs. A. Baker, Mrs. N. Beauregard, Miss P. Boisliniere, Mrs. E. J. Burkham, Mrs. H. Burns, Mrs. J. Calnane, Mrs. J. Carroll, Mrs. R. Colnon, Mrs. J. Cooke, Mrs. H. Cornet, Mrs. E. Costigan, Mrs. Con. P. Curran, Sr., Miss Lily Darst, Mrs. J. Dowling, Mrs. C. Drew, Mrs. F. Forshey, Mrs. L. Gamp, Jr., Miss T. Ghio, Miss E. Ghio, Mrs. P. Grace, Miss A. Grone, Miss J. Hemp, Mrs. F. Hunleth, Mrs. J. V. Janes, Mrs. V. Jones, Miss Nel-

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## CULTURE Vs. FOOD

The St. Louis University Classical Club held its last meeting at Webster College. It happened to be, as it still is, Lent, and the result was—no refreshments. Now, we've wondered if the subsequent comments in the Varsity Breeze were meant in the nature of a "panning" of this omission. We remember having seen several of the young men in rather dejected attitudes, but at the time thought nothing of it; but was this the burden of their thoughts, "No food, what a gyp No food!"? We are sincerely sorry if any of the young classic students of St. Louis University suffered violent pangs of hunger, though we have learned of no serious results of the omission of refreshments. Upon no visage did we perceive the fierce ravages of famine and not one member seemed to be either weak or fainting as are persons suffering from starvation. If, however, there were any fatalities, we should have been informed; we could at least have sent flowers.

O tempora, O Mores! When enjoyment of the classic muses has ceased to suffice at a gathering of noble Greeks and Romans!

## BOOKS AND CENSORSHIP

There has been much comment upon the recent action of the United States Senate in the matter of book censorship. The law, lately passed, provides that books whose ethical or moral content is questionable, can be prohibited from entrance into our country. The first draft of the law left the decision in such questions to customs officials; later, however, it was modified, and now the decision is to be left in the hands of a jury, who after a hearing, will decide whether a book is fit to remain in this country or not.

Since this law was passed there has been much unfavorable criticism of the Senate's action. It is true, as some have observed, that such a measure cannot keep salacious literature out of the hands of those who really want such reading matter. Far too much of this kind of writing (we cannot call it literature) is produced in our own country at the present time. It is true, also, that any kind of censorship seldom succeeds in accomplishing its full purpose; and this is, in a broad sense, opposed to the principles upon which our government is founded. We all recognize, too, the difficulty of judging the fitness of a book, because of the wide variance of opinion that arises in such questions, especially, if the ultimate decision is left to men and women without the proper educational or experimental knowledge of the general standards of ethics and morality to which all writing should conform. But despite the many objections to this action of the United States Senate (and some of them are valid, we agree) this recent law is an important step forward, in so far as it indicates on the part of many of the men who take part in the government, a realization of the part that literature can play in the lives of people and nations. It is a well meant attempt to curb the present wholesale distribution of low literature, and though a bit awkward, and, to a certain extent, unsatisfactory; it is laudatory, since it is at least an effort to alleviate a most disgusting situation.

The influence of literature cannot be denied. A corrupt literary output, it is true, is an effect of a more or less general depravity, but also becomes in turn, a strong impetus to a still greater moral and social dissolution. The humanitarian novels of Dickens and the social novel of Harriet Beecher Stowe, to cite but two examples, show the strong and wide influence that good books may exercise. Cannot unethical, an immoral novel or drama react as well upon the public who absorb its message?

Today we hear complaints from all sides. Our prisons are taxed beyond their capacity, and the increase in criminals is far out of proportion to the increase in population. An older generation shakes its head, sometimes wrings its hands over a large portion of the younger generation, who seem to be without morals and to have only vague ideas of Christian ethics. Divorces in America increased at a terrific rate of speed; and we shudder as we recall the majesty of imperial Rome that was buried under the collapse of her homes. It is not unreasonable to suppose that some measure of these deplorable conditions today may be laid to the door of salacious literature.

Without sacrificing beauty or pleasure, books can and should be educational and socially uplifting in their effects. But—can the novel that glorifies the gangster and the street woman inculcate honesty and purity? Can the short story that laughingly or defiantly defends moral lapses point the way to virtue? Can the essay that exonerates man from all culpability for his own crimes and denies the existence of any higher law than self, lay the basis for a nobler race and a stronger nation?

Yet these are the writings that have the widest distribution today. Can anyone doubt the extent of their distribution when, from every bookstore and news stand, the flaming covers of books and magazines scream detailed advertisements of the filth to be found within? One glance at the titles of some of these is sufficient. Yet this type of literature is dangerously near to the millions, who do not take time to search out the products of literary masters, products which are not so ostentatiously displayed. We do not mean to say that all the modern fiction and other

## Pieta

O Mother, when first you knew the  
thrill of His downy head  
So soft against your cheek,  
Little did you think ever to hold  
Him thus  
So crushed and bleeding in your  
arms.

Poor Mary, you kissed His little  
hands in Babyhood,  
And knew the joy of their cares,  
But now you kiss the wounds that  
pierce them through.  
Ah they've crucified your heart!

## "CAUGHT IN THE WEB!"

And there is the professor who  
examined his nails and cut his class.

The other day, a young Freshman  
—one of many who is accompanying  
Aeneas on his Wanderings—lost her  
valuable guide book. She was heard  
echoing through the halls:

"Where, oh where has my little  
horse gone,  
Oh where, oh where can he be?  
With his useful words and gram-  
matical sense,  
Please, someone find him for me!"

Jo Rabbitt's Scottish blood is  
creeping forth. A few weeks ago,  
she sent a Scotch greeting card to  
Kentucky. She put no stamp on  
the envelope (Jo attributes this to  
her lack of memory). When the  
card arrived at its destination, the  
post office employee called the re-  
cipient to tell her that she might  
come and pay the two cents, if she  
wanted it. That's the old Scotch  
spirit!

He: Will you marry me?  
Heiress: No, I think not.  
He: Oh, come on, be a support.

Reporter (at interview): To what  
do you attribute your longevity.  
Old Man (conclusively): To the  
fact that I've never died.

Virginia: "I need a haircut."  
Ann: "Which one?"

Freshman to Librarian: "Could I  
take Lorna Doone out for the week-  
end?"

Professor: "Why did you put quo-  
tation marks at the beginning and  
end of your exam paper?"

Student: "I was quoting the girl  
in front of me."

Helen: "How did you find the  
steak last night?"

Margaret: "Looked under the po-  
tatoes."

Did you ever hear about the man  
who ordered five portions of aspara-  
gus and didn't even leave a tip?

The activities of the chemistry  
department were the subject of con-  
versation for several days recently.  
Very few of the Websterites failed to  
comment, not once but many times,  
on the delightful (?) odor that had

forms of writing are dangerous and obscene, for this is by no means the  
case. But the better modern literary productions are not easy of access;  
nor are they as cheap as their blackguard companions on the news stand.  
An editor, in commenting upon the Senate's recent action, said that our  
hope for clean literature depends upon educating against depraved tastes,  
but such mass education cannot be accomplished overnight. In the  
meantime, something should be done to raise the standards of all forms  
of writing at the present day.

Many far-sighted people have failed to realize that it was of the  
many far-reaching evil effects of inferior literature, that the Catholic  
Church was thinking, when, with her wonderful foresight, she first began  
to ban books that she considered dangerous to spiritual welfare; for  
through the ages, the Church has taken every means to guard the faith,  
the ideals, the morals of those under her care. The whole world of  
literature, the finest of the writings of all ages are at the disposal of her  
children, none of these has she denied them. She has seen fit to deny  
only a small part of the extensive realm of literature, that part which  
she knows, wise mother that she is, to be pernicious to the spiritual life  
of man. And when the spiritual health of a man is broken, his effi-  
ciency as a social unit is dissipated, perhaps, lost entirely.

## WEBSTER'S ART DEPART- MENT POSSESSES RARE PRINTS OF OLD MASTERS

### Works of Angelo, Giotto and Rosetti Are Among the Treasures

Among the pictures seen in Web-  
ster College are a great number of  
exceptional prints. They are hung  
in the Art Department, in the Dra-  
matic Department and in various  
rooms of both buildings.

Occupying prominent positions in  
the Art Department are four mezzo  
prints, from the frescoes of Michael  
Angelo on the vaulted ceiling of  
the Sistine Chapel in Rome. They  
represent two of the five sybils and  
two of the seven prophets. The  
sybils are Libica and Delphica and  
the prophets are Ezechiel and Dan-  
iel. Michael Angelo loved the  
sculpture in which he excelled, but  
today he is most famous for his  
frescoes. The figures in these prints  
are of an exaggerated size. They  
have broad, deep chests, narrow  
hips, powerful thighs and small  
heads. The faces have a singularly  
abstract expression.

Another print taken from a fa-  
mous fresco is "Dante" by Giotto.  
This painter is called the father of  
the Renaissance and was a great  
friend of Dante. He has painted  
many portraits of Dante. Perhaps  
the best known is "Dante in Para-  
dise." The print that we have here  
is said to have been taken from a  
fresco that was never finished.

Gabriel Rosetti is represented in  
a mezzo print by his "Dante's  
Dream."

Prints of four famous Madonnas  
smile down on Webster girls. Cima-  
bue's held the first position. Cima-  
bue was the forerunner of the Re-  
naissance and his picture is char-  
acterized by stiffness. The most ap-  
pealing Madonna is Botticelli's  
"Magnificat." The faces in this  
print are sweet but show a haunt-

its source in the chemistry labora-  
tory. The offenses to the olfactory  
nerves were caused by the prepara-  
tion of hydrogen sulphide by the  
first year chemistry class.

## BUN, BUNNY RABBIT!

Of late, Little Bunny Rabbit has  
been seen dodging in and out among  
the green bushes, quite frequently.  
He always gets venturesome around  
this time of year, especially when  
he sees the shy spring flowers peep-  
ing through their winter covering.  
His curious and excitable attitude  
makes us realize that some impor-  
tant date in his lifetime is close at  
hand.

However, Bunny Rabbit isn't one  
bit ahead of Webster students in  
his display of joy and excitement,  
for already, the air about school is  
full of happy tunes, and plans are  
in order for the joyful days which  
are fast approaching.

Both Bunny and Websterine know  
that Easter is coming.

## CLUB CHAT

The Chemistry Club met last  
Thursday. Kathryn Bussman gave  
a very interesting report on "Chem-  
istry in Relation to the Home."  
Ellen Prendergast and Audrey Klorer  
both gave reports on the organiza-  
tion of the American Chemical  
Society. Helen Leuser gave the third  
report which was also very interest-  
ing.

The members of the Club decided  
to buy pictures of eminent chemists  
for their department. They also  
planned several trips to the indus-  
trial concerns of St. Louis. The  
meeting closed with the telling of  
various chemical jokes.

Papers were read at the last meet-  
ing of the Classical Club and they  
were enjoyed immensely. The Club  
urges all of its members not to for-  
get to attend the meeting on April  
12. This is to be an important busi-  
ness meeting.

The Choral Club broadcast a most  
unusual program over Station WEW  
on March 27. Your friends at Web-  
ster were thrilled when they heard  
the sound of those familiar voices.  
All your numbers were good, but we  
liked "Dear Webster" best. It was  
full of pep, and that fine loyal  
Webster spirit. C'mon girls, keep  
up the good work!

The faculty and students ex-  
tend their most sincere sympathy  
to Gertrude Jolley in the death  
of her father.

# ECHOES of the HALL

Mamie Purcell of East St. Louis visited last Saturday with Virginia Drummond and Marie Walsh. She was a classmate of Virginia and Marie at Notre Dame Academy of Belleville.

Mary Zilliken's sister, Helen, attended the Passion Play and came out to Webster on Sunday to visit Mary. We hope you will be a permanent Websterite in a few more years, Helen.

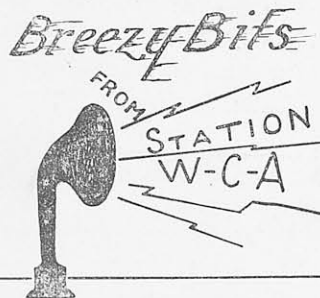
Thrills and more thrills! Margaret Shaeffer, who was visiting her sister in Indiana, returned to Webster in an aeroplane. How did it feel to be so near Mars?

Violet Sauer, a former Webster girl who is now teaching at Manito, Illinois, attended the Passion Play, and also visited friends at Webster. Violet was entertained at a birthday party in her honor on Sunday morning. Come again, Violet. We like to have you with us.

Mary Lou Hogan, who attended Webster the first semester, is visiting her sister, Ellen, in Marion, Ohio.

Caddy Holler of St. Louis visited Polly Parent last week. Caddy is a niece of Sister Matthias, who is stationed in California.

We were told that Margaret Welch is in the "Golden West!" Your Webster friends would like to hear from you more often, Margaret.



Mrs. Wm. Daly entertained with a surprise party on March 29, in honor of the birthday of her daughter, Mary Daly, a former Webster student. It was a bridge luncheon at which the following Webster girls were present: Catherine Rohan, Blanche Marshall, Doris Jones, Marie Wittrock and Adelaide Murphy.

Kappa Gamma Pi, the honor national society, met at Webster, March 30. Theresa Shea, '27, was elected Regent of the St. Louis Chapter and Thelma Gesell, '29, vice-regent. Other members who were present were Catherine Rohan, '29; Edith Glossmeyer, '28, and Gertrude Jolley, '29. The Alumnae members of the society were guests of the Student Council at an evening bridge on March 29.

Marie Reynolds, who was a graduate of the class of '29, visited at her Alma Mater Sunday afternoon.

Margaret Peters came to St. Louis to see the "Fantasy of the Passion."

Rose Malon was a visitor at the College recently. Rose was another one of our graduates of '29.

Emma Kohl, who was prominent in musical activities while she attended Webster, was soloist at the Philharmonic Concert Thursday evening, April 3, in Belleville. She, with her teacher, Mrs. Corinne Frederick, played Weber's Concert-stuk.

## ATHLETIC NEWS

Are women sincerely interested in baseball? For an answer one should visit the baseball diamond, next to the tennis court in Webster's "back yard." Three times a week, for an hour and a half, approximately thirty girls appear in uniform, ready to display, to their best ability, the technical knowledge of baseball.

The practice is carried on under the guidance of Miss Barthel, athletic director, and in the case of her absence, under the directions of the squad leaders, Alice Widmer and Dorothy Meyer.

Mother Linus has consented to lay a diamond for the girls this year. This will certainly add to the attractiveness of the sport.

Many wild balls are dodged and many badly-guided bats are swung, but with the directions that are constantly dinned into the ears of the "would be" ball players, there must surely be a great improvement in the near future.

The schedule for inter-class games will be posted soon. The class championship tournament this year should be very interesting, since there will be three representative teams.

### "The Randalls of Virginia" Are Students of Webster

There are in the Junior Class of Webster College, two very distinguished personages, Miss Agnes Randall and her sister, Miss Libby, whose real names are Helen O'Brien and Alice Widmer, respectively.

We all know by this time that the Saint Louis Art League Tournament is over and that the Loretto Players of Webster College gained recognition by winning the popularity prize of \$100, also the literary prize of

\$100 of which -50 was merited by the author, Mrs. Margaret Scott Lawler. An additional prize of \$25 was awarded to Alice Widmer for excellence in acting.

In addition to the roles of Agnes and Libby Randall were those of Mrs. Spirelli, portrayed by Catherine Geary and Mrs. Kelly, a role represented by Billie Surprise. These characters were played in a deserving way by girls who have had experience and who are capable of the professional stage.

"The Randalls of Virginia" is a play of unusual individuality. It is the story of Miss Libby, a cold, austere, dignified, and heartless woman, and her sister, Miss Agnes, of the opposite type. They are destitute and are to be evicted on the following day. Libby, who endeavors to remain true to her name—a Randall—considers it better to die like a lady than to be humiliated. She persuades her sister to agree that they commit suicide. But Fate plays a part in their actions and sends Mrs. Spirelli, a drunken Italian, who has charge of the day-nursery, to them. Her conversation impresses upon the mind of Agnes Randall the need of not only a day nursery but also a kindergarten. Mrs. Kelly furthers this impression and Agnes Randall is determined that she is not going to die. She destroys the poison and in the final speech convinces Libby that it is better to live and help others and do a work of philanthropy than to die—a coward.

Not only is Webster proud to have such excellent actors to play these difficult roles but also to have such an excellent director as Mrs. Anna McClain Sankey. Too, there are capable stage hands in the persons of Josephine Reddin, Dorothy Fairall and Ann Russell Janes, who did everything to help put over the plays.

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## Social Science Notes

The Social Science class visited the exhibit of the First Annual St. Louis Educational Week for the Blind held in the Frank Lind building on Friday afternoon, March 28. The purpose of this exhibit was to acquaint the public with the work carried on in Missouri for the prevention of blindness, the education of blind youth and the teaching of industrial trades to the adult blind.

The St. Louis Circle International Catholic Alumnae conducts a Bureau for the Blind under the supervision of Miss Pauline Boisliniere, chairman, and Mrs. Ambrose B. Harrington. The Bureau for the Blind functions under the Department of Education and teaches Braille, the punctographic system of reading and writing used by the blind in America. Volunteers agree to transcribe the alphabet, textbooks and catechisms.

The necessary size and bulkiness of the books, together with the expense of stereotyping, constitute real drawbacks both in procuring and circulating these books. Most of the work must be done by a hand machine.

In 1925 the Bureau established and has since maintained a sight conservative class for parochial school children in St. Alphonsus School, Grand and Cook Avenues.

College girls are asked to volunteer their services to the Bureau of the Blind. Transcribe Braille in your free time, it is both interesting and helpful!

Boris: "Her mind is essentially modern."

Bertrand: "How do you mean?"

Boris: "She never seems to have much on it."

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**FATHER LORD WRITES LETTER OF APPRECIATION**

April 1, 1930

Editor, The Web,  
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Dear Editor:

Thank you very much for the publicity which you were good enough to give the Students' Spiritual Leadership Convention in a recent issue of "The Web." We appreciated your co-operation in spreading news of the Convention and mention of the fact that you were giving it publicity was made in the current issue of The Queen's Work.

Sincerely yours in Christ,  
Daniel A. Lord, S. J.

**DR. JAMES J. WALSH TALKS ON MUSSOLINI**  
(Continued from Page 1)

later decorated for bravery.

After the war, Italy was in debt and the soldiers were begging in the streets. The Socialists mistreated the soldiers so Mussolini organized the Facists to protect them. At the end of two years, 450,000 men belonged to this new party.

The king called on Mussolini to organize the government. On the first day the cabinet was chosen; the second day he visited the king; the third, he visited the government offices where things were not to his liking; the morning of the fourth, he posted signs admonishing officers that they must be at their posts at 9 o'clock sharp. He soon reduced the government officials and railroad employes by one-third, and eliminated 20,000 places selling liquor. He was interested in the health of the nation, and to remedy conditions, he sent doctors out into the country districts; he made people eat whole grain bread, and drained swamps to reduce malaria. He placed a tax on bachelors, and used the money to support the maternity hospitals. He taught farmers rotation of crops, use of better machinery, and fertilization of soil. He saw that the conflict between Church and State must end. Because Italy is a Catholic country, he put the crucifix back in the schools, demanded that morning and evening prayer be said, and caused irreligious teachers to be removed. He offered land to the Pope, and forbade divorce within the country.

"I think he is one of the greatest men of modern history. He is a greater man than Napoleon," said Doctor Walsh in closing.

**A Program for May**

A prize will be given to the girl who writes the best poem or article in honor of Mary.

Devotions will be held at 1:15 daily in the chapel.

Girls!—Why not bring an offering of flowers for the Blessed Mother. Save your nickels for votive lights.

Sponsored by Our Lady's Committee.

**"The Randalls of Virginia" Are Students of Webster**

(Continued from Page 3)

The Tournament has been a wonderful inspiration to all the Dramatic Groups in the city. Twelve original plays were presented, Webster contributing two of them—"The Randalls of Virginia" and "Obligato," a light fanciful play ably presented by Mary Hickman, Jane Poole and Essemena Weinacker. This play was rated sixth in popularity and was fifth in acting. Not only has the Tournament been an inspiration but it has also encouraged the Dramatic Groups to continue the good work and to work harder for the advancement of the Little Theatre.

**"Fantasy of the Passion" Hailed as Great Success**  
(Continued from Page 1)

lie Kelly, Mrs. Ben Lewis, Mrs. G. Lenartz, Miss May Lindsay, Miss H. McDermott, Miss M. McDermott, Mrs. J. McFadden, Mrs. G. McNulty, Mrs. Martin Monti, Psi Omega, Kappa Gamma Pi, Mrs. T. O. Molloney, Miss A. Martin, Mrs. L. Moser, Mrs. S. Overall, Mrs. C. Parker, Mrs. J. Powers, Mrs. J. Riley, Mrs. R. Rosenthal, Mrs. Anne McLain Sankey, Mrs. Mary Schaeffer, Mrs. A. Shaughnessy, Mrs. J. Schlafly, Mrs. Wm. Schram, Mrs. Wm. Schraubstadter, Mrs. C. Stanley, Mrs. H. Surkamp, Mrs. F. Switzer, Mrs. B. Wahl, Mrs. J. Weiler, Mrs. F. Ziebig, Mrs. H. Burns, Mr. W. R. Clark, Mr. G. Dyer, Mr. T. Farris, Mr. P. D. George, Mr. I. Gradwohl, Mr. L. Hadley, Mr. H. Hess, Mr. C. Kehoe, Mr. J. Leahy, Mr. J. Lonsdale, Dr. J. McFadden, Mr. J. Moberly, Mr. J. Muckerman, Mr. J. Newell, Mr. J. Prendergast, Phi Sigma Eta, K. C. Council No. 2119 Webster Groves.

**Meetings of North Central Held at Chicago, Mar. 19-21**

**Religious and Lay Teachers Attend Convention**

The representatives from the colleges and secondary schools of the North Central Territory met at the Stevens Hotel, Chicago, on March 19 to 21. A large number of priests and sisters, as well as many lay teachers was present. Numerous educational problems were discussed and many worth-while suggestions for improvements were offered.

The delegation from the schools taught by the Sisters of Loretto was very large and those who attended were: Rev. Mother General, Mother Mary Bridget, Head of the Education Dept.; Mother Linus and Sister Borgia from Webster College; Sister Edmond, president of Loretto Heights, Denver; Mother de Chantal of Lafayette Academy, St. Louis; Mother Genovea of St. Mary's Academy, Denver; Sister Menadora of Nerinx Hall, and Sister Ann Rose of Kankakee, Ill.

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## REV. F. J. GERST ADDRESSES MATH. CLUB ON APRIL 30

Coordinate System is Subject  
of Talk by Jesuit

Rev. F. J. Gerst, S. J., addressed the Mathematics Club on Wednesday, April 30. "Coordinate Systems" was the subject of his lecture.

Demonstrating the possibility of having other coordinates besides the Cartesian and Polar coordinates, ordinarily used in graphical representation of equations. Father discussed another system known as the Ellipse coordinates by which graphical representation of involved and intricate equations are made quite simple. He also showed that a discussion of coordinates could be carried into three dimensions and a practical application made to work in physics.

In conclusion, Father explained that he had not exhausted all the possibilities of this topic, but he expressed the hope that the discussion would be of value to the students in their work in mathematics.

Members of the faculty and non-club members were guests of the Mathematics Club on this occasion.

## Freshman Class Hostesses to Seniors at Treasure Hunt

Buffet Supper to Follow  
Hunt

On the afternoon of May 10th, the Freshman Class will be hostesses to the Seniors at a treasure hunt. The hunt will start at 2 o'clock at the college, and will probably last more than two hours, as there are fourteen stops. After the treasure has been found, and (the loot has been) divided, a buffet supper will be served in the cafeteria.

The officers of the class, assisted by the committees, have charge of the arrangements. The committees are: Decorations, Lucille Johnson, Bernice Durbin, Elvira Krings, and Audrey Klorer, chairman; poetry for the stops, Helen Leuer, Helen Lenzen, and Clara Rochow, chairman; machines, Hortense Hogan, Florence Broeker, Mary Casey, and Mildred Bongner, chairman; favors, Catherine Peet, Virginia Farrell, and Elizabeth Allison, chairman; food, Margaret House, Frances Mattingly, and Dorothy Dawson, chairman.

## Rev. J. P. Donovan Advocates Inter- national State

College Chaplain Reads Pa-  
per in Washington

At a recent meeting of the Catholic Association for International C. M., professor of history and Peace, Rev. Joseph P. Donovan, government at Kenrick Seminary, advanced a new juridical idea in a paper which he read on "The World State." This advocated nothing less than an international or world state, in which he said might be brought about by "the reign of peace foretold by the Prophet Isaiah."

## EDITORS OF NEXT YEAR'S PUBLICATIONS CHOSEN



MARY HICKMAN

Many and important are the elections which are taking place for 1930-1931, and not least among them are those of editorship for Webster's Publications.

Wanted a "spinner of Webs" declared the Junior Class in unison at a meeting held on Friday, April 25. Their eyes rested on Mary Rose Burke the present assistant editor and their search was ended. She is a true Websterite for she attended Nerinx Hall and also lives in Webster.

Mary Rose is interested in Dramatics and will be remembered as "Jessica" in the Merchant of Venice. She is also an active member of the Choral Club and is always enthusiastic about things musical.



MARY ROSE BURKE

In spite of the fact that she will be a very busy Senior next year, Mary Rose will spend a great part of her time in making future WEBS outstanding in every way.

By these initials you shall know her "T. P." for the Juniors have selected none other than Thelma Pape to guide the Loretine on a very successful course next year. Thelma writes poetry and jingles, some are serious, others are funny but all of them are enjoyable.

This young lady is a graduate of Loretto Academy, where she won fame for her dramatic ability. Thelma is Business Manager for the Lauretanum this year and she has a way about her, that makes giving up money a less painless process.



THELMA PAPE

Best wishes to the new editor of the Loretine!

Doesn't the South remind "you all" of sunshine, flowers, and pretty girls, and Vicksburg, Miss., makes us think of Mary Hickman, our next Year Book editor. Mary was graduated from St. Francis Xavier Academy in '27. Then she was a business woman for a year before coming to Webster.

Mary is a very busy young lady, she is interested in Dramatics, is a member of the Student Council, and will be one of the Sophomore Maids on May Day.

In strict confidence Mary has revealed that the next Year Book will be quite different and urges all the girls to be on the lookout for the Lauretanum of 1931.

## Seniors of Catholic High School Entertained at Webster

On Thursday afternoon, May 8, Webster entertained the Seniors of the Catholic High Schools of St. Louis and East St. Louis. The Juniors were hostesses with the Seniors in the receiving line. A large number of students from the various schools attended. They were taken through the buildings and shown the many advantages that Webster has to offer, and following this, refreshments were served in Social Hall.

This custom of entertaining the Seniors of the Catholic High Schools is an old one, and is looked forward to annually by both the guests and the hostesses.

## Juniors to Give Spring Dance at the Jefferson

When the sign "May 16" appeared on the Student Association bulletin board everyone wondered what it was, and Oh! what a thrill! when the announcement was made that it was the date of the Spring Dance to be held at Hotel Jefferson. Plans are well under way for this affair, and the Juniors, who are in charge, promise a very enjoyable evening to everyone.

## ERLINE STROTHKAMP TO GIVE SENIOR PIANO RECITAL, MON., MAY 12

Will Be Graduated with a  
Bachelor of Science De-  
gree in Music

On Monday evening, May 12, the Loretto Conservatory of Music will present Erline Strothkamp in her Senior piano recital, assisted by Helen O'Brien and Mary Hickman. Besides being prominent in music activities, Erline has shown much literary ability as the present Editor of the Web.

The following program will be offered:

- Bach ..... French Suite, Bourree  
Loure  
Gigue
- Beethoven.... Andante Op. 27, No. 1
- Chopin..... Prelude No. 23  
Nocturne Op. 32, No. 1  
Impromptu Op. 29
- Readings, The Show Must  
Go On..... Anne Fuller  
Helen Margaret O'Brien
- Spring!..... Colin C. Clement  
Mary Elizabeth Hickman
- Albeniz..... Cadiz  
Seguidilla  
Tango
- Niemann..... Abend in Sevilla
- Liszt..... Rhapsody No. 11

## SOPHOMORE REPRESENTS WEBSTER COLLEGE IN CON- TEST ON 'CONSTITUTION'

Competes with Eight Other  
Contestants

Webster was represented by Jane Poole, on April 28, at Fayette, Mo., in the regional contest of the National Intercollegiate Oratorical Contest on "The Constitution."

Even though Jane was not chosen as winner of the first or second prize, her poise, voice and diction were highly praised by the judges. Mrs. Sankey, who coached and accompanied Jane on this trip, was also highly complimented. There were nine contestants and Jane was the only girl.

Central College won the first prize and William Jewel College the second. The three judges were from the University of Missouri.

Mrs. Sankey and Jane reported that they experienced a very enjoyable trip and hope that next time they will be able to return to Webster, winners.

## ATTENTION!

We are delighted to announce that the proceeds of the Passion Play, sponsored by the Webster College Alumnae, on April 5, 7 and 8, amounted to \$2,826.00.

## DR. W. H. GRIFFITH TALKS TO SIGMA PHI THETA CLUB

"Nutrition" Is Subject of In-  
teresting Address

On Monday evening, May 5, Dr. W. H. Griffith of the St. Louis U. School of Medicine delivered an interesting talk on "Nutrition," before the members of the Chemistry Club, the Sigma Phi Theta.

Basal metabolism, the speaker said, is the metabolism of the body at the lowest level, that is, the metabolism of the body when no work is being done. It is one of the factors that determines the total amount of fuel that is to be burned. The number of calories of food required by a normal individual for basal metabolism is constant. The additional calories vary with the amount and kind of work being done. Basal metabolism ceases only with life; hence, if a sufficient number of calories are not supplied by the food, the body tissue is burned.

In speaking of vitamins Dr. Griffith said that the pasteurization of milk causes a lack of Vitamin "C" and that this should be supplied in the infants' diet. It has been shown that if "C" is absent from the body, a change occurs inside the teeth; in fact, it is fast being proved, that nutrition is vital in teeth formation.

Dr. Griffith stressed the importance of inorganic salts in the body and said they may be obtained along with the vitamins, chiefly from milk, vegetables and fruits.

## Seniors Delight- fully Entertained By the Juniors

Each Senior Receives Dainty  
Dance Handkerchief  
As Favor

The Senior Class was entertained by the Juniors with a theatre party and tea on Thursday afternoon, May 1st. The members of the two classes enjoyed Joan Crawford in "Montana Moon" at the Loew's State Theatre. After the matinee, there was a tea at the Busy Bee, where the tea table was artistically decorated in the senior class colors, lavender and white. At the places of the graduates and chaperons, were the gifts of the Juniors—dainty dance handkerchiefs in various pastel shades. Mlle. Prevost and Miss Feuhling acted as chaperons.

The arrangements for the party were in the hands of the officers, Bernice Wolff, Rosemary Hynes, Ann Ryan, and Adelaide Murphy. The following girls served on committees: Invitation, Helen O'Brien, Betty Sharpe, and Dorothy Ashlock; place cards, Catherine Geary, Anita Bareis, Margaret Schaefer, and Margaret De Lisle; favors, Carroll Coleman, Mary Rose Burke, Suzanne Corrigan, Doris Condren, and Alice Clarke; cars, Thelma Pape and Marie Wittrock.

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## THE TRUE QUEEN OF MAY

In some ways, May is the most beautiful month of the year, and certainly, it could have no more beautiful patron than Our Lady, Queen of Heaven. Our Lady's Committee deserves much commendation for the elaborate plans they have devised for this month. The daily devotions in Chapel are a constant and welcome reminder of the tribute due Our Mother during this month. The contest for poems and articles in honor of Mary has brought in some fine contributions, and in order to further stimulate interest in this competition, the Committee will, at the end of the month, award a prize for the best composition. Then too, they, with some of the other girls, are keeping the Blessed Virgin's Altar a true shrine of loveliness with the dainty flowers of spring and the soft glow of vigil lights. It is truly the Month of Mary at Webster College.

## FOR WHOM ARE YOU GOING TO VOTE?

May is the month of elections. Ordinarily, we hardly realize the great number of activities, organizations, etc., in which we take part during the busy college year. Their number, however, is concretely brought home to us during this crowded month—this month of elections. In the spring, the executive members of the Sodality, the Mission Unit, Student Association, and the school publications, as well as the lesser and more restricted organizations, must be chosen for the next year.

There are several things that we would like to say about elections. In the first place, attend all those meetings at which elections are held. It is quite true that they often become monotonous, for the majority vote which the important offices require, and rightly so, entails tedious minutes of casting and recasting of ballots until an election may be declared. But you owe it to yourself and to your school to take an interest in and choose good leaders for your activities. Then, too, a word about the standards by which you judge the merits of those nominated. The prettiest girl, the best dressed girl, the most brilliant student, the girl you like best is often not the one suitable for a position of great responsibility. The every day contact of college life is sufficient to enable anyone, if at all observant, to perceive which girls have proved that they are able to assume greater tasks. First of all, study the office for which the election is held; the requirements of the various offices differ in some certain particulars. When you know what kind of a girl the position in question requires, consider those who are eligible and choose the one that you think will best fill that office. There are certain general requirements that should be kept in mind in both nominating and voting. Important office holders should have a certain capacity for leadership and executive ability. They should possess initiative, resourcefulness, self-reliance, and enthusiasm, and above all, a fine sense of responsibility. If every girl in the school in these May elections, will do her voting on the basis of these qualifications, we may rest secure in the knowledge that our various student activities of next year will be well and capably directed.

## THE LAST PLEA FOR THE YEAR BOOK

Year Book Week was not quite the success that it might have been, for the simple reason that the Passion play and the tournament plays took all the attention, and, available finances as well, during the time in which Year Book Week occurred. Consequently, the Year Book was more or less in the background, and while most of the patrons and advertisers paid, all of the expenses of our Book have not been met. Now, with the scholastic year coming so rapidly to an end, it is imperative that every girl in the school pay for her Year Book immediately.

It hardly seems necessary to dwell at length on the Year Book, its merits or its needs. All of the students like the annual, and wouldn't give up its publication for anything; some, however, forget that the Year Book needs more than admiration. Since all have such a vital part in it, all should feel a sense of personal responsibility for the success of the book financially. We, at Webster, have every reason to be proud of our College Annuals, which have won high honor ratings in the national year book competitions. This year's staff is doing its utmost to make the Year Book of 1930 a worthy successor of those which have gone before; and appreciates the co-operation which many of the girls have given. Now, in the few weeks before the Year Book comes out, this final plea is made in its behalf. Those girls who have not, as yet, paid for their Books are asked to do so immediately. Also, we might remind all of the ruling, that not one Year Book will be distributed until every subscription has been paid. Remember that delay on your part may mean a tedious wait for one hundred and eighty other girls. We hope that this year the staff will be able to distribute the Books the first day that they come from the printers, but "it all depends on you!"

## MOTHER!

Who rocked you to sleep in the days gone by?  
And brushed the tears from your misty eye?  
Who could it be that called you "Her baby"  
And strove day by day to make you a Lady,  
It is your Mother, God bless her each day  
May He take all her cares and worries away.  
For she is deserving of comfort and love—  
She was given to you by the Great God above.  
—H. McE., '32.

## TWELVE THINGS TO REMEMBER

The value of time.  
The success of perseverance.  
The pleasure of working.  
The dignity of simplicity.  
The worth of character.  
The power of kindness.  
The influence of example.  
The obligation of duty.  
The wisdom of economy.  
The virtue of patience.  
The improvement of talent.  
The joy of originating.  
"The Queen's Notes."

## Upward and Onward!

"How does it feel to come down to earth after being in the clouds for two and a half hours?" has been the question asked Margaret Schaefer since her return from Indiana, via airplane.

Margaret had been visiting her sister in Indiana, and when she found that she could return to St. Louis from Indianapolis by air, instead of the train, she chose that way.

The plane in which she flew is one of the Transcontinental Air Transport (T. A. T.) planes, operated for rapid travel from the east to the western coast, by the Santa Fe Railroads. The planes are of Ford Tri-Motor and are eighteen-passenger planes. The travel has increased so much in the last few months, that the morning Margaret flew there were three planes needed to take care of the passengers. Two of the planes carried passengers for Los Angeles, while the third accommodated travelers bound for St. Louis and Kansas City.

Margaret said she did not feel the least frightened, was not troubled by "air sickness" and that she prefers that mode of traveling to any other. The only thing which might be unpleasant is the noise made by the three large motors. Unless a close-fitting hat is worn, or cotton put in one's ears, there may be a little difficulty in hearing, after landing.

Margaret said "It is an experience I shall never forget and I am ready to take another 'Fly' at any time."

## Do You Believe in Signs?

*Galosine Station: 5 gals for \$1.*  
*Sado Fountain: Take home a brick. You may have company.*  
*Bakery Shop: Eat our mince-meat pie and roll.*  
*Butcher Shop: Make this your meeting place.*  
*Hardware Store: Tin Pan Alley.*  
*Candy Shop: We all love the sweets of life—especially the 'asses.*  
*Music Store: Come in and get a Little Love, a Little Kiss.*  
C. R., '33.

Sea Gull: "I hear the new aviation school has been having considerable difficulty."

Pelican: "What seems to be the trouble?"

Sea Gull: "Too many students dropping out of class."

## Self-Reliant

## Spirituality

Even the severest critics of modern young men and women admit their initiative, self-reliance, and competence. They can do things and do them remarkably well. They have learned to lead as captains of their athletic teams, as editors of papers and year-books, and as presidents of their classes and heads of their student organizations.

And the friends of modern young men and women have believed that these admitted good qualities can be turned to leadership for God and religion.

You, who have followed the work of Sodality and the S. S. C. during the past years, know that back of that movement has been one implicit trust, a trust, in ability, natural leadership, and real unselfishness of American young people. On that trust was founded the belief that, given a chance, they would want to be leaders in their religion as they are in other things.

While the Sodality and the S. S. C. aimed to create that spirit of leadership within the school, they also aimed through annual Conventions to make this religious leadership national in scope.

Undoubtedly these Conventions are splendid manifestations of national student religious leadership. When 1,500 or 2,000 of the country's finest Catholic young men and women come together, talk religion for three days, plan for Catholic action, and insist on the importance of personal holiness, the effect must inevitably be felt, not only in the schools represented, but throughout the whole of Catholic education.

More than that, the effect will eventually be felt on the communities into which these student leaders will in later life go to carry on the Catholic leadership they have learned during student days.

So, as the student leaders gather in Chicago this summer, their Convention is bound to be of immense importance.

First, it is a tribute of trust in the students themselves. It says implicitly, "We who are responsible for the Sodality and the S. S. C. believe that you students can lead in religion quite as competently as you can lead in athletics, journalism or social life."

Again it will have important consequences for the individual schools when next year the leaders come back with news of the Convention, with plans and methods they have learned there, and in increased appreciation of the value of their Catholic education. The spiritual organizations of the school cannot but leap forward to new life under their leadership and inspiration.

Finally, because of the Convention, hundreds of young men and women will have taken active part in a great Catholic enterprise, learned to talk and plan religious activity, will have met religious leaders from all over the country, and have felt a new pride in the greatness of their Church.

We count largely on the effects of the Convention. And we count on your presence to help make it a success. How very welcome you will be when we all clasp hands at the Palmer House, Chicago, June 20, 21, and 22.

—Daniel A. Lord, S. J.

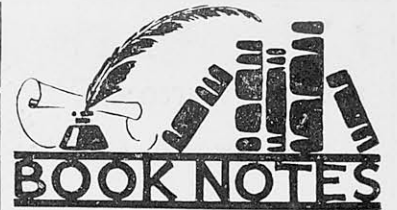
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"The Shadow On The Earth," a tale of Tragedy and Triumph, by Owen Francis Dudley, has a title that is perfectly suited to a story that deals with the problem of pain and suffering, and in the words of the author "deals with a terrible thing—Life as it IS."

The plot of the story is simple: A young man, handsome, wealthy and able to enjoy all that life has to offer in a material way, is climbing the Alps with a party of men when he loses his footing, falls, and in so doing receives a spinal injury which makes him a bed-ridden cripple for life. He is taken to a monastery located in the lower slopes of the Alps, where he is forced to remain for some time. When the Cripple is informed of his hopeless condition by the good monk, Brother Anselm, he is rebellious and unresigned to his fate, and curses God. Fuel is added to the fire of hatred in his soul, by his friend, the Atheist. His hopeless existence is not made cheerful by his friend, the Pessimist, and the Optimist offers him little consolation when he states that his crippled condition is only "an illusion."

Brother Anselm, by his remarkable kindness and patience, wins the confidence of the Cripple, proves to him the falsity of his friends' viewpoints on this life and the life to come, lifts him out of his abyss of despair and finally offers him the solution of the problem of pain and suffering—the Catholic Faith.

A little girl asked a librarian for the book entitled "The Little Girl who ate the Ribbon." Searched revealed that they had everything else under the title of the Little Girl who ate—but the "Little Girl who ate the Ribbon." When asked what the story was about the child answered: "Well, my teacher read it to us, and it was about the night-before Christmas, and the little girl flew to the window and threw up the sash."

When do the leaves begin to turn?

The night before the finals.

## Nerinx Hall Alumnae Sponsors Card Party

The Nerinx Hall Alumnae Association sponsored a card party at the Holy Redeemer Hall on Wednesday evening, April 30.

Marie Wittrock, President of the Association, was general chairman, and the following girls assisted: Mary Casey, Melinda Schwartz, Mary Rose Burke, and Mary Virginia Cummins.

The card party was a great success and the officers take this opportunity to thank the Nerinx Hall girls and all who co-operated with them.

## The Informative Bulletin Board

"Assembly in Mission Hall at 10:40" is found to be interesting to almost every girl in the school. That is what each girl reads on the bulletin board as she passes to class. Since the board has been moved, it is read five or six times a day. Like town criers of old some of the students announce in lusty tones the items of interest, so that those who do not read are informed perforce. Repeated seeing and hearing makes things emphatic. So, here's congratulations to the student council members for making things known at Webster.

# ECHOES of the HALL

A group of girls celebrated Mary Hickman's birthday, Thursday evening in the third floor kitchenette. Congratulations on your birthday, Mary!

Margaret Schaefer spent the Easter vacation with Virginia Houck. Mary Crane spent hers with Lucile Johnson.

Many girls enjoyed their Easter vacations at home, while others spent an enjoyable week here at school.

Jane Poole represented Webster College in a debate at Fayette, Mo. Some of the colleges entered were St. Louis University, Washington University, and Rockhurst College, of Kansas City. We are proud to hear that you were the only girl present, Jane, and we hope that you will be present again next year to represent dear old Webster.

St. Louis University debated against Washington University in the auditorium Wednesday evening, April 30th. The verdict was unanimously in favor of the negative side upheld by St. Louis University.

We are sorry to hear that Alice Widmer is ill, and hope that she will recover soon.

A number of the girls went to see "Flying Feet," a musical comedy, written and directed by our own Father Lord. The girls reported a very good play. Much credit is due, first to Father Lord and secondly to the cast from St. Elizabeth's.

We wish to express our sympathy to Margaret Reardon in the recent death of her Aunt. We shall remember her in our prayers, Margaret.

Emma Kohl accompanied her sister, Katherine, back to Webster after the Easter vacation. Come again, Emma.

Louise Hays spent an evening among Websterites last week. We love to have our Alumnae with us, but just a little more often, "Haysie."

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## THOMPSON GARDENS, THE BEAUTY SPOT OF WEBSTER, ADJACENT TO COLLEGE

The Thompson garden is a spot almost as familiar to the girls of Webster as the Pink Room in Loretto Hall. It never becomes old or tiresome because different flowers are in bloom at the various seasons, and each year many new plants and flowers are added to the already large collection. Mr. Thompson is a pioneer of Webster. His garden is located on the Big Bend and Edgar Roads, just across the street from the College.

There are three adjoining hot-houses called the Palm House, the Center House and the West House. Right off of the West House is a small brick house called the Propagating House. In there the rock flowers are set out. They are so called because they are planted in rocks. These flowers are later transplanted to the flower beds in the garden.

The Palm House is the first house one enters. Here, as the name suggests, are palms and plants of many kinds; in the center of the white flag stone floor is a large Draceana. This is a large slim green leafed plant surrounded by smaller ferns and green leafed flowers. Around the side of the room are Clarendinans or climbing vines, a few Craton plants which have large colored leaves and a Norfolk Highland Pine, which looks something like a Christmas tree, except that the branches are thicker and farther apart. There is also a climbing fern that goes up the side of the house.

As I gazed around the room my eyes fell upon a small bush in the corner of the room with orange balls hanging from it. To my surprise I learned that these balls were nothing more than oranges. I had always thought that oranges grew

on a large tree but here they were growing on a small vine which looked as if its branches were too weak to stand the weight of an orange. Two real orchids in bloom are in this room also.

The next room is the Center Room. This is the largest and prettiest of the three. It is given over entirely to the cultivation of flowers of various colors and shape. They are generally in bloom from January until the warm weather. On one side of this House is a long row of Shizanthus, they are frequently known as the poor man's orchids, or common orchids. Every flower has a botanical name which is known all over the world but in every country there is a different common name or nickname for practically every plant.

There are also many varieties of Baby Primrose to be found here. Their botanical names are Primola Cloides, a pink flower, and Primola Qewints, a small yellow flower. One of the new additions to the collection is a bulb called Scilla Campanulana. On the far side of the house is a group of Pelerganiums, commonly known as the Martha Washington Geranium. Next to these are a number of Cinerarians in many beautiful colors. These are round, speckled flowers and are spoken of commonly as the Ladies Knitting Bag. Some of the other flowers are Snap Dragons, blue and pink Hyacinths and Tulips.

The other hot-house is the West House. It contains two chandelier plants. These grow wild in Florida and California but are rare in St. Louis. Then there are different varieties of Cactus Plants, some of which are the Cotton Cactus and the Rose Cactus. One complete side of the room is filled with Calceolarias of many colors. Although the garden had several at one time there is only one African violet left. A very peculiar plant in this house is the Sensitive Plant. It closes when touched by a human hand.

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**Rev. D. A. Lord, S. J., Talks on "Culture"**

**Priest Urges Students to Employ Every Available Means to Become Cultured**

"Why should Catholics have an apologetic air toward culture, when they have the greatest truth, philosophy, beauty, and the greatest history in the world?" asked Father Lord in an address before the student body given on Thursday afternoon, April 12. "This feeling of inferiority can be explained partially by the fact that during the period of English supremacy the children of Catholics were not allowed to receive a college education," continued the speaker. "These same children then came to America, struggled against poverty, and in this struggle they disregarded the cultural side of life."

This question was asked with all seriousness: "Are you, their descendants, going out with 'cow like, contented minds, or with minds of cultured women,'" "Life should be a continuous quest for knowledge. Why not open the series of doors and rooms within our reach to make life more interesting and thrilling," added the speaker. "The professor is in reality a salesman, he lays many things on the desk, the student himself must accept or reject the wares," explained Father Lord. Culture is the sum total of things you have learned and forgotten. We become cultured when we have lived through the experiences of great minds. Father Lord urged everyone to acquire at least a limited knowledge of literature, both classical and modern, of painting, and of the principal types of architecture as a first step in our efforts to become cultured.

**St. Louis-Washington U.'s Meet in (Forensic) Debate**

**Unanimous Decision of the Judges Awarded to St. Louis University**

St. Louis and Washington Universities held the third of a series of formal debates, on Wednesday evening at 8:15 in Webster's Auditorium. The question for discussion was, "Resolved: That installment buying of consumption goods be condemned." The five judges by a unanimous vote, awarded the decision to St. Louis University, who defended the negative of the proposition.

The winning team was composed of James S. McClellan, Robert W. Herr and J. Donald Gunn. This team has won fifteen decisions on its recent tour in the Mississippi Valley.

Washington University was represented by Myron Schwartz, Marshal Mitchell and Robertson Claggett.

The judges were: Paul F. Bliss, publicity director of the Community Council; J. C. Edwards, principal of McKinley Intermediate High School; Ralph H. Kastner, an attorney; Robert T. Mollencott, city passenger agent for the Wabash Railroad, and J. E. Steger, general manager of the Provident Association.

Much credit must be given to both full handling of the question which

**"Behold Thy Mother"**

Jesus, dying on the tree  
Gave you, Mother Dear, to me.  
You, He chose, in Heaven above.  
To be His Mother, His own love.

T. P.

**ATHLETIC NEWS**

The athletes of Webster are "up and at it" in the true sense of the word. The tennis tournament and track are now in full swing. The waiting line for the court is never short, for the battle for the tennis trophy is being vigorously waged. Of the twenty-four entries for this tournament, the freshmen claim the majority. The finals will be staged on Field Day, May 22.

This year the rivalry for class championship as well as for individual victory, is high. Twenty points go to the Freshmen class for Volley Ball; the Soph's take the basketball honors with twenty-five points; and it is a rather probable presumption that the Juniors will cinch the Baseball pennant, carrying twenty points. Tennis and track will probably determine the class championship.

The Field Day programme will be one of varied interests. At 11:30 the final inter-class baseball game will be played; the final tennis matches will begin at 1:45; track and field events at 3:30; and at 7:30 that evening, the Athletic Association Banquet will be held, at which the trophies will be awarded.

**Social Science Notes**

During the second semester, the Social Science class has been addressed by three of Webster's social workers from the central office of St. Vincent de Paul Society, Misses Corrigan, Barnicle and Murphy.

Miss Elizabeth Corrigan visited the class first, and gave a very interesting talk on how the office of a social agency is managed. She brought with her, samples of the records which are kept on each case and explained how they are written up.

Miss Violet Barnicle is in charge of the Childrens Department, which handles all those children brought from the juvenile court, and those who are to be placed in the various institutions. This department handles some adoption cases also, and it watches the child for some time after it has been placed in a home or institution.

Miss Marie Murphy spoke to the class on family case work. In a very interesting manner, Miss Murphy reviewed a case from beginning to end, giving the plan of treatment as she went along. "Relief giving is important," Miss Murphy said, "but too much relief takes away the initiative of the family."

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## ARCHBISHOP TO PRESIDE AT GRADUATION EXERCISES

### SENIORS GUESTS OF COLLEGE AT JUNE BANQUET

**Thelma Pape Is Toast-  
mistress**

The annual June banquet in honor of the graduates was held at the college on Tuesday evening, June 3. This social function, which is given by Mother Linus, is attended by the faculty as well as the entire student body. It is a time of rejoicing indeed, for the "wear and tear" of the finals is over and all are anticipating a long summer vacation.

The Junior Class was in charge of the arrangements for the banquet and Thelma Pape acted as toastmistress. She was assisted, in toasting members of the faculty, by Alice Widmer, Dorothy Fairall, Jane Poole, Josephine Reddin, Lucille Johnson, Ann Ryan, Mary Rose Burke, Rosemary Hynes, Mary Hickman, Jane Daly, Helen O'Brien and Esther Kraft.

### TWO SENIORS ADMITTED TO KAPPA GAMMA PHI

**Both Hold Positions on Student Council**

Announcement has been made that Margaret Vollet, Magna Cum Laude, and Orient Weis, Cum Laude are now members of Kappa Gamma Phi, National Honor Society of Catholic Colleges for Women.

"Peg" is one of the most popular girls in school. She has served on the Student Council since the first year of its existence, and is the President of it this year. Last year she was elected May Queen, and presided over her court in a gracious and charming manner.

"Odi" has been rather busy with the Lauretanum of late, for being editor of a Year Book is no easy matter. She has always been interested in athletics, and is a talented dancer. This year she is Secretary of the Student Council.

Webster is proud of her new representatives in the Honor Society and feels certain that within a very short time they will be listed among the distinguished members of Kappa Gamma Phi.

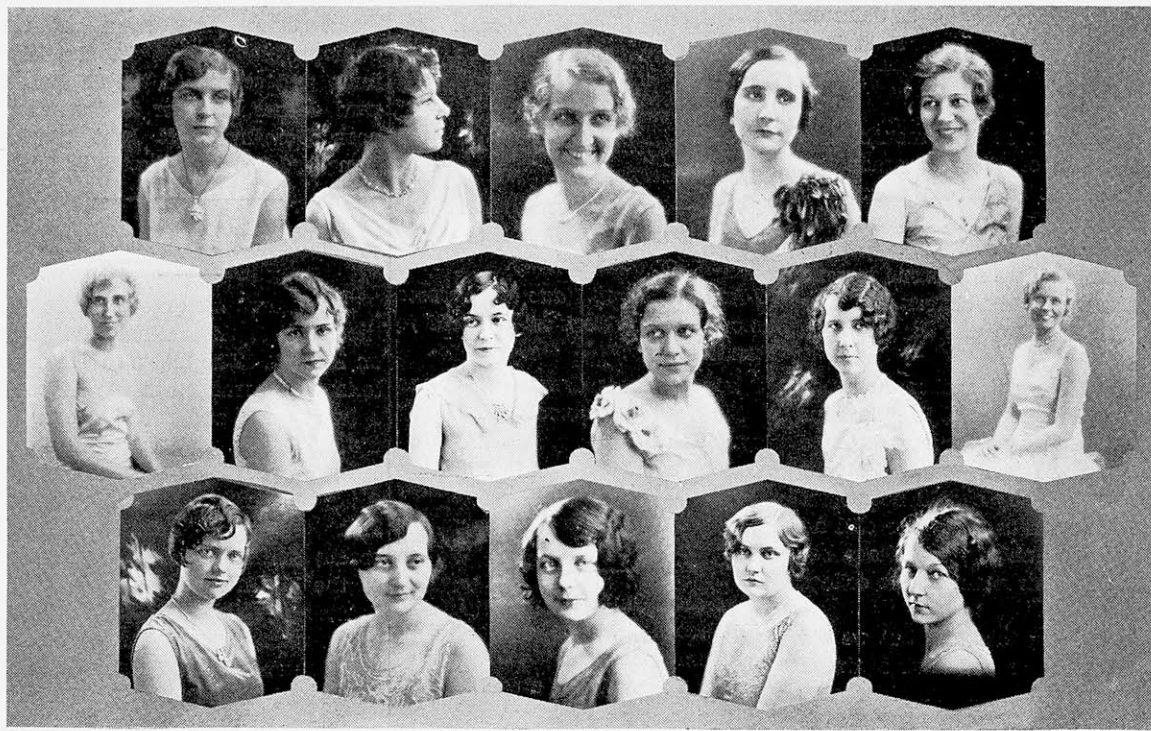
### Rev. J. Husslein Gives Talk To Sociology Class

**Holy Father's Encyclical Is  
Subject of Address**

Father J. Husslein, S. J., head of the newly organized School of Sociology and Welfare Work of St. Louis University, addressed the Social Science Class on Thursday afternoon, May 15, the 39th Anniversary of the issuance of Pope Leo XIII's Encyclical, and showed how it is to be applied to present day labor problems. Pope Leo ascribed

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### WEBSTER'S CLASS OF 1930



First Row: Margaret Vollet, Orient Weis, Catherine Cody, Josephine Rabbitt, Ellen Quirk. Second Row: Mary Frances Broeker, Dorrit Barnicle, Frances Ernst, Winifred Kane, Erlene Strothkamp, Rosemary Brennan. Third Row: Neva Daily, Eugenia Bock, Estelle Cavanaugh, Elizabeth Coakley, Lucille Rapillard.

### SIXTEEN SENIORS TO RECEIVE DE- GREES JUNE 4

**They Will Be Conferred By  
Archbishop Glennon**

The conferring of degrees upon the sixteen members of the senior class will take place Wednesday afternoon at three o'clock, in the College auditorium. Rev. Russell Wilbur, of Notre Dame parish, will address the graduates. Most Rev. J. J. Glennon, D. D., Archbishop of St. Louis, will be assisted by Rev. P. J. Dooley and Rev. J. P. Spencer.

The graduation exercises will close with Solemn Benediction, in the College Chapel.

The Bachelor of Arts Degree will be conferred upon Dorrit Rose Barnicle, Mary Josephine Rabbitt, Lucyle Elizabeth Rapillard, Neva Rossella Daily, Estelle Mary Cavanaugh, Winifred McKittrick Kane, Mary Frances Broeker, Elizabeth Kathryn Coakley, Rosemary Brennan, Catherine Mary Cody, and Margaret Vollet, magna cum laude. The Bachelor of Science degree will be bestowed upon Orient Weis, cum laude, and on Ellen Quirk. Bachelor of Science in Music upon Eugenia Mary Bock and Erlene Agnes Strothkamp, and the Bachelor of Literature degree upon Lucille Frances Ernst.

### ALICE WIDMER AND BERNICE WOLFF ELECTED TO MAJOR OFFICES

**Student Council and Sodality  
Elections Are Held**

Recent elections held at Webster College for the coming scholastic year resulted in the following selections:

Bernice Wolff was elected Prefect of the Sodality of the Blessed Virgin Mary, and she succeeds Neva Daily in this most honored office. This position is most important at this time, since Webster will take an active part in the convention, which will be held in Chicago this summer.

Alice Widmer was elected President of the Student Council, succeeding Margaret Vollet. Webster feels certain that Alice will be a capable leader, due to her past experience on the Council.

### SODALITY MAY CROWNING HELD ON CAMPUS, MAY 15

**Each Class Is Represented  
By a Maid**

On Thursday, May 15, Webster held its annual Sodality May Crowning. Winifred Kane was chosen for the honor of the crowning of our Blessed Mother. Mary Frances Broeker, Anita Baresis, Es-simena Weinacker and Mildred Bongner represented the Senior,

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### Rev. J. E. Ernst Celebrates Mass for Senior Class

**Rev. J. M. Hedderman and  
Rev. W. W. Barry  
Were Deacons**

A Solemn High Mass was celebrated for the Seniors on Sunday morning, in the College Chapel, by Rev. J. E. Ernst. Rev. J. M. Hedderman and Rev. W. W. Barry were Deacons, and Rev. J. P. Donovan, C. M., the College Chaplain, was Master of Ceremonies. Father Ernst is a brother of Frances Ernst, a member of the Senior Class. The sermon was delivered by Rev. Joseph M. O'Leary, C. P.

At 7:45 on Sunday evening, the Baccalaureate Sermon for the graduates of the Corporate College, was delivered by Rev. Claude J. Pernin, S. J., at St. Louis University.

### HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS GIVEN TEA DANCE BY STUDENT COUNCIL

**Social Hall Scene of Dance  
for Nerinx Hall and  
Lafayette**

Social Hall was the scene of a happy gathering Saturday afternoon, May 24, from 4 to 6, when the Student Council of Webster College entertained the seniors of Nerinx Hall, the high school department of Webster, and of Lafayette Academy and their "dates" at a tea dance.

The members of the Council were in the receiving line. Margaret Vollet, president of the Student Council, presided at the tea table, which was very attractive with its lace cover and center-piece of cut spring flowers.

### ADELAIDE MURPHY CROWNED QUEEN OF WEBSTER COLLEGE

**Margaret Vollet Is Retiring  
Queen**

One of the most beautiful May Day ceremonies of the College took place on May 31, at five o'clock, when Adelaide Murphy, a member of the Junior Class, was crowned "Queen of the May." A throne was erected on the campus, against a background of trees and shubbery, and was decorated with lovely spring flowers. Slowly and gracefully, Margaret Vollet, the retiring queen, walked to her throne, followed by her eight maids of honor: Dorrit Barnicle, Catherine Cody, Lucyle Rapillard, Helen O'Brien, Ann Ryan, Mary Hickman, Ellen Prendergast and Janet Widmer.

Then came Queen Adelaide, tall stately and attractive, who was crowned by her successor amid all the splendor of our annual May Day. Congratulations, Adelaide! May happiness and success mark your reign!

### WEBSTER CHOOSES DELEGATE TO CONVENTION

Webster girls unanimously elected as delegate to the Sodality Convention in Chicago, Rosemary Hynes, who has distinguished herself in the Sodality by her zealous efforts, especially in behalf of the Literary Committee. The qualifications for this position were many and of no light importance—material as well as spiritual attributes were considered.

Webster's student body will be well represented at the convention.

### Mlle. Prevost Sails for Paris Will Return to Webster in September

"The architecture of the new University City in Paris is very interesting," said Miss Marcelle Prevost, professor of French and director of the Department of Modern Languages at Webster. At the University of Paris there were no residence halls for the students as there are at the universities in this country. The students lived any place in town, generally in private homes. Now many countries have their own dormitories in Paris so that their students who are studying in Paris can live there. Each building is representative of the style of architecture characteristic of the country owning it. America opened a new hall last year and it is beautiful.

Miss Prevost's home is in Dijon. She sailed from New York on the steamship "Paris" on May 23, to spend the summer with her mother. During her vacation she will continue research work on her thesis for her doctor's degree which she will receive from the Sorbonne. She will also enjoy a short trip through the Rhine country and Belgium, after which she will return to St. Louis in September to resume her teaching at Webster.

### WEBSTER PROFESSOR FORMER LITERARY EDITOR OF 'AMERICA'

For the past semester, Webster College has been privileged to have Rev. James J. Daly, S. J., of St. Louis University, on its faculty, as professor of English Literature. Father Daly was formerly Literary Editor of "America," and is at present Literary Editor of "Truth." He is also well known for his excellent poetry.

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## THE ALUMNAE

Congratulations to the Alumnae! Why? Because this month they will receive into their ranks a new contingent of Webster graduates. We have known each one of these new graduates for several years and during their college careers they have revealed splendid qualities, which we feel sure, will continue to shine out in Alumnae activities. We are proud of our fine, active Alumnae organization, and we are proud to send to them the sixteen graduates of 1930. Each one of the sixteen is a true Webster girl, and that is the highest praise that we can bestow upon any one of them.

It is this annual addition of new members that makes Alumnae organizations ever young, and ever growing. Furthermore, it maintains that close contact between those in the college and those who have graduated, and facilitates cooperation between the two groups. So that each year when the seniors leave the school, we really should not regret it so much, for they have merely changed their status; they are still an integral part of the college. If we may use the analogy, they have become members of the college triumphant, while we remain in the college militant.

We turn now to you, the Graduates, to bid you farewell; but we bid you farewell only as fellow students, for we welcome you back again in your dignity as Alumnae. We know that you will show the older girls that the Webster graduates are still as fine as ever. And our finest wish for you is that your Alumnae years may be as busy, happy, and fruitful, and as devoted to the ideals that makes Webster so noble an Alma Mater, as were your college days!

## SELLING YOUR COLLEGE

Vacation days are just around the corner; lines of Latin, problems in Math, and papers for English, all will retire to their summer retreat and leave us free for three months. But a lighter, more congenial task remains. Put in modern parlance, that task is "selling our college."

"Selling" is a popular expression of this era of high-powered salesmanship. It means getting a "prospect" worked up to such a degree of enthusiasm, that you couldn't possibly keep him from buying what you're trying to sell him.

The necessity for such action on our part arises from the fact that Webster College is not as well known as many larger institutions. Educational standards here are just as high, social contacts as pleasing, activities as interesting; the only trouble is that far too few know of the advantages our college has to offer. Now no better means could be devised to advertise the school than having one hundred and eighty girls in different parts of the country this summer, letting people know the advantages of a college education, the superior advantages of a Catholic college education, the superlative values of a Webster College education. We know these facts and accept them as a matter of course, and in so doing, we may forget, perhaps, that there are other girls, prospective college students, to whom first-hand information about Webster would be a boon. For in the long run, as alluring as are the campus folders and college catalogues, the personally expressed opinion of one girl to another, will probably go farther than the most attractive printed advertisement.

Now we're not trying to advocate that every student at Webster College should go out and corner some defenseless high school graduate and with a gun pointed at her, say, "You've got to go to college!" That isn't the idea at all. It's just this: we all love Webster and feel that it is THE college; and if we'll just let some of that enthusiasm radiate under the summer sun, we're sure to strike some with the College fever. Perhaps every girl will not have an opportunity to do any publicity work of this kind; but this editorial is just to serve as a reminder that should the occasion present itself, every one of us should be ready and eager to do her bit for the great work of Catholic education, and it is indeed a privilege, to play a part in so noble a movement. Furthermore, a good word spoken for Webster College is not only a courtesy to our school; it may easily be a real kindness to a girl or parents who are looking for the right college.

## THE STAFF

With this WEB, the 1930 staff makes its last bow, as Commencement draws the curtains on the College Year. Some of the staff members leave the college this month, and while some of us remain; the staff as it was, is now a thing of the past. We have appreciated the trust that you, the students, placed in our hands, and which we have fulfilled to the best of our ability. In the earlier part of the scholastic year, we outlined the aim and object of our work, to make the WEB "a mirror of the times." We hope that our attempts to accomplish that aim have met with your approval; and that the WEB in your opinion, has been, during all the year 1929-30, an interesting and worthy literary representative of your school.

To our successors, the new staff to come, we extend congratulations, for they have a year of interesting work ahead of them; and, best wishes, for the constant energy and industry are necessary to uphold the standards of a college paper. Curtain.

## SENIOR HOPE CHEST

*I hope Margaret Vollet will never lose her sweet disposition.*

*I hope Elizabeth Coakley will retain her sense of humor.*

*I hope Estella Cavanaugh will have active missions in life.*

*I hope Jo Rabbitt will win the world's laurels.*

*I hope Catherine Cody will play "Juliet" some day.*

*I hope Lucylle Rapillard will always retain her petite figure.*

*I hope Orient Weis will always know her "organisms."*

*I hope Erline Strothkamp will remember that "Music hath charms."*

*I hope Ellen Quirk will remember her math, and use it profitably.*

*I hope Dorrit Barnicle will meet the man of her dreams.*

*I hope Rosemary Brennan will always retain her sweet smile.*

*I hope Neva Daily will have enough to eat some day.*

*I hope Eugenia Bock will be a renowned musician.*

*I hope Mary Frances Broeker will be the winner of the silver cup awarded for good driving.*

*I hope Winifred Kane will become famous for her work in the field of Chemistry.*

*I hope Frances Ernst will be one of the world's foremost "Spanish" playwrights.*

C. R., '34.

## The Seniors' Farewell

Exams are completed

And books put aside;

A heavenly peace

In each heart doth abide.

The sheep skins are ordered,

The date has been set,

Our theses are finished,

So why should we fret?

'Tis the thought of our parting

That makes us feel blue,

And a thought that must come

If our hearts would be true.

There's a slowness of step

And a tear in our eye.

There's a lingering glance

For we're saying "Good-bye."

## "Caught in the Web"

First Journalist: "What's the matter, Peet?"

Second Same: "I wrote an article for the 'Web' on fresh milk and the editor condensed it."

Marj Scheu: "I ride a horse out at Westborough that I call 'Imagination.'"

Tina: "How come?"

Mary: "The crazy thing runs away with me."

"Well, I guess I've lost another pupil," said the professor as his glass eye rolled down the pipe.

Biology Prof.: "Did you do any outside reading?"

Student: "Er-er-no, Sister, it's been too cold to read outside."

First Boarder: "It looks like rain."

Second Boarder: "Yes, but it has the faint odor of coffee."

## SPRING!

Spring has brought numerous changes to Webster College. Many of the girls are beyond recognition in the coats of sunburn they have acquired on the tennis courts. The bright colored summer frocks worn by the students increase in number every day and give a brilliant color note to the campus. But the most welcome change is that of the barren trees into beautiful bright parasols of green foliage. All these changes wrought by the coming of spring make one feel that she is in a different world.

## Athletic News

The Sophomores were victors in the annual track meet. They made 45 points and beat their nearest competitors, the Freshmen, by 23 points. The Juniors, though they didn't win first or second place, made a very creditable showing and nearly nosed the Freshies out of their second place. Katherine Bussman collected 31 of her team's points and turned in the best individual performance of the day. Hortense Hogan was second with three firts, for a total of 15 points. Katherine Bussman took first in the basket ball throw, 50 and 75 yard dashes and running broad jump, and second in the standing broad jump, base ball throw and shot put. Hortense Hogan was first in the baseball and basketball throws and the standing broad jump. Ann Ryan, of the Juniors, placed first in the high jump and second in the 50 and 75 yard dashes. Earlier in the afternoon, Dorothy Kraft beat Marion Hange, 6-1, 6-2, in the tennis finals.

## Athletic Banquet

The annual banquet sponsored by the Athletic Association was given on May 22. The tables in the cafeteria were arranged in the shape of a horse-shoe, and presided over by Mother Linus, president of the college; Sister Borgia, dean of studies; Sister Edwarda, dean of women; Miss Genevieve Barthel, athletic coach; and Alice Widmer, president of the W. A. A.

After the banquet the following toasts were given: Winning Volleyball Team, Helen O'Brien; Winning Basketball Team, Janet Widmer; Winning Baseball Team, Kathleen Hamel; Tennis Champion, Marion Hange; Winners of Track, Florence Broeker; Officers of W. A. A., Genevieve McBride.

After the toasts Miss Barthel gave a brief summary of the year's activities and presented the awards. Individual trophies were given to the six most valuable players on the basketball team. They were Josephine Reddin, Adelaide Murphy, Alice Widmer, Dorothy Meyer, Katherine Bussman, and Tina Hayes. The tennis trophy was given to Dorothy Kraft, winner of track to Katherine Bussman, runner-up in track to Hortense Hogan.

Awards were given to individuals as follows: First award to Helen O'Brien, Katherine Bussman, Genevieve McBride, Patricia McMullen, and Dorothy Meyer. Second awards to Kathleen Hamel, Margaret Ludden, Adelaide Murphy, and Ann Ryan, "Sr."

Sister Borgia, Sister Edwarda and Alice Widmer gave brief talks. The program ended with the singing of the school song.

## "ON SLANG"

Despite arguments to the contrary, the English used on the campus today is just as correct and proper as in other days. It is true, slang and expressions appear from day to day; it is what we might call "modern slang."

Among the newest expressions are "check and double check." We hear a lot of talk about "cut heads," but nothing like that ever happens. Just let a girl compliment another on any article of wearing apparel and the retort is always: "You must wear it some time." And then there is: "Oh Ye-ah?" which is popular, almost to the exclusion of all the other slang expressions at present. "Sez you" often sufficiently squelches one around the campus.

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## Mission Unit Elects Officers for 1930-31

The final meeting of the Nancy Havern Mission Unit was held on Wednesday, May 14, at 11:30 o'clock, and since it was the last meeting of the year, it was devoted to the election of officers for 1930-31. The girls who were chosen to fill the positions were: Mary Virginia Cummins, President; Virginia Drummond, Vice-President; Marie Wittrock, Secretary; Helen Lenzen, Treasurer; and Justina Hayes, Spiritual Treasurer. The newly-elected president, Mary Virginia Cummins was recently elected Paladin Leader by the Mission Unit, and has shown great interest in the missions, particularly, in home missions. Under the new officers, the Unit expects to put over another big Mission year, next year. The report, which was read at the meeting, showed that the Nancy Havern Unit was wide-awake this year, and accomplished a great deal.

The mission officers have planned two final activities for this year, and they are: a sale of refreshments on Field Day, and a Mission lunch sale on the evening of May 31, for the benefit of all those who wish to stay for the Shakespearean play that night. Plan now on staying, and don't forget to help by buying some of those pretty butterflies Sister Nerinckx is making, as well as some chances on that box of stationery the Mission Class Leaders are raffling!

## Webster Groves Park

One of the attractive features of Webster Groves is in the Webster Groves Park, located on Lockwood avenue, about a block from the College. This diminutive park is the shape of a triangle; it has a profusion of flowers and plants of many varieties.

In one end of the park is a stone memorial, erected by the citizens of Webster in honor of the men and women from Webster Groves who gave up their lives in the World War. Of interest to the passerby is the fish pond in which there are sixteen gold fish, two turtles and six alligators. The alligators, about two years old, were brought from the South, last fall, by Mr. K. W. Kriegesman, editor of the Webster Groves News Item and were kept in the reptile house at Forest Park during the winter.

Alligators die more often from being overfed than from being underfed. Mrs. Kriegesman explained. Their rations consist of jack salmon, which is fed them once a week. Mr. Kriegesman has been in charge of the park for six out of the twelve years of its existence.

Mr. Kriegesman began his career in Webster Groves twenty-five years ago. He has made several trips to Europe and as a representative of the American press was received by the Pope and Mussolini. Upon his return from one trip, he presented Sister Marie Anthony with a beautiful Crucifix.

## "PEP"

Someone asked, "What is 'Pep'?" That little expressive word stands for poise, pluck, peace, power, patience, punch, purpose, and it likewise means efficiency, enthusiasm, endurance, example, and experience.

You must have effort, energy, endurance in order to acquire pep. You should know what you want, want it hard and you'll get it. Say you wanted to be cheerful; well, if you were pleasant every morning until 10 o'clock, the rest of the day would take care of itself.

If you have "pep" hold on to it, if you haven't, why not try to acquire it?

# ECHOES of the HALL

Agnes Douthat of Joplin, Mo., spent a few days with her sister, Catherine, who is one of our freshmen.

Jo Hennerick returned to her home in Hays, Kansas, last Friday. Don't forget Webster, Jo.

Estelle and Alyce Cavanaugh and Eugenia Bock were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. O. A. Pierron of St. Louis last Sunday at a picnic dinner in the Ozarks.

Margaret Schaeffer spent a few days in Cape Girardeau, Mo., last week. We know that your old friends were glad to see you.

Norma Bacon and Margaret Conrad, of Kansas City, visited Helen O'Brien and Rita Scherer last Sunday.

We are glad to see you back, Kate, and we only hope that you will stay with us until school closes.

Emma Kohl, a former student of Webster, assisted her sister, Katharine, in Weber's "Concertstuck." Katharine played the first piano and Emma the orchestral accompaniment. Girls, it was very good.

Mary Zilliken's mother and father and sister, Helen, of Chester, Illinois, visited her this past week. We envy you, Mary, because you are so lucky.

Mary Hyslop enjoyed a very pleasant week-end with Catherine Schumke of Jackson, Missouri.

Jimmie Field, of Georgie Tech, surprised his sister, Mildred, by a visit last week. Weren't you thrilled, Millie?

Have you noticed all the butterflies flying around Webster? They are not in the Biology Lab, but in Sister Nerinck's room. Get yours today without delay.

May 19 was Senior Day at Webster. Most of the "day-hops" became boarders for a night and enjoyed the festivities that are commonplace events for the "ten-monthers."

A midnight feed had a prominent place on the program. Even the anticipation of this affair was enjoyable, for "Odie" Weis refused to eat dinner in order to be prepared for it.

## SHAKESPEAREAN PLAY

The Loretto Players of Webster College presented "Twelfth Night," this year, as their annual Shakespearean production. There were two performances, one on Saturday evening, May 31, the other on Monday evening, June 2, in the Little Theater of the College. There were unique stage and lighting effects and separate casts were trained for the two performances. The double cast of characters followed: Orsino, Helen McEvoy; Sir Toby, Catherine Bussman and Catherine Geary; Sir Andrew, Clarabelle Mueller and Mary Hickman; Feste, Thelma Pape and Ann Janes; Fabian, Billie Surprise and Rita Sherer; Curio, Jo Reddin and Jane Daly; Valentine Dorothy Fairall and Eugenia Smith; The Sea Captain, Mae Hillmeyer and Eugenia Smith; Malvolio, Catherine Cody and Martha Jayne Lenartz; Sebastian, Alice Widmer and Dorothy Fairall; The Sailor, Marie Smucker and Virginia; Olivia, Mary Frances Broeker and Jane Poole; Viola, Jo Rabbitt and Helen O'Brien; Maria, Lucille Johnson and Frances Ernst; Lady in Waiting to Olivia, Margaret Delmore.

## Adelaide Murphy, Who Was Crowned May Queen



MISS ADELAIDE MURPHY

## Dramatic News

"Mr. Loring's Aunts," a comedy in three acts, was presented Tuesday night, May 13, in the Webster College Auditorium, by the Freshman dramatic students. This sparkling little comedy was greatly enjoyed by the faculty, student body and guests.

The time of the play is the present day and the locality is a small town called Plainfield. Mrs. Loring, the leading character, sends her sister, Lucy, to the station to meet Mr. Loring's Aunts, whom she expects on the 2 o'clock train, while Mrs. Jones, matron of a sanatorium for nervous cases, sends Jane to meet Miss Flite and Miss Lite, whom she expects on the 3 o'clock train. Lucy, in order to meet her sweetheart, arrives at 3 o'clock while Jane gets there at two. Each unknowingly takes the wrong party, and this leads to a general mix-up, finally straightened out by Eleanor and Lizzie, with such excellent results that Mrs. Loring is forgiven by the aunts, and peace is finally declared between the quarrelsome maids, Biddy and Marie.

Virginia Moore, who took the part of Mrs. Loring, was excellent in her role and was splendidly supported by Frances Mattingly, who was her sister, Lucy Manning. The humor was brought out by Margaret McCabe, Margaret Mary Everroad, Mary Brown and Margaret Delmore. The other characters were: Rita Scheer, Dorothy Kraft, Lucille Johnson, Jane Daily, Eugenia Smith, Florence Broker, Alvira Krings, Mary Louis Muldoon, Janet Widmer, Marie Schmucker and Laura Lee Ball.

## Card Party Held in Cafeteria

The last Social Guild card party of the school year was held Monday, May 19, in the cafeteria, with Mrs. Robert Farrell as hostess.

Admission was \$1.00 per person. Proceeds are always devoted to the Webster College Foundation. Score prizes were small ornamental lions. The attendance prizes were candle sticks and a candy dish. At the conclusion of the bridge and five-hundred games, coffee and cakes were served.

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## The Year Book's Out

After some slight delay, the 1930 Lauretanums finally made their appearance last week, and were distributed among the students. The neutral shade of the cover of this year's annual gives no hint of the more colorful tones of lavender, yellow, and purple, to be found within. All the color plates of the book are developed in these three colors. The purple used for the views of the college, gives an unusual effect and adds depth to the pictures.

The theme of the Lauretanum, this year, is "Progress." The book itself is dedicated to the progress that Webster College has made; and this keynote of advancement as related to student as well as college, is further carried out in the division pages. The usual year book section plan has been followed, each section featuring a different phase of college activity. This Annual boasts a particularly large and well arranged snap shot section.

The members of the staff of the 1930 Lauretanum were: Orient Weis, editor; Alice Clarke, associate editor; Thelma Pape, business manager; Carol Coleman, art editor; Josephine Rabbitt, circulation manager; Neva Daily, advertising manager.

## Webster Student Proprietor of Flower Shoppe

Because she is a true lover of flowers, Mary Margaret Everroad, 20, sophomore at Webster and proprietor of the "Little Flower Shoppe" at 949 Goodfellow Avenue, in St. Louis, plans to continue her work in the shop throughout the summer.

Mary Margaret is the youngest owner of a floral establishment in the city, and is very much interested in the work. She attended the State Florists' Convention held last year at Hotel Statler in St. Louis, and is planning to attend the state convention to be held in June at Springfield.

Mary Margaret says these conventions are most interesting. Different florists give demonstrations of how to arrange sprays quickly, and girls model the flowers that have been made up into bouquets. If one florist has some method which he finds to be helpful he may pass it on to others. At these conventions each florist may also submit an exhibit to be voted upon. Prizes are given for the best exhibits. Mary Margaret is planning on entering some designs in these exhibits, and as her shop grows she intends making a specialty of wedding bouquets and corsages.

Mary Margaret explains that to follow in her footsteps one does not need a large amount of money to start an establishment of this kind, and she is certain that most large concerns would laugh at the small sum with which she started her shop. She has received many favorable comments upon the way the shop has grown in the short span of eighteen months. Mary Margaret is assisted, in managing this remarkable little shop, by her mother and aunt.

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## Students to Spend Vacation in Rest and Travel

Summer is nearly here. She brings with her, vacation, which is always welcomed by hard working students. Websterites greet her arrival with joy and with sorrow—joy, because it is a rest from mental labor; sorrow, because it is departure from those walls which have harbored us for another precious year.

What do the girls do during the summer? This year, all of the Seniors are going to spend vacation recovering the strength which they have lost during the past year, in their effort to attain the much coveted sheepskin.

Some Juniors and Sophomores say they are going to summer school while others are going to "loaf." Quite a few young people are going to work. Most of all the members of the Freshman Class are going to improve their athletic talents, in swimming, golf, tennis, and canoeing.

Travel is to be quite popular among the girls. Essemina Weinacker is going abroad. During her travels, she may see the Passion Play. The Sodality Convention in Chicago during the latter part of

June will be attended by fifteen students from Webster. Jane Poole, Frances Sloane, Justina Hayes, Jake Anderson, and Marjorie Scheu are planning a trip to Rockaway Beach in the Ozarks. Patricia McMullen will travel with her parents in California. Billie Surprise will spend a month in Ward, Colorado. Marie Schmucker will visit in Chicago before she returns to her home in Dallas.

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I think that the medical world could get some valuable information about the more obscure (yet terribly evident) phases of the disease. sleeping sickness, if they would plan a program of research amongst the high school and college students of America, during the months of May and June. As a college student, a sufferer of this drowsy ailment, and a sympathetic witness of the struggles of others, so afflicted, to keep awake during classes, I feel it my duty to notify the scientists of the world that there are countless opportunities to study the vagaries of sleeping sickness in the institutes of higher learning. To convince them that there is nine-tenths of a grain of truth in what I am saying let me cite a case that I have observed since the thermometer has been hovering between 75 and 80 F.

I had the misfortune to miss a history lecture the other day and was "forced" to copy the notes of a classmate, that is, I tried to copy them. After struggling through the first few lines I realized that she was a sufferer of that dread disease—we call it Spring Fever. The script resembled the record of a seismograph after a major earthquake. When I questioned the patient on the method of penmanship that she used during the lecture, she dreamily said: "Don't you think John has the most gorgeous eyes?" If that isn't a convincing example of the ravages of this disease at Webster, I'll go to school all summer.

**Helen McEvoy Rejects "Muny" Stage Offer**

"To be or not to be, that is the question," murmured Helen McEvoy as she stood on the stage of the Shubert Theatre just after Milton I. Schubert had selected her as one of the fifty-eight members of the Municipal Opera Chorus for this year. Although Helen loves the stage, she rejected the offer because the extensive practice periods would interfere with her college work during the month of May.

Each boy and girl had made application for the tryouts early in the spring. The most promising applicants were asked to come to the theatre for dance and voice tests. From the 700 aspirants the lucky fifty-eight were selected.

Helen has an unusually fine contralto voice and she received the highest rating given, "A. A." The director is holding her name in reserve and in the event that someone drops out of the chorus before the end of May, Helen will take her place and appear in the first opera of the season, "Nina Rosa."

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**An English Paper**

When one hands in her English assignment, it is headed just so, neatly written and is, to her own mind, a real work of art. But when this same paper is given back—my what a change has taken place. There are startling red marks "parked" on every available space; some are jaunty question marks, others are delightful little brackets circling most prized sentences, and in the midst of all these modernistic figures are little open mouthed "O's" dancing up and down. There certainly is a marked contrast between the assignment "before" and "after."

**SOLDALITY MAY CROWNING HELD ON CAMPUS, MAY 15**

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Junior, Sophomore and Freshman classes, respectively, as maids.

The crown-bearer and maids in white caps and gowns, followed by the student body, marched in procession around the campus and finally deposited the white roses, which they carried, at the foot of the outdoor altar erected in honor of the Blessed Virgin. After singing several hymns to Mary and making an Act of Consecration, the Sodalists assembled in the Chapel, where a short address was given by Reverend Edward Jennings, C. S. S. R.

In his talk Father said: "The little things you can't forget have an unmistakable influence on yourself. Our Church has fastened virtue in our hearts by little devices such as the crucifix and rosary. Today, while the unseeing world rolled by we took issue with it by crowning Mary as our Queen. The events which took place today may seem insignificant to us now but they will come back to us in the future and will loom large and important."

**'The Little Brown Dog'**

Of course every one has seen the little brown dog that makes its home on Webster campus. What girl hasn't stoppe a few minutes on her way from "gym," or a game of tennis, to pat the little brown dog that jogs along at her side. Every one remembers when this cute animal became an added attraction at the college. "Sam," as he is known now, adopted Webster as a home while he was still in puppyhood. How he came here or from where he came will always remain a mystery, unless Sam cares to tell us himself. But as long as he stays he will be welcome, for Webster has adopted him.

**REV. J. HUSSLEIN GIVES TALK TO SOCIOLOGY CLASS**

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the chaotic industrial condition of his time to two causes, namely, that the guilds had passed away and no other labor organization had taken their place, and secondly, that men had come to disregard religion and its teaching. The result was a miserable condition for the poor, who were disregarded by the law, by the state, and by the rich.

The speaker declared: "Today our great corporations and mergers run into billions, consequently he must take what he gets. Only one thing can change this condition and bring about a living wage—let the workers unite so that their man power will be equal to company's money power."

In conclusion Father Husslein said: "Capital should meet Labor as Christian and Christian. Class love is what we need today, and religion can bring this about. We must have justice first then we can mount a step higher to charity."

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