

Schoolwork Good Warm-up Subject for 'Date-Talk'

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IT CAN HAPPEN to the best of characters. Even the most glib, fast talking smooth operator in the senior class can find himself at a loss for the right words. It may happen during recitation in history class, while talking with your mother's



or when applying for a job. But more probably it happens just when a fellow is on a date with the gal of his dreams, or to a girl who has stopped to talk

is some special hunk of heart-break who makes her pulse go on the double. Good conversation takes practice and is a fifty-fifty combination of good talking and good listening. Both take genuine interest.

School and schoolwork is always a good warm-up subject for date talk, especially if Joe and his gal go to the same school and, better still, have a few classes or activities together. Girls don't usually like to hear boys talk about other girls, and boys don't usually like to hear girls talk about other girls, either — unless the gal has thing kind to say.

Try some safe subject — who will probably be elected president of the student council next year, the returned vacation who talked at the last assembly, or the band that has been picked to play at the spring dance. Reminiscence together about the last and last basketball game and plan next year's football team between the two of you. School is a mutual interest, and that subject can lead you off on a tangent that will make you forget your talk trouble and just talk.

If it's to be a non-school conversation, be prepared for anything. All fellows and girls like to talk about themselves, and all parents like to talk about their sons and daughters. Or try to steer the conversation to movies, books, or sports. You're bound to hit on something.

Keep yourself aware of what goes on — scan at least one newspaper a day and several magazines a month to keep up on current world affairs and news of more local interest. All this is not only a preparation for one-night chatter but becomes a part of your post-war planning to keep up with boys in service, who will expect you to know where they have been and why.

But suppose you've tried every approach and still can't get the conversational ball rolling. You try this subject, then you try that. You fill in gaps with a laugh and start off with another story before that laugh dies down. You are doing plenty of talking, but it still isn't conversation. You might be trying too hard and finding too much to say.

Remember that conversation is a fifty-fifty proposition, and with you going like sixty, how can the other fellow get a word in edgewise? Silence is golden — here to cash in occasionally.

Commander and Youth Director Nazareth Awards 11 Scholarships



Monsignor Edward J. Flanagan, founder and director of Boys Town, Me., greets an outstanding Catholic valedictorian, Edward M. Scheiberling, of Albany, N. Y., National Commander of the American Legion. (NCWC)

Nazareth College this week awarded eleven scholarships as the result of the Competitive Examination given on April 14 for scholarships for the four years' course beginning September, 1945.

- The winners include: Jean L. Sullivan of Mt. St. Mary Academy, Kenmore, N. Y., complete tuition, board and room scholarship of \$2800.
- Ellen A. VanAtta of Nazareth Academy, complete tuition scholarship of \$1200.
- Marilyn McCarthy of Mission High School, Roxbury, Mass., complete tuition scholarship of \$1200.
- Margaret B. Hoff, of Niagara Falls High School, tuition scholarship of \$900.
- Jean Marie Wahl of Nazareth Academy, Music tuition scholarship of \$800.
- Betty Ann Quirk of Macodon High School, tuition scholarship of \$800.
- Patricia Gantert of Nazareth Academy, tuition scholarship of \$400.
- Jean Monaghan of Canandaigua Academy, tuition scholarship of \$400.
- Rosemarie O'Hara of Nazareth Academy, tuition scholarship of \$400.
- Shirley Herman of Our Lady of Mercy High School, tuition scholarship of \$400.
- Patricia Zuggar of Sacred Heart Academy, Buffalo, tuition scholarship of \$400.

Registration for the year 1945-46 is set for the last week in April, and the first two weeks in May.

Music's Status In War Studied

Among special consultants selected by President Alfred Spouse, of the Eastern Conference of Music Educators National Conference held at Hotel Pennsylvania, New York City from April 20 to 22 was Sister M. Kathleen, Mus. D., head of the Nazareth College Music Department.

Sister Kathleen, an active member and president of two state music associations, was one of three representatives to the Conference from Rochester.

General purposes of War Emergency Program outlined at the Conference included initiation and support of activities vital to the maintenance and development of music education, furtherance of the welfare of the music education profession, a provision for maximum contribution to the war effort and for adequate preparation for the post war period.

The Dante Society of Nazareth College will present an Italian Sprats on Saturday, April 28, at 8 P. M. The College Auditorium will be transformed into a Venetian Cafe which features an Italian garden where a fountain plays. Highlights of the evening will be the singing of "The Song of the Evening" and the presentation of an original comedy sketch by Miss Frances Gell, "La Sorella." The chairman of the Sprats is Miss Vito Tomasselli.

The Junior Prom, originally scheduled for April 14, because of President Roosevelt's death, was postponed to May 12. Annual Sociality dance will be held in the College Auditorium on May 5 and the 2000 member event, "Under the Stars," is scheduled May 11 and 12.

Show Children's Films The weekly showing of children's films Saturday, April 29, at the Rochester Museum of Arts and Sciences will feature two cartoons, "The Story of the Boy Who Cried Wolf" and "The Story of the Boy Who Lived." The program will be shown at 10:30 P. M.

How Can Babies Go to Hell?

We can't see it ourselves — how the good Lord could take a helpless, innocent baby and thrust it into that "everlasting fire, prepared for the devil and his angels." (Matt. xxvi, 41). It just doesn't tie in with our idea of God's justice and mercy.

Of course the Catholic Church has never sponsored so monstrous a belief as infant damnation. In fact, the more you know of the Catholic Church, the more you will come to see that if a doctrine is queer, or if it sounds whacky, then it can't be Catholic, for Catholicism is common sense interpreting God's word to mankind.

No, we Catholics with Jesus, insist that "Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the Kingdom of God." (John III, 5). That means baptism. It means, plainly, just this: no baptism, no heaven; either — or, take your pick.

But if baptism is the "ticket" without which one can't get into heaven, then sin, serious, wicked, and obstinate, is also the "ticket" without which no one goes to hell. In other words, sin is as necessary for damnation, as baptism is for salvation. If the Lord finds you holding the devil's ticket at death, He will damn you, even though you should have been baptized. But if He should find you with neither ticket, neither baptism nor personal sin — what then? Well, you won't find anything in the Bible to cover such a

case, but Christian Catholic thinkers, positive that Jesus won't send poor innocents to hell, have spoken of a third place — Limbo, they called it — where such souls can enjoy the happiness they deserve. St. Thomas of Aquinas, one of our foremost theologians, said that in this Limbo, souls are free

to enjoy a certain inward peace and happiness, so that they reach at least a little of that joy which would have been our common lot on this earth if Adam and Eve had not offended the good Lord.

In other words, they have an everlasting life pretty much as ours would be down here, if all the "blood, sweat and tears" were drawn out of it; not much, compared with the sight of the Blessed Trinity, but infinitely better than the pains of hell; and far better than this, our ordinary daily life. (Catholic Information Society of New York.)

Mothers of War Dead Consoled

Washington — (NC) — "Those mothers whose sons have made the supreme sacrifice are very close to God's Mother, for she understands their grief." Mrs. Thomas G. Garrison, President of the National Council of Catholic Women, states in her monthly message for May. "Mother's Day this year will be one of sacred memories for those mothers." Mrs. Garrison observes, stressing that "we must pray for courage to go on with our daily activities."

Realizing that much has been accomplished in the field of Catholic Action, Mrs. Garrison declares: "But what we have yet to do in carrying out the wish of our Bishops and our Holy Father for a united Catholic womanhood remains as a challenging task to each and every one of us."

Filmer Ripley to Coach Notre Dame Court Five

South Bend, Ind. — (INS) — Elmer Ripley, of New York, former head basketball coach at Georgetown University, has been named coach of the Notre Dame basketball team. Ripley, who also coached at Yale and Columbia, succeeds Clem Crowe who recently resigned to accept the position of head football coach at Iowa.

Moral Strength San Francisco — (INS) — Esquivel Padilla, Foreign Minister of Mexico: "The American Republics do not propose to act as a bloc. Their solidarity, however, represents a moral strength of inestimable importance."

50,000 Rosaries

That's the Reply to Offer Made by Msgr. Sheen

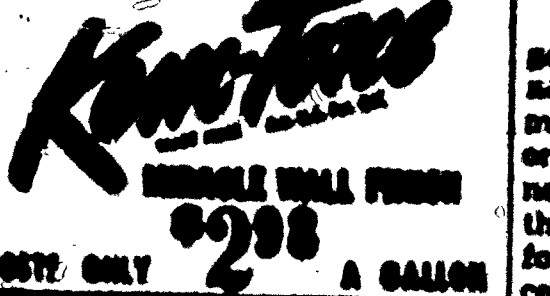
Washington — (NS) — Fifty thousand requests from all sections of the country and from Canada were received by the National Council of Catholic Men here in response to the offer made by the Rt. Rev. Msgr. Fulton J. Sheen, of the Catholic University of America, to send a Rosary to anyone, regardless of religious affiliation, who was without one.

Monsignor Sheen made the offer in the course of an address on the "Catholic Hour." It is estimated that approximately five per cent of the requests came from non-Catholics. Approximately 125 of the requests came from the residents of an Indian reservation, while hundreds of others came from school children. One letter, written by a boy, related that he and his five brothers were without a Rosary but that they managed to receive the Rosary at home "on our fingers." The boy requested a Rosary for himself and in a separate note "asked" for a Rosary for his mother, father, and grandmother.

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