



# LISTEN IN



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## HOW TO LIVE UNDER AND HOW TO PRESERVE THE DEMOCRATIC WAY OF LIFE, SODALITY DISCUSSION

The first sodality meeting of 1945 was opened in the school hall on January 12 with the sodality prayer and the singing of the hymn, "Adeste Fidelis."

The major topic for discussion was "democracy"-- how to live under it and how to preserve it. Feeling was intense. It was stated that if democracy meant that the welfare of the country was in the hands of its people, the people should do something about that welfare. After many expressions of varied opinions, the sodalists decided they could help the country in three fields: the field of thought, the field of prayer, and the field of action.

In the field of prayer, the members concluded that they would take part in the Church Unity Octave by saying the special prayer appointed for each day for the union of all peoples under one head. The Mass and Communion Circles were reorganized and a resolution was passed making the general intention, "the light and guidance of the Holy Spirit for the President as leader of the nation." Each member pledged attending Mass and receiving Holy Communion on one day each week. Volunteer chairmen are: Kathleen Mestdagh, Senior; Clare Judge, Junior; Joan Sullivan, Sophomore; Ray Karros, Freshman. These chairmen will give a report on the progress of their circles at each meeting. The students then requested the prefect, Betty Lou Pepper, to write to the President advising him of the loyal support of each sodalist.

In the field of thought, the students felt they should be interested in the application of Christian principles to the great problems facing the nations today. Questions were brought up such as "unconditional surrender" for Germany, the Bishops' peace program, the Pope's Christmas message, and the main points of the meeting held sometime last year by Jews, Catholics and Protestants.

Helping America in the field of action was the last item brought up. All of the members resolved that in living orderly lives and keeping the laws of God and man, each individual would assist in keeping order in the world; for, if each individual of a society lived an orderly peaceful life, the community, state, and in the end, the whole nation would live orderly peaceful lives.

## MEMORIAL MASS CELEBRATED

### FOR WARREN MARSHALL

A memorial Mass was celebrated by Reverend John J. Ryan at nine o'clock on January 12, at Sacred Heart Church, for Warren Marshall '32.

Lt. Marshall graduated from Sacred Heart High School in 1932, and a short time later entered the U.S. Army. He was commissioned in 1942. As a member of the medical corps, he took part in the invasion of France on "D" day, June 6, 1944. At that time he was wounded and died four days later in an army hospital. The lieutenant is the first gold star casualty from the ranks of Sacred Heart Alumni.

All the students of the grade and high school attended the Mass. The Marshall family are now residents of Council Bluffs, Iowa.

## VALENTINE PARTY 1942 FASHION

The high school students gathered in the school hall the afternoon of February 13 to celebrate St. Valentine's Day in a way they believed their grandchildren are very apt to do.

In the "Valentine Greetings," a mixer, many unlucky boys and girls had to forfeit their hearts (just candy). "Air Pocket" caused quite a bit of excitement when the planes landed. Along with these games, were those of "Heart Match,"

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## THE WHITE HOUSE WASHINGTON

January 22, 1945

My dear Miss Pepper:

Your kind letter has been received by the President. He asks me to tell you and the members of your Sodality that to know you are remembering him in your spiritual devotions inspires him with renewed courage for the hard tasks ahead. He is very grateful.

Very sincerely yours,

*Grace G. Tully*

Grace G. Tully  
Private Secretary

Miss Betty Lou Pepper,  
Sacred Heart High School,  
Boone,  
Iowa.

Letter received from the President by Betty Lou Pepper, sodality prefect.



## ANNOUNCING !

WHAT? The annual retreat  
WHERE? Sacred Heart High School  
WHEN? April 25, 26, 27  
WHO? Reverend Leo Mc Coy  
Ayrshire, Iowa.

## "YES" or "NO"

A school "Gallup Poll" is being conducted at Sacred Heart. The question: "Do you favor Universal Military Service in peacetime? In other words, do you think every American boy should be required to take a year of military training after the war?" The Sodality will sponsor a study of the question; then another poll will be taken.



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**HOLY FATHER'S  
CHRISTMAS MESSAGE**

For the sixth year in succession, our Holy Father delivered his Christmas message to a war-torn world. His ideas are fundamental, and cannot be ignored when the nations meet to talk over peace terms—just peace terms.

From the chaos of the world today, he sees a "rising will" for peace, an increasing desire for the complete "reorganization" of the world. He proceeds to analyze democracy, the Church's attitude toward it, and its distinguishing characteristics.

He feels that people are gradually assuming new attitudes toward the state—one that questions, "criticizes and distrusts," and that they are gradually turning toward democratic ideas, calling for a system of government respecting the rights and liberties of a citizen, a government of democratic principles. These principles provide that each individual must be regarded not merely as a passive element in a social order, but as its subject and foundation.

In the social order, there are two types of people—the citizen and the masses. The citizen is the active unit that creates its foundation; the masses are the capital enemy of a true democracy, its ideal of liberty and equality, who change liberty from moral duty of an individual to a tyrannous claim. These conflicting views must be taken care of before a lasting peace is secured.

Other characteristics of democracy are the activities and ideals of its leaders. Their authority is based on Divine order—"only purposes assigned by God to every human society joined to a deep sense of exalted duties, of social activities, can put those in power, in a position to fulfill obligations."

This divine order must be recognized to secure a sound basis for a peace program. "Wars of aggression must cease. Injustice cannot be tolerated, rights of a citizen must be respected, and universal solidarity must be our aim." The Pope feels that both sides will come to realize that this universal solidarity is the only way to preserve nations from the destruction of war.

This solidarity has an intimate connection with destiny, and the rights of all people, and when men realize this, they will find them, and only then, the peace that the whole world desires.

To us Catholics, the words of the Holy Father stand out as an inspired message. He is at the "listening post" and authentic reports from all corners of the earth reach his ears. As vicar of Christ, his great heart burns with love for his children in all the nations. It is for us to pray that those who shape the destinies of peoples will profit by his wisdom and his love, and will embody in their plans his principles which alone can make a just peace and a lasting one.

**HIGHLIGHTS OF THE  
DIOCESAN BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT**

Nineteen teams were entered in the annual Sioux City Diocesan Basketball Tournament which was held at Fort Dodge, Iowa, February 6, 7, and 8.

When the battle was over and the smoke had cleared, the spectator could see dimly the Bancroft team at the championship throne.

The powerful Bancroft "Johnnies" defeated Trinity of Sioux City in the first round; St. Joe in the second; Storm Lake in the semi-finals, and the strong Algona Quintet in the finals. In this final game, the score was 26 to 23. Bancroft led at the half, 14 to 10. With about four minutes to go in the fourth quarter, Algona was out in front, 23 to 20. Three quick baskets put Bancroft in the lead which they kept. Bancroft stalled the ball perfectly in the last three minutes of play.

This was the third consecutive year that Bancroft took the championship. It was the fourth consecutive year that they had been in the finals; and the fourth consecutive year they ousted Storm Lake from the tournament.

The new Bishop Heelan traveling trophy was awarded to Bancroft. To keep it, a team has to win in the finals for three years, but not three years in succession.

Sacred Heart of Boone met Algona in the second round and were defeated by the score of 47 to 7. In the semi-finals, Algona met a small but snappy quintet from Cherokee and defeated them in a fast game. In the consolation round, Boone played another team that went to the finals, Alton. Alton defeated Sacred Heart, 19 to 7. Eventually Alton went to semi-finals and was defeated by Trinity of Sioux City.

Familiar faces in the stands were: Tom Foth and Don Froehle both former Bancroft stars, and Don De Mouth, Boone.

**HONOR ROLL**

**Twelfth Grade--First honors:** Betty Lou Pepper 93, Marilee Fitzgerald 91, Evelyn Wilson 90. **Second honors:** Margaret Riordan 88, Donna Klute 85.

**Eleventh Grade--Second honors:** Geneva Morgan 87.

**Tenth Grade--First honors:** Jane Doyle 91.

**Ninth Grade--First honors:** Doris De Mouth 92.

**Eighth Grade--First honors:** James Morrissey, John Doyle, Patricia Fitzgerald. **Second honors:** Betty Pepper, Clarice Coffey, James Fangman.

**Seventh Grade--First honors:** Joan Walsh, Rose Marie Fisher, Madonna Miller, Gertrude Miller. **Second honors:** Barbara Briley.

**Sixth Grade--First honors:** Mary Kay Hogan, Corine Phelan. **Second honors:** Patricia Casserly, Susan Judge, Mary Helen Rea, Barbara Morgan.

**Fifth Grade--First honors:** Coleen Casserly, Julianne Doyle, Sue Carol Sovereign. **Second honors:** Yvonne Fitzgerald, Larry Lyons, Kathleen Mc Coy, Helen Jeanne Yegge.

**Fourth Grade--First honors:** Patricia Conway, Patricia Phelan. **Second honors:** Ann Mc Nertney.

**Third Grade--First honors:** Lorraine Conway. **Second honors:** James Mc Donald.

**Second Grade--First honors:** Harold Isbell, Martha Clark, Gretchan Buss, Mary Dodge, Rosemary Phelan. **Second honors:** Judy Conway, Joan Lyons.

**First Grade--First honors:** Mary Casserly, Jacqueline Sullivan.

Since the students have been discussing the annual retreat, the inquiring reporter asked several this question: Are you anxious to make the annual retreat? Why? Rita Schell, sophomore:

"Yes, I am, for I enjoy the talks given."

Joan Sullivan, sophomore:

"By all means, and I hope it is like the one conducted by Father Clarke."

Clare Judge, junior:

"Yes. It lifts your thoughts to a high level and makes you really appreciate your religion more." Marilee Fitzgerald and Evelyn Wilson, seniors:

"Yes. This is our last year in school and we feel the need of the special graces of a retreat to aid us in deciding what our future work will be."

Pat Judge, junior:

"We have always enjoyed them and feel that they have done us much good. We learn a lot, too. Besides, it gives us a chance to hear and to meet other priests from different communities."

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## ALUMNI NEWS

Sgt. Clarence Powers '39 is enjoying a thirty day furlough from the Italian front. At the end of February, he will report to Jefferson Barracks, Mo. for reassignment.

"Mike" Martin '40 just returned to his base in California after a brief home visit. Michael is serving with the United States Coast Guard.

Word has been received by the Fitzgerald Family that Pvt. Donald Fitzgerald has safely arrived in France.

Robert Fangman '44 left on Friday, February 16, for army service. He reports to Ft. Leavenworth, Kans.

Jessaline Fitzgerald '39 has recently received a medical discharge from the WACS. She is now at home after serving eight months on the Italian Front.

Thomas Mahoney S, 3c, USN, class of '44, has been assigned to the quartermaster school at Gulfport, Miss.

Charles Alden, M/M, USN, has been a patient for the past few months at the naval hospital at Banning, Calif.

### Congratulations to:

2nd Lt. Robert Mahoney '40, who completed his training as a navigator for the army airforce at San Marcos, Texas. The lieutenant is awaiting assignment to a new base.

Mary Helen Carver Tierney '39. Mary Helen became the bride of Merle Joseph Tierney, radioman, 2 c, USN, at St. Cecelia's Church, Alta Vista, Iowa, on the morning of January 24.

Joseph E. Schmidt '40. Joseph was married to Lt. Elizabeth C. Pelzer, USANC, at St. Francis Church, Council Bluffs, Iowa, January 19. He is now teaching English and American literature at Decorah High School, Decorah, Iowa.

## GRADE NEWS

The seniors sponsored a party for the Fifth and Sixth grade students in the school hall, Tuesday afternoon, January 16.

The party was given to the class which brought in the most paper during the paper drive. Games of "Going to Jerusalem", "Buzz" and "Toss the Bean Bag" were played.

Refreshments were served by the senior girls.

The basketball team of the Eighth grade was defeated by St. Cecelia's of Ames on Friday afternoon, January 26 by a score of 66 to 44. They expect to play their next game within the next two weeks.

The boys and girls of the Third and Fourth grades presented a pro-

gram for the February meeting of the P. T. A. It was a radio skit entitled, "The Birthday Party of Mary Ann" and the characters were as follows:

Radio announcer: Miriam Fangman  
Narrator Patricia Phelan  
Blessed Mother Joan Pepper  
Sponsors (Patricia Conway  
(Robert Conway  
Robert Sumner  
Father Kenneth James Mc Donald  
Astrael

The broadcast was prefaced with a tap dance.

The boys and girls of the First grade were very proud and happy to receive their first report cards at the end of the semester.

## SCIENCE EQUIPMENT ARRIVES

The science class announced the arrival of part of the equipment, the P. T. A.'s gift to the science laboratory. The following are the articles received:

For the study of electricity: pith balls, the St. Louis motor, telegraph sounder and key, batteries and wire.

For general use: magnesium ribbon, mercury, assorted corks and cork borer, iron filings, thermometer, iron standards and clamps for the science table.

For mathematics as well as for science: a slide rule and sextant.

At the present time, some of the apparatus on order cannot be shipped, but it is hoped that it will arrive in the very near future.

## AMONG BOOKS

Betty Lou Pepper

The Reed of God--Caryl Chessler

After reading many books on war topics, it is refreshing to turn to this small volume, beautifully written, called the "Reed of God." The author presents the Blessed Virgin as a truly human woman doing very human things and leading a perfect Christ like life. The reader feels as if he had become a member of the Holy Family preparing for the coming of Christ. He sees Mary comforting, consoling, aiding those who need her - the reed through which Christ comes into the world.

The words and phrases are vivid and well-chosen lending beauty to the descriptive passages.

This book should be a favorite on your shelf.

The Scarlet Lily By Rev. E.F. Murphy

In this book, the author points out God's love for men and His forgiveness of sin; Mary, the sinner, becomes Mary, the saint. It is a well loved story-- that of Mary Magdalene-- retold dramatically.

The movie rights have been purchased by a Hollywood producer.

Valentine Party (cont. from page 1)  
"Valentine Corsage," a romance of 1982, and a Valentine crossword puzzle. All agreed that their grandchildren would enjoy Valentine's Day as much as they had.

The menu, food pills, predicted for 1982, was set aside in favor of refreshments as served in 1945.

## HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS GO BOBSLEDDING

On January 16, the juniors and seniors borrowed a bobsled. It was hooked to Charley Dittmer's car and they were off--some were off the sled, too. The evening was ideal and the snow was packed just right on the city streets. Around and around the town they went; sometimes leaving passengers at least a block behind in a snowpile.

The following evening the freshmen and sophomores had their turn. Oh, what an evening, or perhaps it would be better expressed by "Oh! What? An evening?" It had snowed all day and was still snowing at starting time. Paul Lonerger pulled the sled, that is, it was attached to his car. The alcohol in his radiator boiled; so did Paul. Some of the streets were piled with snowdrifts; so the bobsled riders managed to drink in plenty of snow.

On those two evenings, the high school boys and girls had quite a bit of fun. There was only one casualty each night. Donna Klute suffered a badly bruised knee the first evening; the second one, the alcohol in Paul's car was rendered useless by boiling.

## FRESHMEN SOPHOMORE PARTY

The hard work on semester exams was forgotten when, on January 22, the freshmen and sophomores held a party in their home room. They said they enjoyed the change and wondered why they did not do it more often.

They played Bingo and a word game. Jane Doyle won the latter with a total of forty two words which she had made from the letters spelling "Washington."

Refreshments were contributed by Joan Sullivan and Betty Schaffner.

The boys and girls wish to thank Sister Mary Alacoque for making the party possible.

## RAFFLE "O.HENRYS"

The candy bars which were raffled by the junior class recently were won by Stephen Andrew Kid-die, 1205 Greene Street.

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LEFT:

Girls of the high school choir as they prepared for their Christmas singing.

BELOW:

Guess who? None other than Private William Riordan '41, on furlough in Scotland. Bill is with an army airforce unit somewhere in England.



Future Citizens of Sacred Heart

LEFT: (standing) Thomas and James Matt, age 4; (seated) Stephen, age 2.

RIGHT: John Ma Honey, Jr., age 2, in the arms of his grandfather, Mr. T. J. Mahoney. John is the son of John Mahoney '33.

BELOW, LEFT: Karen Fitzgerald, age 2, daughter of John and Gertrude Fitzgerald '40.



RIGHT:

Martha Clark, second grader, as Sister Mary Jeannette, with her religion class, in the playlet, "Hearts Full of Love for Jesus."

