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## PRIMA DONNA GUEST SINGS AT FONTBONNE

**Ethel Louise Wright, Star of  
"Rose Marie," Is Alumna  
of St. Joseph's.**

Some interesting sidelights on Catholics in the theatrical profession were given by Miss Ethel Louise Wright, prima-donna of the "Rose Marie" company which played in St. Louis the week of Jan. 2, at a reception given her at Fontbonne, Thursday afternoon, Jan. 6. Miss Wright is a graduate of St. Joseph's Academy and the reception followed a luncheon given her at Hotel Chase, by the alumnae of that school. "The Actor's Chapel in New York is



Miss Ethel Louise Wright on Fontbonne Campus

most interesting" said Miss Wright, who went on to tell that the congregation sings instead of a choir, that the pastor delivers his sermons in the terms of the theatre and that the collection usually amounts to at least one thousand dollars a Sunday. The number of really practical Catholics in the theatrical profession is very large, Miss Wright said.

Like many another member of the theatrical profession, she owes her success to prayer. In her case success has been rapid and complete. Eight years ago she finished her work at St. Joseph's, where she laid, according to her own statement, the foundation of her skill in music and singing. Her younger sister, who also attended St. Joseph's, is now Sister Rose Louise, a novice in that congregation. For some years after her graduation Miss Wright filled a position in one of the trust companies of the city, continuing her education and watching for an opportunity to get in the East, professional training for the stage. Three years ago she won a scholarship of the Juillard foundation in New York, founded by a wealthy Frenchman for the purpose of aiding deserving young women who are ambitious to pursue a musical career.

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## Juniors' Secret Meetings Are Secret No Longer

The juniors' secret is out at last! There will be no more stealthy meetings in Catharine Gunn's room, no more subtle questioning by other classmen, no more unfinished sentences and underbreath "Sssh! Here comes a senior." That worried look has become an habitual expression on the face of the treasurer. Why? Because the juniors are giving a prom. For the second time this year are seen little slips of paper headed "Program" being handed from one to another and catch bits of conversation regarding "dates" and dance frocks is heard. February 1 will find a group of dancers in the Fine Arts building. Committees for arrangements are: orchestra, Lenadore Bass and Helen Dumont; decorations, Helen Purcell and Aurelia Coffey; souvenirs, Bernice Simpson and Mary Grace Heiner; refreshments, Lucille Perry and Margaret Treacy; invitations, Catherine Gunn and Frances Coffey.

## DEAN RETURNS FROM TRIP TO COLORADO

**Sister Marietta Spends Holiday Season Visiting Western Places of Interest.**

Sister Marietta, dean of Fontbonne, on her return from her first visit to the Rockies, declares that she knows precisely now what determined the name of those majestic mountains. "Beautiful in ruggedness" is her description of them. For the sights of Colorado she has only the utmost praise. Points of special interest to her were Pike's Peak, on whose summit is the grave of Helen Hunt Jackson, portrayer of the Redman and his life; the Garden of the Gods; and Lookout Mountain, where Col. William Cody, scout and Indian fighter, finds his last great rest.

While in Denver Sister was the guest of the Sisters of St. Joseph, who conduct a high school, three grade schools, and three catholicism centers there. She also visited Kansas City, Mo., and St. Joseph, Mo. In Kansas City she resided at St. Teresa's Junior College, which, though a smaller school than Fontbonne, is equally as beautiful in its peculiar way.

The grandeur of the majestic scenery and that spirit in which Sister Marietta says "one knows and feels a true Western fellowship" succeeded in making a purely business trip most enjoyable.

## Mental Testers Visit St. Philip Neri School

"My name is Jimmie Kelley and my father was born in Germany."

This was the startling information revealed to the members of the mental testing class which gave intelligence tests to the eight grades of a local parochial school, on Thursday, January 6. Smiling eyes that matched the blue of the sea surrounding the Emerald Isle,

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### To Think About

The New Year's season has come to be so closely associated with the making of resolutions proverbially never carried out, and the one bacchanalian night preceding its place on the calendar, that it merits from few people any serious consideration. Since it comes between Advent and Lent, it is generally regarded as a time of relaxation from the obligations of each, a time of utmost hilarity and revelry. Aside from the fact that this condition, strictly speaking, is not found among our own students, it might profit them, nevertheless, to think of the season from a business man's viewpoint as one in which to take inventory of their past scholastic activities. Speculation on:

"How many days have been idly spent,  
 How like an arrow the good intent,  
 Has fallen short or been turned aside."

is not amiss, following their two weeks' vacation. For feeling compunctious over duty ill-done, they may save themselves the embarrassment so often resulting from the fast-approaching mid-year examinations. It is now that the failing students may still succeed—the ninth inning has won many a game (world series, again)—and make their first semester worthwhile and creditable; it is now that moderately good students can become very good; and so the glad New Year offers, curiously enough, a last precious chance to every student to improve the old.

### A Tired Brigade

Cars in front of the college, cars in back of the college, cars all around the college. The kind? Every kind.

Now, there's the ever-rattling Ford (spelt with an "F" not a "Ph"); then, there's the car whose "initial expense is the last"—there are a few "Dodge-ing" around the drive. Even the little green Chevy holds its own. And those dashing, collegiate roadsters—Buicks in tan and brown—go bull-honking up and down the way. Speaking of roadsters! There are those that are only big enough for "two" and those that will hold from two to ten. There's the car you want to ride in because it is the "king of the hills," and the one "he" rides in and "he" is the "king of your thrills." There's the car that goes sailing along when you're on one of those ribbon-like highways, but try to run it up a hill or let it get cold, and you go—not at all.

But as far as make and color and capacity are concerned, there seems to be really only one car which is in great demand by the students in general—that classy little Claytonville Trolley.

### Feast of Epiphany Observed

Vacation days are over and Fontbonne students returned in time to participate in the celebration of the Feast of the Epiphany, the Manifestation of Our Lord, held in the college chapel on Thursday morning, January 6, at 6:30 o'clock, with Rev. H. B. Sheldon, C.M., officiating at High Mass. The choir work included "Missa Regina Pacis," by the late Prof. Aloys Rhode of St. Louis, with "Adeste Fideles" for Offertory.

### Mothers' Party a Success

The annual card party of the Mothers' Club was held on Saturday, Jan. 15, at 2 p. m., at the college. Mrs. Stella Cartwright was chairman of the affair, and her committee were as follows: Bridge: Mmes. T. Hall, J. Gunn, O. Lehnbeuter, A. O'Brien; 500: Mmes. A. J. Noble, J. E. Riley, J. Reynolds, S. Tammany; Euchre: Mmes. W. Rutkowski, J. Whalen, G. McGarry, J. M. Thompson; Lotto: Mrs. L. Schleicher. Despite the inclement weather a record crowd enjoyed the party, the attendance reaching almost 200.

### Faxencrax



We feel constrained to apologize to anyone who was disturbed by the explosion in the Chem Lab one day last week. Clare is so absent-minded! We are glad she was not working with T.N.T.

### The Earthworm

From out your burrows in the earth

We've dug you, poor old worm!  
 And put you in a big glass dish  
 To see you writhe and squirm.

And some, perhaps your brothers,  
 Are in cold formaldehyde.  
 We will now begin dissection  
 Just to study what's inside.

You, most humble of God's creatures,

Digging down, avoiding light,  
 Are constructed so minutely  
 That you call to mind His might.

But then, to be a slimy worm  
 Of good, is not bereft;  
 Because if someone breaks your heart  
 You've always four more left.

Whoever said that "Love makes the world go 'round" must have been listening to the conversation of our boarders who evidently found their home-town sweethearts still true to them, and then some!

Journalism cannot be reached by a single bound; it means four flights of stairs to get there.

We've seen lots of dumb people in our lives, but the one that answers the phone when the clock rings, takes the cake.

What a whale of a difference an elevator makes!

### First Inter Goes

The first game of the season between the Fontbonnes and the Intercollegiate team held the final score was 29-20.

The lineup of Sophomores C. Dewes, M. Frendens, M. Kiely, V. Visconti, A. Collins, A. Reilly, M. Bischoff.

### Athletic Association

At the meeting of the Athletic Association, raising funds for the basketball team, a basket admission fee of one dollar was collected. The hike in membership fees for the February session members free school day.

### Life Savers

For the convenience of the students who were present for the swimming class will be held on Wednesday. Swimmers are their co-operation in this class.

### Call to

Two games Monday, but were present for the basketball game. Even though practice has been held for the basketball game, the emphasis is on the fact that most attend practice in order to continue a college activity. The freshmen schedule is scheduled for 3 p.m. on Monday, and senior field every Tuesday. Basketball is scheduled for Tuesday.

**First Inter-Class Game Goes to Sophomore Six**

The first inter-class basketball game of the season was played between the freshmen and the sophomores, Monday afternoon. In spite of the fact that the freshmen held the score very close, in the final reckoning the sophomores were victorious. The score was 29-20.

The lineup was as follows:  
 Sophomores versus Freshmen  
 C. Dewes J.C. E. Baer  
 M. Freudenstein R.C. E. Daily  
 M. Kiely R.C. T. Hafertepe  
 V. Visconti L.F. C. White  
 A. Collins L.F. P. Murphy  
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 M. Bischoff L.F. ald

**Athletic Association Meets**

At the meeting of the Athletic Association Monday, means for raising funds were again discussed. It was finally decided to have a basketball game at which admission fees will be charged.

The hike for Athletic Association members was set for the first free school day, which seems to be February 22.

**Life Savers Work Thursdays**

For the convenience of college students working for their Life Saving emblem the Life Saving class will be changed from Thursday to Wednesday at 3 p. m. Swimmers are expected to show their co-operation by attending this class regularly.

**Call to Basketball**

Two games were scheduled for Monday, but only enough players were present for one game.

Even though the number of players turning out for basketball practice has been most satisfactory, for the benefit of players not yet fully emerged from the holiday coma, because of this first basketball game incident, special emphasis is now placed on the fact that more than ten players must attend every basketball practice in order that basketball may continue to be recognized as a college activity.

The freshmen basketball practice is scheduled for every Monday at 3 p. m. The sophomore, junior, and senior practice will be held every Tuesday at 3 p. m.

Basketball practices will be scheduled for two teams from the

freshmen and sophomore classes and one team from the junior and senior classes. The organization of these teams will necessitate the presence of all players at each practice. As soon as the class teams are assembled, a schedule of games will be posted. From among the players on the class teams the college team will be selected.

**Regret Loss of Sophomore**

Louise Bartels, an active member of the sophomore class who, besides being an honor student, has distinguished herself as a forward on the basketball floor and a circulation worker on The Font, left the college the first of the year to take advantage of a business opening at her home, St. Mary's, Mo. Faculty and students have expressed real regret at her withdrawal.

**Girl Scout Leadership Course Here Next Week**

Arrangements have been made for a Girl Scout Training course to be given from Feb. 7 to 11 inclusive, under the direction of Miss Anne M. Roos, of Syracuse, N. Y. This course is to consist of five lectures of two hours each. Miss Roos, with Mrs. Nicholas Brady and Miss Elsa G. Becker, both of New York City, made a brief visit to Fontbonne last year.

**Bereaved**

Mr. Joseph L. Broderick died Sunday, Jan. 9, at San Antonio, Tex. He is the grandfather of Jule Marie Kirk '27 of The Font staff. Her friends at Fontbonne extend sincere sympathy.

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### Academy Students Attend Third Symphony Concert

Academy students, who are attending the series of Symphony concerts at the Odeon, enjoyed the third concert of the series Thursday, January 13, at 3 p. m. The program was previously explained by Mrs. A. M. Fryberger, who comes to the academy prior to each concert to familiarize the students with the coming program.

### Club and Class Meetings

The regular meeting of the Dramatic Club was held Tuesday, January 11, in Fine Arts building.

The Senior class held a meeting Thursday, January 13, to make preparations to entertain the Junior class some time in February.

### Clubs Entertain

Members of the Choral Club, the Music Club, and the Dramatic Club entertained the students with a Christmas program Tuesday, December 21, in the auditorium. The program was as follows: Skaters' Song (Waldteufel), the Choral Club; Piano—Serenade (Strelezki), Catherine Tackaberry; Reading—A Little Old-Fashioned Girl (Anonymous), Catherine Less; Violin—Christmas Greeting Medley (Levy-Kern), Louise Siebert; Accompanist, Catherine Obermark; Reading—Foolish Questions (LeBaron), Ruth Schulte; Deck the Hall—Carol, the Choral Club; Piano—Moment of Grace (Crosse), Marjorie Whalen; Reading—At the Hairdresser's (Clark), Marion Brandt; Christmas Song (Pinsuti), the Choral Club.

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wavy black hair, and the proverbial freckles perched saucily across the nose of this six-year-old lad, failed utterly to convince the head of the department of education that the boy's father was a native of the Vaterland. After a discussion of some minutes, Jimmie finally agreed that "Ireland is the place," but he went back to his desk still a little dubious about the whole situation.

The mental testing survey just begun is part of the program to be carried on by the members of the department of education and is two-fold in its purpose: first, to afford practical experience to the members of the class in the procedure of giving mental tests; and second, to study the results for statistical and graphical interpretation; and third, to accumulate data for some special studies in which the class is interested at this time. The members of the mental testing class are Jule Kirk, Mary Louise Mee, Alice Beffa, Adelyn Cavagnaro, Berenice Colium, and Helen Purcell.

### Prima Donna Guest Sings At Fontbonne

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The position Miss Wright now occupies as leading lady in Hammerstein's "Rose Marie" is considered quite remarkable for a girl of twenty-four. She is a member of the eastern "Rose Marie" company but on the request of her friends in St. Louis was allowed to exchange companies for a week and sing the lead with the western company while it appeared in St. Louis. She sang for the Sisters, students, and alumnae a selection which is a favorite with her audiences.

At a reception held by prominent St. Louisans and former business associates of hers in St. Louis the Monday after her arrival, Miss Wright was given the key of the city by Mayor Victor Miller, who declared to her that she was privileged to do anything she chose while in the city without danger of arrest. Tuesday, while out driving with her father, A. D. Wright, of 6120 Virginia Ave., she was given a summons by the police for riding with only one light; she promptly sent the summons to the mayor.

### Third Act of "Giant Killer"

The "third act" of The Giant Killer, the recent mission masque, was given Sunday afternoon in the gymnasium of St. Louis University High School, 4970 Oakland boulevard, when the members of the cast were called together for an informal meeting, which included a dance, luncheon, and motion picture presentation. A report of the committee in charge of The Giant Killer was also given. About \$5,800 is the amount cleared on the production, which sum will be given to Most Rev. Archbishop Glennon for diocesan and missionary purposes. The various prizes for pageant workers were also distributed, and one for group ticket selling was awarded Mary Louise Mee, a Fontbonne student.

### Playwright to Talk

John Van Druten, Welsh playwright and scholar, will speak on the development of the drama Tuesday at the student assembly. Mr. Van Druten is in this country for the production of his play, "Young Woodley" which will be seen in St. Louis next week.

### "Carmen" by Glee Club

Bizet's "Carmen" is the choice of the Fontbonne Glee Club for its spring presentation. A new acting version of the opera has been procured, and practice will be commenced this week.

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