

Veridames

OF

Providence College

November 9, 1943

Dear Friend:

The Veridames of Providence College will open its second season with a lecture and tea in Harkins Hall on the campus at three fifteen o'clock Sunday afternoon, November 21st. It will be our great privilege at this time to have as our guest, Dr. Suzanne Silvercruys, internationally famous sculptor, author and playwright. Dr. Silvercruys has received great acclaim in many of the courts of Europe, and is much in demand as a lecturer in the United States.

In her lectures, "Art and Self-Expression", "Wake Up and Live", "The Pursuit of Happiness", she shares with her audience her philosophy of Life, her knowledge of international affairs, her skill in sculpture, her exciting adventures, her intimate anecdotes about famous people and her belief that only through beauty can one find happiness. She models a portrait or action figure. To see her is a unique experience. Born a Belgian, the daughter of the late President of the Supreme Court of Belgium and Baroness Silvercruys. She is an American citizen and in private life Mrs. Edward Ford Stevenson. The late King Albert of the Belgians knighted her with the Order of Leopold. France made her an Officer d'Academie. Great Britain has given her the Coronation Medal. The New York Metropolitan Museum of Art has acquired her famous portrait bust of the late Lord Tweedsmuir, Governor General of Canada. She was the first artist to have the Dionne Quintuplets as living models. We are looking forward to a very pleasant afternoon and hope you will join us. Guest cards will be available at the door or by calling the college office between 9:00 A. M. and 4:30 P. M.

Among the program possibilities for Veridames 1943-44 season are: Burns Mantle, Theatre Critic, Author and Editor; Professor Hans Kohn of Czecho-slovakia, Lecturer on International Relations and Professor of History at Smith College; Jane McLean, Concert Artist and Lecturer on Modern Dance; Prince Hubertus von Lowenstein, visiting lecturer for the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace; Former Ambassador to England, Joseph Kennedy; The Honorable Herbert A. O'Brien, Justice of the Children's Court of New York and noted radio news commentator. Dr. Daniel J. O'Neil, Head of English Department, Providence College.

At the Annual Dessert Bridge in February we will enjoy the Fashion Editor of Harper's Bazaar.

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On December 19 Veridames will sponsor a Christmas concert by Eileen Farrell, Dramatic Soprano of Radio Fame. Miss Farrell's manager, Mr. Charles Wagner, who has built the careers of such great luminaries as John McCormack, Galli Curci, and Mary Garden says of Miss Farrell's voice, "such true Irish lilt has not been heard since the days of McCormack".

Tickets for this concert will go on sale at the first meeting on Sunday afternoon, November 21st. Many requests have already been received for tickets for Christmas gifts and entertainment.

Veridames have established a blood bank at St. Joseph's Hospital. We have pledged 1000 pints for the men in the Armed Services. Those families with boys in service know too well the value of blood plasma. To save one life all would gladly contribute. Donors may go to St. Joseph's Hospital on any Monday evening at six o'clock, after fasting four hours. If you cannot contribute to this very worthy cause please send a donor. Fill out the enclosed card and mail to Mrs. Gray. Save an American boy! For this service the hospital types your blood which is of value in case of family illness, when in an emergency you may be called upon to contribute to one of your loved ones.

Another project of Veridames is the entertainment of the Trainees in the Army Specialized Training Unit of Providence College on Saturday evenings. All members from 18 to 22 years of age are eligible to act as "Junior Hostesses". If you are willing to act as a chaperon at these dances please notify one of the Registrars.

It is the desire of our President, the Very Reverend John J. Dillon, O. P. that the Mothers, Sisters and Wives of all the Alumni and any lady interested in the welfare of the college join Veridames. It is through you, in these days of stress that he may keep in contact with "his boys". We invite each of you to bring a new member to Veridames.

With the program we have in view we feel Veridames will have a very pleasant season and hope we may greet you at our opening meeting on November 21.

Cordially,
Gertrude F. Murray
President.