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Trapeze Artist Renouncing World Gives Final Curtain Talk Through Convent Grill

The curtain has rung down on the performance of Mary Gordon, the graceful trapeze artist and America's favorite aerialist of 1939, whose back was broken when she fell from the "rigging" at Lenoir, N. C., in 1939.

A convert to the Church in 1941, she entered the St. Mary's Priory, Victoria, B. C., to become a nun on the feast of St. Benedict last month.

Behind the veil of St. Mary's she now speaks her epilogue to the world in the hope that it may help some other soul to smile and speak to laugh though the heart may be bruised and sore."

"This is to all those who will one day awake from drug induced sleep to hear the terrible verdict. You will never walk again."

"Never again to race the wind, dance a liltin' waltz. No more walks in the sunset with a loved one, no more the joy of prancing steed and barking dog along some dew drenched path."

"That seems an awful fate, at first the shock leaves you numb, unbelieving. It cannot be true—you won't let it be. Others have proved the doctors to be wrong, so can you."

"The first months are easy, the urge to get well helps the time pass quickly. People come to see you, saying how sorry they are, don't give up hope, etc., etc., always working up to the question, 'How much did it hurt?' Then they go on to tell of so and so who suffered great agonies, but is get-

ting well. Please don't throw anything at them (as I did) because it does no good, and may hurt you. They won't be back if you do, but others like them will be."

"After a year of fighting, gaining a little and losing a little, you begin to realize that, maybe, the doctor was right. Maybe just maybe, mind you, you won't walk again."

"Never walk again! It's an awful feeling, makes you want to curse and cry. Why should it be so? But God alone knows the answer to that one."

"Once you really face the fact and admit it, it is not so bad. You cannot spend all of your time thinking about your bad luck; so you begin to take an interest in other things. By learning to do things with your hands, or if you are smart enough, with your brains, you find the time flying by. The weeks melt into months, the months into years."

"The little things began to satisfy much more than the large ones ever did. To be wheeled along a quiet lane at sunset is better than dancing all night, then trying to work next day. The long pleasant evenings spent with friends mean more than the evenings wasted in some noisy night club or road-house with the gang."

"You have to teach yourself to be happy and contented with what you have. No one else can give you that great gift, a peaceful mind! The world will pass you by—it has no time for the cripple who cannot keep in pace with its dizzy whirl. People you thought were friends will soon prove their worth, the true will stick through thick and thin, the others aren't worth bothering about."

"Even if we can't walk we can still share nature's beauty. We can still smell the lilacs in the rain, watch the beauty of the sun as it rises and sets. We can still marvel at the beauty of a rose with a drop of crystal dew in its heart."

"God has taken away a 'great' thing—but with both hands He is offering us "small things" by the million to make up for that one. Everything taken is replaced with something of far greater value."

"God does not ask the impossible. Maybe you never said many prayers before now is a grand time to start. Don't ask God why? Just love Him, and know that though the world may pass you by because you are crippled, that alone makes you dearer to His Sacred Heart."

United Nations' Conference Draws Nazareth Students

By MARILYN MOORE

The model "League of Nations," held at Bryn Mawr College in Philadelphia, Penn., was attended by Miss Patricia Goodwin and Miss Virginia Sullivan, seniors, last weekend. At the United Nations Conference, Miss Sullivan and Miss Goodwin represented the Philippines. Representatives of several other colleges of the Middle Atlantic Division took the stands of all the United Nations. Those attending the conference were divided into four commissions. These were in session Friday and Saturday. Miss Goodwin was on the Education Commission and Miss Sullivan on the Economics Commission.

On Tuesday of last week, the Rev. Charles Meus of China lectured on his work in China. He spent part of the afternoon with the students and then returned for dinner with the Boarders. After dinner, he told about more of his experiences and showed movies of his favorite China. Father Meus was born in Belgium and went to China during his Seminary days, where he decided to dedicate the rest of his life to the Chinese people. Father "Plumblossom," as his Chinese friends call him, left an enthusiastic group of friends behind him at Nazareth.

Re: Opera Stars

Vivian della Chiesa, Bruno Tassanini and Miss Joseph Di Crusta, and the cast of "La Tosca" were entertained at a luncheon at the Hotel Mohonk.

Nazareth Graduate Edits National Service Bulletin

Prominent among the Nazareth College Alumnae currently serving the nation's war effort is Miss Elizabeth Odell of the Class of '40, who now edits the NCOS Bulletin in Washington, D. C.

The NCOS Bulletin, monthly house organ of the Catholic member agency of USO, goes to some 10,000 readers in the United States and overseas, and attempts to tell the story of Catholic contributions to war work through the National Catholic Community Service, which now operates well over 600 clubs and operations for men and women in uniform and war workers.

The young Nazareth graduate is also Magazine Editor of the Public Relations Department of the NCOS. This duty necessitates trips to USO clubs in the field for the purpose of gathering material and information for feature stories for national magazines.

One of her stories, "The Rosary Goes To War," is scheduled for publication in the May Columbia, and several others are in preparation for national magazines, Catholic and secular.

Some of her earlier articles have appeared in Ave Maria, Pulse, The Catholic Life, The Victorian, and the Catholic Digest, as well as in Catholic newspapers throughout the country via NCWC News Service.

While a senior at Nazareth College, Miss Odell served as Editor of "Vanity Fair," the College literary quarterly.

She is a native of Watertown, N. Y., and after attending Nazareth College made post-graduate studies in philosophy at the Catholic University in Washington.

Nazareth Graduate Engaged To USO Director on Coast

Engagement of Miss Margaret Mary Meere, daughter of Mrs. Patrick J. Meere of Buffalo, to John A. Vizard, son of Mr. and Mrs. James A. Vizard of San Francisco, Cal., is announced.

Miss Meere is a graduate of Nazareth College, class of 1942. She taught in the Music Department of the Rochester Public School System. In June, 1943, she accepted a position with the National Catholic Community Service and was assigned as Assistant Director of the USO Club in San Luis, Calif.

Mr. Vizard received his Ph.B. and M.A. degrees at Gonzaga University in California and for three years taught English History at Santa Clara University. At present Mr. Vizard is Director of the USO at Spokane, Wash.

The wedding has been tentatively set for May.

Mania for Divorce

"It is true that in our times, during which scorn or indifference to religion has revived the joyous and gay spirit of a new generation, one finds in some places almost a mania for divorce that contracts and dissolves marriages with greater ease than bonds between landlords and tenants." —Page Plus XII.

noon, Mar. 30. The tea was given by the Nazareth College Italian club under the chairmanship of Katherine Aiello and of President Irene Paolone. Miss Angelina Guzzetta, faculty advisor of the club, and the members of the faculty were also present.

Each of the four classes have begun work on some project for the Franklin Milner Unit. The Senior Class is arranging for a special Mass on the Feast of the Solemnity of St. Joseph. The Junior Class will sponsor a dance, "The Big Top Hop," for the entire school and its friends. The Sophomore Class will have a three-day Triduum, and the Freshman class is sponsoring a \$20 War Bond campaign.

During the first three days of Holy Week, Mass was celebrated each morning for the entire student body. This Triduum has been made by the students in preparation for the great feast of the Resurrection.