"PLAY MAKING EASY" SAYS ENGLISH WRITER

John Van Druten, Creator of "Young Woodley," Unfolds His Methods.

"A play is the easiest art form to create," was the declaration of the successful young playwright, John Van Druten, to the prospective playwrights of Fontbonne at the student assembly Tuesday afternoon, when he spoke on "Making a Play." "Creating a play," he continued, "is really only a continuation of the game of make-believe which all of us play when we are young. It takes less time than other art forms, requiring, for instance, fewer words, by far, than a novel. I say 'making a play' for the reason that the process of creating a drama is not a matter of writing one, only, but a process as deliberate as is the doing of a piece of carpentry."

As to his method in creating his own play, "Young Woodley," which is to be presented in St. Louis next week, Mr. Van Druten explained that his characters took shape in his mind before his plot, that they, in fact, compelled the plot. A dramatic artist becomes so much engrossed in his characters as to allow them to take control, he continued; so that in the last job of playwriting, the writer becomes merely the scribe, or reporter who puts down what his character dictates to him.

Speaking of the literary efforts of young persons, Mr. Van Druten told his audience that all young folks go through a period in which they may be said to suffer from "intellectual measles," they are blase, taken with the depressing things in literature, and prose as having exhausted every

DRAMA AND MUSIC AT FEAST OF ST. AGNES

Superior-General of Sisters and Her Guests Honored Monday Afternoon

A quiet celebration was held Monday afternoon for the paternal feast of Reverend Mother Mary Agnes, Superior-General of the Sisters of St. Joseph in this country, advantage having been taken of a visit she and some of her guests were paying to Fontbonne. Among these guests were two venerable Sisters from St. Paul, Minnesota, Mother Seraphine, sister of the late Archbishop Ireland of St. Paul, and Mother Berenice, mistress of novices. Mother Seraphine was a member of the staff of St. Joseph’s Academy in Carondelet from 1863 to 1898, when she left for the St. Paul province, where she has worked for the last sixty years, having served as provincial from 1892 until a few years ago.

Monday’s program included a one-act play, "The Jumping Jack," by Mary Scott Hawley, a St. Louis woman, given by the

Jeanette Harmon, Court Physician in "The Jumping Jack"

Father Schwikalla to Open Series of Talks on Religion

Rev. Alphonse M. Schwikalla, S.J., Ph.D., rector of the Medical School of St. Louis University, will commence on Thursday, February 3, at 2 o’clock a series of weekly lectures on religious topics for the students of the college. This announcement has been received with much enthusiasm by the students who heard Father Schwikalla at the annual retreat last year.

NOTICE

A college orchestra is being organized for the next semester. In response to a call sent out last week, several musicians have presented themselves for membership. Any other students who are able to play orchestral instruments are requested to notify Ruth Dougherty, 101 Fine Arts building, at noon any day this week.

The Prom's The Thing

The strain of examinations this week is being somewhat relieved by the anticipation of next week's function, the first annual junior prom, to be held next Tuesday, February 1, in the parlors of Fine Arts building.

Energetic committees of juniors are at work on the preparations. Among the out-of-town guests is a number of students from St. Teresa's Junior College, Kansas City, Mo., which has several alumnae at Fontbonne, among them three members of the junior class, Frances and Aurelia Coffey and Lenore Bass.
Advice to the Lovelorn

Much counsel has been given to the Lovelorn, but nevertheless we believe our readers will be interested in a little advice in the gentle art of "holdingem." With years of experience behind us, we have the following suggestions to make. Despite all this talk about the domestic appeal—never let 'em see you washing dishes. Washing dishes is undoubtedly the most practical part of the little task, but just the same—never let 'em see you doing it. Never let 'em see you in a beauty parlor. No matter how happy the result, a woman in the throes of a shampoo, a permanent, or a facial is most unimpressing. And above all, oldsol—let 'em see you before breakfast!

Finances Are of Secondary Importance in Fathers' Club

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The Polite Pupil

It is high time that some antiquemongers resorted "The Polite Pupil," a little golden treasure for the youth of yesterday, and make it the "thing" for "us moderns." Of course it could be of no particular worth in as much as it clashes with self-expression and unsuppressed desires, but it is a point of course, we feel sure, it would prove interesting. For instance, it has passages in it that caution against interrupting when others are speaking, or if an interruption is necessary, that one must beg pardon. Imagine having to wait until another is finished speaking before pursuing your own views, or what is worse, having to beg his pardon for interrupting—why, half the day would be wasted in begging pardon. It also advocates courtesy to one's teachers, and respect for their authority. Poor pupil. Perhaps he even had to eat his lunch at school merely because it was declared that no student should leave the campus between classes, and to refrain from taking reference books out of the library because to do so, the authorities said, would not be fair to the other students. Truly, the book is a storehouse of antediluvian nonsense, and as such, would furnish anyone a few hours of unique amusement. We ask—haven't the times changed?

Faxencrux

One of our worldly-wise freshmen decided that there are only two kinds of men in the world; those you can get and don't want, and those you want and can't get.

To the Editor of Faxencrux:

Dear Sir, Madam, or What have you:

You have the easiest job on the paper, but still your jokes are very dumb. I should think that with a little imagination you could make that column really funny.

(Signed) Dissatisfied.

Answer:

When you die you will probably complain of draughts around your place in Heaven, and insist that your harp is out of tune and your gold crown turning green. Why not compose some music to preserve this little bit of your organization?

(Signed) Editor of Faxencrux.

Taste makes want.

In punctuation marks, the college years might be designated:

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When you haven't a car, you know who your friends are.

One can never tell by the depth of the wave how long the mudslide is going to last.

Sometimes it is easier to do work than to dodge it.

There are some people who only hit the highlights when playing basketball.

Abie dropped a book in class the other day, and woke everybody up.

Every "Soph" has her say.
Relic of "Little Flower" Is Given to Fontbonne

A first-class relic of Sr. Thecla, a silent companion of St. Teresa of Avila, was presented to Fontbonne by the Oblates of the Cross. This relic was presented to the school by Sr. Thecla, who has just returned from a visit to the mother house in England. The relic is in the form of a small statuette of Sr. Thecla, and is enclosed in a glass case. It is believed to be a genuine relic of the saint.

Equestrians in Readiness

The horseback riding class is now in full swing. The students are now practicing under the guidance of their instructors. The class is well attended, and the students are making good progress.

Red Cross Swimming Tests

The Red Cross Swimming Tests are now in full swing. The students are being tested for their swimming ability. Those who pass the tests will be awarded certificates of achievement.

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Good Music Instructors

Take a Chance

A five-dollar gold piece is being raffled to help the seniors' scholarship fund. The chances are five cents each, not three for a dime, and are available from any senior. Take a chance, and you might be the lucky one.
Academy Activities

In a quiet but impressive ceremony, Rosamond Mary Bennett was baptized in Our Lady of Lourdes Church, Saturday afternoon, Jan. 15, by Rev. H. R. Sheldon, chaplain. On Sunday morning, Jan. 16, she made her First Holy Communion in the college chapel. And when she is a junior in the academy, which is Carterville, III, as is also Elvira Visconti, a student in the college, with whom she is a classmate, and Margaret Hoss, who was a witness to the baptismal ceremony.

A white gold octagon with the inscription “Fontbonne” engraved in the margin, with a yellow gold band on which the year 1927 is engraved, is the class ring of the seniors of 27. At present the academy has no standard ring, but if the present class ring meets with the approval of all, it may be adopted as such.

History Students Examine Missouri Gazette of 1808

"If America will have war with Great Britain, she will have herself only to blame for the consequences." This is only one of many interesting statements to be found in a Missouri Gazette printed July 26, 1808 in St. Louis. Of course the paper is one of many historical relics in which the American History class has been interested, and in the collection of which Mary Louise Cobb has been very active. Printed several years before the War of 1812, the paper is filled with references to orders in council, the "milieu de mer" and other matters relative to the impressment of American seamen.

By following this news, the paper prints the following interesting notice:

"At the election of trustees for the town of St. Louis on Saturday last, the following gentlemen were chosen: August Chatman, Edward Hempstead, Bernard Franke, Peter Chollet and Alexander McNaught Esquires.

To students of journalism the absence of headlines and the rambling style of this old paper is an excellent example of the revolution which newspaper writing has undergone in the last hundred years. Advertisements are extremely simple and in the informal style of the following item: "Gentlemen holding subscription papers for this gazette are particularly requested to send them in."

A homely note is struck in the notice of an auction which ends with the following: "As the sole object of the sale is to raise the aforesaid sum of money, the goods must be sold, fetch what they will, therefore great bargains will be given."

There is also in the Fontbonne collection a manuscript personal diary of a "Per which describes minutely his arduous trip to California."

Drama and Music at Feast of St. Agnes

Continued from Part I

The dramatic club under the direction of Mrs. O. A. Wall Jr. The program follows: Greek Chorus, Alice Beffa; Piano solo, Impromptu (Schubert); Florence Noble; Part songs—To a Wild Rose (McDowell); The Gooses (Gaynor); Glee Club; Piano solo, Liebestraume (Liszt); Mary Cecilia Robinson; "The Jumping Jack" cast of characters: King: Florence Rutkowski; Court Physician: Jennette Hartman; Nursemaid: Mary Heffy McConn; Page: Dorothy O'Brien; Prince; Dorothy Jane Wittenburg; Cobl:er's Boy: Mary Jane Holloway; Town Crier: Mary Louise McPartlin; Fishermen; Lenore Bass; Lucinda White, Elizabeth Hennessy; Dancers; Agnes Col- lins, Marjorie Chown, Owos; Agnes Reilly; Musicians; Ruth Dougerty, Alice Igoe, Mary Stegman; Witch: Loretta Hen- nedy; Tournament, Mary Kiley; Catherine Phelan, Zellie Hobbs; Mary Aloysia Knapp; Ellen De Lange.

This week's performance of "The Jumping Jack" will be repeated February 4 at Fontbonne's contribution to Catholic Women's Day at the Women's Exposition, to be held at the Coliseum, the week of January 30.

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"Have you ever had something to say in meeting and hesitated to speak out because you were not sure of the form in which to present your thought? This is the opening sentence of a letter which has been sent out to the members of St. Joseph Alumnae Association, announcing parliamentary law courses which are being offered to alumnae members. The courses, which are under the direction of Miss Ada K. Gattow, are open to S. J. A. members through special arrangement with the C. C. W. and the C. W. A., under whose auspices the classes are being given. Two courses are being held: an afternoon course, Council of Catholic Women, 3810 Lindell Blvd., Tuesdays and Thursdays, at 2 p.m., Jan. 18, Feb. 8, and 2 p.m.; an evening course, Catholic Women's Association, C. W. A. Headquarters, 205 N. 8th St., at 8 p.m., Jan. 25, Feb. 24, and 9 and 11.

Alumnae Here from New York

A visitor at Fontbonne last week was Mrs. James Burt of Albany, N. Y., who has come to the city to spend a few weeks with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Osterman, of 1355 Lafayette avenue. Mrs. Burt, who was formerly Ethel Osterman, is a sister of Sister Catherine de Ricel of the Fontbonne faculty, and the two, with the other members of her family, are active members of St. Joseph's Alumnae.

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