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Why?

After reading recent articles on the economic conditions in our country today one comes to the conclusion that there are many people without jobs. Since they are unemployed, these people must face the problem of sacrifice to insure their daily living.

In less than a month each one of us must think of sacrifice too. Why?—because the forty days of Lent are soon at hand. Lent should remind each and every one of us of Our Lord's suffering and death. If He could endure such pain and torture, certainly each one of us can do some little act of penance for Him to show that we really appreciate what He suffered for us, as well as in reparation for our own sins and the sins of the world.

Therefore, each one of us should make a sacrifice, such as attendance at daily Mass, frequent visits to our lovely chapel, saying a rosary, giving up smoking or eating between meals. Each little act brings us closer to Our Lord and His suffering.

Margaret Mealey Speaks At Convocation Exercises

On Convocation Day, February 4, Mother Mary Hilda, R.S.M., President of the College, will welcome back the prospective teachers and nurses of the senior class. Their return to campus marks the beginning of the shortest of all semesters—the last at college.

Miss Margaret Mealey, executive secretary of the National Council of Catholic Women, will be guest speaker. In the past, Miss Mealey has worked as a social worker and women's director of the National Community Service of the USO.

When not in her office in Washington, Miss Mealey is taking part in women's activities throughout the world.

Father McBrien To Give Address

On the One hundredth anniversary of the apparitions of Our Lady of Lourdes, February 11, Rev. Thomas U. McBrien, O.P., S.T., L.R., will address the student body.

At present, Father McBrien is Chaplain of Providence College. In his capacity as Chaplain, Father is also moderator of N. F. C. C. S. His other duties at the College include teaching moral theology, and speaking at the Pre-Cana conferences.

In his address, Father McBrien, a noted authority on Mariology, will stress the importance of Our Lady of Lourdes in a college girl's life. He will attempt to convey the relationship which the message had for Bernadette's world to the particular relationship which it has one hundred years later for our world.

Support Benefit

Tickets for Gaelic Singers may be purchased from class presidents.

Prices: \$3.00, \$2.00, and \$1.00.

N. F. To Sponsor Bermuda, Mexico, European Trips

The wintry winds may be blowing and we might have just returned from the Christmas vacation but now is the time to be thinking of Spring — Spring and Bermuda! Can't you picture sandy beaches, hundreds of college men, dancing on a moonlit patio and a carefree week in Bermuda?

If this does not suit your fancy perhaps quaint old Mexico will have more appeal. Here is a country of fortress-monasteries, fiestas, cathedrals, shrines and a host of other memories.

If it is possible that you are still not suited why not consider a grand tour of Europe in the summer? The magic names of Venice, Rome, London, Dublin, Madrid, and Paris may become a reality for you. This is the trip which will complete your education.

The above itineraries are all sponsored by N. F. C. C. S. and are suited to the students' pocketbook. For further information contact Pat Dunigan.

D. Matoes Heads Dance

Every story has its climax. Every life has certain peaks which are remembered and treasured forever. One of the peaks of college days is the ring ceremony, when the Juniors receive as a symbol of achievement: a ring, resplendent with a star sapphire. To every Junior, the ring ceremony is a solemn occasion, but the reception of the rings also calls for joy and gaiety, for a celebration.

The annual Ring Dance sponsored by the Junior class is their answer for a celebration which will match in tone the solemnity and joy which paradoxically symbolize their feelings in regard to this great occasion.

This year's dance will be held February eighth in the Great Hall. The girls in gowns of various colors will dance to the music of the ever-popular Ralph Stuart Band. A highlight of the evening will be the reception of a single, red long-stemmed rose by each girl as she passes through the giant ring after going through the reception line.

Dance chairman is Dolores Matoes and the committees are: Music, chairman, Barbara Ferreira, assisted by Marsha Pettis, Joyce Santucci and Dolores Petrarca; Refreshments, chairman, Edith Spooner with Patricia King, Margaret Toomey, Dorothea James and Patricia Woods assisting; Decorations, chairman, Lillian Zompa, aided by Joan Casinghino, Betty Jane Brennan and Gail Douglas; and Programs and Invitations, Lucille Chiappinelli with the assistance of Mearle Byrne, Simone La Plante, Maria Pezza, Carol Fitzgerald and Ines Silva.

Chaperones will be Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Balzano and Mr. and Mrs. Manuel Matoes.



Forty-Nine Juniors To Receive Long-Awaited Sapphire Rings

The traditional ring ceremony, during which the forty-nine members of the Junior class will receive their much anticipated star sapphires, will be held on Friday, February seventh, at 2:30 P. M. in the Great Hall of Ochre Court.

Early in the day, Rev. Irving Georges, O.P., will bless the rings. This blessing will be given after Mass in the chapel. Mother Mary Hilda, R.S.M., president of the college, will present the rings and place them on the fingers of the ninth class in the history of our young college.

As the girls receive their rings, they will step through the large duplicate which is placed at the base of the grand staircase. Parents and friends will be invited to witness all these activities.

Following the processional, the entire class will render a medley of college songs. Congratulatory addresses will then be offered by Mother Mary Hilda, R.S.M., Rev. John Shea, and other members of the administration and faculty.

After the ceremony, the assembly will assist at Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament in the chapel.

Following the program, parents and friends of the honored class will be served tea in the State Dining Room.

Academic Mass, Guest Speaker, Highlight Feast

To open the activities in honor of Our Lady of Lourdes, the entire student body will attend holy Mass. In the afternoon the student body will be privileged to have as its principle speaker, the Reverend Thomas McBrien, O.P., S.T.L.R., who will speak in honor of the 100th anniversary of Our Lady's apparitions to St. Bernadette at Lourdes.

Members of the sodality will decorate Our Lady's shrine. At the sodality meeting during the week stress will be placed on the observance of this feast.

Concerning All of Us

"Foul Sunday makes a fair Monday
It always warms before a storm"

Old sayings that sound like *Poor Richard's Almanac*. Would you like to check their validity? They come from the *Farmers' Almanac*. The last, for example, refers to the week of February 3. Many people live by such sayings.

Old sayings can be very interesting. Someone said that when God made man, (and specifically for our purposes—woman), He gave him or her two of many things—two eyes, two ears, two hands, but only *one* tongue, and before this one tongue He placed two safeguards—lips and teeth. It would seem as if He said, "You should see and hear twice as much as you speak, and that when you speak, you must be very careful. You have two barriers to prevent your tongue from running away."

And don't we have to be on the alert! There is a way to disagree, agreeably. There is a way to iron out many difficulties. There is a way to live peaceably with others, but none of these things can be done when the tongue speaks too much in the wrong way, or refuses to speak when people disagree with us. These ways are the ways of immaturity. Let's be mature!

Old sayings can be very interesting, can't they? A stitch in time; a bird in the hand; don't put all your eggs in one basket, and two eyes, two ears, but only one tongue.

One Hundredth Anniversary



Place of Refuge, Place of Hope - - -

"I am the Immaculate Conception". So spoke the Mother of God to a French peasant girl on March 25, 1858 in the picturesque town of France. Such big words for such a little girl to repeat to the town authorities who were trying to discourage worshippers from congregating at the grotto, Massabeille. What a tremendous effect these words had on Bernadette Soubirous! In fact they were words felt by the entire world. For the Mother of God had appeared to a humble peasant girl in a remote corner of France. She had chosen from thousands of French people a girl who had trouble learning the French language. Isn't it significant that God often asks the poor and the humble to carry on His work? Lourdes is now one of the most popular shrines in the entire world. Pilgrims flock there yearly. Some desire restoration of physical health. Others are merely curious. Still others go to Lourdes for a renewal of faith. The shrine at Lourdes is a living example of God's love for us. It is a place of refuge, a place of hope. Such wonders there have been at Massabeille!

February's Invitation . . .

Besides snowstorms, Valentine's Day, the beginning of Lent, Presidents' birthdays, February also brings with it an invitation to Catholics—not only to become more imbibed with Catholic literature, but also to support Catholic publications! February is Catholic Press Month and during this time, there is an added effort to instill a greater appreciation for Catholic literature throughout the country. In this diocese, the annual *Providence Visitor* campaign is conducted.

The *Providence Visitor* is our diocesan newspaper. In it, one finds pertinent news-stories on current problems, re: Catholicism and Catholic Action both on a national and regional level. On the editorial page, the reader discovers a greater insight into current problems through the opinions of leading Catholic authors. As in all leading papers, there are syndicated columns. Chief among these is "God Loves You" by the Most Reverend Fulton J. Sheen. Every week there is an account and interpretation of the gospel for the coming Sunday.

Activities of women's clubs, K. of C., C. Y. O., and the Catholic schools and colleges are faithfully recorded. There is an activities' calendar to facilitate easy location of various meetings. To aid movie-goers, the *Movie Guide* is reprinted weekly.

We are one of the more fortunate dioceses in having our weekly "Visitor" but without support, it is virtually impossible for it to function effectively. This does not apply solely to *THE PROVIDENCE VISITOR* for we should also support Catholic magazines and books. Why not accept the invitation February brings? Support Catholic publications and become more imbibed with Catholic literature.

Visions At Lourdes Contains Message For Whole World

In these confused and unsettled times we have a shining light that will brighten the entire year, for this is the one hundredth anniversary of the beginning of Our Lady's apparitions to St. Bernadette at Lourdes.

As far as worldly standards were concerned, Bernadette had nothing. She was the least of creatures. She was sickly, uneducated, poverty-stricken, burdened with laborious work. But she had the richest possession of all—God!

One gloomy day as Bernadette was gathering firewood in the countryside, she was startled by the appearance of a brilliant light. The Mother of God beckoned gently and lovingly to Bernadette in order to bring God's message to the world.

This was the first of the eighteen apparitions of Our Lady to Bernadette. During the past century the miraculous cures at Lourdes have shown God's great love for men. People have come searching for physical strength and have found not only cures, but also peace of soul.

So it is that in this year of 1958, the centennial year of Our Lady's apparitions to Bernadette, (February 11), we must make it truly a Lourdes' year. Our pressing problems can best be solved by trying to carry out the message of God given at Lourdes—to pray fervently, to practice self-sacrifice, and to do our duties well with God as the center of our attention.

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With Gratitude,



We Thank You

With each new book, a library grows. Salve Regina College's Library is no exception. During the past few months, it has grown with each contributing volume. We are not just proud of this, but also very grateful. Our library has made such great strides, because of the donations of many wonderful people. It is to these people that we owe a most sincere "Thank you!"

It would be virtually impossible in the space allotted to mention each donor; however, our thanks extend to each, personally. In a family, individual members contribute toward its betterment. We here at Salve Regina follow the same pattern. Often one sees faculty members and students leaving books for which they no longer have any particular use. To those who have made outstanding gifts, we will extend a particular expression of our gratitude.

Perhaps few of us realize that we owe our gratitude for many books to a quiet, gentle priest who has recently been our guest. Father has celebrated Christmas with us and attended most of our functions. Yet somehow we have not connected him with the donation of a considerable number of books on a variety of subjects. He is the Rev. James C. McCarthy.

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Our history department has been enriched by over two hundred books on Russian history donated by Miss Teresea FitzPatrick, a graduate of Notre Dame in Boston and Salve Regina, 1951. Miss FitzPatrick has spent many years of her lifetime on the staff of *ATLANTIC MONTHLY*. She is now Social Secretary to our President here at the College.

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Miss Margaret LaFarge, niece of Rev. John LaFarge, S.J., has contributed over seven hundred books which are part of the LaFarge Collection. Father is a Newporter who has contributed much to the cause of social justice re: the industrial worker, the Negro, and the underprivileged. At one time, Father edited *AMERICA* and has written countless books.

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Two young women—Sally Mahoney and Gloria Pignatelli—who are currently working at the Naval War College have donated many books.

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The English department gained many old American periodicals and novels and letters through the donation last summer of Mr. and Mrs. Conrad A. Morre.

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From the library of Ambrose Kennedy former representative from Rhode Island to Congress, Salve Regina has received over two hundred valuable books on political science.

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Two other Newporters—William Eddy and Francis McKinnon—have recently presented the College library with a considerable number of books which represent a variety of subjects.

Our list is a never-ending one and for this we are most grateful. With each new volume, we want our library to grow and to continue to grow. Again we say "thank you" and extend to all our sincere gratitude.

Book Review

How to Study by Clifford T. Morgan, James Deese, McGraw Hill Book Company, Inc. Price \$1.50.

In their book, *How to Study*, Morgan, Deese present to the student various methods of studying efficiently. They emphasize the importance of scheduling study time, and keeping to that schedule.

Each chapter treats different topics, important in developing good study habits. They take into consideration such topics as the strategy of study, taking examinations, writing themes and reports, and method for getting help and being helpful. At the end of each chapter there are self-help tests enabling the student to check his own progress upon completion of the chapter.

One of the best chapters in the book is the one concerning reading. Reading seems to be one of the biggest problems since students do not comprehend what they read. This section gives a valuable insight into the methods of reading faster and the comprehension of what they read—thought units for the main ideas. It also shows the student how to select the important details.

This book is an excellent guide for high school and college students in helping them to obtain success in their studies.

Editors Announce Annual To Press

Final sections of the 1958 *Regina Maris* will go to press during the week of February 16, the editors announced recently. Undergraduate pictures as well as some of the activities will be sent to the publishing company on that date.

Awaiting the return of those seniors currently engaged in practice teaching, the staff has planned a series of informal pictures of the graduating class. Senior nursing students will also return to the campus second semester, thus providing the full complement of the Class of 1958. The group pictures will include those with in-town settings as well as campus background. Writing assignments for underclass sections have already been distributed and the Misses Patricia Crecca and Carol Cannon will compose all other literary segments of the annual.

According to tradition, the dedication of the yearbook will not be disclosed before distribution. In commemoration of the tenth anniversary of his episcopacy, there will be a special tribute to His Excellency, Russell J. McVinney, D.D., Bishop of Providence.

Student Council Sponsors Inter-Collegiate Dance

Informal inter-collegiate dances have added much zest to students' social life here at the College. Recently there was a most successful one which the Sophomore Class sponsored in co-operation with the Sophs at P. C. Not to be outdone by everyone, Student Council will sponsor one on Valentine's Day.

Invitations are now being sent to the various men's colleges in this area. All students are invited to attend. Amidst Valentine decorations, how could one help but have a good time?

Social and Academic Calendar

FEBRUARY

- 3 Second Semester begins
- 4 Convocation in honor of Seniors—Speaker, Miss Margaret Mealey, Executive Secretary N. C. W. C.
- 7-8 Junior Ring Ceremony—Dance
- 11 Assembly in honor of Our Lady of Lourdes—Speaker, Rev. T. U. McBrien, O.P.
- 14 Inter-collegiate Dance

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French Majors To Compete For Scholarships

Our Alliance Francaise directors, Sister Mary Anacletus, R.S.M. and Mrs. Georgette Ramos, had an interesting "tete-a-tete" the other day. During their conference they discussed plans that would tempt any student—plans for a scholarship to study in Paris! Although everything is still in "the stage of ideas" it couldn't sound more intriguing. The scholarship would be arranged through the Alliance of France and would be awarded to a student advanced in French and interested in it as a major. Another scholarship to Laval University in Quebec, Canada, is being considered.

Also on the agenda for this year is a trip to New York for the National Federation of Alliance Francaise Conference, scheduled in April—two student representatives will attend.

Queen's Choristers Sing At Art Association

Members of the Salve Regina College Glee Club performed at the Newport Art Association on Bellevue Avenue, on Sunday afternoon, January 12, at 3:00 P. M.

The Choristers opened the program with three selections: "In These Delightful Pleasant Groves" by Purcell; Mozart's "Ave Verum"; and "Blessing, Glory, and Wisdom", a motet written by Bach.

At the close of the program, members of the Glee Club rendered selections from the ever popular musical *The King and I* by Rogers and Hammerstein. These were: "Shall We Dance", "Getting to Know You", and "Whistle a Happy Tune". Highlighting this portion of the program was a solo, "Hello, Young Lovers", by Marcia Finn.

Dolores Matoes, President of the Glee Club, has announced that plans are now being made for future concerts.

W. R. A. To Sponsor Trip To N. Conway Ski Resort

At the monthly meeting, January 9, Susan Hatfield, president, proposed the following plans to the Womens Recreational Association.

Heading the list is a ski trip to North Conway, N. H., February 21-23. Members will stay at the Cranmore Mountain Lodge. Skiing will be at Cranmore Mountain; those wishing to take ski lessons will be able to do so at this time.

New Hampshire plans to be the favorite state this semester. On March 8, members will attend a dance festival at U. N. H. in Durham.

In February the annual skating at the St. George's School rink will begin. All are invited to participate.

The Basketball Team will play the Waves on January 18. Two games are scheduled in February. S. R. C.'s team will meet the New Haven Teachers College on February 8, and U. R. I. on February 13. On March 9, they will play Our Lady of Elm's College. All games will be played on campus.

The Association will sponsor two busses to enable students to attend basketball games at Providence College.

Small Profiles . . .

"Well, I made my coral dress with back-pleats, but what's the best way to teach that second group how to do it, Marilyn?"

And so it went for a semester of practice teaching at Thompson Junior High School. Marilyn Soucy and Patricia Smith, Seniors who will complete their studies in Home Economics this semester, were exemplars for their novice home-economists and are the envy of their less-talented classmates. Their creations—"just threw this together over the weekend"—reflect the last word in current vogue.

To Marilyn and Pat, president and vice-president of the Home Ec Club, the members wish every success.

Representatives To Attend School Of Catholic Action

A Winter School of Catholic Action is scheduled February 21-23 at Boston College. The sessions will open on Friday evening and close on Sunday afternoon. Reverend Edward Stanton, S.J., director of the New England Region of the sodality is the chairman of the program. Father McQuade, S.J., director of sodalities in the United States, together with Father Roth, S.J., of Fordham University are among those who will conduct special courses in ways and means of sodality leadership. The main purpose of this convention is to renew the sodality way of life and to unite the various college sodalists of the New England area.

Sodality prefect, Jean Coughlin, and several of the sodalists expect to take advantage of this sodality renewal.

Hartford Hosts NF Feb. Council

Saint Joseph's College, West Hartford, Connecticut, will host the Winter Council meeting of the New England region of the National Federation of Catholic College Students to be conducted the weekend of February 8-9.

Chief among the topics at this meeting will be the evaluation of orientation techniques and their effectiveness on individual campuses. Further business will include the scheduling of workshops for second semester and a more definite planning of the annual regional Congress to be held in the spring. President Terence O'Grady is expected to give his report of the Winter executive council meeting held in Washington, D. C. during the Christmas holidays.

Any student who wishes to attend this meeting should contact Miss Carol Cannon, senior delegate, for information. The registration fee will be approximately \$3.50. Transportation will be arranged within the group attending.

Art Club Project: Park-Holm Club

Mr. Joseph Sheehan has requested the aid of the Salve Regina College Art Club to decorate the Park-Holm Boys Club of Newport. The girls will paint murals featuring boys sports in a number of display rooms. Other subjects to be used are civics, history, science, and careers. Club members are enthusiastic about this new project and are pleased with the vote of confidence they have received from this gesture.

On January fifteenth Miss Katherine Ricks, M.A., will conduct a lecture on Ceramics. Formerly of Xavier University in New Orleans, she is now teaching art in Jamestown.

27 Gaelic Singers Appear At Benefit

Twenty-seven boys and girls, "The Little Gaelic Singers",—dressed in traditional green and gold costumes, presenting in song and dance "the magic of the Emerald Isle"—will appear once again in the U. S. Even more nicely, these children, under the direction of James McCafferty, a leading musical figure of Ireland, will appear for the benefit of us—S. R. C.

On March 3, at the Veteran's Memorial Auditorium in Providence, the Guild will sponsor what is insured to be a most delightful program. Since we are the sole benefit of this, we urge you to give your strongest support. Listening to their repertoire of ballads and folk-songs will be a most delightful experience. We'll see you there!

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