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Virginia Hogan, Champion Speller, Welcomed Home

Great Throng Greeted Thirteen-Year-Old Parochial School Pupil In City of Omaha

GOVERNOR OF STATE TOOK PART IN WELCOME

Whole City United in Paying Tribute To Her, and Notable Reception Was Held

Omaha, June 13.--Virginia Hogan is back home. Virginia, modest little Irish girl, a student of the Sisters of Mercy in St. John's Parochial School in this city, recently won the National Spelling Championship of the United States in an elimination contest in Washington, D. C., and was awarded the first prize, $1,000 in gold. She is only 13 years old.

Virginia came back home the other day. Governor Arthur J. Weaver, former Senator Gilbert M. Hitchcock, city officials, and a great throng of people participated in a great welcome to Virginia. More than 1,000 people, most of them children, and many of them her schoolmates, stood in a light rain to greet the youthful champion when her train arrived at the station. Father Flanagan's Boys' Home Band furnished the music, while the official welcome was extended by Acting Mayor John Hopkins and a special committee. Following a breakfast at the Conant Hotel, where she sat at the left of Governor Weaver, Virginia Hogan was the honored guest at a great demonstration in the City Auditorium, whither she was taken by an imposing escort. The drum corps of the Henry W. Yates public school and Father Flanagan's Boys' Band furnished the music, while Governor Weaver, former Senator Hitchcock, Edward Burke, president of the school board, and W. W. Carmichael, of the Chamber of Commerce, were among the speakers.

Governor Weaver, in his address, declared that Virginia's victory "shows the great advantages to be found in America, the melting pot of the world." Later, he said that the "Christian religion and education are the two greatest factors in our civilization today."

Despite the great reception tendered her at the station, Virginia was disappointed that her teacher, Sister Mary Carmelita, could not be present. The nun preferred to avoid the excitement of the great reception, and to greet her pupil on her return to the classroom.

10,000 Viennese Children Pledge Loyalty to Church

Vienna, June 13 -- More than 10,000 children of Vienna gathered in the large courtyard of the archiepiscopal palace here a few days ago, to pledge, in the presence of Cardinal Piffl, their faithfulness to the Church, in memory of their First Holy Communion.

This tremendous manifestation was an expression of the crusade which some 500,000 Austrian children have joined, and whic his designed to reconquer for the Catholic faith, through the youth, the future of the country.

Cornerstone Laid For New Building At Georgetown U.

Apostolic Delegate Officiates At Ceremony At Medical-Dental School; Edifice Will Cost $1,000,000.

Washington, June 13 —The Most Rev. Pietro Fumasoni-Biondi, Apostolic Delegate to the United States, officiated at the laying of the cornerstone of the new $1,000,000 Medical-Dental School building of Georgetown University here Sunday afternoon—a ceremony, which according to the Rev. W. Coleman Nevils, S. J., President of Georgetown, marked "a great victory after years of struggling."

Dr. John A. Fotte, a distinguished medical authority who recently became dean of the Georgetown Medical School, spoke on behalf of that institution, while Dr. William N. Cogan, dean of the Medical School, spoke for it.

Dr. Foote, in his address, deplored the modern tendencies in education, and said that Georgetown intends to teach men to be physicians, to practice in towns and cities and for the public service, rather than to fit them only for the teaching professions and to be research workers. "She feels," he said, "that this is a mission worth while and needed."

"This faculty," he continued, "has not found it either desirable or necessary to teach agnosticism or to disturb the religious belief, whatever it might be, of any student within these walls." He paid tribute to the labor and accomplishments of his predecessor as dean, Dr. George M. Kober.

Father Nevils, delivering the closing address, disclaimed that credit given him for carrying out the first step in the development of a great medical center at Georgetown, and paid tribute to the sacrifices made by the Rev. Walter G. Summers, S. J., regent, for the development of these schools. Georgetown, Father Nevils said, would spare no expense or effort to have the medical and dental schools always among the best in the country.

SS. Peter & Paul Church Interior To Be Decorated

Contract Let to Famous Italian Artist Who Decorated Shrine at Lackawanna.

Arrangements have been completed for the decorating of the interior of the Church of SS. Peter and Paul throughout. Prof. Gonippo Raggi, a native of Rome, Italy, and considered one of the most capable church decorators in the United States and Europe, has been engaged to do the work, it is announced by Rev. Dr. Emil J. Gefell, pastor.

Prof. Raggi decorated the famous shrine at Lackawanna, N. Y., a few years ago, and his work attracted attention all over the country. He is a native of Rome, Italy, and often won distinction by his artistic creations, many of which have been exhibited in European galleries.

The entire church will be decorated in oil and will require special treatment in preparation. The general color tone will be light and solid, to conform with the style of the building, with different tones of ivory, light brown, stone color, blue lapis lazuli and gold.

The sanctuary will be treated more richly than the body of the church. All the plaster ornaments, mouldings, etc., in the church will be beautified in their relief, with ivory color, glazed and partly gilded. An important oil painting will be executed in the wall of the sanctuary, the subject having relation to the Holy Eucharist, to be approved by Father Gefell. Rich ornamental work on a gold background will complete the decoration on the wall of the sanctuary.

The ceiling of the church will be treated richly. The background will be lapis lazuli, leaving some small compartments in warm color for contrast. In the lunettes of the walls on the sides of the sanctuary figure subjects in canvas will be executed. The subjects will be treated in Della-Robbia style. In the two mural panels opposite the sanctuary, two large paintings will be executed, representing important events in the lives of SS. Peter and Paul.

The walls of the church will have a brown intonation with stone color and pearl gray for contrast. In all the medallions around the walls of the church symbolic emblems will be executed on gold background with mosaic divisions. Mouldings, capitols, etc., will be treated and gilded as the others in the church. The vestibule and sacristy will be decorated in color, and the church will present a most artistic appearance when completed.

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Lack of Passing Faddish Influence Makes This Home Good for Years

There is nothing striking or novel about this home, but it should appeal to many of the more conservative home builders as one which will maintain its appearance through many years because of its lack of passing faddish influence.

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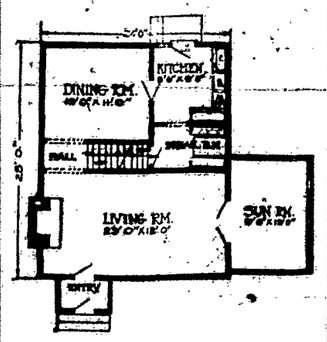
Mr. William A. Radford will answer questions and give advice FREE OF COST on all subjects pertaining to practical home building, for the readers of this paper. On account of his wide experience as editor, author and manufacturer, he is, without doubt, the highest authority on all these subjects. Address all inquiries to William A. Radford, No. 1827 Prairie avenue, Chicago, Ill., and only inclose two-cent stamp for reply.

The delightful thing about building or owning your own home is that it can add to and improve it year after year and every investment of money or of time and labor is not lost, but becomes a real and growing investment for years to come.

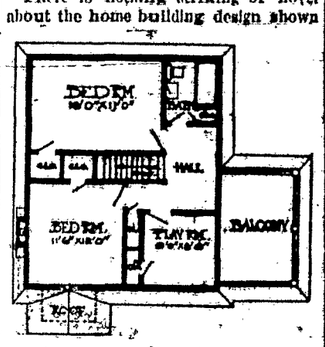
The new home looks bare and raw when the carpenters are finally through; but to the eye of the owner this holds an interesting invitation to set out shrubs and plants, to lay out a garden and establish a lawn. It can't all be done the first year, he knows; but a start can be made and a little can be done each season. And through imagination the owner can see the future beauties which some day will be realized.



First Floor Plan.

And there is hardly any other satisfaction in life equal to this of creative work—planning and building up a comfortable, attractive home. It does not have to be large or expensive. We look at the big show places and admire them, and perhaps here and there borrow an idea from them; but it is our own little home place that really arouses our enthusiasm.

There is nothing striking or novel about the home building design shown



Second Floor Plan.

in the accompanying illustration, but it should appeal to many of the more conservative home builders as one which will maintain its appearance for many years because of its lack of passing faddish influence. This is a six-room house, 28 feet by 24 feet. It is a frame construction with outside walls covered with ship-lap siding. An attractive feature of this home is the sun room, 9 feet 6 inches by 13 feet with the balcony above.

The living room extends the width of the house and is 23 feet by 12 feet. The dining room is 13 feet by 11 feet. Adjoining the kitchen is a breakfast nook. The stairs to the second floor run out of the hall which connects the living room and dining room. Upstairs are two bedrooms and bath and a smaller room which is designated as a playroom, 9 feet by 8 feet 6 inches but which is large enough for a small bedroom.

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