

MERCY HIGH MAGAZINE 'MERCEDES' GETS FIRST HONORS AT COLUMBIA

"Mercedes," the semi-annual publication of Our Lady of Mercy High School was awarded first place in the private school magazine group at the Columbia Scholastic Press Association Exhibit held last week during the 10th annual convention of the Association at Columbia University.

The June issue, which is now in preparation, will feature the confirmation of the travel theme begun in the January issue. It will be carried out again in a series of interviews concerning the British Isles.

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The members of the staff of the successful "Mercedes" are all students in the journalism class. Mary Elizabeth Logan is the editor-in-chief. The business manager is Mary Elizabeth Leinen, advertising is in the hands of Dorothy Tobin and Dorothy Hall has charge of the circulation.

Students Asked To Encourage Catholic Cultural Reading

The Rev. William P. Ryan of St. Bernard's Seminary addressed the Faculty and students of Nazareth College, Thursday, March 8, on "Catholic Literary Culture."

Some few of the ideas presented in the address were the facts, that all the early Fathers and Doctors of the Church were great scholars as well as great Saints; that the Renaissance, despite some few lamentable worldlinesses, was essentially a Catholic movement; that the Thirteenth Century, perhaps the greatest century of all time, was supremely Catholic not only in Religion, but in art; that Thomas of Aquin, Dante, and Francis of Assisi stand forever as most sublime representatives of European Catholic Culture; that the Reformation reformed nothing, but began with the destruction of art and finally ended with the destruction of even its own religion; and that in England, with which the speaker was most concerned in his address, there has been a sustained and splendid Catholic Culture from the beginning.

Challenging the famous statement of Newman that "English Literature always will have been Protestant," Father Ryan traced the Catholic tradition in English Letters, showing that with the exception of Milton, the greatest of English writers, many of whom were Catholic, revealed the color and the warmth of the Catholic heart. The Puritan Milton was contrasted with the Catholic Dante, the Milton who, for all that his great epic is very great, made a hero out of Satan and had only a few lines for the Passion and death of Christ. Chaucer was highly praised. The speaker noted that we did not need the word of Carlyle for it, that the great Shakespeare, whether in profession a Catholic or not, was a direct descendant of Medieval Catholicism. Also he spoke about the Catholic sympathies of the great Doctor Johnson. Father Ryan named many other English writers that struck the Catholic note.

Coming to days nearer the present and to present days, the speaker said that whatever Newman may have thought about English Literature before his own day, there is no question that he himself more than any other man, was the father of a new Catholic literary movement that endures to this day. Newman, Francis Thompson, Chesterton, Belloc and Alfred Noyes, to name but a few, all Catholics and steeped in Catholic tradition, will be remembered when Shaw and Wells shall have been forgotten. There was warm praise for Eugene O'Neill's new drama, "Days Without End," a drama intensely Catholic in tone and treatment.

In conclusion Father Ryan extended congratulations to the Catholic readers of today for not only the inheritance from the past, but also the wealth of the present day Catholic Culture; and called upon his student audience to know it, to cultivate it, and do all in their power to inspire Catholic artists to even higher things.

St. Patrick Dinner Set by Elmira K. C.

Elmira—Congressman James M. Meade and Prof. Dennis C. Harrington of Canisius College, Buffalo, will address the annual St. Patrick's Day banquet of Elmira Council, Knights of Columbus, at the Mark Twain Hotel, Sunday, March 18. Congressman Meade is chairman of the House Committee on post-offices and roads and will speak unless his committee is in session. Professor Harrington is known throughout Western New York as a historian and lecturer.



BOYS Their Interests

Here is an old Fairy Tale we dug out of the dust. It is called by the long title of "Dream of One Pombal after Graduating from Ye Fashionable Confusion College" (Conducted for Ye Best Families). "Twas passing strange! It stood in my path, a vision of my college course. The House of Mind and Heart on which I had labored four long years. House? 'Twas but a heap of ruins, a pawnshop of waz-zis, the very worn of a house! All was disorder; but all 'twas activity. Paul knaves, masons and carpenters, pushed hither and yonder shouting orders. But no one obeyed. No roof, no walls, and no windows! Pillars, here and there shot up into the blue only to end in question marks! Only one thing perfected! A large pulpit. A mighty pulpit, worked with cunning and craft! A magnificent pulpit covered with loud speakers like scales on a fish's back! Gadzooks! Far up in this, like a Jack-in-the-Pulpit, stood the foreman broadcast. Fur furious orders to fevered workers. Forsooth, thought I, here is plenty of material, and plenty of knaves to build. But no House. And how I studied for four years! Mad-dened, spake I thus to you foreman, in bold words:

"Knaves and scoundrels, 'quoth I, 'and no foreman. When full well, thought I, had I built myself a House of Beauty and Strength after four years, here and I a mess! A House of Confusion! Answer, varlet, or I shall run thee through with my trusty blade! Wherefore is this confusion, this senseless mess of porridge?" Spake he bravely in answer through the mic, in accents of thunder: "Sir, I prithee, but thou hast never given me the Blue Prints!" End of Fable.

"The Blue Prints? 'His House? In school we build our mind and heart into a House. We shape our future lives, our character by what we learn. 'Man shall go into the House of his eternity," says the Prophet. What House you build, you must keep and live in for all eternity. Pombal met the fashionable social set, but he made a mess of his House—his character. And he made a mess of his mind. His teachers taught him a lot of facts, a smattering of material, but gave him no philosophy, no vision, no Blue Prints. Atheism has no vision. Like a blind-mole it crawls about and lifts sightless eyes toward the sun. —Into the House of his Eternity! Our cry should be that of the man in the Gospel, "Lord, that I might see!"

Both Clyde and Newark have founded Catholic Scout Troops within the last month. Both Father Curtin and Father Ganey are to be congratulated! We wish the best of success to these new Catholic Troops. With clever floor-work and shooting, St. Joseph's basketball quint won the 14.16 year class championship last Sunday from the Columbus Juniors. These youngsters ought to go a long way if they continue to develop. On Saturday Columbus Midgets beat Nazareth Hall by a three point margin. The last half was featured by close checking and clever shooting.

Pastors will receive invitations to enter their boys in the Parochial Track Meet to be held just after Easter. There will be no entry fees. Prizes will be awarded to the individual stars, and also to the school who wins most points. The Columbus Civic Center is conducting the Meet. Preliminaries will be held probably during Easter vacation, and, immediately after, the Finals.

Sacred Heart Scouts conducted a very successful Father and Son Banquet. Over 160 attended. Mr. McKinney, Scout Executive presented the Troop with the President Roosevelt Award. This is a unique honor. Good work, boys!

National Recreational Worker Visitor Here

Repetition of a gymnastic and recreational exhibition given by the boys of St. Mary's Boys' Orphan Asylum last Monday evening, took place this evening, and was inspected by Miss Erna Bunke, a member of the National Association for Recreational Workers, who is in the city on a tour of the recreational work at the various institutes. A dinner will be held at St. Patrick's Girls' Orphan Asylum on Friday afternoon, March 16, for workers in Children's Institutions and those who participated in former recreational institutes; a talk will be given by Miss Bunke on "New Activities for Spring and Summer."

'Cross Road' To Be Comedy Offering of Nazareth Seniors

The Senior Dramatic Class of Nazareth Academy will present a melodramatic comedy, "Crossroad," for their annual production in the school auditorium on Wednesday evening, April 18. The cast includes Winifred Clark, Molly Frommen, Ruth Page, Marion Schantz, Aita McLean, Mary Collins, Norma Ransom, Dorothy Nash, Bernadette Welch, Dorothy Rice, Martha Jane Burns, Julia Marie Gottry, Eileen Hayes, Catherine Long, Eileen Kelly, Ruth Crowley, Ruth Weber and Sabina Lyons.

At the Sodality Dramatic Committee meeting on Wednesday, March 7, Hannah Silberstein reviewed Father Lord's pamphlet "Why Leave Home?" A critical discussion of "Motion Picture Code" was given by Margaret O'Connell. Miriam Yahn explained the plan for the Crusade of Patriotic Prayer; Helen Schanzel urged attendance at Parish Lenten devotions; Mary Leene stressed fidelity to the Catholic habit of morning and evening prayers; and Mary Agnes Guinecheo gave reasons for appreciation of the exposition of the Blessed Sacrament on First Friday. The February pamphlet "Our Lady's Assumption" was reviewed by Loretta Schausell. The informal entertainment consisted of a poem by Claire Sigel, and reproductions of "Joe College" and "Chic Pagan" by Betty Ruth Kraft and Virginia Walsh.

Some Mission Group, near or far, will benefit by the assignment given to the fifth period Junior English Class by the practical teacher, Miss Estelle Mohan of Nazareth College. The students must prepare scrap books illustrative of the sonnets taught during Miss Mohan's week of practice teaching. A talk on "Vocations" by the Rev. Daniel B. O'Rourke, pastor of Our Lady of Sorrows Church, Mt. Reed, was given in the academy auditorium Wednesday, March 14, as part of the Sodality National Vocation Week program.

Nazareth College and Niagara U. To Debate March 16

"Resolved that fundamental features of the National Recovery Act should be retained as a permanent policy" is the subject of a debate between the Niagara University and Nazareth College teams to be held at Blessed Sacrament Auditorium on Friday evening, March 16, at 8:15 o'clock. Miss Dorothy Rankin and Miss Eileen Burns, representatives of Nazareth College, will uphold the negative side of the question while Miss Doris Weber will act as chairman. Robert Dwyer is the Nazareth College Debating Club coach, with Miss Marie O'Neil, assistant coach.

The Rev. Ronald M. Cleary of Auburn will give a talk on vocations at Students' Hour on Thursday, March 15.

Mrs. Mabel H. Mattingly, the director of field work in the School of Sociology and Social Service of Fordham University, will speak to the College Social Service Group on March 20.

Miss Margaret Melczak, president of Tau Delta Sorority, is chairman of the annual St. Patrick's Dance to be held Saturday evening, March 17, in the Ballroom of the Hotel Seneca. The affair will be a formal supper dance.

Catholic Journalist Retires From Press Gallery of Commons

London. — (NCWC) — Michael MacDonagh has retired from the Press gallery of the House of Commons after 46 years of parliamentary journalism. He was honored by his colleagues together with a number of other Gallery men who are retiring, including J. Herlihy, who has 37 years of service to his credit. Both are Irishmen and Catholics. "A fearless Catholic paper means strong Catholicity among those who read it." —Bishop Gercke of Tucson.

Alhambra Members To See 'Movies' of Tablet Dedication

Motion pictures taken at the recent dedication of a monument in memory of early Jesuit missionaries by Musa Caravan, Order of the Alhambra will be shown, Monday evening, March 19, at the regular monthly meeting of Musa Caravan. The films with vocal descriptions of the ceremonies at which the Rev. M. X. Jacobs, S.J., full blooded Irish-Indian took part will be shown through the courtesy of J. H. Appleton of Radio Screen News Reels. Edward Schoenler, a member of the Caravan will also show motion pictures taken by him at the dedication.

Grand Commander Daniel J. O'Mara will preside at the business session of the Caravan. A reception for charter members of the Caravan and old-time members will follow. Don G. Manning, first grand commander of Musa Caravan will speak on early happenings of the Alhambra in Rochester.

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Appaline Students Hold Mass

A mission drama, Appaline Students held a Mass on Wednesday, March 14, in Columbus G. A. Church. Proceeds will go to the mission fund of the school.

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