

Through an error the name of C. M. Walker, Culver Rd. at Clifford Ave., appeared in last week's Catholic Courier as C. E. Walker.

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SAINT'S BIOGRAPHY IN DOLLS



The Carmelite doll on the extreme left is the latest addition to the collection of more than 100 dolls in the possession of Mrs. Frances Parkinson Keyes, of Washington, shown here. Mrs. Keyes, a non-Catholic, is the author of a life of St. Therese of Lisieux and has gathered dolls depicting phases of the life of the Little Flower shown left to right: an axatonic reproduction of a Carmelite nun; a Benedictine with a lantern, such as those still used in the convent at Lisieux; and a costume typical of those worn by pupils of the Benedictine Abbey at the time St. Therese was a pupil there. Other little dolls represent various religious Orders. (NC-Ren photo.)

Famed Writer Adds Rare 'Nun' Doll To Collection

By Katharine McKlover

A large doll, dressed especially for her at Lisieux and wearing the authentic habit of a Carmelite nun, and six small dolls dressed in the habits of various Religious Conventions, are the latest additions to the collection of more than 100 dolls by Mrs. Frances Parkinson Keyes. They have been placed in a cabinet beside four other dolls, previously obtained at Lisieux by Mrs. Keyes.

The four are dressed as a Benedictine nun, a pupil of the Benedictine Abbey at the time St. Therese of Lisieux was in attendance there, a First Communion, and the veils of the dress worn by the Little Flower on that solemn occasion, and a large doll wearing the traditional dress of the woman of Lisieux.

Mrs. Keyes has just returned from a summer spent in Germany and France. Probably her most vivid impression of the trip is the contrast between the brightness of the week preceding the Munich Conference and the dreary, to-be-forgotten candle-light processions of the Basilica of St. Therese on the day of the Conference and, incidentally, the anniversary of the founding of the Carmel, the golden jubilee of the entry of St. Therese into the Carmel, the forty-first anniversary of her death, and the day that has been set aside as her special feast in the calendar of the Saints.

Asked why she collected dolls, Mrs. Keyes explained that it all started in 1925 during a visit to Panama. Because she expressed interest in the festival costumes worn by Panama women, her hostess, Senora Beatriz Lyons, a sister-in-law of Senora Rosendo J. Alfaro, wife of the former President of Panama and Minister from that country to the United States, presented her with a doll dressed in the traditional style of Panama. The doll dressed as a Benedictine nun has a lantern in its right hand and a scroll in its left. Although the same pictures of the Benedictine Abbey at Lisieux have electricity, the nun still uses lanterns, Mrs. Keyes explained. The scroll is a testament to Mrs. Keyes' devotion on the occasion of her birthday in 1938, which she spent at the Abbey while writing her life of St. Therese, "Written in Heaven." The First Communion doll is really a

Woman's Book Put on Index

YATKAN CITY—There are many persons, particularly women, who in good faith believe they have been favored with extraordinary spiritual abilities and feel they need, they say, or even hope, the aid of "mediums" in their whole Christian family. Their present and past spiritual and religious revelations which are, in their own minds, the product of their "mediumistic" powers, are being put on an index by the Rev. Fr. James J. Conroy, pastor of St. Ignace Church, in Yatkan, Okla. The index is being prepared by the Rev. Fr. Conroy and is being distributed to the Rev. Fr. Conroy and is being distributed to the Rev. Fr. Conroy and is being distributed to the Rev. Fr. Conroy.

Social Swirl

By Mary Confield

The Alumnae Association of Our Lady Mercy High School will hold its annual installation banquet Thursday evening, December 1, at the Sagamore Hotel.

Speakers for the evening will include Rev. Frank Mason, Rev. Lawrence Casey, and Miss Florence A. Vogt, '37. Miss Dorothy Hall, '34, will be toastmistress.

Members of the Parent-Teacher Association of Nazareth Hall are making final preparations for a bridge tea to be held Tuesday, December 6, in the school auditorium.

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De Sales High School Notes

By Kathryn Moran

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