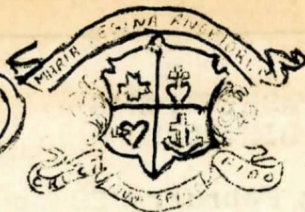


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PARENTS VIEW GYMNASTIC DEMONSTRATION.

Proud parents and grinning brothers and sisters voiced their approval over the gym. demonstration last evening.

Dresses that were pretty in the daylight took on a resplendent loveliness in the electric light. The spirit of enthusiasm and thrilling breathlessness that goes with every first night, made this demonstration a gala event.

An appreciative audience applauded the soloists, Florence Buzuik, Betty Boyter and Loretto Pagels.

The time and effort spent in preparing the performance was realised and congratulatory phrases flowed profusely.

ABBEE VISITORS HERE

Mother Margarita and Mother Angelina, distinguished guests, returned yesterday to Loretto Abbey, Toronto after spending a few days at Loretto Woodlawn.

Thursday morning the Seniors were presented to the visitors.

Following the welcoming address by Betty Ann Lynch, Mother Margarita expressed her joy upon being with them and her sorrow in having to leave so soon.

Dorothy Evans presented gifts to the nuns.

The Seniors feel themselves honored in having met Mother Margarita and Mother Angelina and trust it may likewise be the honor of the entire school at a later date.

OVERHEARD IN THE BALCONY.

Quotes... has that girl really grey hair? Kay Broelmann was the girl under discussion.

Isn't that girl in pink pretty? Betty Boyter take a bow.

Gee, don't they look older than just Juniors, --The Balloon dance was the cause of the above comment.

Grammar Grades Cheer Girls.....

With brisk military-drill efficiency that thrilled every youngster in the hall, the Juniors and Seniors marched their way to glory.

Tap dancing had its affects also. The Irish Freshmen, blue and yellow Sophomores, red Juniors and Scottish Seniors, tapped their ways into the heart of every child present. One boy liked the Junior tap well enough to whistle.

Lovely ballroom waltzes, delicate ballets, and dainty solos were sufficient to put any artistically-minded youth in seventh heaven. Shades of 1775 - the Senior minuet with its stately grace and picturesque costuming brought forth bursts of applause from the audience.

The Freshmen with their energetic dumbbell study worked so hard at their daily dozen that the entire audience sympathized with them. With American flags flying and heels clicking in time to the music, the Sophomores marched their way out of the gymnasium and so ended the first performance.

(con't)

"For Christ and His
Kingdom, the Pen!"

Editorial Staff
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Marie White
Muriel Kelly
Joyce McArdle
Writers' Club

THE SPIRE

Did you ever stop to consider what the Spire signifies? In the first edition of the paper, we tried to tell you what we wanted the name to mean in a literary sense, but now we feel that there is a loftier meaning for which our Spire must stand.

Towering strong and straight into the sky the Spire now becomes a symbol of our Lenten love, our love which should be as fervent as the love with which we greet the Infant on Christmas morning. a love ennobled by sacrifice.

Like a spire let us endeavor to grow in strength during this holy time in order that we may have a full, share in the Easter joy.

Scratches from the
Editorial Pen.

Now that the Retreat is over and you may verbally commune with your neighbor - at least most of the time - let us sit back and see just what the Retreat has done for us.

Item 1. Pamphlets were sold for the first time this year. Did you like them? If

WASHINGTON'S BIRTHDAY

On February 22 we celebrate one of our oldest national holidays, the birthday of the father of our country.

Washington, beloved by all, is one of the few men who will not be forgotten because of his sincere, manly character and his intense love of country. He was a hero in great things as well as in small; he ruled a nation, but more, he ruled his own spirit. If Washington's qualities of earnestness, uprightness and patriotism have been instilled into our hearts, Washington will not have lived in vain.

V.L.Motte

(con't)
you did, why not pass the time you have to someone else and buy another?

Item 11. No one has to remain after school in order to write lines for talking-as yet.

Item 111. There is a new freshness around the school, almost as though all of us had undergone a siege of spring-housecleaning-as which of us has not!

Want Ads.

Wanted -- A trap door in the floor of the gym, through which we may pass rapidly in case of a faux pas during the demonstration.

Wanted -- Unbreakable test tubes for the Chemistry lab.

LENTEN THOUGHTS

"It is not the weight of the cross but of my sins that has made Thee suffer so much pain! Christ's greatest agony was the carrying of our sins. Let us try during this season of Lent, by our little sacrifices to make up to Him in part for His supreme sacrifice.

"Jesus and Mary looked at each other and their looks became as so many arrows to wound those hearts that loved each other so tenderly! Mary, our Mother is ever closest to God. Let us go to her when we need comfort, remembering that she is the "Mother of Sorrows".

"Thus He fell several times in His journey! He did that for us. Let us carrying on as He did when we break our resolutions by starting anew and trying even harder to keep them.

"Bows His Head and dies! Let us remember that His death is our hope.

M.A.Cmarik

(Con't)
Wanted -- Better marks on our report cards.
Wanted -- A key for the lock of hair, spectacle for the eyes of a potato

(Note. The above columnist would like to thank the dear soul who supplied the pins for the locker room.)

M.McElvain

BOOK NEWS AND REVIEWS

Explorers, ahoy!
Here's a book to delight
your heart, Cradle of
the Storms, by Father
Hubbard, S.J. The world
famous glacier priest
has put his adventures
into a most enthralling
book, complete with
pictures. Unlike most
stories of exploration,
this proceeds smoothly
and concisely to relate
the happenings on the
trip to the volcanoes.
By all means read it ..
it does not require
brow-furrowing concen-
tration.

J. McArdle

To My Love.....
Judging from the
laughter at the Valen-
tine's Party, we make
bold to say that every-
one had a grand and
glorious time. Although
there were stifled
groans as the dimes were
regretfully exchanged
for the tickets, all
admitted that the party
was worth the price.

The community sing-
ing of the original
Eddie-Co-Ed and Loretto
Lyric was especially
enjoyed. Necks were
craned to get a better
view of Gloria's Ploepst
tap dance and the gym.
was respectfully hushed
while J. Duke and C.
Sloan sang.

Need we comment on
the refreshments.

Altogether it was a
super-fine party for
which we thank the
Sophomores.

M. McElvain.

RETREAT NOTES

"I am God's property.
How magnificent a
thought - how consoling.

Who among us would
deliberately forsake
valuable property, who
would overlook what
belongs to him? If man
is wont to look after
his own goods, how
much more must God
guard His valuables.
He created us a master-
piece and it is not
His Will to destroy us.

Let us then not
destroy ourselves. Let
us not use God's gifts
to displease Him. That
is the only way we can
work havoc in our souls.
Let us remember always
that sin and its plea-
sures are not worth the
loss of eternal happi-
ness.

As God's property,
let us look forward to
the day when we shall
return to Him.

Trust Him - Pray to
Him - Believe in Him -
LOVE HIM.

Have
the
pamphlet:



ANGELS AT OUR SIDE?

CISCANS!

The Thirtieth
General Meeting of
Cisca will be held at
St. Philip's High School,
3121 West Jackson Blvd.
Monday, February 22. All
students planning to
attend are asked to be-
come intelligent upon
the subject of "Consum-
ers' Cooperatives!"

I. Stockman



Annual irony-of-
fate story: Patsy Barber
received a large box of
candy on Valentine's
Day, which would have
been a super-colossal
thrill if Patsy hadn't
given up candy for Lent.
.....Nora Lowe has pro-
mised to buy all the
copies of the New
World that Loretto
will ever be exposed
to in the future, when
she gets a million
dollars. Any day now, Nora
....The Goblin thinks
something ought to be
done about Kathryn
Kiedaisch. She typed
all the invitations for
the Sophomore shindig,
wrapped the prizes,
helped to decorate the
gym, and besides,
worrying herself into
a frazzle since October.
The lazy thing!.....
According to rumor,
Major and Mrs. McElvain
announce the impending
marriage of their
daughter Mary. Accord-
ing to rumor, Mary is
going to do a Lohengrin
swing in September of
1939. Already there
are seven candidates
for the exalted place
of maid-of-honor. All
Mary needs, according
to the same rumor, is
a man..... That ruf-
fian who broke her bal-
loon in Assembly claims
that it was a case of
spontaneous combustion.
Humph, we have our doubt.

JUST IMAGINE

Pat O'Conner without
her flute.
Eileen Lowe without her
efficiency.
Jean O'Neill without
June O'Donnell.
Kay O'Malley being
anything but a good
sport.
Dorothy Evans without
her charm.
Irene Stockman without
the bell.
Marjorie Mooney without
her taps.
Dorothy Grune with a
scowl.
Anne Coyle without the
"e" in Anne.
Dorothy Smikel a plat-
inum blond.
Catherine Sloan without
her charm.

TYPING HONORS

We were very much
pleased to learn from
the Gregg Art and
Credentials Department
that Anne Coyle has
achieved success in
receiving the typing,
the bronze O.A.T. Pin.

We were also delight-
ed to hear that the
following got their
certificates: Helen
Adams, Elizabeth Farney
Jane Tiernan, Mary
Murphy, Grace Wisneski,
Mary Coniff, Mary Louise
Hurlburt, Mary Louise
Bryan, Christine
Purpura, Irene Ritter,
Patsy O'Halloran, Rita
Mae Michelsen, Eleanor
Conroy, Frances Ward,
Jeanette Seida, and
Lenore Gibbons.

We offer our congrat-
ulations to them and
sincere good wishes to
Mother Lorenzo for the
valuable assistance
she has given.

WRITERS' WRITE

The annual Cisca
Writers' Contest was
held at Saint Xavier's
last Saturday. The
awards, scholarships to
Loyola University and
Saint Xavier's College,
are to be announced at
the General Meeting on
Monday. Misses Anne
Coyle, Marie White,
Joyce McArdle and Mary
Agnes Cmarik were
among the seventy
contestants.

J. McArdle

Round the Town

The gym is crowded
these days with tap-
sters and aspiring
tapsters. Dolores
Bocian attracts a
large admiring audience.
Marion Hanson plays
'pig' instead of bridge
because she considers
it above her mentally.

Betty Jane Hochenadel
danced for W.L.S. barn
dances.

Thumbnail descrip-
tions--Betty Boyter,
spirit of the dance.

Ted Weems' orchestra
leaves the city soon,
Will Jane Tiernan don
mourning garb?

Mystery still sur-
rounds Mother Juana's
anonymous valentine.

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Mary Meyer, Loretto
Englewood--"Betty
Boyter and her dancers
were lovely. I liked
her number the best."

Our Lady of Peace
students thought Loretto
Pagels danced beauti-
fully.

V. Clark, Our Lady
of Peace--"The Scotch

LEST WE FORGET

The annual Alumnae
Retreat will be held
at the Academy, Sunday
March 7. A cordial
invitation is extend-
ed to all members.

Dorothy Benedict,
after going foreign
for some months has
finally settled down
to a course in Home
Economics.

Warmest sympathy
is extended to Bette
Trainor on the death
of her grandmother.

Sister Saint Thomas
More (Deborah Arment)
has a class of babes
at the Abbey. She loves
it. We wish her contin-
ued blessings and happi-
ness.

Bette Porter redist-
ributed recently at the
University of Illinois.
M. Gannon

tapsters were jolly."

Lucile Mitchel, St.
Felicitas--"Every thing
was grand."

MARY JANE RONAN
SUCCULBS

Apparently the
presentation this morn-
ing was too much for
Mary Jane Ronan, Senior.
Mary Jane went to sleep
in the clubroom--first
locking the door from
the inside. It was only
after a half-hour of in-
sistent knocking that
Mary Jane awoke and
opened the door.

KEEP UP THOSE LENTEN
RESOLUTIONS.