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Friars' Club Dominated Cage Sport Residence, Athletics For Youth Provided By Unique Institute The Friars' Club

(This article is one of a series of articles dealing with the histories of institutions in the archdiocese.)

Friars' Club

Many Cincinnati basketball fans believe that the golden era of non-scholastic amateur basketball in the Queen City was that period about a generation ago when the Friars' club dominated the cage

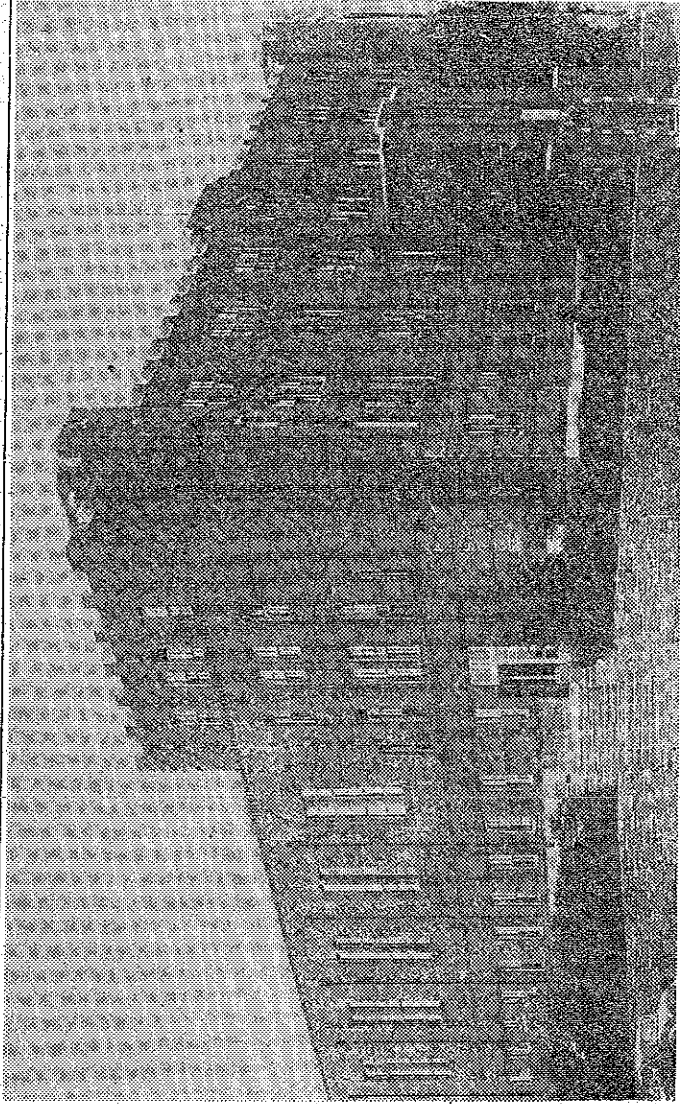
sport in this area. The club has been active in many directions during its 42-year existence but it is especially remembered as the organization that made Cincinnati one of the nation's capitals of amateur basketball.

Some of the better known players who wore the Friars' colors included Frank Wilberding, Joe Schoettmer, Harry Janszen, Joe Scheve, Larry Frohmler, Whitey Beiting, Sandy Jacobs, John Wieth, Ernie Greiner, Bill Schede, Frank Herdeman, Fred Lucas, Otto Schwind, and Joe O'Donovan.

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Public Relation Role Stressed For Catholic School Teachers

prejudices against one we know personally, so it is with Catholic schools. The more the non-Catholic public gets to know our schools, the less apt it is to look upon them with suspicion and mistrust.

Means Suggested
"We should take definite steps to make our schools better known to public school teachers and administrators and to persons in positions of authority and influence in public life. This can be done through an open house in the school to which the public is invited, by attendance of Catholic teachers at educational meetings, by co-operation with civil officials, and especially through participation in various civic affairs."

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An important role in public relations for Catholic education and American life. Unfortunately, some of the suspicions and misgivings about our schools have been revived and increased. It is important that we take definite measures to correct such misunderstandings.

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when they study the facts. This is not the time, however, to make political capital of mistakes of the past. The public statements made by former President Herbert Hoover and Governor Dewey of New York indicate a stature in those men that rises above petty politics in a time of national crisis. Unfortunately, Ohio's Senator Taft's statement did not show the breadth or depth of statesmanship that we have a right to expect of our Senators in time of war or near-war.

When great principles are at stake, we can measure the stature of a man by the position he takes in considering the common good of the nation or the particular interests of a class or party. The hour for placing the blame for blundering and inept statesmanship in our Far Eastern policy must be left to a future date.

The time now is at hand to abandon petty politics and to rally to the defense of our country. Mere vote-getting propaganda, with a view to the November elections, will only alienate those who otherwise might have been impressed by the political maneuvering that goes on in the state of Ohio in the races for the governorship of the state and for a seat in the United States Senate.

Russian Technique
We must not lose sight, in the Korean crisis, of a technique that Russia has employed to confuse the West. When Berlin was the focal point of the West, we watched the progress of the airlift and were tense over the outcome of several minor crises. While we were thus occupied the Communists were steadily extending...

The club formed in St. Francis Seraph's parish in 1883 by the Very Rev. Chrysostom Theobald, O.F.M. The Friars' club evolved from this group in 1908 with the assistance of Father Antonine Brockhaus, O.F.M., the first director of the club.

An outstanding director in those early years was Father Timothy Brockman, O.F.M., who was in charge from 1912 to 1922 and from 1934 to 1942, except for a year between 1937 and 1938. The present director is Father Ulmer Kuhn, O.F.M., who assumed charge in January, 1948.

In 1919 the club conducted a boat club in Dayton, Ky., an establishment that was transferred the following year to a location near the Little Miami river between Cincinnati and Milford and was given the name of Friarhurst. In succeeding years Friarhurst developed into a completely equipped summer camp. A chapel was established there to serve the spiritual needs of the club members and vacationists of the surrounding Tower Hill district.

The Friarhurst retreat house, a brick building with 37 private rooms, was built there in 1948, and since that time it has offered closed retreats under the direction of the Franciscan Fathers.

In addition to providing residential, social, recreational, and other facilities for its 85 to 100 members, the present Friars' club of-

MONSIGNOR RYAN PROPOSED METHODS FOR THE CATHOLIC TEACHERS TO FOLLOW IN CARRYING OUT A PROGRAM OF PUBLIC RELATIONS. HIS MESSAGE IN PART FOLLOWS:

"The Catholic educational system has become too important to be ignored or lightly dismissed by the public at large. A number of factors, especially the controversy over federal aid to education, have focused attention on Catholic edu-

cation and its position in American life. Unfortunately, some of the suspicions and misgivings about our schools have been revived and increased. It is important that we take definite measures to correct such misunderstandings.

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Friars' Club Once Tops In Cincinnati Basketball

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fers year-round athletic programs in many sports to boys and young men of all age groups. The club's gymnasium, swimming pool, bowling alleys, handball courts, and other facilities are in almost constant use. There is also an athletic program for young women.

For the past two years the club has been a center for Pre-Cana (marriage preparation) courses.

William H. Berning, assistant general manager, has been associated with the Friars' club since 1934.

Club officials note that the club "receives no financial assistance from the Community Chest. If such assistance were available the

club might enlarge its youth and social service activities."

The Loretto

The Loretto, Dayton, has grown out of a small home for 14 working girls established in 1912 by Miss Josephine Schwind, who gave her own residence for this purpose. It is now a downtown residence hotel accommodating 200 employed women and college students.

In addition, it serves as a civic and recreational center and is visited by several thousand people every month.

Operated by the Dominican Sisters of the Third Order of St. Catherine De Ricci, whose motherhouse is in Albany, N.Y., the Loretto is co-operatively managed by the Loretto advisory board and the Loretto league.

The present building on West First street was opened in 1930. In addition to its residence rooms, it has a house chapel, cafeteria, and library.

Its program includes supervision of younger women away from their home environment. It is also a community center, serving as a meeting place for community clubs, civic, recreational, and educational organizations, and discussion groups. No distinction among the membership of these groups is made on religious grounds unless a club is designated as specifically Catholic.

As a member of the Dayton Community Chest, The Loretto is able to extend other services under the supervision of trained workers to various groups, particularly to Catholic teen-age and young adult groups.

Mercycrest

Since January, 1946, the Sisters of Mercy have been conducting a business women's residence at Mercycrest, Springfield. The home occupies a portion of a former Knights of Pythia's children's home, which the sisters acquired in 1946, and is adjacent to the new Mercy hospital. More than 400 women have been admitted to the residence since its opening.

Letter To The Editor

As you know, there has been much discussion in the past few years regarding certain features of our annual Holy Name parade: namely, department of the marchers, musicians, style of music, etc.

Formerly there was much emphasis placed on real marching—keeping in step, eyes front, and a minimum amount of talking. Parish groups vied with each other in a demonstration of closed ranks and even spacing, with lieutenants appointed to maintain the proper step. I recall that the "uncover" when passing a church was executed at the command of a lieutenant, with each man removing his hat and laying it on his left shoulder in a uniform movement. Some parishes developed, through evening formations, well-executed formations. I was a member of St. Catherine's parish in Westwood at the time and recall the applause that greeted our formation of the hollow square, the cross, etc. Today, however, our ranks are often disordered, with little or no attempt to "dress up."

I am fond of music and believe

Secularism Condemned