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**FOOD FOR POOR AT CHRISTMASTIDE**

Helping to do their bit to spread Christmas cheer among the needy are these senior students of the College. Left to right, kneeling: Rosemary Eberle, Bla Biseman, Marle Helmen, Janet Lopez, Laura Jane Howard. Standing: Berenice Soeck, Mary Andria and Mary Loulette Johnson.

For many needy families, Christmas will be made brighter by the distribution of baskets of food by our Lady of Cincinnati students. By the close of the college in 1935, students have donated their food for the poor during the holiday season.

Christmas baskets were placed on student headquarters this afternoon while students sang traditional carols. A special feature of the ceremony was the singing of French and German songs by members of the language department.

The crib, in previous years in the spacious dining room of the Emery Hall, is in the foyer of the Administration Building. Students laden with baskets of fruit, attractive candies, nuts, fresh vegetables and various canned goods, decked with gay ribbons and sprigs of holly and pine, assembled in the foyer to offer their gifts to the Infant King. Bernice Soeck, president of the school's Student Mission Crusade unit, was general chairman of the basket ceremony, and Helen Schimkman, chairman of the transportation committee, arranged for the distribution of the food.

**Carols Sing Blessing Of Christmas**

**Verse Choir Adds To Beauty Of Concert**

Christianity's age-old yet ever new story of man's redemption through the birth of the Saviour was unfolded once again by Our Lady of Cincinnati students in their annual carol program presented this year in the spacious auditorium of the Administration Building.

Directed by Rev. John J. Fertler, archdeacon supervisor of music, the carolers were accompanied by a verse choir attired in white gowns and placed in tiers of seats above the singers on the stage.

Choiristers also sang last night over Station WLW.

**SYMPATHY**

**Jamboree Has Students For Leaders**

Fort Scott Campers Celebrate Next Week

Six students and a faculty member will participate in the Fort Scott camp mid-winter jamboree next Wednesday evening in Wilson Auditorium, Clifton Avenue.

Laura Jane Howard, Emma Lou Harig, Helen Schimkman, Frances Hannon, and Jeannine Martin will swing out in a "bool-ball" routine. Peggy Kieman is on half the team of "Pony and Peg," hillbilly singers.

Mary Joe Schroeder, physical education director at Edgell and head of the Fort Scott girls camp, is assisting in the training of the athletes and choruses.

**Prominent Speakers Scheduled For 1939 Student Convocations**

Foremost among the distinguished Catholic lecturers scheduled to appear at Our Lady of Cincinnati during the annual session is Albrecht O'Brien, newspaper correspondent and prominent speaker, who will present first-hand knowledge of reconstruction activities in Nationalistic Spain.

He will speak on Wednesday afternoon, Jan. 26, at the regular freshman session.

Miss O'Brien, called "The Poetess of Spain," has been brought back to the United States by popular demand. She was in Spain during much of the Civil War, traveling unreservedly by permission of Generalissimo Franco from front to front, and establishing medical centers throughout Nationalist territory. Her lectures are supplemented by exclusive moving pictures of many points of interest in Spain and also of the leading personalities of the nation.

Applying at the college Jan. 11 is Madeline McNamara, gifted pianist, recently returned from a successful European tour and a series of engagements in the east. Miss McNamara, who will be incidentally Edgell's first guest artist of the new year, is a graduate of St. Elizabeth College, Emerson College, and the School of Modern Drama in New York City.

This distinctive artist has progressed through the ranks of high school dramatic teacher, actress on the legitimate stage, and radio narrator, to the top rank in that rare form of art—the one-woman show.

The Rev. Thomas F. Coleman, associate editor of the Catholic Telegraph-Register, is scheduled to speak Jan. 10. Father Coleman is an experienced and interesting speaker, well known to Cincinnati students.
THE EDGECLIFF

A SEASONAL THOUGHT

HATRED. Jealousy, greed, seem erased, it is in this one moment, when the Peace of Christmas descends on a sick world. The blinding day of He Who is still so fresh at Christmases and when young people who get ferocious only when they talk about injustice and the arrogance of the rulers of this world, he explains. Some of them only think they are Communists.

Now acting one's age is important — acting one's physical age at least, we mean. Even though some persons grow old in years which should bring common sense if not wisdom, they try some physical age. To act their mental age, we admit, would be difficult since such actions might prove them in the category of ants.

If the columnist was speaking about the physical age of league members he was affected with physical blindness and turned to his traditional mental blindness. Certainly, anyone who attended a league meeting recognized among rapt listeners some pretty husky children whose faces have wrinkled hands whose hair had been washed off. If the columnist was speaking of mental ages, he was shooting nonsense about five and as for some of them only thinking they are Communists... the columnist only thinks he is a newspaperman.

ROME HONORS AMERICA

RECENTLY in St. Peter’s in Rome, Mother Frances Xavier, Secretary of the Missionary Sisters of the Sacred Heart, pronounced Bishop of a certain Mother Cabrini is the first citizen of the United States to be beatified. Never before in modern history has the Church clapped between a person’s death and beatification. It was indicated that the canonization will proceed immediately and that it is possible she may be raised to sainthood within the next two years.

The beatification of this holy woman is quite an honor to the Catholic faith of the United States in these troubled times. It seems an extra grace given to us when we are sorely needed of it. Mother Cabrini’s name has been known to be the instrument through which God has bestowed many a great favor. It may be she whom God has chosen for Americans to come closer to the peace of the Sacred heart in these days of persecution and hate.

A HEAVENLY WORK

No more challenging appeal has been presented to the Cincinnati than that of St. Mary Hospital, the West End institution conducted by the Little Sisters of the Poor of St. Francis who deny doing God’s work. Archbishop McNicholas’ recent public letter, citing the plight of the institution, emphasized that its monumental work of 80 years soon might be brought to an inglorious close because of the need of aid.

Those able to pay something have forgotten to do so; some doctors have told patients to ask the sisters to cancel bills; many Cincinnatians have left behind them sizeable fortunes, but have refused to do a thing for St. Mary’s. These are but a few of the factors which have contributed to the hospital’s sad plight. Persons of all denominations and those of no faith at all acclaim the strengthening charity motivating the sisters’ work. Race, creed, diabolic, social condition...none of these is considered by the sisters when illness, Nailing accidents, diseases bring patients to their doors.

Masonic lodges and a Jewish group have remembered St. Mary’s, and many corresponded with donations. Many Catholic churches and organizations who fund the works ordinarily contribute. The hospital appeals come at an opportune time, during the Season of Giving.

There are few appeals who will not have a Christmas budget of $20,000 or larger or some that budget, each student at Our Lady of Cincinnati College must earmark something for St. Mary. Each student must command from conscience. The command is echoed in the Corporal Works of Mercy. It is a ringing command from Him Who stopped on the road to heal the lepers, Who heeded the appeal of the centurion who was wearied of ministering to the afflicted.

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ELISIE'S COMPACT

By Phoebe Philo

Mary Lee’s birthday had a sentimental touch. The one ‘who loves her very much.”

What for whom is it? It is a mystery.

Mary Lucille has had a division for quite some time. She gives you two into the religious life all after. Rosemary and Paul, alias “old

Mary Jane (Dorothy Dixon) Kierman, who was a newspaperman for a few years. She was a friend at Notre Dame.

The season’s questions: What is the main reason for the feast days of the Christmas season?

Why did Ruth Hovey want to be on the committee for the Xavier dance? How did Jane’s family member, Berna turn out? Will she ever cook a second one? If so, why?

Be sure to ask Monica how many days are there until Christmas.

Why, she counts them.

Our Yuletide wish for the future: that each meditate long and profitably on the beatitude beginning “Blessed are the merciful, etc.”

The Incredible Balkans — By Konrad Berouvi

With Hitler eying countries of the Balkans, this month’s templates the Christmas turkey before carving it, the fate of the Balkans is of primary interest. If the stormy histories of these nations are to be taken into consideration, most anything can happen.

Mr. Berouvi traces the history of the Balkans from the third century. Particularly interesting to readers of the Catholic Worker.

In his introduction, the author says: “Had the European powers the green upon a figure crumpled, so busy stirring trouble in the Balkans, these little countries would have been thoroughly amalgamated. As it is, they are now more divided than they have ever been: 20 countries, 800 different religions and nationalities, 20 comic opera palaces and royalties inciting plaudits and higher amusement in their nobleman’s whims of setting people at one another’s throats.”

Cutting Pages

RESOLVE FOR 1939

HARD on the heels of Christmas comes the celebration of the New Year with its consequences. The country over, songs and laughter will usher in another year, and hearts will be light and merriest and hopeful of the New Year. But when any of the big leagues in the country are over and the last bell rings in the New Year, perhaps it would still give a serious thought to what you intend to contrive toward making 1939 a better span of days. Perhaps to speak of our resolutions this is trite. Surely, to sit down and list ten or twenty such is foolish. Human nature fails us when put to so hard a task. A reasonable and justifiably good thing of us can resolve to donate one small deed each day toward making the good of a year. Unselfishness and jealousy have been lost in the tide of greed that floods the earth today, but by giving one of your own, little world, you can revive some vestige of a dying art. There are a thousand other items on the list from which you may choose. Decide upon one, resolve to do it whole-heartedly, and 1939 cannot but be brighter because of you.

Tribute Of The Son

Calm, unafraid with spirit yet unquenched, he stood before the threatening Soviet guard. Who questioned his authority and watched for signs of fear upon his face. The spattering torch gleamed yellow in the dark, "Fuss, my man, let’s get a good mark. The rifles clicked, a rough command was heard, "And you and me, old pal, we've got to start." He fumbled his last wings to tell, "My God! Forgive them!" he almost said. "Tell the accounts fall. Everyone had a proper place. And at his word five other rifles blessed! He fell — his gas mask, with gleam, "Thus, to all Christians it shall ever be!" When Dagen came safely stealing o'er the hill, And bade the sun come quickly from the east To glorify — another martyr blood.
YULE DANCE AID

A Lurking Beauty

A Wordsworth would indeed im-
mortalise

The growing beauty of your love-
ly eyes,

And keep for future ages all he

finds so beautiful in you, within his

lines.

A Mozart could no doubt with
ease compose

A symphony about your classic

moss,

And set in pulsing rhythms all the

charm

Your lips comprise, so sweet,

and soft and warm.

De Vinci would enhance your

skin

And bring to life the color of your

hair.

He'd make the slender finger of

your hand

A background for a narrow gold-
en band.

Such gifted men would notice all of

that.

I can't see through the veil that's on

your hat.

Mary V. brick 40

America Loves

Good Music,

Speaker Says

Critic's who say American is not a

musical nation are wrong; on the

contrary, appreciation of good music is more widespread and

sympathies more diversified than ever in Europe, according to

G. Marston Haddock, principal of Leeds Conservatory of Music,

England, who lectured recently at the college.

Anchored at O. L. C.'s most

novel guest because he "sung"

his lecture, Mr. Haddock dealt

with England's Song Heritage.

He was accompanied by Wil-

liam Lee, New York, who

studied under Emil von Bauër of

Vienna. Mr. Lee played Chop-

in's "Fantasy in F Minor." Mr.

Haddock traced the origin of

many popular songs and ballads

back to their "root" melody

which, he explained, in many in-

stances had been used as the

basis of popular ballads centur-

ies ago.

During his youth, Mr. Haddock

was a member of Westminster

Abbey choir. In 1923, his father

built him a theater "to dwell with

as he wished." It was during this

time that he became interested in

ballads. Since 1921 he has been

engrossed in tracing ballads to

their origin.

ELEVENTH HOUR RUSHING

BY M. A. REIMANN

This is not written for those

careful planners who boast of

having all Christmas gifts bought,

wrapped, and hidden in chest and

closet, but rather for those poor

mortals who often live several years

by dashings through stores December 23-24 in search of the

appropriate thing to buy mother,

dad, brother, sister, and, of course,

you.

This Christmas let your gifts to all

the tree belle femmes on your

roll be perky and pleasant.

One day of the year forget

you ever had a practical gift.

Any woman worth her salt is

just naturally partial to perfume,

luxurious bath accessories, to

pretty ornaments for her dressing

table, and to other lovely, semi-

precious gifts.

Your great-aunt will be

charmed that you think she's

young enough for such a frivolous

offering; your small sister will be

pleased to think that you think

she's old enough.

Buy Elizabeth Arden's famous Blue Grass or Night and Day (the

latter is smaller than you think).

STUMPERS FOR DAD

Either dad or brother will sing

your praise loud and long Christ-

mas Day and for many a month

after it. Give them a pair of the

new, very comfy looking gloves

whose origin is at Moscow.

Either dad or brother would

enjoy a scarf with a superb

silk fringe. A drawing bag would

also be a real gift.

If the heart interest in your

life is away at school give him a

cow-hide travelling bag in the

new tan color. Pig skin gloves,

hand knitted tie, a pair of gay

English wool socks, a cigarette case

of hand tooled leather, a book by a

famous author and a half dozen

monogrammed linen kerchiefs with

hand rolled hems are all

suggestions.

After all you have spent yourself,

your money also, and are feeling

like nothing at all, give just one

thought to his or your..
..wrappings.

They're very glamorous and exci-
ting this year and will do a lot

for the household of gifts. Christ-

mas morrow you'll wake up feeling

on top of the world-don't spend

the last minute pre-Christmas activi-
ties. And it's much more fun

than having every thing done

months in advance. Three cheers

for the Christmas rash!
HOLIDAY DATES LEAVE SCANT ROOM FOR EXAM STUDIES

By MARTHA LE SAIN

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And be kind to people
When in her way
I’m going to sit back and be a ‘cool-mate.’

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C. S. M. C. Chapel Has Musical Pageant
Students Visit Castle Of Historic Interest

Like knights of old, 30 stu­ dents made a pilgrimage early this week to the historic St. Augustine. East End, ne­ ar Cincinnati. The Catho­ lic Student’s Mission Crusade, the organization founded by Rev. Vincent McSpiritt, 1910, former archdeacon of Cincinnati, sponsored the event.

The Rev. Carl Steinhacker, assis­ tant national secretary-treas­ urer, led the group. The faculty mem­ her, host, was. Renting. Romping in the visitors in their tour of the castle were its guards, a great dance and a booh-tailed owl.

An historic point of interest was the church where the Rev. Peter Dietz, “the Father Confederation,” made his home and camped, Gompers, late head of the Amer­ ican Federation of Labor, laid plans for a national workers’ or­ ganization. Through Father Dietz was given to the college, and Gompers persisted and the A. F. of L. was formed.

Echo Of Middle Ages
Two of the most colorfully dec­ orated rooms are the chapel and the library, under the direction of Archbishop Francis J. L. Beck­ man, private secretary to the archbishop. Located in what was used to be the wine cellar of the historic pri­ vate residence, the library book pictures of medieval places of worship is knightly.

A heavily beamed ceiling, as well as a plaster wall, seems to have darkened, arches over a tiled door and carved dances life in an editor’s office. In the interview which followed, Father Talbot in­ vited Edgecliff reporters to con­ tribute articles to America.

Literary Group Meets At College
Our Lady of Cincinnati Col­ lege’s students were given the opportunity to enjoy “Sunday Mom­ mers,” For their own benefit.

The Meyer Twins, Ruth and Lenore, who have been con­ stant companion, Victoria Keans, are going to go places and do things, and not to stay in any way connected with school work. They have been hearing stories that she will be skillfully dodging dimes of cold water oil, she hopes. Margaret Ann Heimann (Urbana) danced into the office singing, “Christmas is coming, horray, horray.” Then she ex­ plained that she plans to spend the holidays with the family and live her brother (? special atten­ tion.

By VIRGINIA BECK

“Will,” said Saints Claus, as he sank dejectedly into a chair at his North Pole workshop, “they got me—and after all these years. Just like a bunch of gals to cross you up when they aren’t even trying good. For hours of years I’ve been bringing good little boys and girls what they wanted on Christmas Eve and trying to satisfy everybody. But I know when I’m beat. I’ll write a little letter from Our Lady of Cincinnati College and judge for yourself.

Margaret Midgard

Note Dame University annexed to Our Lady of Cincinnati, and Ruth Bueck would like to have San­ diago, California, dropped somewhere in or near Cheviot, so that she can have her cake and eat it too. Now, my dear little children, you’ve got the wrong number. That’s a job for the F. P. A., not for a mere Santa Claus. Caroline Cobb asks for a look of Mr. Hitler’s hair. You don’t know how much I’d like to bring you his whole scalp. Caroline, if only I could do it. Then there’s Rosemary Fregyesi, who wants a box-seat in the Red Sox dugout for the opening baseball season.

Panel Choos On Radio Program

Rosemary Ebata and Mary An­ dri, O. L. C., are members of the panel team, were featured in a pro­ gram over Station WAKX last week. Members of the college and students who listened in reported the program to be one of the most enjoyable they had heard. Included in their selections were “Saint-Derny scharbr” and two studies by Chopin. Mary Kylekoven was featured in a brief descriptive recital emphasizing the importance of music. Miss L. C. Meyer, a student under Miss Francis Lofts head of the music department, also played and directed several of her own pieces.

Mr. and Mrs. Bernard J. Bertke (Jane and Bernie of “J. B. Bertke,) since returning from their honeymoons are living at 3116 Harvey avenue, Avondale, and are looking for visitors, they say.