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BOYS Their Interests

Visitors to the Catholic Press Exhibit were amazed at the quality of the handicraft work done at Camp Stella Maris in the Craft Lodge of Columbus Civic Center Building. The inland celluloid letter openers received especial praise. The airplanes attracted the attention of the little boys. Several strange creatures in Spongy rubber, notably, the "Air-Elo" Duck, the Australian Liar Bird, and Pluck, the Houn' Dog, were also exhibited.

Many of the boys were interested in seeing at the same exhibit, the Pennant of the Archdiocesan Baseball League. Often arguments arose as to the possible owner of the flag this year. One such argument was stopped by a young priest who declared the race for the pennant a cinch. "St. Monica's is going to catch the pennant this year. It's a cinch. Sorry, though, to disappoint you," it was Father Hartmann.

Sadness is a sign of the devil, says the Scriptures. Surely, this was carried out when Thomas More went to the scaffold to die. Weak and worn from his long starvation, Thomas joked in the face of death itself. He had grown a beard during his imprisonment, or "retreat" as he termed it. As he prepared to lay his head upon the block, he appeared suddenly disturbed. Thinking that the old man had some religious doubt, the executioner leaned closer. More unburdened himself. "Shall I, or shall I not?" asked Thomas. "What?" questioned the gaoler. "Shall I have my nice whiskers chopped off along with my head, or shall I spare them?" The executioner thought he had lost his mind. "You see," went on Thomas, "my whiskers never committed treason against the king, as they thought you had so naughtily has done. Me thinks, I shall spare the poor innocent whiskers." So saying, he tucked the beard up around his head so that it could not be severed by the blow from the axe. The executioner was so stunned by this whimsy and playfulness that he had to be urged to come to and send Thomas to meet the King of joy. Joy is always a part of real virtue.

Good ole Grampa was once in a very serious way from his whiskers. He had just returned from the jungle and had not slept in a bed with sheets and blankets in thirty years, more or less. He jumped into bed, using a half-slice around the chandelier, and swinging himself to and fro until he was high enough to clear the sides of the bed. Then he made the fatal mistake. He put his whiskers under the blankets. Soon he began to giggle; then chuckle in little gasps; finally, he broke out into such roars of laughter that the whole house shook. Police and firemen came running; but all thought it a great joke until Hezzie turned purple and gasped for breath. He was laughing himself to death. Hezz' was saved just in time. When asked what the trouble was, old Fuzzy replied, still shaking with sobs of laughter, "My whiskers—they tickled my feet!" After that, Gramp always wore his socks to bed.

With Tom Hastings on the team, Aquinas ought to give any of the local high schools, a good battle. Why not play East or West High? The usual excuse is that there is bad blood between the schools. This is a confession of weakness upon the part of the authorities. If the coaches cannot manage their teams on the floor, they ought to resign. Most of the trouble started in the old days when the coaches refused to "pull" a man as soon as he started some dirty work. They thought more of victory than of honest and fair play. If both sides would remove men as soon as they began deliberately fouling their opponent, there would be no trouble on the floor, and consequently, no trouble in the bleachers.

Camp Stella Maris wishes to thank John and Tom Larkin for a gift of a pair of boxing gloves. John and Tom hail from the Immaculate parish and are old campers.

These Essays Win First Prizes In 'St. Francis de Sales' Contest

The prize winning girl's essay written by Susan Moker, 16 Bradford St., 7th grade pupil of Holy Family School, rating 98.8 percent is as follows:

ST. FRANCIS DE SALES, PATRON OF THE CATHOLIC PRESS "On reading this title, St. Francis de Sales, Patron of Catholic Writers, one is inclined to ask, 'Why was St. Francis de Sales, rather than any other saint, chosen Patron of the Catholic Press?' A short survey of his life and works makes one soon realize the wisdom of the choice. "Born of noble parents near Annecy in Savoy, August 21, 1567, Francis studied with brilliant success at Paris and Padua. Refusing a worldly career offered to him by the Duke of Savoy, he studied for the priesthood, and was ordained in 1593.

"Although he became Bishop of Geneva he found time to write several books, the most renowned being the 'Treatises of the Love of God' and 'Philosophy or The Introduction to a Devout Life', which is one of the greatest spiritual books. His books were full of sweetness and charity which inspired the reader with love of piety; for, 'virtue never appeared more lovely than when he spoke of it in words of glowing eloquence.' "St. Francis lived while the Reformation was spreading to all countries. He decided to save the people of Chablais and went there with his only companion, his cousin, Lewis de Sales. They would not listen to him but he, though greatly disappointed, began with new courage to print leaflets and to distribute them among the people. They read these leaflets against their will, but because of their charm and wisdom, became anxious to hear his words. He spoke with such kindness that he won the hearts of all who listened to him. Had not St. Francis had recourse to the press many of these souls would never have been converted.

"Thus we see how powerful a weapon the press was for St. Francis. A Catholic press is even more necessary today as is evident from the words of Pope Leo XIII. 'Since a godless press has destroyed Christian society, a good press must be planted against it—for in these days people form their opinions and regulate their lives almost entirely by their daily reading of the newspaper.' "Catholics should, therefore, realize their duty not only to subscribe to Catholic publications but also to take an active part in securing an enormous increase in the numbers of subscriptions to Catholic papers and magazines during 'Catholic Press Month.' In doing so they are but fulfilling their duty as expressed by Pope Pius IX nearly a hundred years ago when he said: 'It is the holy duty of every Catholic to support a Catholic Press and promote it among the people.'"

The Catholic Literature Committee of Nazareth Academy wish to extend through 'The Catholic Courier' their sincere appreciation of the many and varied helps given them in making their "Queen's Work" exhibit at the Columbus Civic Center Building a success. To the following a special word of gratitude is due: Chase Brothers Nursery Company who arranged the evergreen display for the shrine of Our Lady; Mr. Fred Odenbach whose donation financed the Academy exhibit; the Art Class of the Academy who made posters; the Publicity Committee of the Sodality for typewritten notices; the Mission Committee for donating a doll; the Sisters of St. Joseph of Nazareth Novitiate who dressed the Sister of St. Joseph doll; the various members of the Junior class who dressed dolls in Nazareth uniforms; and each division of the Sodality that supplemented the service of the Catholic Literature Committee during the Catholic Press exhibit, sponsored by the Catholic Courier.

Nazareth College Dean and Registrar Attend Meeting in Cleveland Sister Teresa Marie, the Dean of Nazareth College and Sister Agnes Patricia, registrar of Nazareth College, attended the Convention of the National Association of College Deans of Women held last week at Cleveland.

"The conferences," according to Sister Teresa Marie, "centered around the question of vocational guidance. The problem of guidance to fitting occupations is besetting every college campus in the land because of the scarcity of occupational positions, and this has increased a hundred fold the attention to personality training and adaptability. "Various phases of this subject were presented and discussed by the greatest vocational experts of the country."

Hague—(NCWC)—A booklet on Catholic Doctrine written in the Esperanto Universal Language brought about the conversion to the Catholic faith of a member of an Esperanto Club in Estonia, according to advice received by the St. Petrus Canisius Association of Holland.

The winning boys' essay, written by Thomas E. Donohue, 29 Reynolds St., 7th Grade, SS. Peter and Paul's School, rating 97.8 per cent is as follows:

ST. FRANCIS DE SALES, PATRON OF THE CATHOLIC PRESS "We are given a fair estimate of the value of Catholic publications in the words of Pope Pius X of blessed memory: 'I would make no sacrifice, even to the pawing of my ring, pectoral cross and soutane, in order to support a Catholic newspaper.' "St. Francis de Sales (1567-1622) is possibly the highest type of Christian gentleman that has ever lived. He was of noble lineage, uncommonly handsome, possessed of brilliant genius and gifted with immense power of work. "Francis' father intended him for the magistracy and educated him accordingly. Francis, however, bent on a more noble and exalted life, and finally after much opposition from his father, was ordained to the Priesthood in 1593.

"Francis was later chosen as coadjutor to the Bishop of Geneva and sent to Rome where Pope Clement VIII, upon examining him, ratified the choice, saying to Francis: 'Drink my son, from your claret, and from your living wellspring may your waters issue forth and may they become public fountains where the world may quench its thirst.' "We have seen this prophecy literally fulfilled. St. Francis preached in Paris where he held the court spillover. His ardent love of God, his intense holiness, meekness and kindness of heart which, showing forth in all his preaching, won all, even the most obstinate Calvinists, and eight thousand of their ranks returned to the Faith.

"Francis knowing that the spoken word, while powerful at the time it is spoken, does not always make a lasting impression upon the hearers, decided to have many of his sermons and exhortations printed. His 'Introduction to the Devout Life', for example, is a masterpiece of spirituality and beauty which perhaps we today should not know in the way we do, if St. Francis had not had the foresight he did, and used the Press as he did to bring the truths and beauty of our religion to the people, not only of his day but even to those of our own.

"St. Francis was a pioneer in using the Press as a great medium for bringing home to the multitudes an even better knowledge of our Holy Faith. Therefore, it is befitting that our reigning Pontiff confer on him the title, St. Francis de Sales, Patron of the Catholic Press."

Mercy-High School Notes

A meeting of the S. S. C. was held on Monday, February 26, at which plans were discussed concerning delegations to the Sodality Convention to take place in Buffalo on March 11. In addition to this, activities to occur during Vacation Week, which will be the week of March 12, were suggested and discussed.

Father Leo, O. F. M., who has been in the Chinese Mission fields for ten years, and who is in the United States on a ten months' leave, will speak to the students on Wednesday, March 7.

Mr. Ernest W. Veigel, general manager of the Rochester Business Institute, will address the students at an assembly on Friday, March 2.

Sacred Heart Auxiliary To Start Member Drive

Ladies Auxiliary Knights of St. John of Sacred Heart Church will conduct their next regular monthly meeting on Monday evening, March 12, at 8:15 o'clock. President Fromen has appointed Mrs. Hazel Corrigan of Bryan Street general chairman of the entertainment assisted by Mrs. Loretta Werner and Mrs. Margaret Ackroyd. Plans are well under way for the new membership drive which will be held under an open charter.

A WEEKLY COLUMN OF REVIEW and COMMENT CONCERNING OUR CATHOLIC SCHOOLS By Scholastic



"The New Patriotism", a dramatization of Hagedorn's "Children Are the Hope of the World" was presented in four acts by the pupils of the Eighth Grade of Corpus Christi School Thursday and Friday evenings, February 23 and 24, in the Church hall. This modern play depicting conditions after the World War, has for its purpose the inspiring of boys and girls to aspire for the best in citizenship in the great Republic of which they form a part. The artistic and sincere manner in which the children reproduced the play was commended by the several priests and religious present.

Characters in the play were as follows: Ruth Ragan, Margaret McHale, Norma Welgoff, Helen McDade, Ruth Roland, Geraldine Mischke, Betty Shelp, Jean Monahan, Jean Upson, Dolores Ferrick, Edward Vetter, David O'Connor, Francis White and Robert Connolly. Pupils of the fourth, fifth, sixth, seventh and eighth grades presented drills and patriotic songs. Music was furnished by an orchestra directed by Edward Callan of the Eastman School of Music and by pupils of Saint Agnes Institute of Music. Dwyer Electric Company furnished electrical effects in the staging of "The New Patriotism."

Nazareth College Student Meets Father Coughlin

Miss Betty Nash, the Rochester representative at the Symposium, spoke at the two presentations in Detroit on February 23. "The Human Side of the Saluta" was discussed at two successive meetings of the Tri-State Sodality Convention at the University of Detroit. One of the highlights of their trip, according to Miss Nash, was a friendly visit with the Rev. Charles E. Coughlin, noted radio priest, at Royal Oak, Michigan.

The Symposium on "The Human Side of the Saluta" will be repeated in Buffalo, Sunday evening, March 11, at D'Youville College following the Western New York Sodality Conference. Miss Betty Nash will represent the Nazareth College Sodality.

The Social Service Club was fortunate in having the Rev. Walter Poey, Ph.D., for its speaker at the first meeting held on Friday afternoon, February 23. There was an animated discussion of social problems of which the family was the central topic.

The central theme of the address given for Nazareth College Alumnae at the College February 23-24-25 was the everlasting love of Christ. The retreat master was the Rev. David Cronin, S. J., a member of the faculty of Canisius College.

"Oh," gushed Mrs. Van Blah, "it must be wonderful to be a humorist. Please tell me a funny story." "Madam," replied the famous humorist, "I am pleased to meet you."

Teach your children the three R's and leave out the great B, religion, and you will produce a fourth R, rascal—and you will get a nation of devils.—Duke of Wellington.

February Birthdays were fittingly celebrated by the pupils of the seventh and eighth grades of St. Patrick's Cathedral School on February 16. The program was opened by the reading of several accounts for famous men who were born in February. The members of the Eighth Grade extolled the praises of Goethe and Gogol. Following this, a debate, "Resolved that English is more important than Arithmetic" was ably worked out by the various pupils of the Eighth Grade; the affirmative side was victorious. Finally a playlet, "Safety First" was given by the members of the Seventh Grade. In conclusion songs were sung and prizes were awarded to the most deserving speakers.

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