

## Drama Class Presents Own Version Of 'Midsummer-Night's Dream'

With the marble of Madonna Hall as stage and the imagination as properties, the Shakespearean students presented their modern version of *Midsummer-Night's*

*Dream* on Jan. 21, for the student body.

Pat Parker set the scene with an original prologue reminiscent of Shakespeare's early verse. The play was on the entwining plots of the lovers' flight, the mechanics' "play," and the quarrel of the fairy royalty which produced amusement and confusion through the antics of the sprightly and erring Puck.

Completely a student project, adapted, directed, and enacted by them, the play was intended to be educational as well as entertaining. As Bottom, the weaver, Mary Lou Reder stated after the performance, "We wanted to show the students approximately how Shakespeare would have presented his plays if he had lived in the present time."

The play was adapted by Barbara Hipp and Pat Parker.

The costuming was entirely twentieth century from the formals of the feminine leads to the jeans of the mechanics, and the pedal pushers of the Athenian youths. In accordance with Elizabethan custom the prompter, Joan Baltz, was seated on stage, with script in hand.

The cast includes: Theseus, M. Haugh; Egeus, J. Monaghan; Ly-

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## Centenarian Celebrates

The staff extends best birthday congratulations to Sister Hildegard who celebrated her 100th birthday Jan. 13.

A Sister of St. Francis, she has been at Oldenburg since her retirement from active duty after 60 years in religious life.

Although Sister is confined to a wheelchair, she makes daily visits to Chapel and enjoys outdoor jaunts.

She accomplished, with gusto, her mammoth birthday task of blowing out a century's worth of candles on a large birthday cake.

## Sr. Olivia Addresses Connersville PTA

Sister M. Olivia, head of the teacher-training program, and professor of music at Marian, was guest speaker for the parent-teacher association of St. Gabriel's School, Connersville, Jan. 25. Developing the topic, "Music in Your Home and Community," Sister stressed the necessity of the parent's cooperation with the school in giving children a musical education. Modern recordings and radio offerings place self-education within their reach so that they can do much to create and sustain the interest of the child in this subject.

Music, she pointed out, is entering more and more into the life of modern man. No longer confined to the religious and recreational aspects of his life, it is being used to assist him at work. Medicine and mental hygiene count it an ever increasing asset.

This address was one of a series of educational lectures scheduled by the association.

## NSA Recommends Federal Aid For Capital Outlay

Federal aid to all institutions of higher education for capital outlay, regardless of the source of institutional control, was the stand taken by the NSA executive council at the Dec. 27-30 meeting at the Reynolds Club, University of Chicago.

The group, composed of regional chairman and national officers, voiced the opinion that schools under private control would suffer in competition with those under public control.

The NSA recommendations regarding education are in general agreement with the report of the President's commission on higher education.

The staff committee was authorized by the NEC to establish a commission in human relations and to adopt the program for National Brotherhood Week, Feb. 20-27.

Action was taken on each vice-president's report of past activities and future plans.

The last hour of the meeting was spent in evaluating the progress of the NSA thus far and discussing how best to implement the Congress recommendations so as to reach every student of member schools.

The movies taken during the NSA Tri-Nation tour, through England, France, and Holland last year, were shown preceding the first meeting. A Dutch tour is being organized for this summer.

## Sr. Kevin Attends Presidents' Meeting

A resolution concerning federal aid to education was passed at the meeting of the Indiana Association of Church-Related and Independent Colleges, Jan. 20.

Sister Mary Kevin, college president, who attended the meeting summarized the resolution as follows: "In general, we oppose federal aid to all institutions of higher learning. Any federal aid to institutions of higher learning should be only for specific educational projects, for individual scholarships, or granted on an outright single gift basis."

O. P. Kretzmann, Valparaiso University, is president of the Association, which is composed of 26 colleges and universities throughout the state.

## Wardrobe Expert Speaks Here Feb. 4

Mrs. Margaret Gerard, head of the wardrobe planning department at L. S. Ayres and Company, will lecture here on "The College Girl Looks at Herself," Feb. 4.

The wardrobe planning department is part of the Fashion Bureau, headed by Miss Elizabeth Patrick. It is the task of the department personnel to determine, taking into consideration what clothes are on hand, what new ones will be needed to round out a coordinated wardrobe.

The lecture is a companion to the fall college-wear style show.

## Senior Recital, Feb. 5, Features Jeanne O'Brien, Elaine Thomas

Jeanne O'Brien, coloratura soprano, and Elaine Thomas, pianist, will be presented in their senior recital Saturday, Feb. 5, at 8:15 p.m., in Madonna Hall.

The program is organized into six major divisions, featuring composers in chronological order. The recitalists will unite in the opening and closing numbers—Hahn's *Ave Maria* and "Air" from *Martha* by Flotow, specially dedicated to their parents.

## CSMC Promotes Unity Octave

Special impetus was given this year, on the campus level, to the observance of the Church Unity Octave, Jan. 18-25.

The Franciscan Friars of the Atonement, of Graymoor, New York, began the movement in their own monastery in 1908, two years prior to their conversion from Anglicanism.

Since then, the annual observance carrying papal sanction, has grown to world-wide proportions.

At the summer CSMC meeting at Notre Dame, delegates voted to emphasize on their own campuses the importance of church unity.

Under the chairmanship of Martha Fox, Mount St. Joseph on the Ohio, the national NFCCS mission commission included the observance in the commission spiritual program for this year.

The Legion of Mary praesidium at Marian commissioned Sarah Page, as her legion assignment, to prepare a set of Church Unity Octave posters. Changed daily, these posters announce and explain the intention for the day.

## Special Bulletin

The senior class has voted to postpone the Alumna Dance, usually held this month, to April so that it may be held in the new gymnasium.

## Varied Program

Jeanne's first four numbers are German and English selections including a Polish folk-song, *Mother Dear*, and compositions by Schubert, Wagner, and Cadman. The French group will include two operatic selections and Debussy's "Romance." Selections from Puccini's *La Boheme* and Verdi's *La Traviata* will make up the Italian group.

Elaine's selections will represent the classical, modern, and romantic composers. Works of Bach and Beethoven, and *Paradies Toccata in A Major* will be included in the classics. Modern composers represented will be Brahms and Juon. "Minuet" from Debussy's *Petite Suite* will also be in this second group. The romantic will include Rubenstein and the final piano number, Liszt's *Concerto in A Major*.

Wanda Toffolo will accompany Jeanne and play the second piano part to the Liszt Concerto.

## Students' Background

Jeanne has studied voice for four years and has been student director of the Marian College orchestra for two years. She is a member of the Bel Canto, Glee Club, and the Indianapolis Matinee Musicale. Jeanne's ambition is to concertize, a career which she admits, "will mean a lot of hard work."

Elaine has studied piano for 15 years. She matriculated here after two years in the Woman's Auxiliary of the Navy. Also a member of the Matinee Musicale, she has been accompanist to the Bel Canto. Elaine's conviction is that talent is

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## Catholics Observe National Press Month Book Week, Feb. 20-26

February means Catholic Press month, under the patronage of St. Francis de Sales, first Catholic journalist.

Traditionally planned to focus attention on Catholic periodical literature, it will this year, for the second time, include books and their authors. National Catholic Book Week, Feb. 20-26, is in fact the hub of the organized activities of the month under the auspices of the Catholic Library Association.

## Books to Be Featured

Purpose of the Week as officially stated is, "to encourage and stimulate the reading and writing of Catholic literature in its various forms—books, periodicals, newspapers, pamphlets." Catholic leaders today, according to the Association, believe that unfortunately "too many Catholics are overlooking the great Catholic view of life as expressed in Catholic writing."

A national committee of seven, with Cardinal Stritch, Archbishop of Chicago, as honorary chairman, and Phillips Temple, librarian at Georgetown University as chairman, is responsible for the formulation and direction of nationwide projects. Cooperating with them are local chairmen and representatives of library groups within the Association.

## National Projects Outlined

Chief projects announced are: a book-collection campaign for war-devastated libraries, the compiling of an annotated Catholic Booklist, 1949, and a series of radio programs. Each regional unit of the Catholic Library Association is to serve as a collection center for books donated in the campaign.

The slogan is, "Read Wisely—Share Truth."

## Calendar

- Jan. 30 NSA regional meeting, Indianapolis
- Jan. 31 Second semester begins
- Feb. 4 Mrs. Margaret Gerard, lecture, "The College Girl Looks at Herself"
- Feb. 11 B.V.M. Sodality program
- Feb. 11 Sophomore-junior dance
- Feb. 18 Rev. Francis J. Reine, lecture, "The Censorship of Books"
- Feb. 20 NFCCS regional council meeting, Columbus, Ohio
- Feb. 20-26 Catholic Book Week
- Feb. 25 Dramatics class program.

The hope of Europe is her youth—Aid them learn and live, not die for truth.



RECITAL TIME for Jeanne O'Brien, soprano, and Elaine Thomas, pianist.



## Beware of Casting the Old Aside The Classics Are Here to Stay

Off with the old, on with the new! But he who takes New Year resolutions while ignoring previous experience is accomplishing nothing. One of the easiest ways to prepare for the future is to learn of and from the past, thus testify history, philosophy, science, and the arts. As it is with human progress so it is in literature. For art and literature, concrete expressions of the thoughts of men, enable future generations to avoid errors in judgment and to appreciate cultures other than their own.

It is unfortunate that in many educational circles today classics and traditions have been thrown to the mercy of the materialists who urge concentrated specialization and who gladly toss them out of curriculum planning. They admit Shakespeare, the Romantics, the Realists, but scoff at Menander, Horace, Plautus, or Terence. Thus it is that a deplorable number of college alumni and undergraduates hardly realize such literary geniuses did exist. If, on their own initiative, they would see beyond an editor's footnote concerning the river Styx or the Furies, they would find a wealth of romance, realism, philosophy, and entertainment.

"Who would want to read stuffy Latin or Greek?" shout the opponents of the classics. It is not necessary, however, for

all to study the originals; such detailed and specific analysis is imperative only for the survival of the ancient masterpieces. Every student has at his fingertips the glories of the past through mythology and translations. He will find in them, subjects far from "stuffy," customs and manners, solutions to moral and social problems, and food for philosophical thought. It is often surprising even to a student of the classics, to find parallels to modern life so frequently.

If Shakespeare, Milton, Byron, and the other really "Greats" had been dependent on the two or three centuries preceding them for ideas, examples, and material, their works would have been most limited. They looked, instead, to the Golden Age of Greece and Rome and as a result created masterpieces. As an experiment, if the lover of poetry would read the lyrics of Horace, the lover of drama would browse through Plautus and Terence, if the lover of humanity would read any of the classics he would be making a greater discovery than the ruins of Pompeii! It would open a door to him that is rapidly being closed by those who wish the destruction of genius that has meritoriously existed over two thousand years.

On with the new, indeed, but beware of casting off the old!  
—B. H.

## Candles Have a Message . . . They Speak It Eloquenty at Candlemas

Candles in our modern fluorescently-lighted world are used only on occasions of special formality or solemnity. But it is generally agreed that Edison's brainchild can never entirely replace the pure, warm light of the candle.

No one would dream of lighting tables at a dance or a formal dinner with the harsh glare of electric lights.

Who can imagine Mass without candles? Here they seem to belong in a unique way. Their self-consuming light signifies Christ and His mission, for He is "the light of the World." They recall the first Christian services held, by candlelight, before dawn or in the gloom of the catacombs. The Church, however, early recognized their beautiful symbolism and made them part of her ritual.

Blessed candles are used at the administration of all the sacraments except Penance and private Baptism. These candles

are blessed on Feb. 2, Candlemas Day, or the Feast of the Purification of the Blessed Virgin and of the Presentation of Christ in the Temple.

Candlemas, formerly known as Mary-mass, and Christmas are the only two feast days perpetuating the English tradition of attaching "mass" to the name of the one whose feast is being celebrated. Outposts of the Christmas cycle, both forcibly link Mary with Christ.

The Candlemas procession recalls the journey of Mary and Joseph to the temple to present the Infant Christ, "the light to the revelation of the Gentiles."

In our modern world of blinking neon signs and fluorescent lights, the pure, warm light of the blessed candle shines brightly as a symbol of that True Light which "enlightens every man who comes into the world."

A.S.

## Booker T. Washington Half-dollar Gives 14 Million Negroes Half a Chance

"From slave cabin to hall of fame." It's a wonderful feeling to know that it can be done in America. It proves our Christian way of thought. It proves our democracy.

Booker T. Washington did just that. He was born of Negro parentage in a small Virginia cabin. He was elected to the

American Hall of Fame, after having been invited to dine at the White House.

He believed that America would rise to its height as a nation only when its citizens were educated enough to fill useful roles as citizens.

Recognizing the truth of this ideal, Congress has authorized the minting of the Booker T. Washington commemorative half dollar to be sold, by special act of Congress, for one dollar.

Fifty cents of each dollar will go toward the Booker T. Washington Birthplace Memorial project—a Negro industrial school.

It is indeed a wonderful feeling to know that in America one can rise from a slave cabin to the hall of fame. It is even more satisfying to know that we, yet students, can help fellow students find a role in life by giving them half a chance.

(Commemorative half dollars may be received by mailing contributions to Booker T. Washington Birthplace Memorial, 52 William Street, New York 5, New York.)  
—M. J. P.

### Sympathy

Faculty and students extend deepest sympathy to Betty Kennedy, freshman, on the sudden death of her mother, Jan. 20.

## Marianites Make Varied Resolutions For Coming Year

The making of New Year's resolutions is an ancient custom. Every year people promise themselves that they will try to eliminate some fault or to improve their habits.

Marianites, like the rest of the world, are resolution minded. Answers range from reasons for none at all to keeping calm during football games.

Rosina Menonna, senior

"I didn't make any New Year's resolutions because after making them, I am very avid to keep them but upon failing to maintain them I become disheartened. I just start the New Year with the desire to brighten each passing day for myself as well as for others."

Loretta Spaulding, junior

"My New Year's resolution is—to make no resolution — then I have none to break. Too often people make resolutions in the "holiday spirit" and either break or forget them later. Why bother? If we could make a habit of improving ourselves daily there would be no need of making big resolutions once a year."

Mary Alice Miller, sophomore

"I resolved that I would study early and avoid all the details of cramming. It must have been a fantastic idea which occurred in one of my more ambitious moments."

Mary Sullivan, freshman

"For the year 1949, I resolve to be more calm while watching or listening to football and basketball games. Here's hoping this attitude will help convince people, who have seen me biting my fingernails and holding my breath till I am blue in the face, that I am really sane."

## Civic Culture Circles

by Joan Weggesser

An orchid goes to Olivier for producing more than a long strip of celluloid in his remarkable presentation of *Henry V*, recently shown in Indianapolis at the Esquire Theatre.

Whether you are studying Shakespeare or not, this is one film that should have been on your "must" list. Your ticket once purchased and yourself settled in your seat, all remaining resemblance to modern life was your bag of popcorn, for you were immediately whisked away to an English theatre right before curtain time. I would advise you who may be seeing *Henry V* in the future to obtain a time-schedule of the showings and get there in time for the picture's opening because it puts you in the right mood for what is to follow.

I would like to raise one objection against the picture, one of personal taste. Technicolor is certainly very beautiful and perhaps Laurence Olivier considered it just the right embellishment for the panoramic sweep of *Henry V*, but to my mind Technicolor has become the icing for gay musicals and light comedies. I would prefer all my Shakespeare in plain black and white—somber and sincere.

From an educational viewpoint this movie is superb. It is a treat to the eye and ear. It is a suggestion of what Hollywood could do if it wanted to.

## Entre Nous

by Pat Parker

Air Mail has gone up. But then, where else would air mail go? A reprint of the notice which appeared in the *Postal Bulletin* of October 14, 1948, and effective January 1, 1949, tells the tale. Conforming with the conditions prescribed by sections 506, 507 and 508, one may send a letter via air mail for six cents if the destination is within the U. S., Hawaii, Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands, Canton Islands, the Bachelor Islands, Canal Zone, Guam, Canada, Mexico, or Cuchamonga. This includes letters to men in armed services, which most men are.

However, judging from the above, if your friend (friend, that is) is in China, it would be advisable so send his mail to Guam, and have him pick it up there. Cheaper, don't you know. What is Uncle Sam going to do with all this extra money? Not that anyone minds. For after social security, gross income, luxury, cigarette, and other taxes, we wouldn't have more than six cents left anyway.

But this is one income the government is really going to use. They are going to use the approximately \$5,000,000 they have acquired through the effort in providing homes for the losers of the Kentucky Derby. Any thing left goes into a fund for more piano lessons. Of course, all this pertains to the Domestic Postage rates, as the above bulletin hastens to inform us. No mention has been made as yet of the Barbarian Postage Rates.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the person who took the keys from the car so no one would take the keys,

Overseen in the locker rooms . . . a sophomore industriously paging through the *Star* looking for reports on *Te Deum*. After two minutes she gave up in desperation and turned to the funnies.

## Relief!

The blue books return to forgotten nooks. Students can smile and avoid the looks of those teachers who tested them yesterday.

Exams are over—Hooray! Hooray!

B.H.

## Congratulations

### Weddings

Cecelia Mellen, '45, to Mr. Henry F. Stickan, Jr., Holy Cross Church, Indianapolis, Jan. 8.

### Births

Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Northcutt (Bette O'Neill, ex '46), a daughter, Maureen, Jan. 3.

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## Spotlight on the Faculty

### Chemistry Laboratory-Service Center With Day-long Hours for Professor

"Hours—8:30 a. m. to 5:00 p. m. No appointment necessary. Sister Mary Rose, Professor of Chemistry."

It is very unusual to walk into the chemistry laboratory between those hours and find the room unoccupied. If there isn't a chemistry class, a club meeting, or someone asking for help with a chemistry problem, Sister Mary Rose will be there, either carrying on a friendly chat with some of the students, correcting those "famous quizzes", or attending to any one of the many duties pertaining to her work. No one with a question to be answered will find Sister too busy to answer it.

#### Teaching Career

St. Mary's Academy, Indianapolis, was her first teaching post; Our Lady of Angels, Cincinnati,

her second. For six years she has been at Marian. At present all courses in chemistry and some of the math courses are under her direction.

As for her scientific background, Sister earned her B.S. in Education at the Athenaeum of Ohio. Further studies were at the University of Cincinnati, where she wrote, for her M.A., a dissertation on "Preparation of Alkyl Derivatives of Phloroglucinol," an antiseptic; and for her Ph.D., "Preparation of 7-nitrofluorenone-2-carboxylic Acid", a probable anesthetic.

#### Scientific Affiliations

Sister is a member of Iota Sigma Pi, national chemical honor society for women, and of the Indiana Academy of Science.

One of her hobbies is collecting greeting cards. Clever club notices, Eta Delta orchids, and a collection of religious pictures are the results of this favorite pursuit.

She can make a hobby out of almost anything scientific, as anyone who has played "Chemical Bingo" will testify. This new game originated by Sister has chemical elements and radicals replacing the letters, and in turn, the elements and radicals replacing the letters in calling.

#### Outside the Classroom

Sister's extra-curricular activities include sponsorship of the Science Club, where a scientific report is given by each member during the course of the year, and also of the Eta Delta, an organic chemistry club.

### Te Deum Speaker Voices Warning

After a brief introduction by Mayor Al Feeney, the latest speaker of the Te Deum Forum, Judge Thomas H. Mahoney, of Boston, discussed "The Soviet Union—A Triple Threat to America." The "triple threat," according to Judge Mahoney is to our religious, economic, and political institutions. He further asserted that a "fundamental antagonism exists between America and the Soviet Union" and that these threats are "intrinsic in the ideology of Communism."

Furthermore these threats are not merely theoretical; they are a reality. At present Russia has extended westward over the Balkans into the heart of Germany; northward to Latvia, Estonia, and Lithuania; southward to Greece and Turkey. Today China holds the key to the east, for once communism gains ground there, the door is open to Burma, Malaya, Pakistan, Siam, and finally India. When this happens, Russia can present a united front of all of eastern Europe and Asia to the western democracies.

The Judge suggested these plans of action to meet the challenge of Communism. First, acquire as much information as possible and use that knowledge to combat propaganda and protect our American ideals. Second, pray to Almighty God and Our Lady of Fatima to protect our religious institutions; to St. Joseph, the patron of the working man, to protect our economic institutions; to St. Thomas Aquinas, upon whose theories our own democracy is based, to protect our political institutions. Prayer is after all the most potent weapon at our disposal; one which the Communists can never hope to develop.

### Christian Doctrine Teaching Enlists Time, Energies of Marian Students

"Go ye into the whole world, and preach the gospel to every creature," (Mark 16:15) Christ commissioned His apostles. Following His command and their example Marianites are striving to spread Christ's message in a variety of ways.

Sunday morning is a favorite time for many. Jean Hellstern and Suzann Reith journey to Brownsburg where they conduct catechism classes for grade school children. Catechizing public school children at St. Philip's Church is Ethel James.

#### Serve at Instruction Center

Sarah Page leads the Dialogue Mass at the Catholic Instruction Center, 25th and Shriver, where she also has a catechism class.

Jane Peters and Martha Dousdes prepare the altar and vestments and answer the Mass prayers at the Center. Supervisors of recreation there are Claudine Lentz, Mary Ann Sitzman, and Ethel James.

The "Saturday Hour" at St. Rita's School for Colored Children finds Mary C. and Ann Mc-

### Connecticut College Organizes Shmoos Among Students

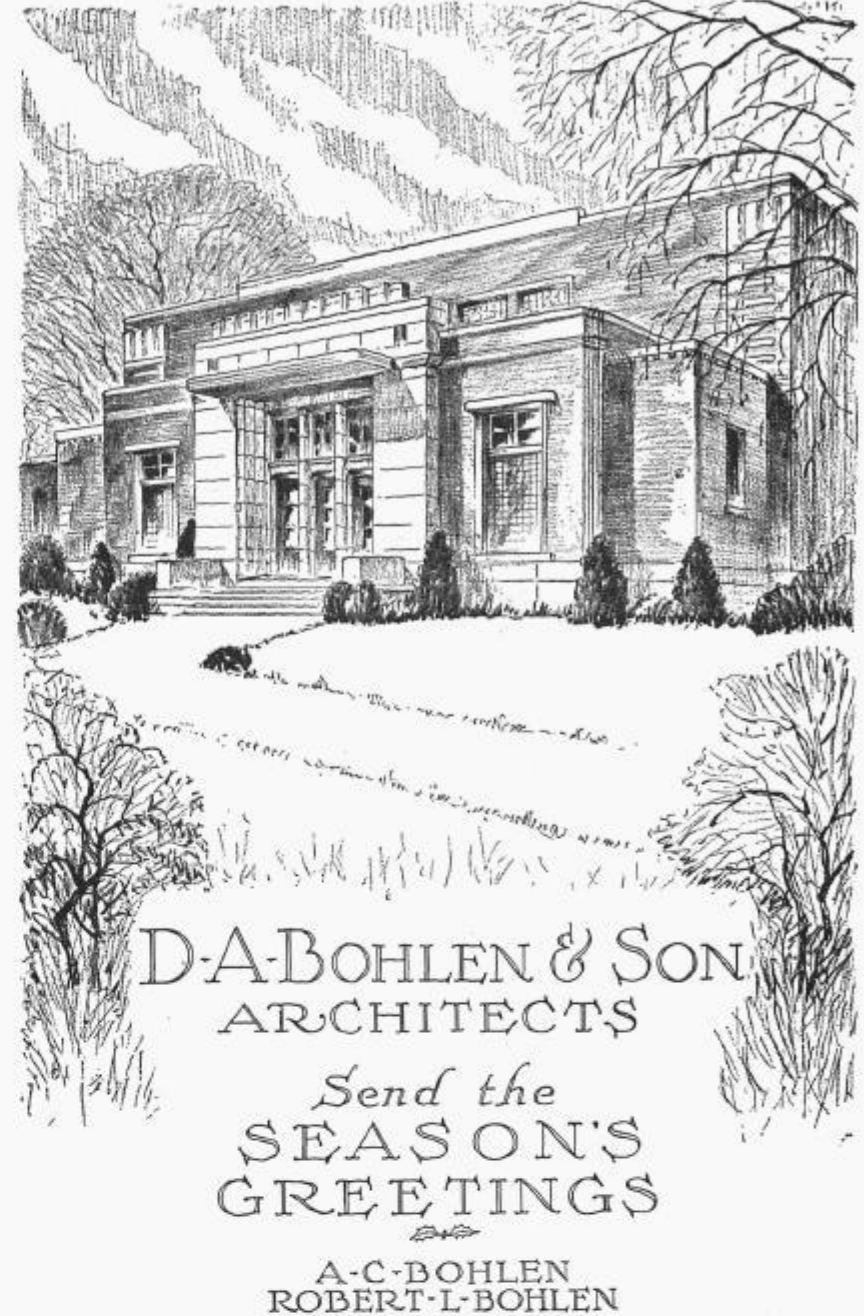
Al Capp has created what may come to be a national institution—the Shmoos. They are that comic strip race which furnish eggs, milk, and cheese for the wanting and in general are messengers of good will.

University of Bridgeport students have formed the American Society for the Advancement of the Shmoos. The society grew out of the ideals of Al Capp's comic strip. He has given the members permission to use his figure in the official seal.

Anyone may join who is willing to do his part in making the world a happier place in which to live. The aim of the society is to promote patriotism, community programs for social betterment, assistance to charitable organizations, economic improvement for all, and the spread of happiness.

Each member must promise, in good faith, to restore humanity's faith in mankind, by helping in his own way to relieve the world's suffering.

Charters will be granted to colleges having at least 75 applicants. Only one charter will be granted to a school and only one charter will be given in any one city unless a definite need is expressed. Affiliation may be made with any chapter or as an individual.



### Supper Honors Elaine Thomas

Gumdrop notes accentuated the senior pitch-in supper Jan. 19, in honor of Elaine Thomas, music major, who is completing her undergraduate studies this semester.

Elaine will return to Middletown, Ohio, after her senior recital Feb. 5.

Visiting a private home to teach an invalid child her catechism is Mary Haugh's way of spreading Catholicism.

PICTURED ABOVE is a line drawing of the new Marian gymnasium chosen from among current architectural projects of D. A. Bohlen and Sons for their 1948 Christmas card. This is the first sketch released since the architect's drawing of the entire building, reprinted in the May issue, 1948.

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