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## The Lactare Medalist.

For 60 years Notre Dame has been awarding annually the Laetare Medal to some distinquished member of the Catholic laity for memorable achievement in advancing the cause of Catholicism in the United States.

This year's recipient is Miss Helen C. White, novelist and educator, now a professor of English at the University of Wisconsin. An exemplary Catholic, she has given much of her time and outstanding talents in advancing Catholic thought and literature. Her novels are widely acclaimed and her fame is by no means limited to Catholic circles.

You can secure her more prominent novels, "The Watch in the Night", "Not Built With Hands", and "To the End of the World" at the Library and also at the Prefect of Religion libraries.

## Pete's Putt-Putt.

Some of you have been wondering whether either Spring or Pete's Putt-Putt would make an appearance. Well, at least the Putt-Putt is here. You've seen and heard it.

There were delays, of course. It had to be made especially for Pete to accommodate his abilities and several arrangements of levers, brakes and starters had to be tested and changed. Pete is highly pleased and thanks you all - donors on campus and off and the mechanics, tinners, painters and other University craftsmen who donated their time and talents so generously and effectively.

## Another Happy Marriage?

Married only last July after a college romance, they quarreled on their honeymoon. They quarreled lots since, especially because she wanted things his salary couldn't afford. A few days ago she hit him with a rolling pin, a frying pan, and an alarm clock, and then went home to mother.

So the newspapers report - plus this subsequent tragedy. She returned, and there was a battle royal. She is now dead, and the prosecutor is trying to determine whether her death was due to his violence, her heart attack or self-administered poison.

Fortunately there isn't always the subsequent death but unfortunately every priest today hears about too many quarrels in modern marriages, more even than the courts hear about and they hear about plenty.

And yet many students think a happy marriage is to be theirs merely for the asking when they get ready in the sweet bye-and-bye. The thoughtful students are preparing now and praying now when they have the chance, especially during this Novena ending on the Feast of St. Joseph, Thursday.

## Navy Recommendations.

Many of you need letters of recommendation for various Navy services. Priests who know you and have seen you frequently at the Communion rail do not hesitate, in fact are glad, to give a good and detailed recommendation.

They know those boys and the necessary implication of self-discipline, courage, steadiness and generosity. Some though have been strangers to priests and the Communion rail also - and a priest hasn't much to go on. Who loses? The "wise" student as usual.

PRAYERS: (Deceased) sister of Bro. Romuald, C.S.C.; Father John A. Klick; Miss Alice J. O'Neill, Wash., D.C.; Msgr. J. H. Oechtering; 1st. anniv. Eugene J. Payton. (Ill) Two aunts of Thos. Schreiber (Bro); mother of E. Keenan (Wal). Six special intentions.