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# Ebb Tide



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## *Salve Regina Holds*

### *Acquaintance Dance*

On Saturday evening, February 5, an Acquaintance Dance was held by Salve Regina College for a number of students from Providence College, Holy Cross College, and the Newman Club at Bryant College. Mr. Ralph Stuart and his orchestra provided music for dancing which took place in the Great Hall from 7:30 to 11:00 p. m.

Refreshments were served in the dining room during intermission. Committees for the dance include the following:

Decorations: Joan Shugrue, Jacqueline Beaupre, Patricia Dooley, Mary Cahill, Eleanor McGrath, Chairman.

Orchestra: Frances Alcaez, Barbara O'Rourke, Marilyn Mattox, Janet Lee, Mary Quinn, Chairman.

Reception: Patricia Runnells, Patricia Fox, Martha O'Rourke, Mary Beth Coleman, Mary Donovan, Mary Ann Bolton, Joan Butler, Rita Belanger, Frances Bridgeman, Mary Quinn, Catherine Hogan, Jane Mycroft, Margaret Feye, Joan Danis, Mary Sullivan, Chairman.

Refreshments: Ann Logan, Ann Heaney, Marianne Thorpe, Beverly Missirlian, Norma Haronian, Anne Dore, Irene McCarthy, Camille Henault, Chairman.

## *Ebb Tide Reporter*

### *Describes*

### *Home Economics Lab*

One of the feature attractions for visitors at Mercy Hall is our ultra-modern Home Economics laboratory. Exclamations of delight and admiration are heard as the lab door opens revealing at first glance the soft combination of green and cream blending with sparkling, polished black and green tile linoleum. Training for their future work, the Home Economics girls bustle about learning the art of cookery and adroitly manipulating the sewing machines.

The main room is subdivided into kitchen, laundry, and living-room areas. The four kitchens are well equipped with ranges, cupboards, cooking utensils—even a sliding cutting-board which mysteriously disappears into the sideboard. The latest additions to the kitchen are the beautiful sets of pastel dishes and the array of spatulas, strainers, and kitcheny doo-dads. The homey touch is

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## *Freshman Investiture*

The entire Freshman class and several new Sophomores were solemnly invested in their caps and gowns on Friday, February 11, the feast of the Apparition at Lourdes. The memorable day fittingly began with a High Mass, offered by Rev. Gerald Dillon. Immediately after Mass, the candidates for investiture met in the drawing room where they formed double ranks headed by the four Freshman Class officers. While the organ played the processional, the group marched to their places in the chapel. Father Dillon then gave an inspiring talk concerning the significance of the ceremony. Tracing the tradition from the early universities, Father likened the reception of such insignia to the ceremony of knighthood wherein the candidate received the armor which set him apart from his fellowmen. Since this quest of knowledge and truth is undertaken in the name of the Most Blessed Trinity, the student at a Catholic College has an obligation to enlighten others in the pursuit of Ultimate Truth. Hers is not an ordinary commission, but rather one that is basically Catholic and essentially distinguished in its purpose. In fact, the investiture itself has the quality of a sacramental and that in itself is indicative of the significance of the ceremony. In continuing his exhortation, Father stressed the virtue of humility as a necessary part of the endeavor in the sphere of the intellectual. He very fittingly emphasized the predilection of God for the humble particularly exemplified in Our Lady and in the little peasant girl, Bernadette Soubirous. In placing the cap upon each girl's head, Father recited the following prayer:

"Receive this garb of honor which is conferred upon you as a symbol of knowledge and truth in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Amen."

After the ceremony was completed, the girls went down to the cafeteria for a wholesome breakfast. Shortly after, the student body assembled in the Great Hall where they sang several school songs. In between songs, Sister Mary James read the names of those students who had received scholastic honors. The rest of the day was declared a holiday, immediately following Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament in the college chapel.

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## "Patriotism---But How"

The recent trial of Joseph Cardinal Mindszenty, added to other varied but equally atrocious displays of the Communist reign of terror, has started a deluge of speeches and pamphlets issued on the subject of religious tolerance and freedom such as has not currently been seen in this country. Prominent statesmen, as well as clergy and devout laymen, have in turn blasted the mockery of justice as "the judicial outrage of the century". All this cannot help but have a profound effect on our thinking citizens. As a college student, having tried my mind at the ancient "art" on occasions, I followed the pattern of my thinking fellowmen and attempted to decipher a reasonable opinion from the distorted mass of "news releases" sent out by the Red Hungarian press, and from the diligent press in our own democratic (thus far, thank God!) nation.

The story of the Cardinal is not an unknown one to the vast group of intelligent Catholics. Joseph Mindszenty, by well-established reputation, is a man of stout heart and tremendous spiritual strength. It is inconceivable that he is the same man, possessed of the same God-given strength, who stood trial but a few days ago and "confessed" to crimes that he never committed. He *was*, without doubt, guilty of the "crime" of loyalty to God and to his office as a Prince of the Church—an offense that is quite unforgivable in Communist circles. And so, he was tried. The event was as like to the trial of Christ as I had ever, in my wildest fears, believed possible. The infamy of it will live long after Communism becomes a blood-spattered page in the history of the world.

As I said before, it started me thinking . . . along lines of responsibility and obligation. What had I to do with all this; where did I fit in the presently chaotic scheme of things? Several of the faculty had given over

lecture time in classes to impress upon us the overwhelming significance of the situation, and one of them had mentioned a word that is altogether familiar to Americans with their immense national pride — PATRIOTISM. Again I thought. What in the world did patriotism have to do with the crisis? I have reached a conclusion that patriotism has a *great* deal to do with it—and that in this very meaningful word lies our *real* responsibility as Catholics living in days when "living" for almost half of the world has a very nebulous definition—for their living is Godless.

Since the banner-waving days of George Washington, patriotism has come to mean love of country and zealous guard of its welfare. And so it does, in one limited sense of the word. We who regard things with more ultimate purpose, however, recognize a more ultimate patriotism. It is a love of the country of God and zealous guard of the sanctity of our spiritual souls, which are the passports into this magnificent domain. Once we have reasoned to such a meaning, we have really begun to fathom just what implications there are for us in a trial such as Cardinal Mindszenty's. Cardinal Mindszenty is a patriot of that country to which we, as Catholics aspire, and to which we, as God-fearing people, lay claim. Reasoning quite sanely, therefore, we owe a tremendous debt to our "country-man" who has fought so bravely for *our* freedom; we owe a tremendous debt to a man who has so doggedly carried the standard of all that we profess. This debt, contracted through a mutual patriotism, can be repaid only through prayer, and pray we must—as concretely as we pledge allegiance to the glorious flag of our United States. Perhaps we can continue the analogy, and hold high a similar banner of red, white and blue: red, for the precious blood shed for us on Calvary; blue, for the color of Mary's mantle, symbolic of loyalty; and white, for the spotless purity and perfection of the Trinity. Perhaps it will serve as an easier way to correlate our daily living with the ultimate living promised to all those who "eat of His Flesh and drink of His Blood".

Without doubt, our prayers—sincere prayers—will increase the strength of a patriot who, if he be sustained by the merciful Hand of God, will live eternally.

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## Dean's List Announced

*Sophomores*

Jane Murphy  
Grace Woods  
Catherine Hogan  
Katherine Price  
Patricia Whalan  
Rita Belanger  
Jean Judge

*Freshmen*

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Now don't get emotional! If the paper says there's a house for rent, in the center of Newport, with a well outside and a hand-pump in the kitchen, in this day and age, then there is. So a lot of people like, and drink, well water . . . there's nothing out of the ordinary about that . . . (at least I don't think there is.) Anyway don't go around doubting the validity of the press. If you don't believe me, com'here. See . . . right . . . it gives this house for rent as advertised in the *Newport Mercury* of Saturday, November 12, . . . eek! ! For the love of . . . well how was I supposed to know the paper was published in 1842? I didn't have my glasses on. O. K., O. K., so I was stupid, is that out of line for me? But you must admit it is a novel or rather a "different" paper.

For instance, according to the *Mercury* we can go from Providence to New York by steamer for 75 cents; or we can go home by way of stage coach from Newport to Providence. How lovely! . . . leaving Friday noon we'd get home just in time for the P. C. basketball game Saturday night.

And, my fine friends, if you're ever sick you can run down to the local apothecary and for the price of 50 cents you can get Wm. Trufant's Cumpound for cure of Salt Rheum &c. and be entirely relieved (it says here) of Ring Worm, Scald Head, Shingles, Leprocy, Piles, Pimples, and Jackson or Barber's itch. And so help me if that doesn't cure you (or better still kill you) you can purchase Moffat's Life Pills and Phoenix Bitters—which are guaranteed to "renew every part of the system and triumphantly mount the banner of health into the blooming cheek."—by remedying "Dispepsia, Flatulency, Palpitations of the heart, Loss of appetite, Hear burn and heart ache (hah!), Restlessness, ill temper, Anxiety, Languor and Melancholy, Costiveness, Diarhoes, Cholera, Fevers of all kinds, Sores, Rheumatism, Gout, bad Complexions, common colds and influenza, and various other complaints which afflict the human frame."

I could go on quite a few minutes telling the whole content of the paper such as—the "accident" which Mr. Rappellez was precipitated into the river. "He immediately sank, and his body was not recovered . . . and his fate is sincerely regretted." Or of the "audacious robbery" in which a wealthy gentleman "received a heavy blow, followed up by a grasp of the throat by a brawny fist, and the instantaneous rifling of his pockets of all their contents. . ." Or of the "frightful fall", "the duel", "yellow fever at Havana", "Indian difficulties", "a sad story", "outrage and robbery", etc. But better still than my rambling on about *The Newport Mercury*, this marvelous journalistic work of by-gone days is being displayed during the

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## Freshmen Sponsor

### Valentine Entertainment

### For Sophomores

In the spirit of Saint Valentine's day, the Freshmen were hostesses to their Sophomore sisters at a combined party and talent show at Mercy Hall on February 14th.

The program presented is as follows:

Barber Shop Quartette	Ann Herbert, Joan Shugrue, Ann Foran, Teresa Faria, Joan Butler
The Newport Darkies	Carmel Pello, Pat Monahan, Teresa Faria
"Mammie"	Teresa Faria
"You're a Little Too Short, Young Man"	Marybeth Coleman
"When Irish Eyes are Smiling"	Mary Donovan
Three Good Sports	Pats Thorpe, B. C. Ann McSherry, P. C. Ellen Lally, H. C.
Junk Shop Symphony	Helen Meehan, Ann Logan, Loretta Ross, Catherine Mahoney, Joan Devlin, Agnes McCarthy, Kathleen Leonard, Noel Corcoran, Mary Ann Bolton
"My Wild Irish Rose"	Catherine Mahoney
Finale: "Our Regina"	Freshmen

The entire Freshman class served on the committees under the chairmanship of the class officers. Martha O'Rourke was the announcer for the talent show.

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current Catholic Book Week commencing February 21 to 26. It is for all to see and all should see it.

Along with *The Newport Mercury*, papers and magazines will be displayed from various colleges. Among the colleges represented will be the student publications from Boston College, Providence College, Notre Dame, Holy Cross, Rhode Island State, Bryant, Brown, Regis and Mt. St. Mary's. Such a display should stimulate interest in the power of the press and its place in college activities.

BARBARA G. O'ROURKE

## Speaking of Sweethearts . . .

Ann Boleyn and Marie Antoinette lost their heads for love. Lucretia Borgia, like her modern fictional counterpart, Bedelia, felt the way to a man's heart was through his stomach. The notorious Madames Pompadore and Du Barry are household words in the U. S. today because of their dubious popularity on ball-room floors, et al. In other words, human emotion is a pretty powerful thing. We see the fact proven again and again historically, while writers "steal" from life, weaving their own love matches and presenting their own sets of romantic lovers.

In this valentine month of February, nineteen-forty-nine, while reflecting on the above, a staggering thought occurred to me. What would happen if *all* our historical and literary figures were mated up, scrambling those already "attached" to make things even more interesting? It could happen, you know. Quite simply at that, for such a scramble of these characters in any library, when they step from their shelves of an evening for an informal tete-à-tete, would be liable to produce any number of wild erotic situations.

J. D. Rockefeller and the Poor Little Match Girl for instance would make a highly incongruous pair. And Annie Oakley scaring "Hades", (not a vulgarity, but a direct quote from American Balladry), out of Johnny, who'd done Frankie wrong. Two "forty-four's" and rains of lead are *too* much to expect any man to face! If Cyreno de Bergerac could become enamoured of Lady Montague, he might get a few answers to his letters for a change. Then there's all seven or eight feet of Paul Bunyon—the answer to Greek or *modern* Amazon's prayer.

Suppose Cleopatra met up with Valentino as *The Sheik*! ! The Queen of the Nile could even give Lady Hamilton a run for her money.

There are soooo many more—William Tell, a bow and arrow, plus Eve and her apples; Don Juan dueling with Prince Charming over Snow White; Becky Sharp and Rhett Butler, two of a kind. "Wither thou goest, I will go", Ruth of *Bible* fame would have a hard time living up to Admiral Byrd in this capacity. Why, "this gal" could keep match-making forever! But, much as it "breaks our hearts", (yours, dear readers, *and* mine), an exact length for this particular article was prescribed, and I've just about reached my limit—five hundred odd, and *maybe* an extra half a word. It leaves one kind of up in the air; with stratospheric conditions what they are, cupid must say good— . . . .

Great men speak to us only so far as we have ears and souls to hear them; only so far as we have in us the roots, at least, of that which flowers out in them—*Will Durant*



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## Literary Shower Celebrates Book Week and Press Month

As traditions are followed year by year, one tradition which we would like to establish is that of the Freshman class giving a "literary shower" in order that the library can be increased year by year. This "literary shower" consists of each freshman donating one or more books for the library.

This year Catholic Book Week falls within Catholic Press month. During this month we wish to publicize Catholic authors, Catholic themes and Catholic publishers, so this is the best time for the plans to be realized for the Freshman Shower. Each girl's name is inscribed in the book she donates. It stands as a symbol—that she helped lay the foundations for her college library.

What better slogan could we use for our Shower than the one designated for Catholic Book Week, "Read—Wisely—Share Truth."

## Commuters' Tea

The Sophomore members of the Home Economics class will hold a tea for the commuters of S. R. C. on February 24, 1949, from four to five o'clock in the spacious living room section of the Home Economics laboratory. Sister Mary Martha, R. S. M., is acting in the capacity of faculty adviser.

Norma Haronian will pour assisted by Teresa Walsh. Joan Arnold and Claire O'Donnell are the hostesses for the afternoon. Arrangements are being handled by Mary Cahill, assisted by Frances Mourningham.

Following the tea, the day-hops are invited to inspect Mercy Hall.

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added by the red pots of English ivy which trail down from the catty-corner shelves adjoining the cupboards. An electric strip which surrounds the room adequately provides outlets for electrical appliances. In the far corner is the laundry which contains a washer-dryer combination and an electric ironer. In the living room are the six sewing machines and the large tables on which patterns are laid and cut.

The door between Sister's desk and the refrigerator leads into the little room known as the "boudoir." Pink plastic drapes separate the closet space from the bedroom proper. Incidentally, in the closet you are apt to find fashionable blouses and skirts which are the products of the energetic labor of the first semester's work in clothing. The pale green bedspread and the cream walls are again in keeping with the general scheme.

And lastly, we enter the dining room with its four spacious windows curtained in white marquise. The colorful chintz drapes add a note of cheerfulness to this bright, well-lighted room. The furniture, ordered but as yet not arrived, will include a dining-table, six chairs, a buffet, and a serving table. In turns the girls will be hostess, guest, cook, and maid in order to profit fully from the experience gained from each vantage point.

The home management department is inclusive of all the phases of homemaking, teaching practical economics and training the students to appreciate aesthetic beauty in the home. In this all-purpose laboratory the girls have a marvelous opportunity of starting out on the right paths of their careers. No doubt with the advantages of these surroundings and their training, Salve Regina will have in later years a host of famous alumnae in the fields of designing, dietetics, buying, and managing happy, well-run homes.

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The 13th Annual Convention of the New England Catholic Student Peace Federation will be held March 5, 1949 at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. The chairmanship of the Education Panel has been appointed to Salve Regina College. Miss Barbara O'Rourke of Salve Regina will be a student speaker at the Labor Panel. Miss O'Rourke will speak on "The Problem of Labor in World Affairs."

On March 13, 1949 the debating club of Salve Regina will be host to the Providence College Debating Union. The topic for debate will be Resolved: That the Federal Government should Adopt a Policy of Equalizing Education Opportunities in Tax-supported Schools by Means of Annual Grants. The affirmative side will be upheld by Salve Regina with Providence College taking the negative side.

### DRAMATIC CLUB

The Regina Players under the direction of Mrs. Gardiner Dunton have two plays on the agenda for the near future. The first which is "Sanctuary," a one-act play for women written by Pheobe M. Rees, will be presented at Mercy Hall during the second week of March. The cast includes, Catherine Hogan, Eleanor Testa, Patricia Whalan, Frances Bridgeman, Germaine Cote, Jane Mycroft and Florence McLaughlin. Grace Woods is stage manager of the play, while Elizabeth O'Connell and Ann Marie McSweeney comprise the costume Committee. Plans for the Lenten play "The Sign of the Cross" are being formulated and the cast will be announced at a later date.

### GLEE CLUB

On Sunday, February 13, The Queen's Choristers under the direction of Sister Mary Rosina sang at a Musicale and Tea sponsored by the Salve Regina Guild.

The program was as follows "In a Monastery Garden" Kettleby, "Serenade" Romberg, "My Hero" Strauss, "I'll See You Again" Coward, a solo rendered by Miss Geraldine Walsh. "Whispering" Schonberger. The program closed with the singing of the College hymn, "Salve Regina" Wiegand.

On the same Sunday the Glee Club gave their recorded program on station WRIB Newport at 4 o'clock. The numbers were chosen in connection with Valentine Day.

*Pravda* means truth, and bears the same relation thereto as does an egg to an eggplant.

—Louisville (Mo.) *Times*

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## Under Her Sea Blue Mantle

The sodality meeting of February 9 was opened by Miss Mary Sullivan. Gratitude was extended by Sister Mary Evangelista to the following girls for the work done by them in making the Penny Sale so successful: Misses Eleanor Testa, Barbara O'Rourke, Marybeth Coleman, Agnes McCarthy, Rose Jalette and Jacqueline Beaupre.

The sodalists present at the meeting, unanimously agreed to the suggestion offered by Miss Sullivan, that the sodalists purchase a sterling silver chain at the end of this semester, which will be presented to the new Sodality Prefect to be elected in May of this year. This presentation will be an annual tradition.

The meeting was then turned over to Miss Frances McGuinness, the Literary Chairman who offered a most beneficial and entertaining program. Book reports were given by Miss Joan Shugrue who reviewed *TOTAL POWER* by Fr. Edmund Walsh S. J. Miss Ann Foran reviewed *DEER CRY* by William Schofield and Miss Jean Judge reviewed *DINNER AT ANTOINE'S* by Frances Parkinson Keyes. Miss McGuinness and Miss McSherry closed the meeting with a few words pertaining to the importance of the Press—both Catholic and secular.

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Exams are over, report cards have been delivered, and another dance with our brother colleges has been enjoyed and tucked away in the latest page of our new 1949 scrapbooks. Outwardly, the scene appears peaceful, placid, and pacifying. But look again—listen again. Arms probably hang a little bit lower, shoes probably scuff a little bit louder, and sighs probably resound a little bit oftener, but we're not completely lacking red corpuscles. We continue to live among bells, books, and Biology but the oddities of our academic life still provoke laughs which seem self-proclaimed victors over our aching backs.

Jackie Beaupre continues to write "Dear John" letters. Tsk. Tsk.

A selected body of Freshmen has been appointed Fire Brigade.

Franny Bridgeman forsakes not her constant yen for Dryden. Reason? All for love.

Marianne Thorpe's telephone calls seem to be of equal interest to Ann McSherry. It couldn't be that Roland has interest-provoking friends at Providence College.

Anne Hoffman said not to say she told me this, but rumor has it that Kathleen Leonard is very worried about a ship, a dock, and bell bottom trousers.

Mary Quinn and Cappi Hogan ask that this bit of information be relayed. It's not *Slave* Regine College nor *Salve Regina Academy* as two letters recently received would have it.

Is it true that Ann Herbert is forgetting all about Providence College now that Siena has come into focus?

Ever since Claire O'Donnell received a certain postcard she thinks of nothing else but sun and snow, skis and Stowe.

Green seems to be the favorite color of several Freshmen and a Dalmatian. The Freshmen wear green kerchiefs and the Dalmatian eats them.

Anne McSweeney has recently been heard humming the familiar strains of "Bill". (It is a rather nice song, isn't it?) We wonder if it has anything to do with a male of the same name from Providence.

And so, fellow students, life continues to be dreary and droll, each in its own right. In a very short time we will have recovered from the past month's activities and all will be normal again at S. R. C. Of course there are always the liberal-minded among us who are oftentimes heard to say, "Why be normal?" As this is not a column dedicated to the debating of psychological matters, the question remains undecided.

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