Franciscans Return Abroad Gripsholm

On December 6, the Sisters of St. Francis at the Motherhouse of the Congregation, at Oldenburg, welcomed home two Sisters returning from China and the Gripsholm. The missionaries are Sister I. Joanne and Sister Jerome Marie.

Thanksgiving Service Held

A solemn thanksgiving service was held in the Chapel of Mary immaculate, December 8. The chanting of the Magnificat and the Te Deum and Benedicamus with the Most Blessed Sacrament were the chief features of the service.

Prior to the outbreak of hostilities between Japan and the United States, Sister Joanne was one of a group of four Franciscan Sisters stationed at the mission of Kuangshihyang on the Allied Yangtze. Sister Jerome Marie, arriving with a Sister companion in Shanghai about two years ago, was prevented from reaching Kuangshihyang on account of disturbed political conditions.

Missionaries Interned

As a result of Japanese occupation of coastal China they, with thirty-seven other Sisters, were interned at the Sacred Heart Convent in Shanghai. Seventy-seven are still there, awaiting further arrangements. Among them are four more Oldenburg Franciscan Sisters: Sister M. Agneta, Sister M. Virginigete, Sister M. Pauline, and Sister Virgilia Marie. The Sisters are reported to be in good health.

Faculty and students of Marian College are looking forward to the promotion of the referred missionaries and to a personal account of their experiences.

Christmas—The Fulfillment of Age-Old Prophecy

... The Lord himself shall give you a sign: Behold a virgin shall conceive and bear a son And his name shall be called Emmanuel.

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Needy Homes Share In Christmas Cheer

Proof that the Christmas spirit is influencing student activities are the stories of food and clothing gathered in the recreation room. The classes, according to the Marian Christmas custom, are filling baskets for the poor. 

Activity increases as Christmas day nears. Not least of the tasks is that of washing, ironing, and mending clothing.

On Christmas Eve the baskets bearing the "makings" of a Christmas dinner and necessaries of gifts of clothing, toys, and games, will be delivered to needy families in the city.

Tableau Group

Left to right: Mary Janet Innis, Young Monk; Mary Jo Bearly, Prideful; Mary Louise McManus, Queen; Margaret Braun, Angel; Mary Margaret McNellis, Mary; Margaret; Mary Braun as the Angel. They are reported to be in good health.

GUILD MEMBERS SEE "The King's Jester"

The King's Jester, a one-act play, was presented Tuesday afternoon, December 7, in Madison Hall of Marian College. The occasion was the December meeting of the Marian Guild, and the play was enacted by the acting technique class.

The story has its setting in an old Abbey during the middle ages. The theme concerns itself with a legend about a famous old window in the abbey which had, long years before, on Christmas eve, glowed with a strange and miraculous light when a perfect gift was offered. The window again glows when the dance of a little peasant girl and the heart of a poor jester are offered.

Characters in the play were Father Albert, Marjanna Tode; Young Monk, Mary Jo Bearly; Lady Brother, Erna Santarossa; the King, Janet Myers; Lady Prudens, Mary Louise McManus; Sir Finne, Rachel Mathews; the Jester, Charlotte Doyle; Peasant Girl, Donna Ingham.

A tableau portraying the winding of the year was staged by Mary Margaret McNellis as Mary Janet Innis as Joseph; and Margaret Braun as the Angel.

Marian College Entertains Dutch Baroness, Lecturer

The Baroness Fiera Van Weston of Holland, who is touring the United States as a good-will ambassador for her country, spoke at the Catholic Forum, December 12. During her visit to Indianapolis, she was the guest of Marian College.

Having acquired a comprehensive knowledge of international affairs during her world-wide travels as an opera and concert star, the Baroness is well equipped to discuss present day political developments.

In her forum lecture she gave inside information about events in the Netherlands. Her graphic accounts of recent Dutch and American bombings of European oil fields were particularly informative. She also told of Queen Wilhelmina's post-war plans to recognize the Dutch government into a federal system closely resembling that of the U. S.

Proud of her country's resistance to the Nazis, the Baroness stated that the latter have not dared to crush the Dutch as they have other peoples. Catholic schools still function in Holland, although their privileges have been greatly curtailed. "Holland," said the Baroness, "is proud to be a member of the United Nations and is giving her all for the success of the UN effort."

It was the privilege of Betty Armstrong, Junior, to introduce the speaker to the Forum audience, and to preside at the discussion. Six other Marian students, Bila Krebsche, Bertha Neff, Margaret Braun, Patty Hagan, Mary Janet Innis, and Rachel Mathews, were ushers.

During her stay at Marian, the faculty and students caught many interesting glimpses of the personality of their guest and were admitted to little intimacies concerning her life story. They thus learned of her singing on the occasion of Queen Wilhelmina's coronation.

She counted it a great joy to be taken to visit the four Dutch refugees Carmelitte Sisters now living at the Carmelite monastery on the island of Ceylings Road. To her own compatriots, her news of the homeland, given in Dutch, was most welcome.

Atterbury Invites Marian Musicians

Mary Ellen Gintherg and Erna Santarossa, seniors at Marian, were the guests of the soldiers at Camp Attorney Sunday, December 12. Miss Gintherg played hymns on her violin before the Men in the post chapel. Later in the day she visited the wards and played semi-classical and popular songs.

Miss Gintherg gave three other programs in the course of the all-day program. At the Red Cross, the 120th Infantry, and the Service Club, Miss Santarossa, seniors at Marian, played semi-classical and popular numbers.

A NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTION

Worship Making

Attend ROSARY Recitations in Marian Chapel Daily

E 8:45 12:45
Fear Not

Let us go down to Bethlehem and meet with the shepherds when the angels come to repeat their message. “Do not be afraid,” they say, “for behold, I bring you good news of great joy.” The message is familiar enough, like the shepherds, we are too frightened. We fear the dangers of war, accidents, and unforeseen happenings of the future. We fret about so many things, that our inner turmoil makes us unable to receive the tidings of great joy. We seem unable to

Christmas traditions in the homelands of some of our students are quite different from ours; and even in our own coun­

New Mexico

Christmas proper begins with the novenas of the Virgin. The parish priest goes from mis­

In Ecuador

A crib is set up in every home on a small alter adorned with napolitas and muñecos (Christmas dolls and trees) and to the accom­

No Navy Bean Soup?

There’s a factory in Philadelphia which pro­

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Sectional Xmas Traditions

Include Novenas, Bon-Fires

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New England

Christmas Eve is exciting and busy. Silver-blue spruce trees are cut down and set up indoors as the background for the crib in church. The tallest, largest, and fastest trees are reserved for the center of the town. If the tree is not at least twenty-five feet tall the children will cry. The tallest set of bon-fires has died out, all the children run to this tree and stand on its top. Then all go home and to bed till ten-thirty, when mothers begin getting ready for Mis­

In Cuba

Besides the Novenas for the Feast of Christmas, the people observe Los Cuarenta Ave Maria (The Forty Hall Marys) which begin forty days before Christmas. Every day forty Hall Marys are recited.

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The Phoenix would like to know your ZONE NUMBER.

Christmas Spangles

Hello there,

 Aren’t you glad Santa Claus hasn’t gone modern? Gas rationing can’t affect a sleigh and rein­

WANT WHAT FOR CHRISTMAS

The gift I want this year for Christmas is dif­

my point of view on life

You Want to Write a Book

So You Want to Write a Book

Bruce Publishing Company and Extension Magazine are jointly sponsoring the first Catholic nov­

competition is open to all cit­

letters to the editor at Bruce’s or the associate editor of Extension.

FANTASY

She sat there pondering all alone. Her look was fixed, and her leg set.

She paused, then grasped it by the hilt; the hardened firmness of her face.

She ran her finger o'er its edge—

She raised it slowly from its place—

I saw the glitter in her eye.

This is the toughest piece of steak!

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I want a world at peace, the wonderful peace that existed when the King of Kings was born on this earth.

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No Christmas would be complete without a Xmas tree, which the All-powerful Infant God Himself must

The gift I want is not a worldly gift. It is one that

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She raised it slowly from its place—

I saw the glitter in her eye.

This is the toughest piece of steak!

She raised it slowly from its place—

The gleaming knife beside her lay.

I can’t do it, I can’t do it, I can’t do it.

Let us lead a normal life.

in adoration and gratitude before the manger of

Silent night, holy night.

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World Literature Perpetuates Christmas Message

"Woman Wrapped in Silence" by John W. Lynch Takes Its Place Among Marian Literature

It is refreshing to retreat for a moment from the noise and blur of the modern world and enjoy the inner quiet and peace of the "Woman Wrapped in Silence." This new effort to depict the life of the Mother of God, by John W. Lynch, is a true and vivid portrayal of approximately 3,800 lines of blank verse.

As we read, somehow, we re-live with Mary the events that were her life. At Nazareth, tears and sobs were mingled with the quiet joys of her girlhood. Fain would we calm the turmoils of her heart's great doubts. Delight is ours as we behold her in Bethlehem, "...in the midnight, adoration fused With human love, and was not separate."

"Her tremendous grief during the whole of this period must...distress us....and thus we follow her through the years until we see her beneath the cross...a slocen hid among Those many prayers, a sum...to overweigh."

"He is one of us—her voice could laugh, and sob, and sing, and cry." A

Paras, not legend or extravaganza fancy, are the groundwork of this book. Perhaps it is the verse's sure-footedness in this respect that explains the failure of epic achievement in a work that has the preponderance of treatment could rank with the masterpiece of stony verse.

In verse that is smooth and pleasant, songs, such as the following through which Mary and Joseph passed on their way to visit Elizabeth, are graphically depicted.

Sister Margaret Ann, '44.

Pre-Chrismas Liturgy Voices Longing of Hebrews for the Promised Messiah

Drop down dew, ye heavens from above, and let the clouds pour down the Just One.

The heavens show forth the glory of God: and the firmament proclaimeth the work of His Hands.

Gradual Ps. exiliv, 18 et 21. Prope est Dominus omnium

"...let all call upon Him in truth."

The Lord is nigh unto all them that calleth upon Him: unto all that calle upon Him in truth.

Let my mouth speak the praise of the Lord: and let all flesh bless His Holy Name. Alleluia, Alleluia.

Come, and do not delay. Loose the guilt of Thy people Israel.


Behold a Virgin shall conceive and shall bring forth a Son; and His name shall be called Emmanuel.

CHRISTMAS EVE

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Beaux Arts

For those interested in music the month of December has been a busy one. December 1, the program of the first choral. In the year 1233, St. Francis, wishing to celebrate the birth of the Child Jesus with all the solemnity possible, sought and obtained permission from the Holy Father to duplicate the scene of Bethlehem in a cave at the town of Greccio, Italy. Solomon Mases were celebrated over the manger, and tradition states that St. Francis readied the sleeping Child within his own cradle.

The sublime and mysterious beauty of Christmas art that lends itself very appropriately to music, Robert Southwell's poem (1562-1600). The Burning Bush, as it has been its keynote a plea for love for the newborn Infant. The vision of the Christ Child as seen by the author renders the lovely Child surrounded by burning flames and shading shadows of a divine power that stimulates the heart by the fire of Divine Love.

Among American poems, Father Taber's Out of Bounds is one with which we are all familiar. St岳阳, the Happy Christmas Wind is the song of the kindly wind which unlatched the door of the stable as that Mary and St. Joseph could enter the stable at Bethlehem. The Holy Father to duplicate the vision of the Christ Child as seen by Sister Miriam Clare, '45.

How soon do you begin your preparations for Christmas? In what do they consist? The buying of gifts for loved ones? The trimming of the tree? Or perhaps the planning of parties? Do all these things have the true meaning of Christmas, and thus cause you to forget the most important thing of all? Every Christmas the knowledge of that first Christmas in the East and set out to follow till on Calvary we see her be

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Marian Fetes Sailors At Pre-Holiday Dance

Pictured left to right: Cecilia Mellen, Johnnie Judge, Marcella Gillespie, Marianne Gallagher, Bette Neff, and Dorothy Kise.

Marian Hall, made the most of every opportunity on Saturday night was arranged for a gay occasion. Marianites Rita Mae Heinz, Joe Juszkiewicz, Frieda Meiners, Doris Stober, and Al Amenta.

A tune played for dancing, slow for a ballad. A duet of "Adeste Fideles." The voice of Santa Claus gave the Christmas message.

Missions Harvest Fund for Finances

Marian went all out for the missions December 31, the feast of St. Francis Xavier. Mass and Holy Communion, offered for the missions, appropriately opened the day. Things really started humming after lunch in the cantina. Popcorn balls, prepared by mission club members, proved very popular—and tasty, but the main event, the auction, was yet to come. Everyone heartily entered into the whirl of things. Bids were promptly and promptly called by the auctioneer, Beatrice Hynes. Another feature was the raffling of a pair of pillow cases decorated by Mary McManus, Marie Louise McManus, Rita Maher, and Ruth Bill.

First Senior Social

Include Dinner-Movie

The seniors took advantage of the free day offered December eighth to have a social get-together. The class had dinner at Catherine's Cafeteria and then attended the movie "Gigi Crazy" at Loew's theater. This marked the first class gathering this year for the seniors. President Maryann Tuth arranged the party.

FLU TO YOU

The dearth in Marian ranks these days is being caused by the proverbial cold bugs. Victims have been Maria Carballides, Charlotte Ver, and anyone you name a few. I just hope I never come down with it again.

NEWS BEHIND THE NEWS

Here's the inside story behind the latest reduction in meat ration points—It was compulsory. Pickets marched up and down outside the OPA singing "Liver, come back to me."

MISSION DUE-INS

The mission auction was invaded by the lusty bidding of Louise (the real) McCoy, Virginia Hynes, Mary Jo Falvey, and Jewellery-minded McNulty, among others. The popcorn balls only served to whet their vocal chords. The merry members of one mealboard pooled their money and spoke up for severer measures of stationery.

HOME FOR CHRISTMAS

I'll be home for Christmas.

I'll be home for Christmas. Though the fierce tide of battle still rages, and my body is still kept in a hight state of tension, I'll be home for Christmas. I'll be home for Christmas. I'll be home for Christmas.

I'll smell roasted turkey, brussels holding in the oven, cranberries, and old-fashioned fruit cake. I'll smell freshly-cut logs snoring and my favorite tobacco. The odor of dead bodies and the dank smell of a battlefield will not overwhelm me. I'll be home for Christmas.

I'll see the snow gleaming in the starlight and the lined shinning on the tree. I'll see the eager faces of hopeful tiny children, and the serene faces of calm old age. I'll see gaily wrapped presents littered under a tree, and a little sock hanging on the fireplace. No smoke or battle screen will blind me. I'll be home for Christmas.

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Those serving on the committee for Mission Day, besides President Dorothy Kise, were: Mary McManus, Sylvia Hynes, Mary Janet Menzies, Mary Frances Wendlhoff, Dorothy Kise, Mary McManus, Dorothy Gillman, and Judy Dilhoff.

The proceeds from this very successful Mission Day will be used to supply Christmas baskets for the needy and to help support various missions, including Negro and Indian.

STUDENT LIFE

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