A Song In My Heart

A SHORT STORY

By [illegible]

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Check Your Home For Improvements

Roofing: Gutters, downspouts, roof sheathing, flashing, tile, shingles.

Painting: Exterior walls and trim; interior walls, floors, ceiling, and trim.

Masonry—Concrete: Walks, drives, exterior walls, basement, foundations, chimney, fireplace flue.

Landscaping: Trees, shrubs, grading, planting, and tree surgery.

Weatherproofing: Shutters, storm doors and sash, weatherstripping, insulation, waterproofing.

Decorating: New wallpaper and other wall coverings; plastering; refinishing floors, stairs, and other woodwork; new hardware.

Repairs, Built-ins: New shelves, cabinets, closets, interior repairs.

Remodeling: New partitions and additions; new porch or garage; attic or basement room.

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THE MODEL SCHOOL

Throughout the country leading school authorities are watching with far more than ordinary interest the progress of an interesting as well as important experiment which is now entering upon its fifth year in Washington.

For its subjects the experiment takes children whose parents, for the most part, are living in the vicinity of The Catholic University of America at Washington, D. C.

The model school, conducted by the Education Department of the University, is the scene of the experiment. Planned and constructed with the definite idea of making it the proving ground for a carefully devised program of primary education, the school serves as the means of imparting actual teaching experience and practice to students of the University's Catholic Sisters College, of which Rt. Rev. Edward B. Jordan, M.A., S.T.D., associate professor of education in the University, is Dean.

Up to this time there have been no graduates from the model school, for the simple reason that it was first put into operation in 1935. In that year, 25 children were accepted for the first grade. This group entered the fifth grade this fall, this grade not having been established until this year. The 1938-39 school year opened with 117 pupils in four grades, and this figure may be increased by about 25 for the 1939-40 work.

When the then one-story, four-room building had been completed in 1935, and was blessed by Archbishop Michael J. Curley of Baltimore, he said that the "School is going to make history. The best which the University can devise and endorse will be demonstrated here and extended to the schools and school systems of the country. Its influence will reach out to every state. It is national in importance."

Dr. Johnson in Charge

Rev. George Johnson, Ph.D., LL.D., who heads the University's department of Education, is in direct charge of the school and has guided its progress practically since its beginning. Under his intensive direction the chief effort is to create and maintain an environment in which the children can live a normal American Christian life. The next is to choose the materials which are necessary to give the child the proper intellectual, moral and cultural background. Here also the activity school idea is being successfully adapted to the Catholic philosophy of education. In addition to the usual elementary studies, all pupils are given training in handwork of [illegible]. Good manners and correct social behavior are [illegible]

[illegible] there is no [illegible]. The children are [illegible] naturally. In [illegible] in the corresponding grades of standard schools.

Here, however, the study program departs far from standard lines. For example, the children receive a half hour of music and music appreciation every day, from and including the first grade. They read and write melodies, even in the first grade. They are given knowledge of the great composers through their own singing and their little child orchestras. Latin in conversational form is taught from the first grade up. In this there is much value in the disciplinary effect on the young mind, in addition to the cultural influence and the religious application.

It is pointed out that the effectiveness of this plan was demonstrated early this year, when children of the fourth grade sang the high mass in a celebration in the Shrine of the Immaculate Conception on the University campus. When Dr. Johnson was invited to conduct a Mother's Day program on the radio in 1937, when the school was in its second year, seven-year-old children of the second grade sang Gregorian numbers both to open and close the program. Their poise in a public performance created some amazement and much comment in the broadcasting studio.

Build Models

In terms of their own parents and their own homes, the first grade children are given their first educational conception of God as the father and Jesus as the son. When they reach the second grade, the emphasis is on obedience as exemplified in the interdependence of society. The relation of the city to the farm is used as an example to drive home the thoughts, and in the classroom the children build models of both farm and city. They are taught that the society which surrounds them and of which they will be a part is made possible by adherence to the rules of the game, which in this case are the Ten Commandments.

Union with the supernatural is emphasized and illustrated in the third grade by the examples of communication between the world's peoples today, radio, the railroads, motor and air travel, etc.

Four different orders of teaching sisters are represented in the conduct of the school. Sister Mildred, the principal, is a member of the Franciscan order of Glen Riddle, Pa. Sisters of Notre Dame from Cleveland are in charge of the first, second and third grades, while the fourth grade and the new fifth grade added at the beginning of the 1939-40 session are in charge of Dominican sisters from Adrian, Michigan. Instruction in music is given according to the Ward method by the School Sisters of Notre Dame from Baltimore.

Former Jurist Dies

New Orleans.—Judge John St. Paul, founder of the Law School of Loyola University of the South and a former Justice of the Louisiana State Supreme Court, has just died here at the age of 72.

Faith Stories For Little Ones

"Honesty Is the Best Policy"

A Quaker passing one day through a market stopped at a stall to inquire the price of some pears.

"I will not charge you much for them," said the fruit dealer, "but I am afraid that they will not suit you, for they are old and have lost their flavour."

"Thank thee, friend," said the Quaker. "I will go to the next stand."

"Hast thou any good fruit today?" said he, addressing the next dealer.

"Certainly," replied the dealer, "excellent fruit. See, here are some of the finest pears of the season. They are small, but they have the richest flavour."

"I will take some, then, my friend," replied the Quaker. "Count me out a quarter of a hundred and send them to my house."

The pears were accordingly sent, but they proved miserably poor and tasteless.

The next day the Quaker again entered the market. He was immediately accosted by the dealer who had sold him the pears, and who said that he should be very happy to serve him, as he had a choice selection of fruit.

"Nay, friend, thou hast deceived me once," said the Quaker, "and though thou mayest be telling me the truth this time, yet I cannot trust to thee. Thy neighbor here dealt truthfully with me, and he shall have my custom. Thou wouldst do well to remember this and to learn that a falsehood is a base thing in the beginning, and a very unprofitable one in the end."

Riddles

Now that you're through with all your mid-year exams in school, here are some really hard riddles for you to test your skill in guessing.

1. What has a tongue and can't talk?—Nancy Thomas.

2. There was a man walking along. He came to a river. There was no bridge, no boat, no ferry. The water was too deep to wade, too wide to jump. He couldn't swim. How did he get across?—Blaine Keyes.

3. Holland raises these for cases; people have them on their faces.—Dorothy Theriault.

4. If bossy slid and stepped amiss, what posey would you label this?—Jack Robinson.

5. Why is an icy sidewalk like music?—Elizabeth Southwick.

Nuncio Transferred

Vatican City.—His Excellency the Most Rev. Alberto Levame, Papal Nuncio to Guatemala and El Salvador, has been transferred by the Holy See to be Papal Nuncio to Paraguay and Uruguay.

Archbishop of Rennes Dies

Paris.—The Most Rev. Rene Mignan, Archbishop of Rennes, has died suddenly at the age of 64. Before succeeding Cardinal Charost as Primate of Brittany, he had been Bishop of Montpellier.

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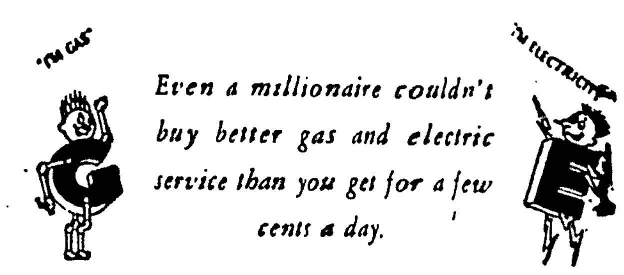

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- ☐ New floors
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