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## YOU CAN STILL HELP . . .

"There were thirteen children and their parents all living in one room. On a cot in one corner, a child lay dead, and the others stared at us with listless eyes as they huddled together for warmth."

Our dull imaginations cannot comprehend the picture that Fred G. Sigerst, Red Cross representative in Bucharest, Rumania, describes. Nevertheless, it is a very true picture. With the cruel claws of famine sinking deep into the Europeans, the number of deaths from war-induced hunger has risen sharply this winter in Europe. "The worst catastrophe in this part of Europe for fifty years," starvation, is haunting most of the continent.

Still the greatest mother in the world, the Red Cross is offering a helping hand to these people. This hand cannot help unless we, too, put food and other necessities into its grasp.

The Red Cross drive at Saint Mary's is over, but the hungry, wide-eyed children and other desperate Europeans are still pleading for the human right to eat—and live. Could we help more?

## DON'T WAIT 'TIL IT'S TOO LATE . . .

Shirley Smith was the average American girl, full of fun and not thinking much about serious, unpleasant things like tuberculosis. When she went blithely off to school, she studied hard, played hard, and worked as she had never before worked. She lost weight and felt tired; her voice grew husky.

When the tuberculosis X-ray trailer came around, Shirley thought it silly to "have her picture taken" and ignored the opportunity.

Now, Shirley is in a mountain hospital, thin, silent, and bitter under the white sheets of the bed that she must lie in for three more years. Shirley did not discover

## Important, Unusual New Books Arrive At School Library

Granville Hicks, "ex-communist, writer, editor, and intellectual," is the author of *Small Town*, one of the new books received by Saint Mary's library. Hicks describes the life of people in a small town—what they think and talk about, how they react in various situations, and what their likes and dislikes are. He writes about the life in his small town, which he calls Rixborough, New York, not as an outsider would write, but as one who has taken part in the life of the community.

It would be interesting for those of us who live in similar places to read *Small Town* and then to compare the lives and emotions of the characters in this book to those of the people we know.

Another new arrival, perhaps one of the greatest and most influential books of its kind this year, is F. S. C. Northrop's *The Meeting of East and West*, subtitled "An Inquiry Concerning World Understanding." Northrop, philosophy professor and Master of Silliman College in Yale University, through extensive travel in Mexico, Great Britain, and continental Europe, has sought a reasonable answer to the problem of understanding the ideological differences among peoples and races. The main thesis of the book is "that the traditionally alien cultures of the Orient and Occident are meeting; and that the working out of this meeting so that the values of each civilization complement and reinforce rather than combat and destroy those of the other is the chief task of the epoch just ahead."

*Do I Wake or Sleep?* by Isabel Bolton is an unusual novel placed in the background of New York in May, 1939, when the World's Fair with all of its gaieties blotted out of people's minds for a short time the possibility of the approaching war. The plot of this novel, covering only twenty-four hours, evolves from the thoughts of Millicent Monroe, one of the three main characters. She observes and passes on to the reader the actions and the emotions of Bridget St. Dennis, who is bound by political obligation to her abnormal, unwanted child in Nazi Austria.

Miss Bolton uses her skill in arousing the interest of her readers through incidents which may not be exciting themselves, but the consequences of which have great significance in the course of the action.

those tiny spots on her lungs in time.

Do you want this to happen to you? Don't laugh, as Shirley did, for tuberculosis can strike out suddenly at anyone, at any time—at you—tomorrow. The free chest X-ray available in Raleigh now will tell you definitely whether you may be unknowingly infected with this dreaded killer, and if you are not, it will reassure you doubly.

So the next time you go to town, stop by the X-ray trailer on Fayetteville Street for just a minute. You do not have to disrobe at all; it's just like taking a real picture. You may be grateful for the rest of your life.

## Town Talk

Isn't basketball wonderful? At least Vivian Ellis, Armeicia Eure, Mary M. Ragland, "Sis" Silver, Margaret Cummings, Trina Blake, Betsy Tom Lawrence, Adelaide Linehan, and Anna Lee Smith (former day student) think so.

Armeicia, Mary, Trina, Betsy Tom, Adelaide, and Anna Lee were sponsors for the Basketball Conference.

Boy, oh, boy! Spring holidays are almost here. Everybody is going somewhere. Dot Godwin is going to Sumter, S. C.; Vivian Ellis, to Asheville; Georgia Stathacos, to Roanoke, Va.; Margaret Cooper, to Charlotte; Peggy Powers, to Winston-Salem; Margaret Cummings, Barbara Pope, and "Sis" Silver, to Washington, D. C.; Shirley Fox, to Manchester, Ga., with Mary Montfort (a boarder).

Edith Winslow is headed for High Point this week-end. For the next two week-ends she will be at Durham and Rocky Mount. For the church—she says.

Everyone is so excited about new dances, games, and Easter clothing that they can't spare the time to tell us about their wonderful plans. We hope the Easter Bunny is good to them all.

## Belles Spotlight Answers Question "Who is Sylvia?"

"Who is Sylvia?" is not a question around Saint Mary's, for everyone knows that cute senior who's always full of pep and fun! She's Sylvia Green, from Williamston!

Dance marshal "Sybbe" fills the job of Mu president very capably. She plans to go to Salem next year after graduation. Her pet loves are shrimp, her favorite food, and red, the color she likes best of all. She loves Carolina and the "Zetes"—and quickly added that Nag's Head was the beach!

She's fond of dancing and is really a "whiz" at knitting. Here's to a gal who always has a big grin for everybody—"Sybbe"!

## Students Goggle-eyed, Thrilled With Appearance of Bob Walker

It used to be Dick Haymes, but now it's Bob Walker. Ever since Bob sang in assembly March 6 for swoonin' Saint Mary's, the student body has been waiting for Bob's "return engagement."

Remember? Bob sang "To Each His Own," "Sweet Dreams, Sweetheart," "The Way You Look Tonight," and "Sylvia," which, according to Bob, is one of his old favorites. Although rushing for that all-too-familiar nine o'clock class, he sang "Always" as an encore.

### Own Radio Program

For about two and a half years Bob has been studying voice, "If you'd call it studying," he laughed. In January and February he had a local radio program.

Now a senior at Needham Brough-

## Campus Notes

Miss Alice Bell was a representative of Saint Mary's School at College Day at R. J. Reynolds High School, Winston-Salem, Tuesday, March 4.

Miss Mary Ruth Haig, of the music faculty, will take a trip to Nassau during spring vacation.

Miss Ann Arthur and Miss Martha Wilkinson plan to go to New York City during spring vacation.

Dr. Julia Harris, a Saint Mary's graduate, head of the English Department at Meredith College, was Mrs. E. B. Simpson's guest for dinner Sunday, March 2.

The Rev. Mr. I. Harding Hughes went to Concord, March 4, for the funeral of a friend who was a neighbor during his residence in Concord.

Because of illness, The Rev. Bartram C. Cooper, Episcopal Chaplain at Chapel Hill, was unable to be at Saint Mary's March 6 for the mid-week service.

Bishop Thomas C. Darst, retired Bishop of the Diocese of Eastern Carolina, was mid-week preacher Wednesday, March 12. He and Mrs. Darst and Mr. and Mrs. John Smith were guests of the school for dinner Wednesday evening. Mrs. Smith, the former Margaret Darst, is a former Saint Mary's girl and now lives in Raleigh.

Saint Mary's Glee Club will sing at the N. C. Interracial Convention to be held at the Edenton Street Methodist Church May 15.

Mr. Hughes will address the PTA of Broughton High School March 17.

A basketball playday will be held at Meredith College Saturday afternoon, March 15. Teams from Peace and Saint Mary's have been invited.

## Those Juicy Steaks

Bob's favorite is "just driving." In fact, he admitted, "I've got mania!" He's also crazy about swimming, good thick steaks, beautiful cars (aren't we all?), and "nice" "rather be in the mountains than anywhere!" About singing in assembly, Bob said gaily, "I really do like it a lot, and I enjoyed myself, but I've never sung for so many girls before!"

Saint Mary's was reluctant to see Bob go, and "assembly dismissed" didn't cause the usual stampede. Bob promises to hurry back, however, "just as soon as I get some more songs learned!"