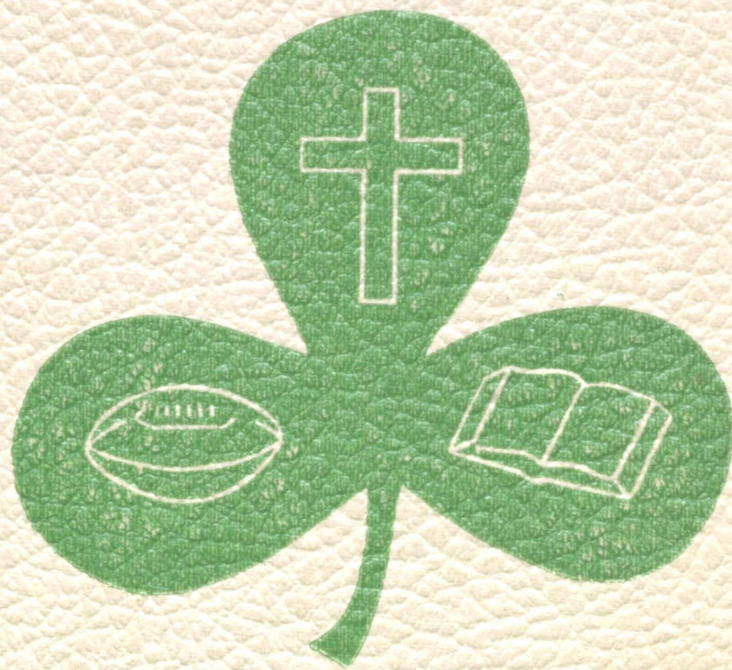
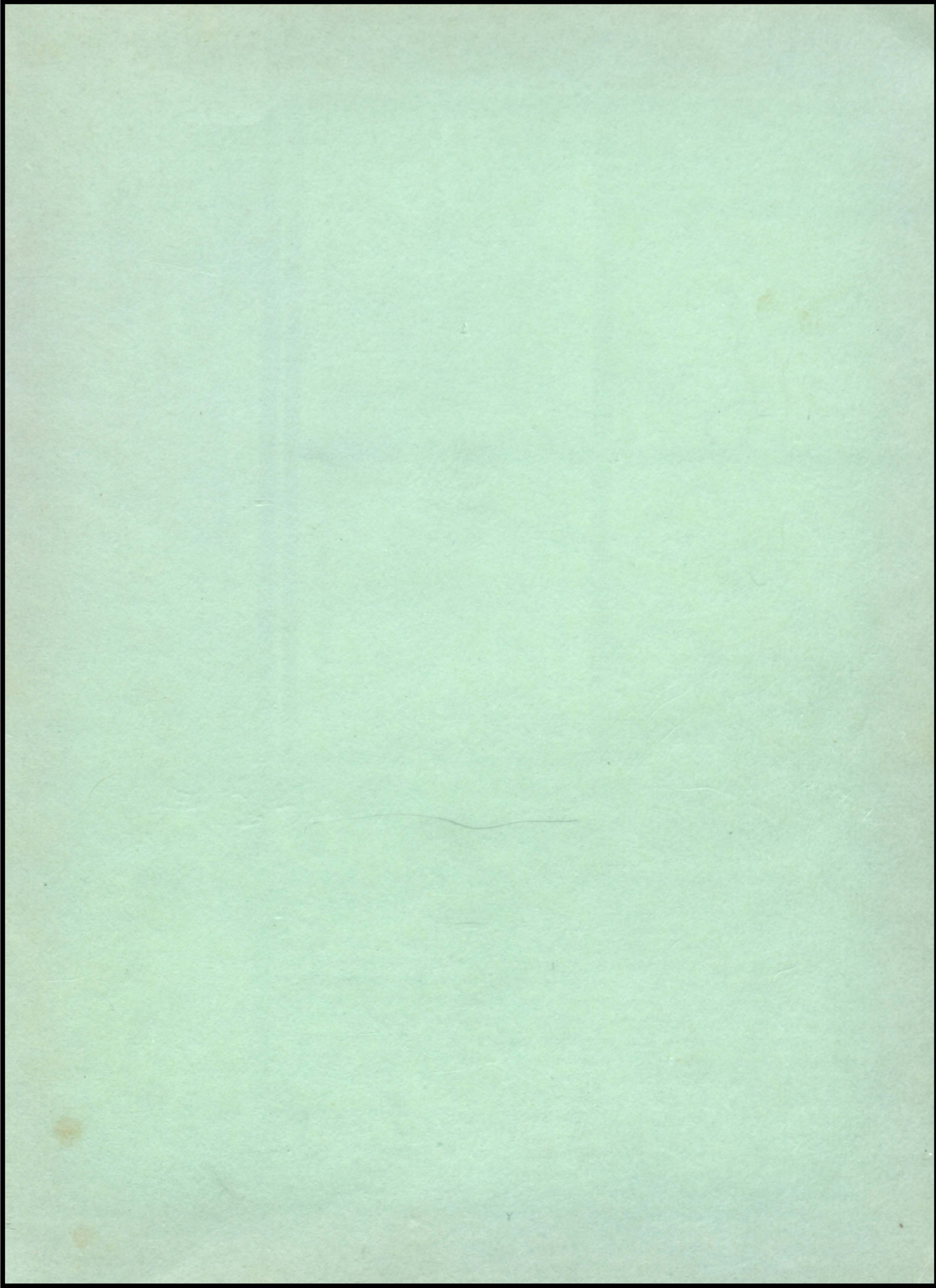


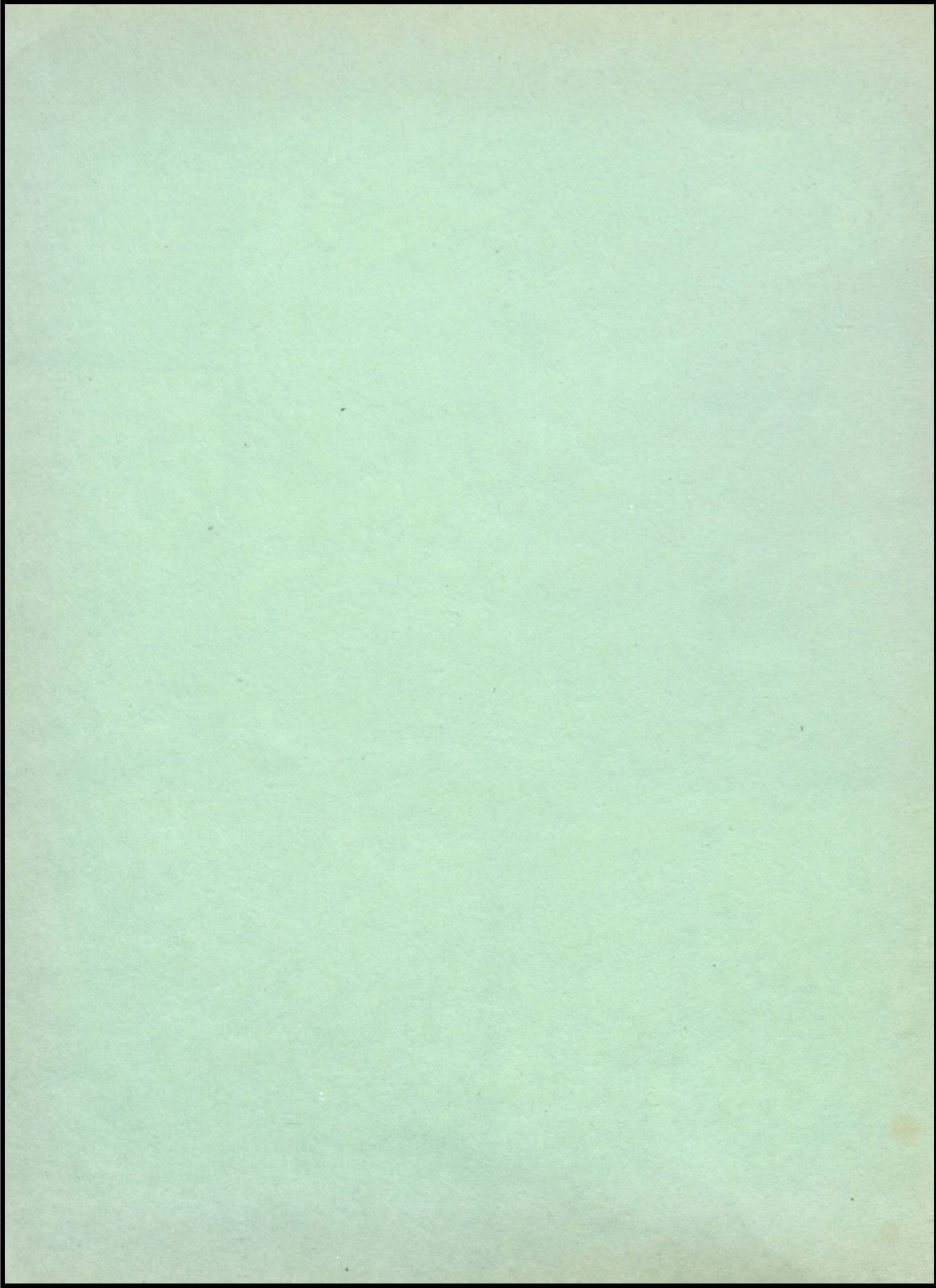
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BONA VENTURE







# **BONA VENTURE**

(Good Fortune)

1951

Volume III

Senior Class

**St. Bonaventure High School**

Columbus, Nebraska

# SAINT BONAVENTURE HIGH SCHOOL



It may not be the newest nor most modern schools,  
But it has the best of most modern rules.

J. LIPPSTREU



Dear Alma Mater:

It is 1951, now, and time for us to depart. Remember the day four years ago, when you opened your portals in welcome to our bewildered class. And oh, the memories, joys, and adventures that we experienced during our stay.

Yes, in the time spent with you we have learned to desire and seek only the things of real value in life—true wisdom and knowledge. As our powers of reasoning unfolded, so also, a glowing “Love of God and our neighbor” increased. Now as we depart from your corridors, we shall continue to walk the straight and narrow path in this pilgrimage leading from earth to heaven.

Then with hearts truly thankful we will say: “Yours is all our glory and honor. Yours is the name we share with pride. For you are a part of our life’s story.” Farewell! Alma Mater, our future beckons!

Gratefully yours,

CLASS 1950-1951



“Immaculate Heart of Mary, pray for us sinners now and at the hour of our death.”





## DEDICATION

To the Immaculate Heart of Mary, we, the class of 1951, dedicate this third issue of the Bona Venture. We chose you, dear Mary, as our Patron when we first ventured over the portals of our Alma Mater, four years ago.

Throughout our high school days, we have turned to you, on numerous occasions for your unerring and loving guidance. You have bequeathed to each of us a wealth of spiritual Inspiration and richly blessed all our endeavors at St. Bons.

As a final response of gratitude, Mother Mary, we now pledge that for you we shall always strive to be worthwhile individuals and throughout our lives, we will endeavor to remain

*“Under the Shield of our Queen.”*

## OUR PASTOR

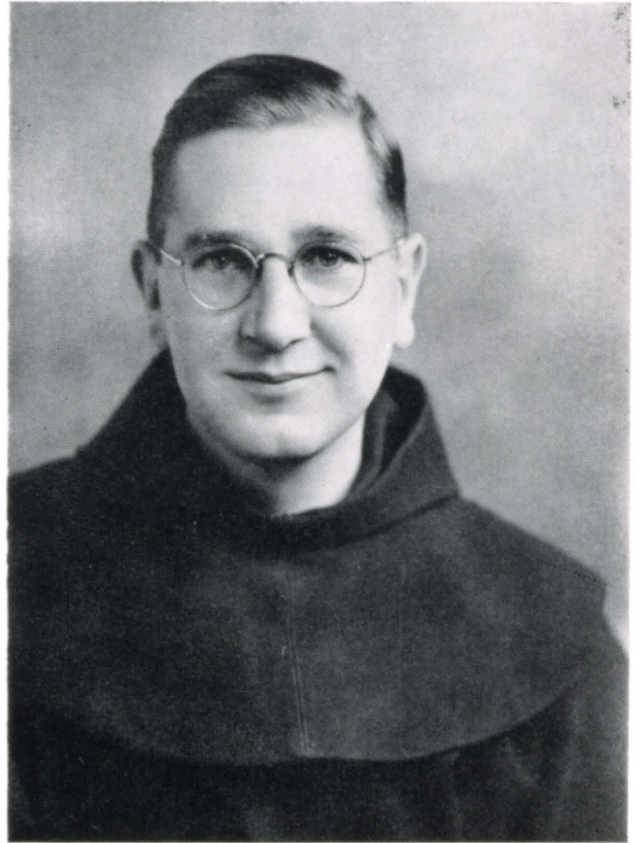


The Reverend Roch Hettinger, O.F.M.

To you, Father Roch, we "The class of '51" are proud and happy to offer a tribute. Our school owes much to your deep interest and support. When you first came here to lead us, we recognized in you a man fashioned after Christ's own heart. You were understanding in every way, and have given yourself and your time to help us, that we may thereby serve Almighty God, Whom we wish to serve for all eternity.

## OUR ASSISTANTS

We, the seniors of 1951, wish sincerely to thank Father Martin for his patience, love and deep understanding shown to us during our four years at St. Bonaventure High School. We have lived better lives under the influence of his good example and kind direction. We have learned that the spiritual part of man is of utmost importance.



Reverend Martin Wolter, O.F.M.

Reverend Timothy Healy, O.F.M.



With the sharp eyes of a No. 1 athletic director, Father Tim has given us a true code of rules on "How to Play the Game of Life and Win." He has taught us what sportsmanship really means. To you, Father Tim, we owe a debt of gratitude. As a down payment we say "God bless you."

# YEARBOOK



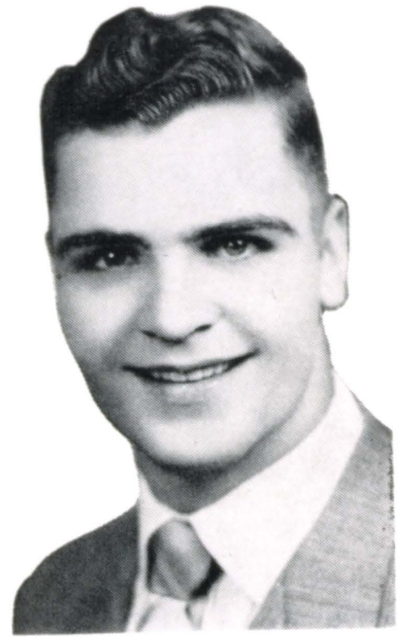
Orlethia Ann Wass,  
Editor-in-chief



**Standing:** M. Tworek, R. Schmid, Circulation; J. Lippstreu, Business Manager; A. Micek, Ted Niedbalski, P. Speice, Circulation.

**Seated:** M. Hayes, M. Gerhold, S. Mitera, R. Burzynski, Assistant Editors; K. Schaeffer, Business Manager.

# STAFF



Paul Melcher,  
Art Editor



**Standing:** R. Johnson, C. Ebner, Feature Editors; H. Blahak, C. Speicher, Sports Editors; R. Pfeifer, A. Warholoski, Photographers.  
**Seated:** D. Wheeler, Feature Editor; B. DeLarme, Typist; M. Johnson, Feature Editor; M. Roddy, N. Shonka, Typists.

# OUR PRINCIPAL



Sister M. Gabriel, O.S.F.

Senior Sponsor

Class Patron . . . Immaculate Heart of Mary      Class Flower . . . . . Lily of the Valley  
Class Colors . . . . . Old Rose and Silver      Class Motto . . Under the Shield of our Queen

## SENIOR CLASS OFFICERS

Ted Niedbalski, president; Polly Speice, treasurer; Orlethia Wass, secretary; Donald Korger, vice president.





# SENIORS

## Herman Blahak

Holy Name 1,2,3,4; Glee 1,2,3,4; 4-H Club 3,4; Cornhusker County Government-County Agent 3; Athletics: Football 1,2.

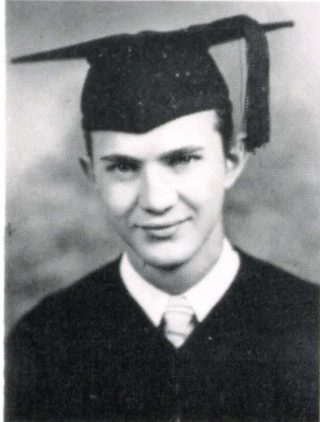


## Rita Burzynski

Nurses' Training Course 3; Annual Staff, Assistant Editor 4; Sodality 1,2; Convention 1; Venture Staff-Reporter 3; Third Order 1,2,3,4; Physical Education 3; Latin Club 1,2; Glee 2,3,4; Shorthand Club 3.

## Dwayne Drum

Track 3; Cheerleader 3; Dramatics 4; Kramer High 1-2.



## Barbara DeLarme

Glee 1,2,3,4; Choir 1,2; Physical Education 3; Shorthand Club 3; Sodality 1,2,3,4; Convention 1; Venture Staff-Typist 3,4; Annual Staff-Typist 4; Nurses' Training Course 3.

## Helen Dunn

Glee 1,2,3,4; Physical Education 3,4; Sodality 1,2,3,4; Sodality Convention 1,3; Venture Staff-Reporter 1,2,3; Feature Editor 4; Journalism Convention 4; Choir 1,2,3,4; Cheerleader 4; Youth Club 4.

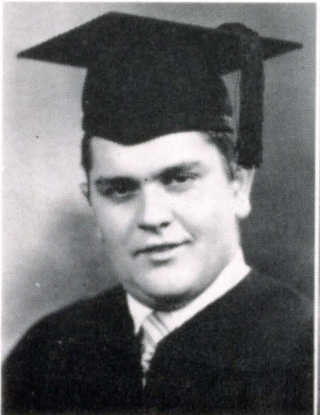


## Carroll Ebner

Class vice-president 3; Holy Name 1,2,3,4; Third Order 1,2; Annual Staff-Feature Editor 4; Platte Venture 4-H Club 1,2,3,4; Latin Club 1; Citizenship Club 3; Glee Club 1,2,3,4.

## Bill Ernst

Athletics: Football 1,2,3,4; Baseball 3,4; Class President 3; Altar Boy 1,2,3,4; Biology Club 2; Citizenship Club 3; Choir 1,2,3; Glee 3; Holy Name 1,2,3,4.



## Jean Funk

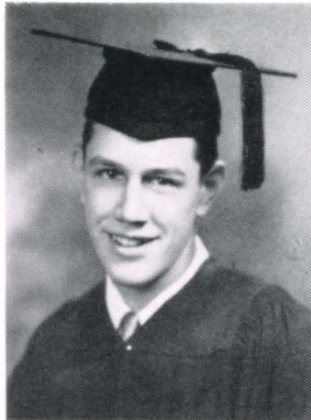
Mixed chorus 4; Glee 4; Sodality 4; Dramatics 4; St. Mary's Academy 1,2,3.



# SENIORS

## Eugene Gates

Glee 2,3; Rural Life Club 1,2,3;  
4-H Club 1,2,3,4; Youth Club 3,4;  
Athletics: Football 4.



## Mary Gerhold

Sodality 1,2,3,4; Chairman Social Committee 4; Attendant to Miss Sodality 1; Miss Sodality 2; Student Spiritual Council 4; May Crowning 2; Convention 1,3; Third Order 2,3,4; Venture Staff: Reporter 1; Headline Editor 2; News Editor 3; Editor-in-Chief 4; Annual Staff: Assistant Editor 4; Journalism Convention 3,4; Headline Writing Contest, third place Winner 3; News Writing Contest—first place Winner 4; Cornhusker Girls' State 3; Cornhusker County Government 3; Americanism Essay Contest—first place Winner 1; Catholic Daughter Poem Contest, first prize winner 2; "Voice of Democracy" 4; Junior Librarian 1,2; Clubs: Pep 1,2,3,4; Latin 1,2; Glee 1,3,4; Choir 1,2,3,4; Youth Club 3,4; Social Chairman 4; Dramatics 4; Physical Education 4; Christmas Cantata 4; Triple Trio 4.

## Myrle Hadcock

Choir 4; Glee 4; Third Order 4;  
Holy Name 2,3,4; Cantata 4.



## Margaret Hayes

Sodality 1,2,3,4; Convention 1,2; Venture Staff: Reporter 1,2; Assistant Advertising Manager 3; Advertising Manager 4; Annual Staff: Assistant Editor 4; Journalism Convention 4; Cornhusker County Government: Superintendent of Schools 3; Cheerleader 3,4; Physical Education 3,4; Pep Club 1,2,3,4; Youth Club President 4; Glee 1,2,3,4; Choir 1,2,3,4; Latin 1; Christmas Cantata: Triple Trio 4.

## Emil Jarecki

Platte Venture 4-H Club 1,2,3,4;  
Holy Name 1,2,3,4; Rural Life 1,2,3,4.



## Mary Ann Johnson

Sodality 1,2,3,4; Pep Club 1,2,3,4; Annual Staff: Feature Editor 4; Cornhusker County Government: Assistance Director 3; Biology Club, secretary; Choir 1,2,3; Glee 1,2,3,4; Physical Education 3; Nurses' Training 3.

## Robert Johnson

Holy Name 1,2,3,4; Annual Staff—Feature Editor 4; Latin Club 1,2; Youth Club 3,4.



## Don Korger

Athletics: Football 1,2,3,4; Basketball 1,2,3,4; Track 3,4; Glee 1,2,3,4; Cornhusker County Government—Highway Engineer 3; Platte Venture 4-H Club 1,2,3,4; Holy Name 1,2; Class Treasurer 3; Class Vice President 4; Third Order 1,2; Explorer Scout—Vice President 3,4.

# SENIORS

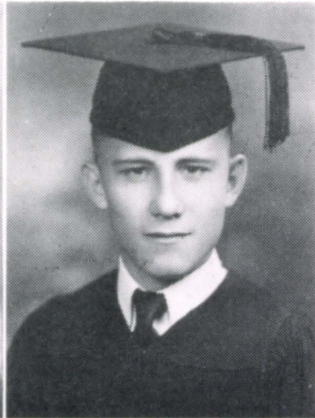
## James Lippstreu

Athletics: Football 1, 2, 3, 4; Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4; Track 1, 2, 3, 4; Glee 1, 2, 3, 4; Cornhusker County Government—Judge 3; Platte Venture 4-H Club 1, 2, 3, 4; Holy Name 1, 2; Youth Club 3, 4; King and Queen Attendant 3; Annual Staff; Business Manager 4; Third Order 1, 2; Dramatics 4.



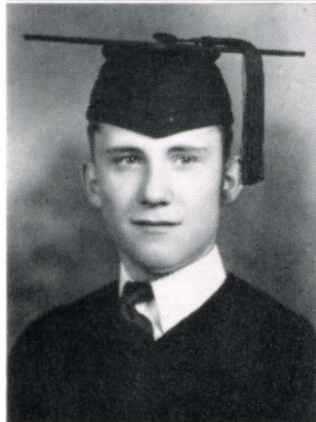
## Marvin Mayberger

Glee 4; 4-H Club 1, 2, 3, 4; Holy Name 1, 2, 3, 4; Altar Boy 1, 2, 3, 4; Athletics: Basketball 3; Football 4.



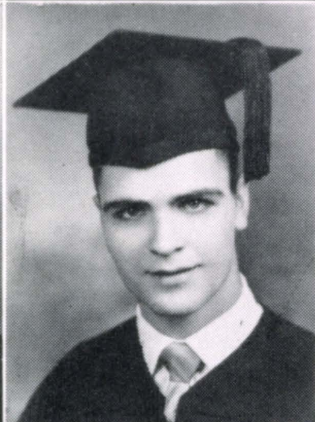
## Myron Mayberger

Holy Name 1, 2, 3, 4; Altar Boy 1, 2, 3, 4; Cornhusker County Government—Veterans' Service Office 3; Glee 4; Rural Life 1, 2, 3; Platte Venture 4-H 1, 2, 3, 4; Athletics: Basketball 3; Baseball 3, 4.



## Paul Melcher

Athletics: Football 1, 2, 3, 4; Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4; Track 1, 2, 3, 4; Venture Staff Reporter 1, 2, 3; Sports Editor 4; Holy Name 1, 2, 3; Holy Name Secretary 3; Press Convention 3, 4; Third Order 2, 3; Class Vice President 1, 2; Student Council President 4; Youth Club 3, 4; Youth Club Secretary 3; Glee 3, 4; Boys' Choir 3; Latin 1; Altar Boy 1, 2, 3, 4; Cornhusker County Government—Governor 3; Explorer Scout 3, 4; Mechanical Drawing 4; Christmas Cantata 4; Football King 4; Annual Staff—Art Editor 4.



## Alfred Micek

Glee 1; Holy Name 1, 2, 3, 4; Latin Club 2; Class President 2; Student Council Representative 4; Annual Staff—Circulation Manager 4; Venture Staff 2, 3; Journalism Convention 3, 4; Dramatics 4.



## Sandra Mitera

Glee 1, 2, 3, 4; Physical Education 3; Sodality 1, 2, 3, 4—Finance Chairman 4; Sodality Convention 1; Annual Staff—Assistant Editor 4; Journalism Convention 4; Assistant Librarian 4; Choir 3, 4; Latin Club 1, 2; Shorthand Club—Vice President 3; Student Spiritual Council 4; Nurses' Training Course 3.



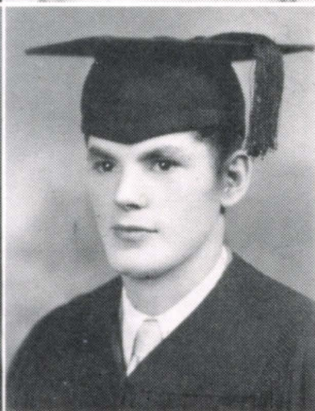
## Mary Ann Neurohr

Physical Education 4; Glee 4; Pep 4; St. Francis School 1, 2, 3.



## Theodore Niedbalski

Class President 4; Holy Name 2, 3; Venture Staff: Reporter 2, 3, Business Manager 4; Annual Staff: Circulation Manager 4; Journalism Convention 3, 4; Cornhusker County Government: Supervisor 3; Third Order 2, 3; Explorer Scout 3, 4; Altar Boy 1, 2, 3, 4; Biology Club, President 2; Youth Club, Treasurer 3; Choir 3.



# SENIORS

## Ralph Pfeifer

Holy Name 1, 2, 3, 4; Annual Staff: Photographer 4; Cornhusker County Government 3; Altar Boy 1, 2, 3, 4; Glee 1, 2, 3, 4; Choir 3, 4; Dramatics 4; Baseball 3, 4; Christmas Cantata 4.

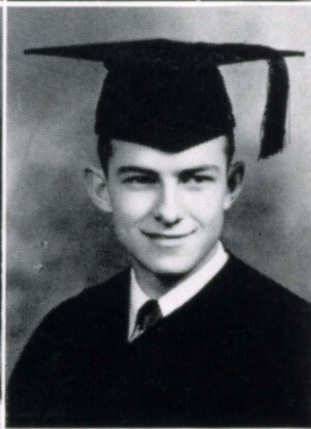


## James Roberts

Holy Name 1, 2, 3, 4; Third Order 1, 2, 3; Latin 1, 2.

## Mildred Roddy

President of Shorthand Club 3; Sodality 1, 2, 3, 4; Glee 2, 3, 4; Physical Education 3, 4; Choir 1, 2, 3; Venture Staff—Typist 3, 4; Annual Staff—Typist 4; Pep Club 1, 2, 3, 4; Shorthand Club 3; Student Librarian 4; Nurses' Training Course 3; Latin Club 1.



## Kenneth Schaeffer

Glee 3, 4; Explorer Scout—President 3, 4; Annual Staff—Business Manager 4; Cornhusker County Government—Sheriff 3.

## Mary Jane Schaeffer

Sodality 2, 3, 4; Physical Education 3; Pep Club 2, 3, 4; Glee 2, 3; Choir 2, 3; Shorthand Club 3; Latin Club 2.

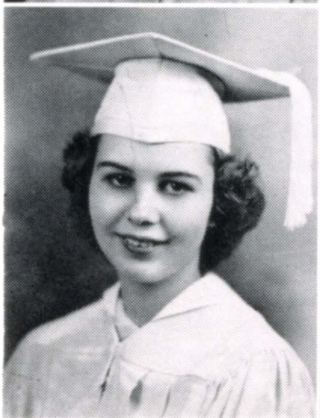


## Rita Schmid

Annual Staff—Circulation Committee 4; Sodality 1, 2, 3, 4; Latin 1; Biology 2; Glee 3, 4; Choir 3, 4; Physical Education 3, 4; Shorthand Club 3; Christmas Cantata 4.

## Norma Shonka

Glee 1, 2, 3, 4; Annual Staff—Typist 4; Physical Education 3, 4; Shorthand Club 3; Venture Staff—Typist 4; Biology Club 2.



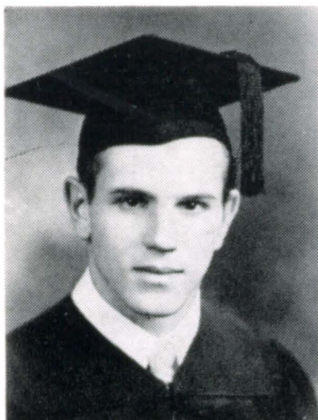
## Polly Speice

Sodality 1, 2, 3, 4; Sodality Convention 1, 3, 4; Venture Staff—Reporter 1, 2, 3; Co-News Editor 4; Annual Staff—Circulation Manager 4; Journalism Convention 4; Cornhusker County Government—Assessor 3; Pep Club 1, 2, 3, 4; Treasurer 4; Latin Club 2; Glee 1, 3, 4; Choir 1, 2, 3, 4; Class Treasurer 1, 3, 4; Youth Club Member 3, 4.

# SENIORS

## Clifford Speicher

Holy Name 1, 2, 3, 4; Altar Boy 1, 2, 3, 4; Venture Staff: Reporter 2; Sports Editor 3, 4; Annual Staff: Sports Editor 4; Journalism Convention 3, 4; Third Order 3, 4; Mechanical Drawing 4; Latin Club 1; Athletics: Football 1, 2, 3, 4; All Star 2; Basketball 1, 2, 3; Track 1, 2, 3; Honorary Track Captain 2; State Meet 2.



## Mary Ann Tworek

Sodality 1, 2, 3, 4; Sodality Secretary 2; Miss Sodality Attendant 2; Chairman of Eucharistic Committee 4; Student Spiritual Council 4; Sodality Convention 2; Venture Staff: Reporter 3; News Editor 4; Annual Staff: Circulation Manager 4; Cornhusker County Government: Home Demonstration Agent 3; Pep Club 1, 2, 3, 4; Pep Club Vice President 3; Pep Club Convention 3; Latin 1, 2; Shorthand Club 3; Glee Club 1, 2, 3, 4; Representative of Student Council 4; Journalism Convention 4; Choir 1, 2, 3; Dramatics 4; Nurses' Training Course 3.



## August Warholoski

Holy Name 1, 2, 3; Annual Staff: Photographer 4; Cheerleader 4; Explorer Scout 3, 4; Mechanical Drawing 4; Latin Club 1; Choir 3.



## La Verna Wemhoff

Choir 1, 2, 3; Sodality 1, 2, 3, 4; Glee 3, 4; Latin Club 1; Biology Club 2; Assistant Librarian 4; Shorthand Club 3; Pep Club 2, 3, 4.



## Helen Ternes

Class Officer: Secretary 1; Sodality 1, 2, 3, 4; Miss Sodality Attendant 1; Spiritual Council 3, 4; Entertainment Committee Chairman 3—Sodality Prefect 4—Sodality Convention 1, 3; Venture Staff 1, 2, 3, 4;—Reporter 1, 2; Feature Editor 3, 4; Press Convention 3, 4; Student Council Secretary 4; Latin Club 1, 2; Third Order 2, 3, 4; Pep Club 1, 2, 3, 4; Choir 1, 2, 3, 4; Glee 1, 3, 4; Junior Librarian 1, 2; Band 4; Band Vice President 4; Homemaking Attendant 2, 3; Youth Club 3, 4; Physical Education 3, 4; Christmas Cantata 4; Voice of Democracy 2, 4; Shorthand Club 3.



## Rose Ann Vanek

Sodality 1, 2, 3, 4; Choir 1, 2; Pep Club 1, 2, 3, 4; Glee 1, 2, 3; Latin Club 1; Venture Staff: Reporter 1, 2, 3; Typist 4.



## Orlethia Ann Wass

Class President 1; Class Secretary 4; Sodality 1, 2, 3, 4; Spiritual Council 3; Social Life Committee 3; Venture Staff 1, 2, 3, 4—Reporter 1, 2, 3; Typist 4; Press Convention 4; Latin Club 1, 2; Third Order 2, 3, 4; Pep Club 1, 2, 3, 4; Pep Club President 4; Choir 1, 2, 3; Glee 1, 2, 3, 4; Youth Club 3, 4; Physical Education 1, 2, 3, 4; Voice of Democracy Contest 4; Shorthand Club 3; Fire Prevention Contest 1; Annual Staff: Editor-in-Chief 4; Dramatics 4; Nurses' Training 3; 4-H Club 3.



## Donna Rae Wheeler

Glee 1, 3, 4; Pep Club 1, 2, 3, 4; Choir 1, 2, 3; Sodality 1, 2, 3, 4; Vice President 3; Treasurer 4; Spiritual Council 3, 4; Apostolic Committee 3; Refreshments Committee Chairman 2; Latin Club 1, 2; Latin Club Secretary 2; Shorthand Club 3; Venture Staff—Reporter 3; Make Up Editor 4; Annual Staff—Feature Editor 4; Class Secretary 3, 4; Sodality Convention 1, 3; Physical Education 3, 4; Christmas Cantata 4; Cornhusker County Government—Register of Deeds 3.

*"Meet our  
Classes"*





Sister M. Laurentine, O.S.F.  
Sponsor

# JUNIORS

Patron . . . . . Our Lady of Grace  
 Colors . . . . . Blue and Silver  
 Flower . . . . . Orchid  
 Motto . . . . . To Jesus through Mary



Front Row: J. Kaminski, J. Hentges, A. Krzycki, R. Otterpohl, L. Cynova, D. Tooley, B. Jarvis, J. Speicher, Leo Thiele, D. Noscal.  
 Second Row: M. Podraza, B. Maag, M. Paprocki, G. Spidle, M. Noonan, M. E. Marsolek, R. Kluever, P. Tooley, C. Jones, M. Zarek, V. Jarecki, M. Tucek, B. Holys, L. German.  
 Third Row: M. Hembd, T. Mostek, G. Pensick, B. Markhofer, P. Mahoney, D. Nekl, C. Kaipust, K. O'Kane, R. Brezinski, H. Keeler, B. Feiling, H. Abis, A. Chochan, M. Ebner.  
 Back Row: B. Koch, M. Euteneuer, M. A. Moersen, M. A. Staroscik, R. Billesback, F. Fischer, C. Hittner, M. Stuehmer, C. Haney, E. Wemhoff, C. Meyers, D. Sokol, D. Baumert, T. Mimick, J. Blahak.

### Class Officers

Left to Right: Pat Tooley, president; Francis Fischer, treasurer; Ray Brezinski, vice-president; Dick Tooley, secretary.



# SOPHOMORES

Patron . . . . . Our Lady of Fatima  
 Colors . . . . . Turquoise and Silver  
 Flower . . . . . Rose  
 Motto . . . . . We can Change the World



Sister M. Aureliana, O.S.F.  
 Sponsor



**Front Row:** J. Stevens, A. Augustine, V. Lassek, E. Savage, D. Schmid, A. Roddy, W. Gregorius, A. Pensick, L. Kosiba.  
**Second Row:** M. Johnson, M. Schuele, L. Pensick, S. Moritz, R. Roman.  
**Third Row:** M. Micek, M. Dunn, L. Miller, K. Speicher, L. Sanders, R. Melcher, J. Robb, D. Bowe, J. Dineen, J. Glad-  
**Back Row:** M. L. Kudron, R. Irwin, B. Woerth, K. Speicher, L. Sanders, R. Melcher, J. Robb, D. Bowe, J. Dineen, J. Glad-  
 Syslo, S. Sokol, E. Buechter, E. Romanek.

**Class Officers**

**Left to Right:** Jon Robb, treasurer; Dave Bowe, vice-president; Arlene Pickhinke, president; Julene Pfeifer, secretary.





Sister M. Colette, O.S.F.  
Sponsor

# FRESHMEN I

Patron . . . . . Saint Maria Goretti  
 Colors . . . . . Silver and Rose  
 Flower . . . . . Lily of the Valley  
 Motto . . . . . God Wills It



Front Row: J. Mostek, D. Nickolite, E. Nosal, K. Cielocha, B. Murphy, E. Galley, A. Koziol.  
 Second Row: R. Blahak, M. Micek, J. Lutkenhaus, D. Jarecki, J. Cielocha, J. Gregorius, H. Gahan, P. Higgins, S. Bolen,  
 R. Alexander, E. Kneifel.  
 Third Row: D. Gladfelter, V. Miller, S. Jiranek, S. McGowan, J. Melcher, L. Herrink, F. Buzynski, J. Fyfe, P. Johnson,  
 J. Bures.  
 Back Row: R. Burzynski, M. Boroviak, J. Hoshor, J. Noonan, B. Fyfe, D. Jarecki, L. Miller, M. Feik, J. DeLarme.

### Class Officers

Left to Right: P. Higgins, treasurer; J. Cielocha, vice-president; J. Gregorius, president; H. Gahan, secretary.





# FRESHMEN II

Patron . . . . . Sacred Heart of Jesus  
 Colors . . . . . Scarlet and White  
 Flower . . . . . Cherokee Rose  
 Motto . Christ is our way and God is our goal



Sister M. Verona, O.S.F.  
 Sponsor



Front Row: M. Placzek, D. Pensick, R. Paprocki, P. Wozny, S. Sullivan, J. Placzek, S. Raemakers, P. Vruble.  
 Second Row: S. Ragatz, J. Syslo, P. Ryba, B. Peterman, J. Stachura, D. Sullivan, D. Rupprecht, D. Zarek.  
 Back Row: D. Powell, M. Tooley, K. Roddy, J. Thalken, D. Soulliere, C. Pensick, T. Shemek.

### Class Officers

Left to Right: Delores Rupprecht, secretary; Sally Ragatz, president; Joan Syslo, treasurer; Michael Tooley, vice-president.



Sister M. Bede, O.S.F.

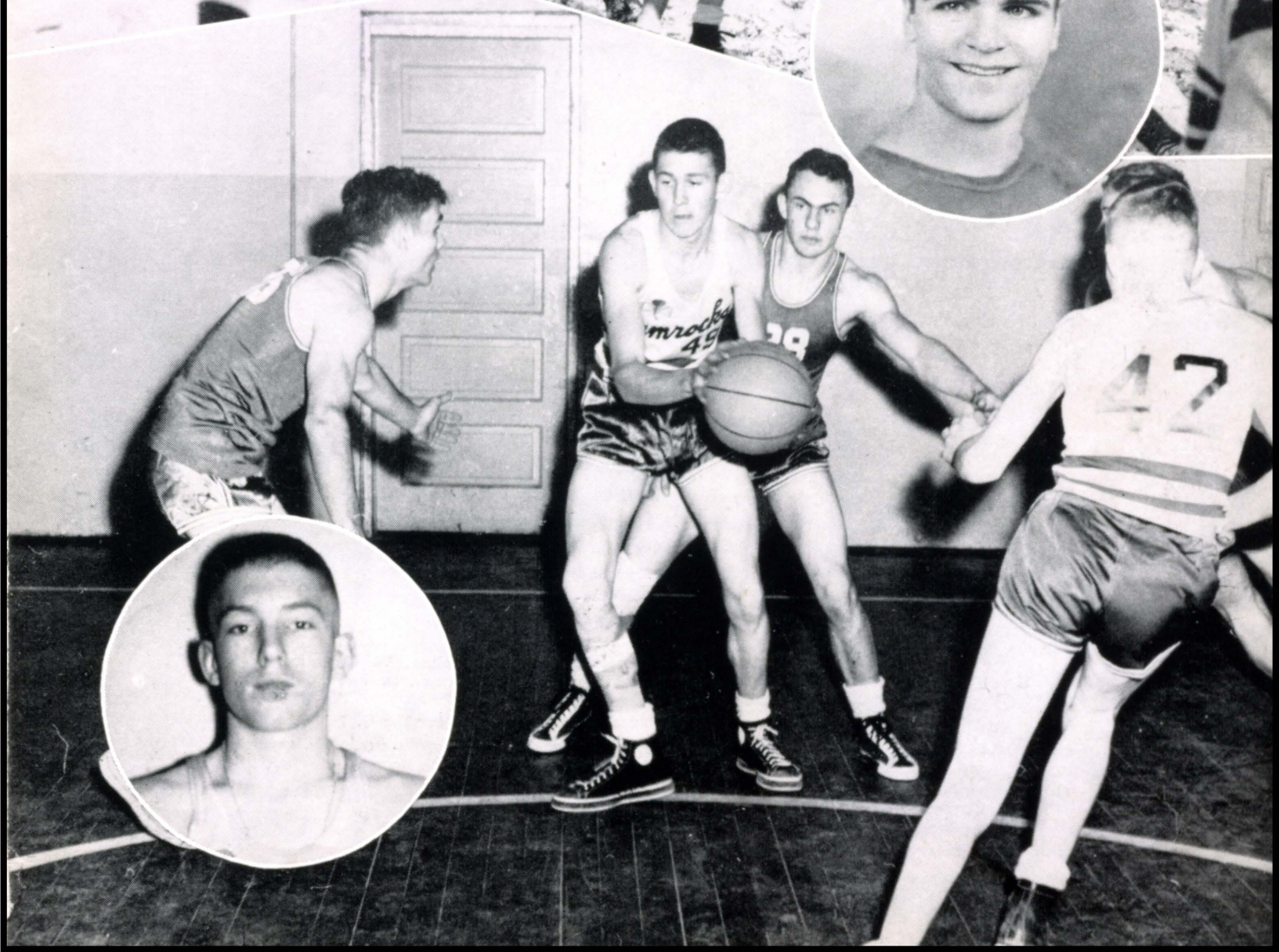
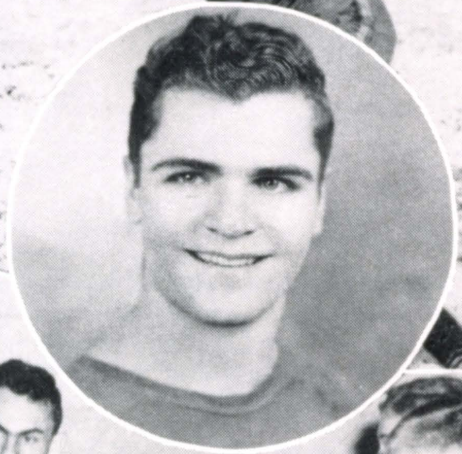
A class in English taught by Sister Bede.



Sister M. Gerard, O.S.F.  
Librarian



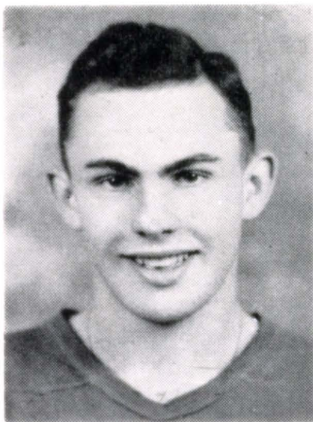
We learn of the past by  
reading.





Mr. Cletus Fischer  
Coach

# IRISH



Jim Lippstreu,  
Captain

**Seated:** D. Soulliere, V. Galley, J. Thalken, W. Gregorius,  
Coach C. Fischer, Line Coach J. Thomson, A. Pensick, K.  
Cielocha, M. Tooley.

**Second Row:** R. Melcher, T. Mimick, L. Sanders, J. Robb, L.  
Miller, D. Baumert, D. Korger, J. Lippstreu, D. Bowe, D.  
Schmid, D. Tooley.

# GRIDDERS



Mr. Jim Thomson  
Line Coach



**Back Row:** Rev. Father Tim, J. Kaminski, A. Chochon, M. May-berger, R. Melcher, J. Blahak, B. Messing, E. Gates, W. Ernst, K. Speicher, D. Nosal, J. Gladfelter, J. Hoshor, M. Dunn.



Tony Pensick  
Student Manager



## FOOTBALL AT ST. BON'S

St. Bonaventure Gridsters lost its opener to St. Cecilia's of Hastings 13-0. The Irish made 15 first downs to Hastings' 5, but lost the ball game because of fumbles.

After losing to Hastings the Irish roared back to defeat Loup City 38-6. After breaking a 6-6 tie in the first quarter, it was the Shamrocks' ballgame with John Blahak scoring three times on 49-58, and 12-yard runs, and Cliff Speicher turning in a 59 and 60-yard scamper for 12 points. Paul Melcher banged over for the final T. D. from 3 yards out.

The following week the Shamrocks dumped Boys Town Reserves 25-6. The points for both teams were all made in the first half with a 0-0 battle in the last. The passing of Dick Tooley and the catching of Dave Bowe sparked the Irish offensive. Bowe scored twice; once on a pass play which covered 78 yards. Cliff Speicher scored the remaining 13.

The Irish won their third straight game by spanking St. Joseph of Omaha 32-0. Even though losing Blahak with a broken collar bone, the Irish kept rolling with L. Sanders,

T. Mimick, D. Bowe, and P. Melcher scoring touchdowns and Sanders and R. Melcher extra points. Blahak scored six points before being taken out.

After trailing 13-0 at the half the Shamrocks came slashing back to score 21 points and defeat Newman Grove 21-13. Dennis Baumert intercepted a pass later in the third period for the first Irish score. The second Irish score came from a 9-yard plunge by Paul Melcher. On the third touchdown, Keith Speicher cinched the victory with a 49-yard scamper. Extra points were made by Paul Melcher and Cliff Speicher.

The Irish won their fifth straight by bumping St. Mary's of Grand Island 20-6. Paul Melcher plunged over from the 3 for the first score, Dick Tooley sneaked over for the second, and Dave Bowe intercepted a pass and raced 58 yards for the third. Cliff Speicher and Bowe scored the extra points.

St. Bonaventure received their worst setback of the season by Holy Name of Omaha, 38-6. Ted Mimick kept the Irish from being deadlocked by banging over from the four in the final stanza.



The Irish lost their third game of the season 20-0 to Cathedral, another Omaha school. The Omahans dominated play throughout most of the contest. The Shamrocks could not hang on to the ball long enough to get their offense rolling.

St. Bonaventure ended its season with a smashing 61-6 triumph over Sacred Heart of Greeley.

Paul Melcher led the way by scoring three times on 8, 41, and 28-yard runs. T. Mimick followed with two 10-and-11-yard runs and 2 extra points. J. Lippstreu, Bill Ernst and E. Gates each contributed 1 T. D. apiece, all were converted linemen.

Keith Speicher gave the fans the thrill of the evening with an 85-yard run. Cliff Speicher and D. Korgner gave 2 points each, while D. Bowe accounted for 1 point.

#### HOME GAMES

DATE	VISITORS	THEY	WE
Sept. 14	St. Cecilia's, Hastings	13	0
Sept. 29	Boys Town Reserves	0	25
Oct. 13	Newman Grove	13	21
Nov. 2	Omaha Cathedral	20	0
Nov. 10	Sacred Heart, Greeley	6	61

#### GAMES AWAY

Sept. 22	Loup City	6	38
Oct. 6	St. Joseph, Omaha	0	32
Oct. 20	St. Mary's, G. I.	6	20
Oct. 27	Holy Name, Omaha	38	6

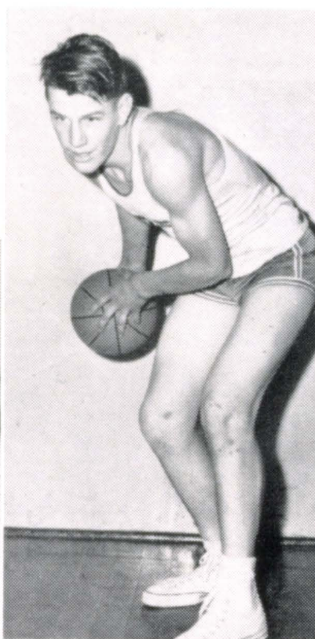




**Front Row:** A. Pensick, W. Gregorius, M. Tooley, D. Soulliere, J. Hoshor, J. Thalcken.  
**Second Row:** J. Gladfelter, M. Dunn, E. Savage, E. Gates, R. Melcher, A. Chochon, D. Nosal, K. Cielocha.  
**Back Row:** Coach Cletus Fischer, D. Bowe, P. Melcher, L. Sanders, D. Sokol, D. Schmid, H. Keefer, D. Baumert, J. Blahak, J. Lippstreu, J. Kaminski, D. Tooley, Father Timothy.

## BASKETBALL

Jim Lippstreu



Eugene Gates



Paul Melcher

Dennis Baumert

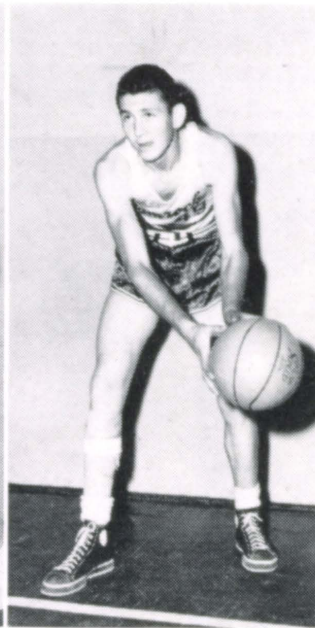




Dick Tooley



John Blahak

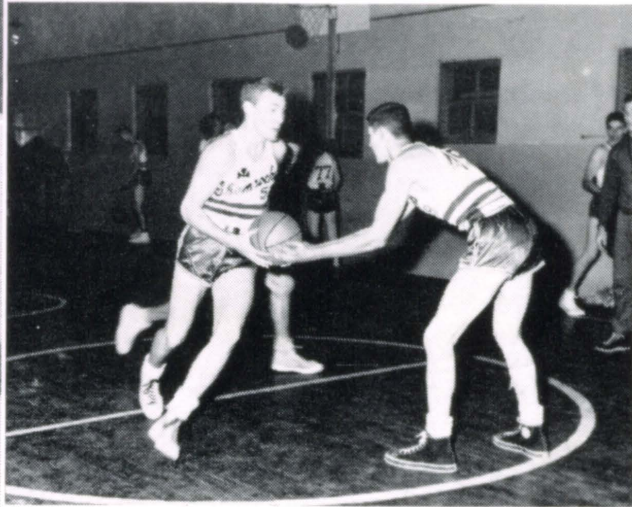


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Donald Sokol



John Kaminski

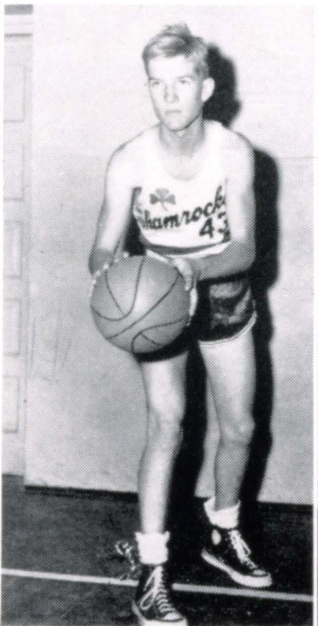


David Bowe

Larry Sanders



Donald Schmid





**Front Row:** Ronald Melcher, Larry Sanders, Dick Tooley, John Blahak, Dave Bowe, John Kaminski, Paul Melcher.  
**Back Row:** Coach Cletus Fischer, Jim Lippstreu, Don Sokol, Donald Schmid, Eugene Gates, Dennis Baumert, Herman Keefer, Father Tim.

### SEASON SCHEDULE

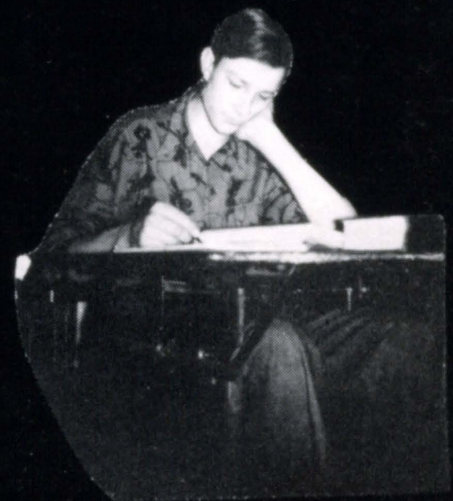
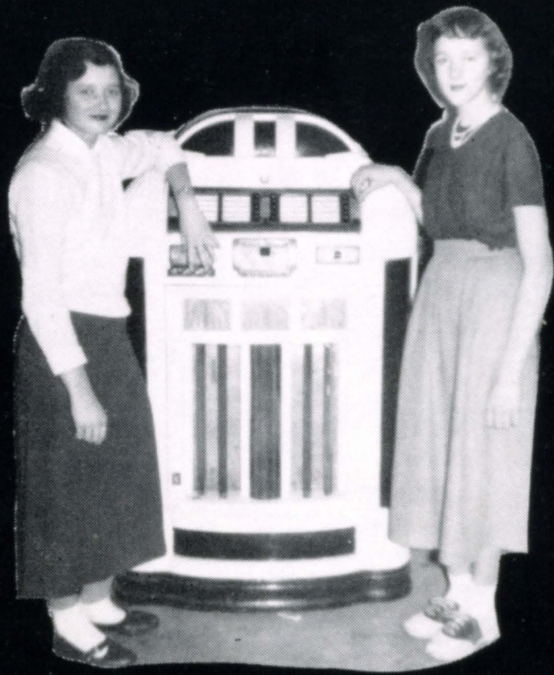
#### HOME GAMES

		They	We
Dec. 11	St. Patrick's, Fremont	22	44
Dec. 20	Lincoln Cathedral	53	40
Jan. 9	Schuyler	26	30
Jan. 30	Leigh	35	37
Feb. 5	Spaulding Academy	35	60
Feb. 14	Osceola	42	51

#### GAMES AWAY

Date	Opponent	They	We
Dec. 1	St. Edward	36	19
Dec. 5	Platte Center	35	46
Dec. 8	St. Francis, Humphrey	48	48
Jan. 5	Neuman Grove	58	44
Jan. 12	Sacred Heart, Norfolk	35	50
Jan. 19	St. Mary's, Grand Island	29	41
Feb. 22	Holy Name, Omaha	54	38
Feb. 23	Guardian Angel, West Point	33	34

# Activities





These students participated in the magazine contest which was sponsored by the Sodality for the benefit of the Sisters' chapel in the new convent. Jeanette Fyfe, (seated center) won first prize for collecting the greatest number of subscriptions.



The Sodality was extraordinarily honored in making preparations and participating in the processions which brought the Pilgrim Virgin, Our Lady of Fatima, to our church for veneration. Sister M. Colette sponsors the Sodality.

## MAY CROWNING



Helen Ternes, prefect of Our Lady's Sodality, and her attendants Charlotte Jones, Mildred Roddy, Mary Jo Tucek, Mary Gerhold, Donna Rae Wheeler, Arlene Pickhinke, Mary Lou Stuehmer, Sandra Mitera, and Mary Ann Tworek, crown their patroness "Queen of the May."

# GLEE CLUBS

## Senior and Junior Girls Glee

The first branch of the Glee Club is made up of the older girls. They have made rapid progress in the musical line.



## All Boys Glee

The boys make up the second branch of the Glee Club.



## Sophomore and Freshmen Girls

This is the third branch of the Glee Club. All three of the groups are directed by Mr. Van Ackeran. Those participating in the Christmas and spring Cantatas are selected from these groups.



*"Gloria  
In  
Excelsis  
Deo"*



# CHRISTMAS CANTATA



"The Nativity," one of the four tableaux presented for the Christmas Cantata, features Mary Lou Stuehmer as the Blessed Mother, and Herbert Abts as St. Joseph.



The stage hands were Theresa Mostek, Gennene Spidle, and Jim Roberts.



The second tableau entitled, "The Annunciation," represents Mary Lou Stuehmer, as the Blessed Virgin receiving the news of her divine Motherhood from the Angel Gabriel.

This scene depicts the Bible story of the **Three Kings** (Alfred Micek, Ted Niedbalski, and Paul Melcher) who followed the star to the Birthplace of the Child Jesus.



## Our Lady of Fatima.

The fourth tableau portrays the Immaculate Virgin Mary (Mary Lou Stuehmer) delivering her message of "Pray the Rosary" to the three children at Fatima.







Mr. Joseph J. Van Ackeran  
Band Director

## THE BAND



The St. Bonaventure High School Band has seen its first year of hard labor as well as enjoying its first round of applause this year. Under the capable direction of Mr. Joseph J. Van Ackeran, it is prepared and anxious to start the long difficult path to perfection.



A fitting "Armistice Program" was prepared and given to the high school student body on that day. Speakers of the day were Fr. Roch, Mr. P. Lakers, Mary Ann Tworek, and William Ernst. Ted Niedbalski introduced the speakers while Myrle Hadcock and August Warholoski stood "at arms" throughout the program.

# Homecoming



Mary Ann Tworek, Queen,  
and Paul Melcher, King.

## Cheerleaders

Left to Right. Front Row: Margaret  
Hayes, Rosalie Billesbach, and  
Helen Dunn. Back Row: Augie  
Warholoski, and Bill Jarvis.





### Pep Club

The Pep Club, with Orlethia Anne Wass — president, Mary Staroscik—vice president, Julene Pfeifer — secretary, and Polly Speice—treasurer, has assumed leadership in all sports activities.

Using the theme "Moonlight and Roses" the Class of "51" constructed a garden of roses in the auditorium for the Prom of "1950." This picture seems to certify that the long, dreamed-of night brought all the hoped-for enjoyment.



# THE VENTURE



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Mary Helen Gerhold  
Editor-in-chief



### Editorial Staff:

**Back Row:** Mary Ann Tworek, Helen Dunn, Helen Ternes, Pat Tooley.

**Front Row:** Polly Speice, Paul Melcher, Mary Helen Gerhold, Mary Alice Moersen, Clifford Speicher.

### Production Staff:

**Back Row:** Mary Jo Tucek, Mildred Roddy, Donna Wheeler, Orlethia Wass, Frances Fischer.

**Front Row:** Norma Shonka, Rose Ann Vanek, Ted Niedbalski, Margaret Hayes, Barbara DeLarme.





**Student Council**

Left to Right, Back Row: Mary Alice Moersen, Alfred Micek, Paul Melcher, president, Dennis Baumert, vice-president, Dorothy Gladfelter, Larry Sanders, Mary Ann Schuele.  
 Front Row: Kenneth Cielocha, Mary Ellen Marsolek, Mary Ann Tworek, Helen Ternes, secretary, Janet Placzek and Patricia Vruble.

Mr. Feik, our dependable custodian, has been in the service of St. Bonaventure School for a good many years.

William Ernst gets some helpful advice from the mechanical drawing instructor, Mr. Cletus Fischer.



Father Martin looks over the many magazines on display during the Catholic Press Month.



Dick Tooley is one of the 200 students whom Mrs. Hurford, the school nurse, is testing on the audiometer. Leo Thiele stands by waiting his turn.



Mrs. F. Hurford  
School nurse



Guidance in selecting courses, is given to the students by the teachers. Here, Sister M. Gabriel, the principal, is offering this aid to two seniors, Jim Lippstreu and Helen Marie Ternes.

The winning table of the **Sophomore Candy Sale** look pleased with the results.

**Left to Right:** Rose Mary Irwin, Jack Gladfelter, Marilyn Johnson, chairman, Jim Jaworski, Dorothy Mielak, Joe Dineen, Adolphine Euteneuer, and Martha Laska.

**Freshmen II Candy Sale.** The freshmen display smiles of victory as Shirley Raemaekers, Joan Syslo, Paul Ryba, Sally Ragatz, Daviann Powell and Jim Stachura are ready to welcome a customer.





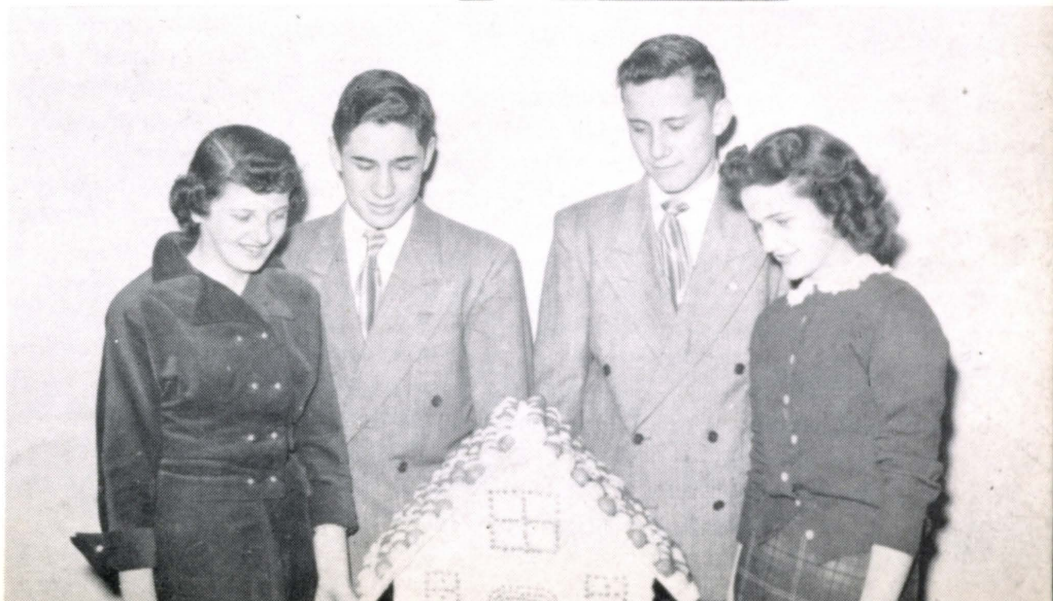
Cast for the senior class play "Kamiano" (Father Damien).

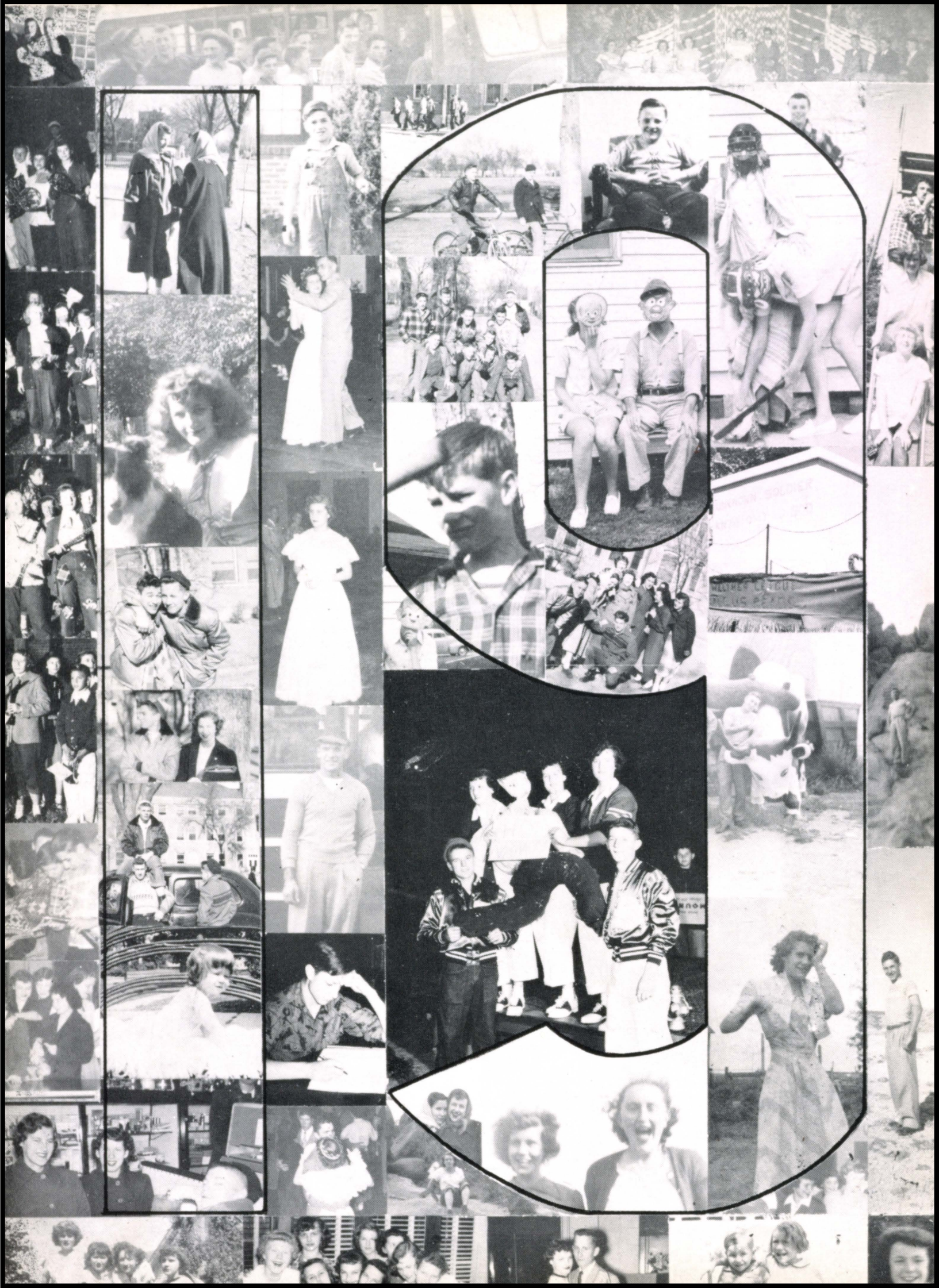
The students of the Physical Education class are getting a healthy workout as well as enjoying themselves at one of their semi-weekly classes.



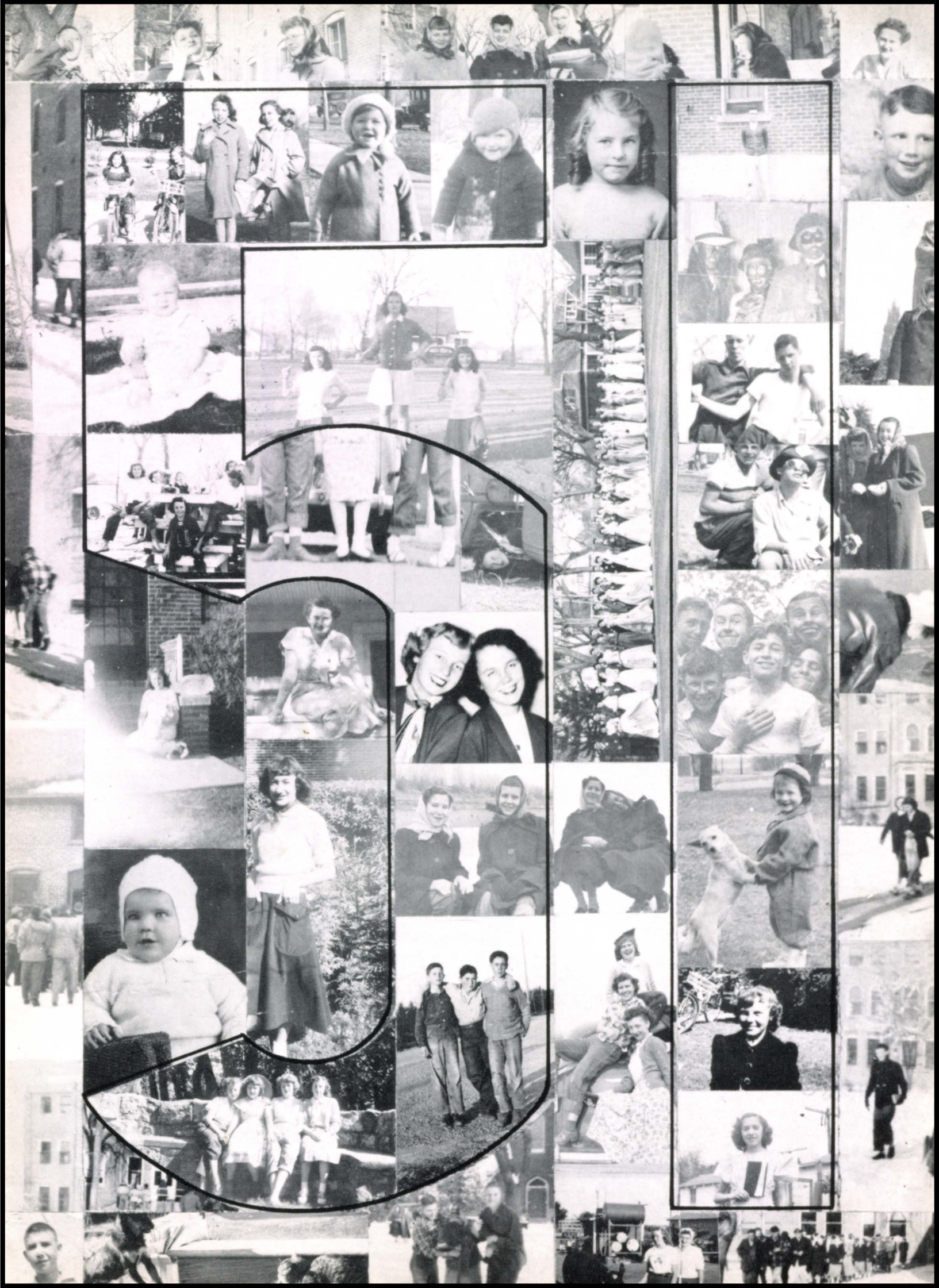
#### Box Social

Helen Dunn, Carroll Ebner, Marvin Mayberger, and Orlethia Anne Wass proudly display their winning box of the box social. The construction is the miniature candy dream house that Hanzel and Gretel found when wandering through the woods, but Marvin Mayberger and Carrol Ebner found it right in St. Bonaventure's Gym and bought it for \$6.98.











Looking for a gift? If so stop in at **J. C. PENNEY & COMPANY** and look over their beautiful display of pictures. Ken Schaefer, Sandra Mitera, and Mary Ann Tworek are admiring a picture of the "Last Supper."



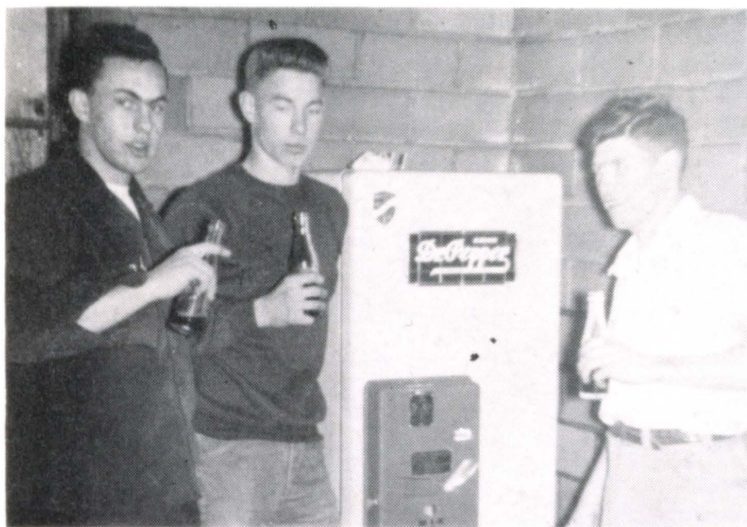
For instructions on how to use your Christmas camera go to **DANIEL STUDIO**. Mr. Daniel is demonstrating how to use a camera to Mary Anne Podraza, Diane Haney, and Gennene Spidle.



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For the finishing touches on that new dress stop in at **SCHWESERS**. Virginia Micek, Marilyn Johnson, Martha Laska, and Sophie Moritz are being attracted by the shining beads and lovely jewelry shown by a clerk.



For that refreshment at Ten, Two, and Four, stop for a Dr. Pepper. Jim Lippstreu, Herman Blahak, and Don Korger are enjoying a refreshing drink at the **DR. PEPPER BOTTLING COMPANY**.



Louis Kosiba, Walter Gregorius, Jim Jaworski, and Ronnie Melcher are reading the "Voice of a Friendly City," **THE DAILY TELEGRAM**. For prompt, reliable service, make use of our want ads.



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Kids! For that after school snack stop in at **DAVISON & COOLEY DRUG COMPANY**. Mary Ann Feik, Shirley Raemakers, Sally Ragatz, and Shirley Jiranek are waiting to put in their order for that after-school snack.



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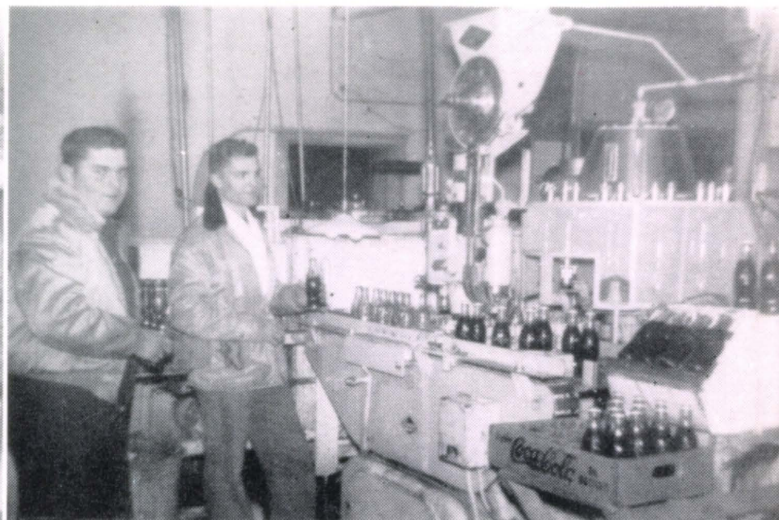
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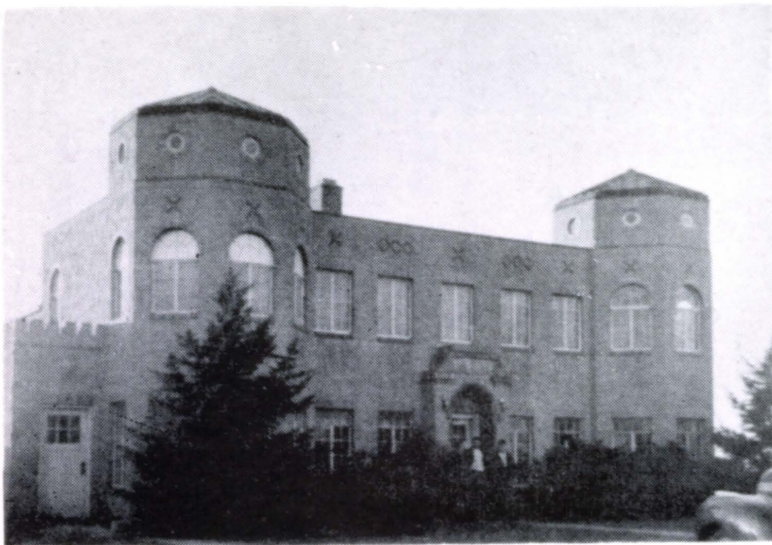
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It appears as if Eugene Nosal and Bernard Peterman are the proud owners of this luxurious car. But they are only sight-seeing customers of the **WILKEN MOTOR AND IMPLEMENT COMPANY**.



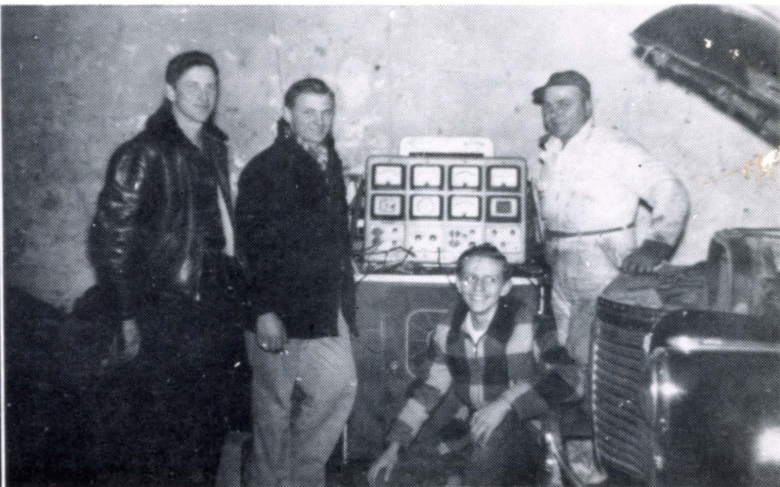
If you are looking for the best in car repairing stop in at **NEILSEN CHEVROLET COMPANY**. They have the best in Modern Equipment as Don Korger and Jim Lippstreu will tell you.



Rosemary Irwin and Dorothy Mielak appreciate the prompt and courteous service they are receiving at the **IRENE SHOP**. But more than that, they admire the large selection of women's and girls' apparel that is shown them.



Cliff Speicher, Ted Niedbalski, Mary Gerhold, and Helen Ternes are learning some facts about banking from the very capable Mr. McNair, president of the **COLUMBUS BANK** where they are now being interviewed.



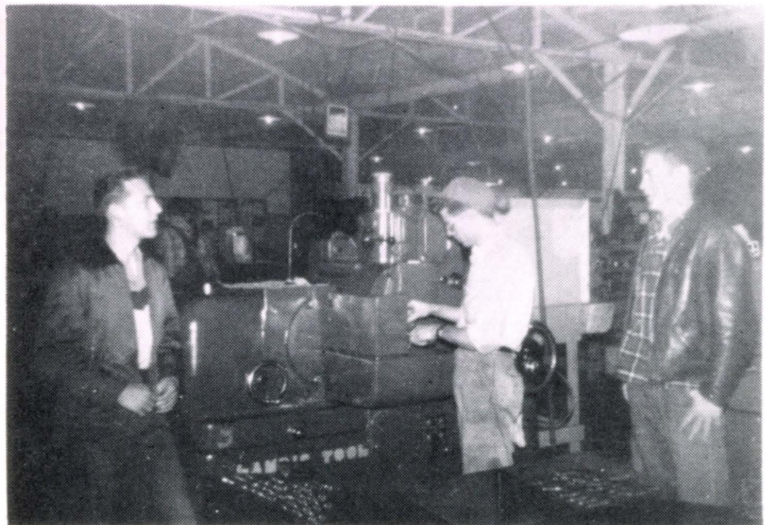
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Duane Drum, Kenneth Schaefer, and Donna Rae Wheeler are receiving a sample of the flawless service and reliable banking system for which the **CENTRAL NATIONAL BANK** has been made famous.



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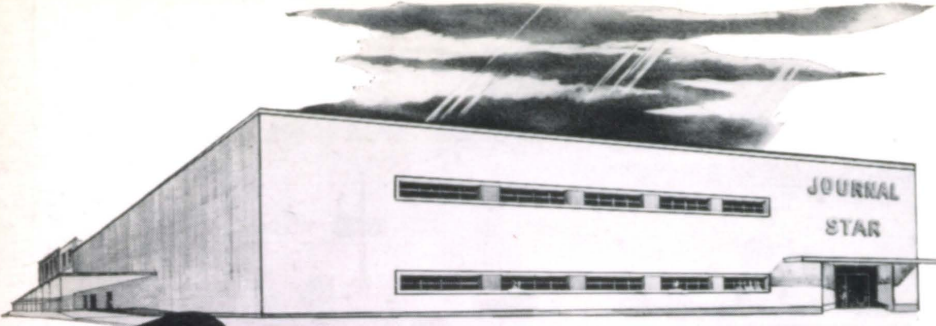
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Just before the first of the year, the State Journal Printing Company moved into a beautiful, new spacious building and with new modern equipment that has been added and scientifically arranged to speed up production flows, means more and greater savings for you. The way to hold sky-rocketing prices in check, is to increase efficiency by modern machinery and modern methods. The Journal-Star Printing Co. is keeping in step with the times.

We invite you to inspect our new home, that is becoming more and more, the home of Nebraska's finer yearbooks.

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- U. of N. Cornhusker <sup>15</sup>
- Beatrice Homesteader <sup>13</sup>
- Doane College Tiger <sup>8</sup>
- Wayne State T.C. Spizz <sup>8</sup>
- Lincoln Northeast Rocket <sup>8</sup>
- Albion Albacard <sup>4</sup>
- Concordia T.C. Golden Embers <sup>4</sup>
- Fullerton Warrior <sup>4</sup>
- David City Scout <sup>3</sup>
- West Point Cadet <sup>3</sup>
- Bridgeport Bulldog <sup>3</sup>
- Pawnee City Indian <sup>3</sup>
- Red Oak Pep <sup>2</sup>
- Seward Blue Jay <sup>2</sup>
- St. Agnes Stag <sup>2</sup>
- St. Joseph Raven Year <sup>2</sup>
- Union College Golden Cords <sup>2</sup>
- York College Marathon <sup>2</sup>
- Rock County Tiger
- Benkelman Tiger
- Creighton Prep Jay Junior
- Creighton Uni. Blue Jay
- Franklin Vapor Trails
- St. Bonaventure Bona Venture
- St. Patrick Shamrock
- Tekamah Tiger
- Immanuel Hospital Lamp Lighter

Figures show total years.



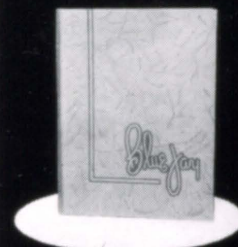
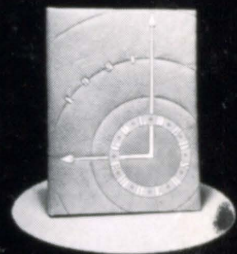
West Point H. S.  
'Cadet'

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