

THE VENTURE

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No. 1

Students Choose Class Leaders

Senior Boys Triumph in Election

The election of class officers, always an event intensely interesting, this year resulted in giving the boys in the Senior class the upper hand. In a spirited contest, Robert Dietz, after tying with William Gerhold, came out victorious and was entrusted with Senior fortunes for the year. He will be assisted by Sylvester Fletcher as vice-president, Mary Noonan, secretary, and Clifford Mielak, treasurer.

Juniors, knowing the responsibility which is theirs—Prom and Banquet—divided the responsibility evenly between boys and girls. Their president is Ellen McNair; vice president, Alice Johnson; secretary, Bill Putnam; treasurer, Bob Frischholz.

Sophomores, too, evidently decided to keep the scales in balance and chose Marie Woerth as president; Carroll Melliger as vice president; Pauline Korgie, secretary; Bernard Fletcher, treasurer.

It looks as though Freshmen girls are to take the lead, for three girls—Paula Pfeifer, Elaine McNair, Jacqueline Boettcher—captured the offices of president, vice president and secretary, respectively. Richard Reifenrath was chosen treasurer.

Freshmen Cringe at Feet of Seniors

When the freshies poked their green noses, kindly donated by Bill Gerhold, into the auditorium on Friday night, they initiated the ceremony which made them full-fledged members of St. Bonaventure High School, and incidentally ushered in the first social event of the season for the entire student body.

Spectators heartily enjoyed the embarrassment and "fright" of ruffled Freshies, subjected to humiliating duties by dignified Seniors, and later pacified them with delicious refreshments.

The St. Bonaventure version of "Tillie and Mac" in a graceful solo opened the dance which occupied the remainder of the evening.

This formal initiation climaxed a week of persecution by the seniors. "Freshman Day" saw boys with chins hidden in big, green bows while they hid beautifully red-tinted finger nails in their pockets; and girls with green hair bows and ties.

STUDENTS WIN SHORTHAND AWARDS

Beverly Rich and Loretta Jaax, Seniors in Shorthand II, are the first to earn shorthand certificates this year. Both passed the Gregg 60-word Transcription Test with an accuracy grade of 98 per cent.

JUNE GRADUATE



ADELINE SMOLEN

Answers Call to Religious Life

Thinking of the higher ideals of life, Adeline Smolen, a June graduate, left during the summer to enter the convent, joining the Community of the Franciscan Sisters of Perpetual Adoration at Lafayette, Indiana, where she is studying nursing. In school Adeline was particularly interested in biology and chemistry. She was an active member of the Sodality, and an enthusiastic worker for the "Venture."

Adeline entered St. Bonaventure's for her senior year after finishing junior work at Central City High. Quiet and unassuming, she had many friends, who will miss her, but who wish her success and happiness in her chosen work.

The Inquiring Reporter

Some great old answers were received when the "Inquiring Reporter" asked, "What subject do you like best? And why?"

Florence Belford selects Biology. Why? Because she likes to study the life round about her.

Latin attracts Evelyn Dietz because she finds it interesting.

Angles and squares have hooked Bud Tanke. Yes, his favorite is Geometry. Asked why, he says it is the easiest to copy.

"I don't care much about any of them," volunteered Mary Shemek.

Vic Terasinski and bugs work hand in hand in Biology. He finds it most interesting. Perhaps it is a ladybug he is working with.

Even Freshies like something. Jackie Boettcher chooses English. "I like to hear the others talk about their experiences and families," so she says.

A song bird popped up during the

ENROLLMENT LARGEST IN SCHOOL'S HISTORY

Press Associations Rate the "Venture"

Faculty Advisor, Sister M. Lina, has been notified that the "Venture" has been accorded the All-Catholic Honor Award in the critical survey made by the Catholic Press Association of Milwaukee.

As the first issue of the "Venture" appeared in December, 1937, and this is the first criticism made by the Press Association, the Staff of 1937-38 is in line for congratulations.

Copies of the "Venture" were also submitted for criticism to the Quill and Scroll, International Society for High School Journalists. Notice has also been received from them, placing the "Venture" second among school publications.

Salesmen vs. Subscriptions

The loud, imperative ringing of doorbells, and the sweeping of prospective customers off their feet by long and windy salestalk, accented by dramatic gestures, announce that our high school pupils are hot on the scent after subscriptions for the school paper. They extract the 50 cents while their listeners are still in a coma from the avalanche of words hurled at them by enthusiastic salesmen.

Everyone is doing his best to make the paper a success. Our industrious reporters are busily engaged listening at keyholes and eavesdropping on innocent conversationalists.

Our editor's dream of a perfect paper will come true with such help as this.

Gain of 15 Per Cent Over Last Year

Streaming through the open doors of Saint Bonaventure's this fall have been students and more students, making the enrollment the largest in the school's history. Registration records show an enrollment at present of 139, a gain of 21 over last year's total.

School records disclose the fact that in 1925 when the school first opened its doors, there were fifty students enrolled. Year by year this number has increased—there were 58 in 1926; 68 in 1929; 97 in 1934; 108 in 1936.

Students are distributed into: Seniors, 28; Juniors, 33; Sophomores, 32; Freshmen, 46.

The loyal support of faithful parishioners, the untiring zeal of a devoted pastor, and the constant efforts of interested teachers have made possible the increased advantages and added facilities, the enviable record which St. Bonaventure's has today.

Patricians and Plebeians Unite

The Latin students of the sophomore and junior classes met recently for the organization of a Latin club. They wanted to "do as the Romans do," so the club was organized as a Roman state having for officers, two consuls—Ellen McNair and Bennie Nosal; two censors—Rose Gonka and Ruth Boettcher; and two praetors—Marie Woerth and Evelyn Dietz. They will be known as "The Patricians."

Not to be outdone, freshmen in Latin I also formed a club, to be known as "The Plebeians." Their officers—Romans also—are:

Tribunes—Emelia Donnelly and Eddie Welch; Aediles—Helen Jostes and Tony Zabawa; Quaestor—Gloria Mae Gerber. Their motto is "Semper Fidelis."

Once a month the two clubs will have a joint meeting.

ADDITIONS MADE TO EQUIPMENT

The record-breaking enrollment has made it necessary to add to our school equipment. Additional desks have been installed in both the Junior and Freshman rooms.

Three new latest model Royal typewriters also replace the old Woodstocks and Remingtons in the Commercial Department.

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EDITORIAL POLICY

To Foster

Spirituality, Scholarship, Sportsmanship

The Eucharistic Congress and You.

How little do we appreciate the Church of God! How glorious it is! How supremely majestic are its activities. Some day we shall appreciate it, but until that day arrives, that sense of appreciation will be fostered by a contained group of her loyal members. This is a sad fact, but true.

A marked furthering of the Church's glory and might will be conducted October 16 when many members of the prominent Catholic Hierarchy will preside over the Eighth National Eucharistic Congress in New Orleans at the head of which is Archbishop Rummel, our former diocesan Bishop.

Now let's put away the idea, if we ever had it, that Eucharistic Congresses are dull, only for priests and nuns. This is a common fallacy!

National Eucharistic Congresses are impressive, colorful, majestic! How many of us students know the inside, intimate facts about these great undertakings of our Church? How many are interested? Here are some tabulations of note for those who are:

Who is the great Church figure who is to preside over the Congress? The great Cardinal and Papal Legate, Cardinal Mundelein, of Chicago.

Do we know that one million particles of Hosts are going to be provided by the various Religious Orders in and near New Orleans?

Do we know that 150 provisional altars will be needed to accommodate the hundreds of visiting Archbishops, Bishops, and priests, besides those contributed by 50 parish churches, while 30 altars will be in the Roosevelt Hotel, 100 in the Municipal auditorium and 20 in Notre Dame Seminary?

Do we know that 500 sets of white vestments have been made by religious orders which will be given to the poorer missions when the Congress is over?

If this epitome has been followed through this far, we now know some of the facts. We, as Catholic students, should strive hard for a much more thorough knowledge of current Catholic activities.

We talk about school spirit, class spirit, and civic pride, but how little do we hear about Church pride, or Church spirit! The Catholic Church in America, just like any other large organization, is doing things—big things! We, as members of this most powerful organization, should know about and publicize its activities.

What do you think?

—BEVERLY RICH, '39.

Swinging Along

Three weeks have passed since school opened, so we all have had ample time to get into the "swing of things." How are we swinging?

Is our motion slow and indifferent? Jerky or spasmodic? Or an even, peppy movement?

We of the first mentioned had better quicken our motion or we will lose the race entirely. We in the second should get a stronger grasp on the ropes or the jerks will cause us to lose our hold and become seasick.

Congratulations to the third group!

With a small push now and then, we can start a steady movement. So let's start pushing.

Do You Have It?

Sportsmanship as a quality in the average American high school student is, to my way of thinking, a very valuable one. In reality it is a basic quality for cooperation and anyone who has ever been a member of any organization, social, or political, realizes the deep meaning of this word.

Sportsmanship is essential for lasting friendship, success in either political or social affairs, and personal development. An individual without sportsmanship has an unbalanced character and in many instances fails to realize the necessity of maintaining other fundamental qualities such as honesty, cooperation, dependability, accuracy, and tact.

So if you want to be a representative American citizen, you will, above all things, develop a true spirit of sportsmanship.

THE FORUM

At this time of year every high school pupil has the time of his life, poking fun at us poor little freshies. No wonder we look bewildered! If we aren't having someone yell "Freshie, Freshie," at us, we are shaking our heads over the wonders of a + b = y o, or wrestling with Latin verbs. It's all so bewildering. You know how it is. Weren't you a freshie once?

So please, please answer a freshie's prayer and give us a chance to show what we're made of. Wouldn't you like to see what is under that traditional coat of green?

EMILIA DONNELLY, '42.

We may not be able to do many great things for our school, but we can do a lot of little things.

DORTHY NOSAL, '42.

Tap-tap-tap-tap! This sound is very familiar to all Junior typists but the old saying, "Practice Makes Perfect," applies only to those who curve fingers under, tap with a snappy stroke, hold wrists down and keep eyes on book only. Three periods every day, talented seniors, hear that "tap-tap" and sniff masterly into the higher regions of the air. Their memory fails to recall the time when they slowly sat tapping to the tune of a phonograph and exclaimed more than once, "Oh, gee! I missed that key again!" Senior may sniff, but with the courage and spirit the Juniors are showing, they, too, will be able to look condescendingly at lowly Juniors next year.

—VERNETTA SCHROEDER, 40.

My attendance at the movie, "Boys Town," has impressed me very much with the great work being done by Father Flanagan. If other people were as much impressed with the picture as my friends and I, the picture will do much good and there will be much respect and love for Father Flanagan raised in the hearts of the people.

The characters were very ably portrayed on the screen and the picture certainly offered a wonderful opportunity for character and facial expression study, something I am very much interested in.

The theme of the picture, "There is no such thing as a bad boy," one of Father Flanagan's firm contentions, is rather convincing.

Father Flanagan is a very lovable character and seeing him portrayed on the screen has made me more fully appreciate the good work he is doing. I now realize what suffering and hardships he endured in order to realize his purpose and aim.

LORETTA JAAX, '39.

168 Hours Spent

Changing Classes

Did you ever stop to think how many hours each person walks per year in changing classes? Forty minutes each day is taken for changing classes. Two hundred eighty minutes, or 4¾ hours are used and 10,080 minutes or one hundred sixty-eight hours are used for walking to and fro between classes every school year.

The good thing about it is the exercise one gets to the legs as well as the fresh air in the lungs and the relaxation from the hours of rigid attention in the class room.

VENTURES IN VERSE

MY ANGEL

An angel of God walks beside me
A spirit of glory and might
He guides all my wandering footsteps
Keeps watch while I slumber at night.

I often forget this dear presence,
This angel, so radiant and fair;
I hear not his pleadings, his warn-
ings;

I heed not his love nor his care.

The world's fleeting joys are so tempting,

I see not the sin and deceit,
The thorns, that lie hid neath the roses,
The bitterness under the sweet.

No more will I grieve thee, my angel
by coldness, indifference, distrust,
But, faithfully walk where thou leadest,

In ways that are righteous and just.

Because I was so bashful once
When I was very young.
They used to tease me, and they'd
say
"The cat had got my tongue."
I think, since I am growing up,
The way some people sound,
It's just too bad there aren't enough
Of cats to go around.

IRENE KORGIE, '42.

OCTOBER

O is for onward which fills students with glee;
C is for Catholic which more people should be.
T is for tardiness for which there's no reason at all;
O is for onerous which work sometimes is;
B is for beginning which most of us dislike;
E is for ending which fills the school with delight;
R is for remembrance which makes our life bright.

L. Miller, '41.

"Glories of the Franciscan Order"

Would You Believe That . . .

The following illustrious Tertiaries of the Franciscan Order are on the list for eventual beatification?

Christopher Columbus, discoverer of America; Vasca da Gama, discoverer of the sea route to the East Indies; Dr. Karl Lueger, celebrated leader of the Christian Socialist party in Austria?

Galileo, famous Italian astronomer; Allesandro Volta, physicist and electrician after whom the unit of electromotive force, the volt, is named; Edward Branly, whose discoveries

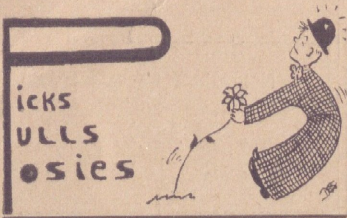
paved the way for Marconi's wireless telegraphy.

Dante, author of the "Divine Comedy"; Cervantes, distinguished Spanish poet and novelist, author of "Don Quixote."

St. Elizabeth of Hungary is patroness of the Third Order; St. Louis, IX, King of France; St. Louis VIII, its patrons.

And seventeen of the Popes are now on the list.

Now who will argue with Father Athanas about the "Great Franciscans?"



Have you noticed the military air about the place? Hep, hep, right, left! No, they're not planning on going to help out the Czechs—say they have enough war right here. It's just a bit of left-over from Camp Ashland this summer.

They say that Sal earned an eviable record as K. P. at the camp. We know that he's noisy and all that, but hardly thought that he would be on K. P. all the time.

BELIEVE IT OR NOT

Fritz Gerber, after Sister had assigned the bookkeeping questions: "There are only a couple more questions there, Sister. Can't we answer those, too?"

Orchids, roses, what have you? Armfuls of them to—

THE SENIORS—For the high class, entertaining initiation they put on, too. We liked your "big brother" attitude, to.

THE JUNIORS—For the whole-hearted cooperation of the class—just a couple missing.

THE SOPHOMORES—For the fine eats. (Some of the freshmen managed to get two dishes of ice cream).

THE FRESHMEN—For their wonderful spirit of submission (?) to the Seniors and their St. Bonaventure spirit.

Which would you rather have—or a green nose?

Prize-winning feature: Solo dance by Tony and Helen.

"Speck" turned red when Sister F. said, "Robert, tell us all you know about Virginia." How did he know she meant the state and not a girl?

Who is the Junior who can't walk up or down the stairs without falling down?

I wish I were so spirited
That I could look in Terry's head
When he's sleeping
And see
What his thoughts be
When he drinks of life
In dreamland
And the answers he's
Preparing
For the teacher who revives him
With a forceful
"Asleep Again!"

QUALITY

Seniors — Twenty-eight.
QUALITY and QUANTITY
Freshmen — Forty-six.

HEARD IN RELIGION CLASS

"There's a peach walking down the street—but watch out, there's a worm beside it."

What Are the June Graduates Doing?

Rita Anne Burns finds life in the business world most fascinating. Swift & Company rate her as a good stenographer.

Sioux City must really have caught the eye of Adeline Cockson, for after spending the summer there, she is now working as a bookkeeper in a bank.

Grand Island, we think, is fortunate in getting our Mary Merz in Nurses' Training at St. Francis Hospital. Our bet is that she'll make a good nurse, too.

Whoever thought that Francis Savage and Leander Morgan would be "working on the railroad." That's one way of seeing the world—they're seeing Wyoming now.

Oh, for a uniform! And Flavian Tworek will soon be in that uniform. He is leaving this week for California to join the navy.

They go east and they go west. Angela Bakey took the West—to California. We miss her frequent presence at Mass and Holy Communion.

That Irish smile really got Leo Malloy some place—all the way to Chicago.

Mary Placek is faithful to Scott's. Walk in on Saturday, and you're bound to get good service when Mary waits on you.

How do you suppose Bob O'Connor looks in his Freshman cap? He's going to the University of Nebraska. If you're in trouble about six years from now, call on Robert O'Connor, Lawyer.

The radio took one of the grads. Perhaps she isn't on the air yet, but Francis Holys is working in the office of the Philco and Motorola Radio office, Chicago.

Angela Moersen is a stenographer, too. She works extra in the offices of the Columbus Finance Corporation and the Catholic Casualty Company.

Don't be surprised if you have an accident to wake up and find Lillian Johnson holding your hand. She's Dr. O'Donnell's assistant.

One of the graduates just couldn't bear to leave her Alma Mater. We have Doris Kohlund back as our librarian.

The call of the country has won Delzell Steufer. Yes, she is a rural librarian.

THEY CALL 'EM

- "Bud"
- "Tweet"
- "Sal"
- "Jap"
- "Kisser" "Porky"
- "Wimpy" "Wiggs"
- "Speck" "Babe"
- "Goosy" "Jug"
- "Mamie" "Fini" "Rusty Lips"
- "Babs" "Jackie"
- "Smoky" "Fritz"
- "Flossie" "Kelly"
- "Coke" "Cha"
- "Duff"
- "Peggy"
- "Netta"
- "Scrub"

Do you know who they are? (Answers on page 4).

Talk about looking up to the Seniors. Did you see Tony Z. and Terry at the dance?

We'll wager that no one is going to miss school dances this year. Why? All those good-looking Freshman girls are good dancers, too. And the boys! Find an equal for Coupens, or Dineen, or Kobus, if you can.

Teacher (about certain diligent) (?)

Sophie: "Nobody wants him. The girls don't want him; the boys don't want him."

Another Bright Sophie: "Take him to the Zoo."

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A man was going through a hospital one day when he came across Brown, who was patched up here and pieced out there, and looking considerably like a veteran of an aviation corps.

"Sorry to see you looking like this, old man," remarked the visitor, pausing before the chair in which Brown was recuperating. "What in the world happened to you?"

"Wasn't watching my feet," answered Brown, "and fell out of a skyscraper."

"You don't really mean it?" exclaimed the visitor, almost enthusiastically.

"They say that when a man falls from a great height he thinks of all his sins before he hits the ground. Is that true?"

"Not in my case," thoughtfully rejoined Brown. "I only fell ten stories."

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**OCTOBER DEDICATED
TO QUEEN OF ROSARY**

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Every boy and girl will surely want to stay in the favor of the Mother of God and can easily achieve this by saying the rosary. It is a small task and will take only a few minutes each day, so don't neglect this devotion to Mary during the month of October.

FRESHMAN GEOMETRY

Theorem: The freshmen are green and show signs of growth.

Given: The Freshman Class.

To Prove: They are green but growing.

Proof: Arrange the freshmen in proper order; then we have 22 boys and 24 girls.

Proceed to: 1. Consult the different instructors. (Postulate x, y, z.)

2. Notice their growth. Theorem XI.

3. Watch them during study periods. Axiom IX.

Therefore: Freshies are green but growing.

**SENIORS CHOOSE
CLASS RINGS**

What will the fashionable Seniors be wearing in class rings this year? This topic had the floor on Wednesday morning when Seniors met to decide. Contrary to custom, the decision was made quickly, the class unanimously selecting a gold ring with a jewel set, and a "B" crescent.

QUEEN OF THE ROSARY

Queen of the Holy Rosary,—
A royal claim is thine;
A crown of wondrous brilliancy
Thou hast by right divine;
Thy court above,—thy children's love
Upon thy strength doth lean
And deepest night for us is bright
Because of thee, O Queen.

In thee we hope, O Lady blest,
For thou art strong to save;
Of thee we ask that sin's dark ways
May ne'er our souls enslave!
Thy subjects we shall ever be,
Whose pray'r is, day by day,
Queen of the Holy Rosary,
For us, thy children, pray!

**Former Student
Wins Scholarship**

Rated as one of the outstanding students while attending St. Bonaventure's school for ten years, John B. Ebel has been awarded the Besselin scholarship to the Catholic University at Washington, D. C.

The scholarship consists of special training in philosophy and oratory; it is one of the twelve awarded each year to outstanding students studying for the priesthood.

After ten years at St. Bonaventure's, John went to Regis school in Denver to finish his last two years of high school studies; here he entered St. Thomas seminary in 1936 to study for the priesthood.

At the Catholic University he plans to specialize in philosophy, English and public speaking, and will receive both his Bachelor of Arts and Master's degrees from that university.

THEY CALL 'EM

(Answers)

Joe Tanke, Dennis Placek, Sylvester Fletcher, Lester Morgan, Victor Teracinski, Leonard Shemek, Robert Dietz, Stephen Wielgus, Betty Glur, Marian Briggs, Elizabeth Craig, Bill Jaworski, Mary Ann Noonan, James McKown, Barbara Podgurski, Clifford Mielak, Florence Mimick, Frank Kohlund, Ruth Boettcher, Jack Boettcher, Vera Belford, Emilia Donnelly, Rita Chambers, James Dineen, Rita-jean Cady, Vernetta Schroeder, Tony Zabawa.

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Sodality Meets For Election Helen Hengglar to Lead Year's Activities

The selection of leaders to guide the Sodality of Our Lady through another successful year was the matter of supreme importance to be taken care of at the first meeting of the year. When the votes were counted, it was found that the majority of the members had decided that Helen Hengglar, Senior, and Vice-President last year, was the one to take the helm. Her assistants will be Ellen McNair, Vice-Prefect; Marie Woerth, Secretary; Loretta Jaax, Secretary.

Chairmen of the various committees were also named. They are: Social, Barbara Podgurski; Eucharistic Alice Johnson; Mission, Constance Dickey; Entertainment, Beverly Rich; Our Lady's, Eileen Smyth.

A short address by Rev. Father Athanase, in which he complimented the Sodalists on their splendid attendance at the Sodality Communion on the preceding Sunday; a paper by Loretta Jaax on the "Purpose and Aim of the Sodality;" and the "Character Builder for October," by Beverly Rich, were followed by community singing of the "Catholic Action Song" and the recitation of the Little Office in the chapel.

Entertainment was furnished under the direction of Rita Chambers; "The Cradle Song," Beverly Rich. Betty Mae Kemnitz, Harriet Craig; a reading "No Room for Mother," by Barbara Porgurski.

Acolytes Respond to New Director

Rev. Father Colman has assumed charge of the Acolytes and is succeeding in interesting more of our high school boys in this service of the King. The ranks now include; Seniors: William Gerhold, Bob Dietz, Sylvester Fletcher, Fritz Gerber, Lester Morgan; Juniors: Ted Wozny, James McKown, Bob Frischholz; Sophomores: Louis Briggs, Joe Tanke; Freshmen: James Coupens, Richard Reifennath, Frank Kohlund, Gerald Savage, Myron Novicki, Lawrence Platzer.

Orchestra Seeks Added Laurels

Once more the violin, the clarinet, the trombone and the rest of their kind, unearthed from summer resting places, send forth their harmonious strains during Orchestra practice on Friday afternoons.

Under the new director, Sister M. Clarentia, members find the period all too short for the accomplishment of all they want to do. There are several new faces among the members and we are looking forward to their first appearance in convocation.

Ventures of the Future

October 26—School Dance.
October 28—Patrician - Plebeian Club Meeting.
October 31—Hallowe'en Party.
November 1—All Saints Day.
November 2—All Souls Day.
November 2—Junior Holy Name.
November 3—Sodality.
November 4—Special Convocation, "Sophisticated Magic;" Freshman "Venture" Party.
November 6-12—Education Week.
November 11—Convocation; Selection of Cheer Leaders.
November 23—Thanksgiving Convocation.
November 23—School Dance.

Junior Holy Name Chooses Leaders

At last we're able to give you some facts about the Junior Holy Name Society. The first meeting of the school year was held in the auditorium under the direction of Rev. Father Colman. When it was found that there were no officers, as all had been members of the '38 Graduating Class, election, with Fritz Gerber, Lester Morgan and Ted Wozny in charge, was the first matter to be taken care of. When the votes were counted, Terrance Lachnit was found to be President; Bennie Nosal, Vice President; Bill Jaworski, Secretary; Lester Morgan, treasurer.

It was also decided to hold the regular meetings on the first Wednesday evening of each month.

Freshmen Defeat Upper-classmen

The subscription contest is over! Freshmen breathe a sigh of relief and happily clutch the wreath of victory. They had succeeded in defeating the Seniors and Juniors in a close and interesting race! Uncertainty as to the outcome; days speeding by; the chart one day showing Seniors in the lead and Juniors the next—the Sophomores at no time caused any disturbance. Result—some Freshmen pep meetings (with Sister F. at the head we're thinking). How those Freshies did work! It paid, and the subscriptions soon began to come in. Up went their mark on the chart until the others were left far behind. And now for the party!

HONOR ST. FRANCIS ON FEAST, OCT. 4

Franciscan Fathers, Franciscan Sisters, and students at St. Bonaventure's, dedicated to a great Franciscan, united in honoring the greatest of all Franciscans, St. Francis of Assisi, on his Feast Day, October 4th.

Solemn High Mass at 8 o'clock; talks on St. Francis and the Franciscans in the different Religion classes, and early dismissal, marked it as one of the "big" days on the school calendar.



Rev. Father Colman Borgard

Students Like New Instructor

St. Bonaventure's welcomes to its faculty Rev. Father Colman Borgard, O. F. M. Father Colman replaces Father Arthur as Instructor in Holy Scripture for the Freshmen and Sophomore classes and will also teach Church History to the Juniors and Seniors.

Father Colman comes to us fully qualified for the important tasks that are his. He made his preparatory studies at St. Joseph's College in Hinsdale, Illinois; studied Philosophy for three years in Cleveland, Ohio, and Theology for four years in Teutopolis, Ill. He will also act as assistant to Rev. Father Athanase.

"Teaching the boys and girls at St. Bonaventure's is a rather pleasant exchange for the learner's bench which I have occupied for the past twelve years," says Father Colman, and we are finding it a pleasure, too.

Gay Lads, Lassies Enjoy School Dance

School spirit at its best, was displayed when Seniors, Juniors, Sophomores and Freshmen assembled in the Social Hall for the first school dance of the season. The dance was sponsored by the Juniors. Music was furnished by a public address system, which proved very satisfactory. Tickets were sold in advance. There was a large crowd in attendance, and everyone had a good time.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Kohlund and Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Fletcher acted as chaperons.

Committees in charge were: Music, Bill Putnam, Ted Wozny; tickets, Alice Johnson, Virginia Krzycki, Evelyn Schroeder, Vernetta Schroeder, Ellen McNair, Constance Dickey; cleanup, Lambert Smolen, Reynold Liss, James McKown, Frank Plazek, Clement Zoucha.

Proceeds from the dances will be used to finance the Junior-Senior Banquet and Prom.

Seniors Head Honor Roll One-Third of Class Makes Grade

The climb up the ladder of learning evidently proved rather steep for the first six weeks of school. Difficulty in getting back in line after the long vacation probably accounts for the small number of students who were successful in winning a place on the Roll of Honor.

Seniors seem to have been more in earnest than the rest of us, and nine of these dignified searchers after knowledge can congratulate themselves on a victory. They are: Four A's: Beverly Rich, Loretta Jaax, Mary Ann Noonan. Three A's: William Gerhold, Arthur Johnson, Harriet Craig, Betty Mae Kemnitz, Rita Chambers, and Eileen Smyth.

Only four Juniors succeeded in making the grade required for a place in the sun, and the Honor Roll lists Alice Johnson, Ellen McNair and Rose Gonka with four A's, and Bob Frischholz with three.

And the Sophomores? Elaine Borowiak is the only one in the group who was able to scale the heights this first six weeks.

It looks as if the Freshman class is destined to produce some future stars and bring glory to St. Bonaventure's. Seven of these green (?) Freshmen found a way to make a successful ascent in the very beginning of their high school career—Dolores Woerth, Leone Smyth, Elaine McNair, Helen Jostes, Gloria Mae Gerber, Emelia Donnelly and Jacqueline Boettcher.

Assembly Held to Honor Discoverer

Commemorating the discovery of America, St. Bonaventure High School students met in convocation for an entertaining program presented by members of the Dramatics Club.

The High School Glee Club opened the meeting with a four-part song entitled "The Open Road." Rose Gonka gave a selection, "Great Columbus," while from Constance Dickey we had "The Last Hymn." We also heard for the first time the Glee Club's "High School March."

Highlighting the program was the one-act play "Sparkin'" prepared under the direction of Sister Ethelfrieda, Dramatics Director. Loretta Jaax portrayed the grandmother; Beverly Rich, "Lessie," a fair young maid; Sal Fletcher, "Orrie," a bashful youth of the hills, and Ritajean Cady, Lessie's "Ma." "Sparkin'" depicted the courting of Lessie by Orrie, which was done in real hill-billy fashion and "brought down the house."

Guests at the convocation were Rev. Father Athanase and Rev. Father Colman.

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Hail The King!

"Thou sayest that I am a King; for this was I born, and for this have I come into the world." The meek and gentle King rules a mighty empire—not by fire and sword, not by tyranny and oppression, not by class hatred and war, as the leaders of our "isms" are trying to do.

We didn't forget Columbus Day, we never forget Washington's and Lincoln's birthdays. But will we think of the Feast of Christ the King on the last Sunday of October? Will we remember to ask Him to extend His kingdom of peace and love and bring the hearts and minds of all men under His sceptre, especially those who are bringing unhappiness to so many?

Wanted: An Isolation Camp for School Pests

The fellow who comes in late and delays classes searching for books and materials.

The rowdy who pushes and shoves in the halls and on the stairs.

The straggler who is never in the proper place at the proper time.

The loud-mouthed boob who is heard always and in all places saying a lot of things.

The smart-aleck who thinks it's funny to cause a disturbance whenever and wherever he can.

The lazy shirker who annoys others who are trying to get somewhere.

A Long, Long Time

You probably remember the story of the little girl who said to her Guardian Angel as he was taking her to heaven after a very short stay in Purgatory. "But it's been a long, long time since I died . . ." Yes, the time in Purgatory is a long, long time for those who are there and who cannot help themselves. Holy Masses, Holy Communions, Indulged Ejaculations will shorten that long, long time. November, the month of the Holy Souls is coming . . .

Do Unto Others—

Reading etiquette books isn't the average high school student's idea of a good time, is it? Still, there are a great many things in life that are good, but not good times. High school years seem to be the most inopportune of all times to try to teach some individuals anything at all about it.

Human nature is the cause. Because of that new, independent spirit being fostered in the growing boy and girl, it's just contrary to reason to expect them to regard many points of etiquette as nothing but "old-fashioned" prattle. So we have the "smart aleck," "young sophisticate," and all the rest of the high school "know-it-alls."

However, we're not so calloused that a hint now and then won't help. Listen: Courteous boys and girls are the ones who are going to get places! If we don't believe that now, a few hard knocks a little later on will convince us.

Shall we make a long, dry list of rules of courtesy that high school students should observe? That would be monotonous. And it really isn't necessary. Just one simple one will cover everything for the normal student: "Treat others as you want to be treated." This is the first and the last, and the in-between, rule, too.

Sympathy

"The Venture" extends the sympathy of the students to Sister M. Ethelfrieda in the loss of her brother. "Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord."

THE FORUM

Lending and borrowing homework is indeed a silly habit. What good does it do to borrow homework? Naturally, it helps nothing at all, but to get an undeserving mark behind your name. A person who always borrows lessons to copy doesn't have the true idea of education. He goes to school to get marks behind his name. He gets credits belonging to others, not himself. He doesn't go to school for the true purpose of learning for later life. What will such a person do when he is out in the business world with no one to depend on, no one to borrow from and no one to help him? Life is the real final exam for which we prepare throughout our school life. You can't cheat or copy in life and whoever can't pass this test is a true failure.

Lending is as bad for a person as borrowing homework, for by lending it he is really harming rather than helping him. Because the copier has his work, the teacher will think he knows how to get it, where in reality he knows nothing about it. If a person can't get his lesson, he should ask the teacher for an explanation rather than copy. He will never be sorry for it.

Remember that you go to school for life, not for today. You may cheat in school but not in life.

Alice Johnson, '40.

Tom Grasshopper Airs His Views

I wonder what Florence Belford is doing out here in the garden and so early in the morning. Gee! she's coming over here. I wonder what she wants. Yeawee! she's got me and putting me in her empty powder box. Gosh! makes a fellow sort of dizzy with this smell. Wonder where she's taking me. Um-huh, they're talkin' about biology. That must be the science teacher. She has a heart, taking me out of this old powder box. Does that fresh air ever feel good! Now, she's putting me in a box with a glass on top. This is much better. Look at that silly girl giggling at me and hear that other one scream! Well, she isn't a beauty from what I can see from this angle. Oh, Oh, they're takin' me out of this box. Please handle me with care! Well, I guess that's the way the life of a grasshopper goes. A fellow has to take it as it comes. Here today and gone tomorrow.

Virginia Kluck, '40.

Keeping an Eye On the Alumni

Mary Merz, '38, a freshman student nurse at St. Francis Hospital, Grand Island, has been elected president of her class.

When the Wunderlich Company, in charge of the construction of Kingsley dam, near Ogallala, Washington, second largest earthen dam in the world, was searching for a reliable and trained man to become the company's chief pay roll clerk, Ray Valesek, '32, was found to be just the man wanted.

As a result of Civil Service exams, Wendell Moersen, '33, has obtained a position in the printing department of the government in Washington, D. C.

Everett Gleason, '33, too is employed as a government printer in Washington.

Bob O'Connor, '38, has been selected sub-student manager for the Cornhusker football team.

School-Spirit Meter Tells Tall Tales

FRESHMEN are leading in attendance at daily holy Mass with an average of 88 per cent. FRESHMEN are leading in school attendance with an average of 99 per cent.

SENIORS are leading in student subscriptions to the "Venture" with an average of 93 per cent. FRESHMEN led in Outside Subscriptions to the "Venture".

SENIORS are leading in number on Honor Roll.

JUNIORS lead in Press Club points.

Which is the best class?
We think they're all tops!

VENTURES IN VERSE

I love it, I love it, and who shall dare
To blame me for loving that old school chair.
I'll treasure it long as a coveted prize
I'll bedew it with tears, and embalm it with sighs.

It's bound by a thousand bands to my heart
Not a tie will break, not a link will start.
Would you know why? My education lies there,
And a sacred thing is that old school chair.

In childhood days I often stayed near
To that treasured chair with trusting ear
Alert for the training that light would give
To fit me to work and teach me to live.

Mary Slawinski, '39.

THE GREAT ARTIST

He painted a scene of untold glory
Of the world, its wonders, and called it beauty;
Nature now is disclosing the story
Of Him, great Artist of life and duty.

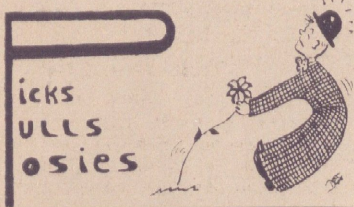
Mary Noonan, '39

Through the Looking-Glass With Peering Polly

The plate glass in the entrance doors at St. Bonaventure's makes an excellent mirror. Here they stand and primp while waiting for the doors to open for the afternoon session. And here are some of the reflections I found there—

Rita's latest coiffure—you know, the one with all the curls on the top of her head and a braid around the bottom . . . Terry's flashy ties . . . Ted's gorgeous white and brown outfit . . . Bill's wavy red hair . . . The unchanging hair styles of the three blond Belfords . . . And, of course, the boys' new casual coats and sweaters, especially Bill's . . . Claudia's hair ribbons . . . Bennie's new shoes . . . Bev's assortment of sweaters . . . St. Bonie's has really adopted the skirt-and-sweater fad this year . . . rather smart; "collegiate-looking" . . . And who likes them because they're not "lace-curtainish"?

Reddish reflections . . . What can it be? Ahhh . . . Rouge and lipstick hiding the natural sweetness of our girls' faces . . . Short skirts . . . Going up? You said it . . . Too far, some of them, to be in accord with what we are taught . . . Typists' red fingernails . . . Ooooo . . . Does that belong there?



And How!

The Biology class was discussing the causes of diabetes.

Eileen T.: "My uncle doesn't eat icecream."

"Why not?"

Eileen: "Because he doesn't like it."

Rita C., to four Freshie boys staying after school: "And what are you kids in for?"

Bright Freshie: "O just for a while."

Hints to Teachers

After placing a problem on the blackboard a geometry teacher who taught Father C. used to say, "Watch the board closely while I go through it."

Who was the bright Sophomore who said that the Holy Rollers were an order in the Catholic church?

It Was a Freshie Again

Father Athanase: "What does this 'e, g.' in our catechism stand for?"

Leonard K., after a moment's solemn thought: "Evil God."

Who is the Junior girl who runs for the chair at the head of the boy's table in the library? Could it possibly be K. D.?

Famous Faculty Remarks

There's no excuse for this coming late! You know what time the freights come through. Why wait until the last minute before you start out?

Intensity In Action

Bob Frischolz at the typewriter; Marvin Jahn cleaning blackboards; Mary Shemek chewing gum; Tony and Arthur working bookkeeping.

Teacher, speaking of the cheapness of excelsior: "Why is it so cheap?"

Vic. T.: "It doesn't cost so much."

Arthur Johnson Heads Senior Bookkeeping Inc.

All hail the president of Senior Bookkeeping, Inc! Arthur Johnson wins the coveted place with a score of 119 in the first Standard Bookkeeping test. The other members of the Board of Directors are: Vice President, Beverly Rich, 118; Treasurer, (so much money) Bill Gerhold, Cliff Mielak, Rita Chambers, 116; Secretary, Tony Jareski, 114. Chief Accountant, Mary Ann Noonan, 111; Office Manager, Eileen Smyth, 109; Head Bookkeeper, Harriett Craig, 108; Ledger Clerk, Betty Mae Kemnitz, 107; Office Boy, Marvin Jahn, 104; Messenger Boy, Gerald Kolbush, 97, are members of the Office Staff.

With these people in charge of the company, the business is sure to flourish.

Famous Ballad of a Famous Class

Presenting the Class of '39
Boys and girls in their teens,
They have their faults—but don't
we all?
I really think they're keen.

Who is it that we never hear?
She's quiet as a mouse,
Eileen, if only we had more
Like you around this house.

Bobbie is our bicycle fan,
She rides to school each day,
We sincerely hope and pray
She won't spill on the way.

Gerald says to his lady friend fair,
"Somebody loves you deep'n true,
And if I wasn't so bashful,
I'd surely tell you who."

If Terry went to Hollywood,
I'm sure that he would be
Another Marx, or Ritz, or Lloyd
In some big company.

I think that I shall never see
A bigger tease than Sal,
No matter what his faults may be,
He's everybody's pal.

Beverly is our model student,
She always does things right,
She has her lessons every day,
And studies late at night.

A lot of things still puzzle us
That Bill has done and said,
But most of all in History class,
Why do Bill's ears get red?

We have a girl named Marian,
Typing is her hobby,
And if she keeps the good work up
Some day she'll type like Bobbie.

Now the boys and girls know Tony,
A ladies' man, I say,
For when he comes into the class,
The girls all glance his way.

Marvin is alert in history,
And knows just how to study,
When the boys don't have their
work,
He then is their buddy.

Stephanie is so blond and sweet
She never speaks out of turn
To see her cheery smile's a treat
As you'll be quick to learn.

Florence Belford is the girl
Who is so very fair,
I sometimes wonder how she keeps
Those waves in her blond hair!

Clifford is a woman hater,
One in the first degree,
But we'll wait and watch him later,
And see what we shall see.

Greggites Vie For Supremacy

Did you know that there is a war going on in our school? Where? In the Shorthand I class! And the best part of it is that you just can't tell who is going to win.

Every time we have a test (and we're having plenty of them) someone else comes out first. One day it's Ellen Marie and then it's Rose; then up to the top goes Ritajean, and first thing you know it's Evelyn. Elizabeth led one day and then it was Maxine. Alice has had her turn a couple of times, and so has Evelyn, while Vernetta and Irene R. have given them a merry chase.

Reading rates are running up, too. The five highest readers are:

Rose Gonka, 167 words per minute; Dolores Pokorski, 155; Florence Mimick, 153; Alice Johnson, 151; Ellen McNair, 149.

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The March of the Flying Fingers is on! Typing periods are all too short for those peppy Juniors in Typing I to bring up their scores and to get perfect papers posted on the bulletin board in the commercial department—and there have been so many there was hardly enough room. The Graph shows Alice Johnson, Rose Gonka, Marjorie Belford, Dolores Pokorski in the lead now; Ted Wozny, Angeline Tworek and Virginia Krzycki and the others are not far behind.

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Latin Clubs Meet to Wage Word War

The Roman people, consisting of the Juniors and Sophomores in Latin III and II, and Freshmen in Latin I convened for business and pleasure in their first joint meeting on September 22. Twenty-five Patricians answered "adsum" to the roll call of Censor Rose Gonka, while Quaestor Gloria Mae Gerber checked in thirty-five Plebeians who signified their presence with any Latin word.

Patricians were the victors in the vocabulary war; Elaine McNair, Jacqueline Boettcher and Esther Zoucha led in the Latin word-building contests.

A short period following the meeting was spent socially.

CERTIFICATES SET GOAL FOR SCHOOL

The Quill & Scroll Society's certificate testifying to "Distinctive Achievements in Scholastic Journalism" and the awarding of Second Place to the "Venture," and the Catholic School Press Association's All-Catholic Honor Certificate have been artistically framed and placed in St. Bonaventure High's main hall.

Visitors cannot fail to see them; ought-to-be journalists cannot miss them; 1937-38 staff members eye them daily with satisfaction; and 1938-39 staff members stare at them with a determined look which one can only interpret as a resolution to do as well or better or die in the attempt.

GIRLS MAKE FIRST-DOWNS

Ready! Go! And on and on speed the nimble fingers. Hooks and curves multiply in the notebooks as future secretaries and court reporters strain every muscle to catch and record every word of those Gregg Shorthand tests.

Now to the typewriters! Soon the transcripts are handed in. O Sister, did I make it? Did I? Yes, Beverly, your 80-word is satisfactory; and you, too, Harriet, Rita, Eileen, Betty Mae and Mary, have passed the 60-word.

Good work!

WOULD YOU ENJOY ONE LIKE THIS?

Frank Zapla almost perished in the greatest blizzard in the history of the state of Nebraska, in January in the year of 1888. One day it had been so warm that men went about with their shirt sleeves rolled up. Suddenly the wind changed from the northwest, its velocity increasing each minute, blowing large flakes and later changing into smaller ones which came like shots from a gun. Men driving their teams could not see five feet ahead. The velocity of the wind increased to 56 miles an hour and the mercury fell to 34 degrees below zero within a few hours. The storm lasted three days. Two weeks passed before news began to come from the farms and ranches into the town and not until then was it learned that over 1,200 people lost their lives in that blizzard. My grandfather's best neighbor friend lost his life trying to save his little sister.

Florence Zapla, '42.

Throngs Worship Eucharistic King

Fervor and devotion marked the three days of the Forty Hours Devotion at St. Bonaventure's which opened on the 17th. Perhaps the knowledge that the entire nation was united at the same time in paying public homage to the King of Kings at the Eucharistic Congress made us more zealous and anxious to do our part. Many of the students received Holy Communion on all three days; while the entire student body joined in the hour of adoration which had been assigned them.

Gym Dream Holds Sway at Meeting

The necessity of making provisions for accommodating the rapidly increasing enrollment of St. Bonaventure's grade and high school was the subject of Rev. Father Athanase's address to the members of the faculty and parents of students assembled in the Auditorium for an informal meeting. "A new home for the Sisters will enable us to turn considerable space in this building over to school purposes—and then there's a new Gymnasium; it has to come, and we must find ways and means to get it."

A group of high school students had prepared the program. It consisted of a Piano Duet, "Minuet," Ellen Marie McNair and Virginia Krzycki; Recitation, "The White Owl," Ritajeau Cady; Vocal Trio, "Wiegenlied," Betty Mae Kemnitz, first soprano, Harriet Craig, alto, and Beverly Rich, second soprano; Recitation, "Not Licked," Mary Ann Noonan; Piano solo, "Alpine Glow," by Dolores Pokorski.

LONG-AWAITED EQUIPMENT ARRIVES

No longer need we worry about renting music for dancing. As usual, Rev. Father Athanase has come to the rescue, and now we can trip the light fantastic to our heart's content.

An Airline Sound System, consisting of a 25-watt electric operated, nine-tube amplifier, complete with record player, microphone and two 12-inch loud speakers is being installed especially for the High School. It will be ready for use for the Hallowe'en Party. Many thanks, Father Athanase!

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Pre - Thanksgiving Assembly Ready School Organizations Unite in Varied Program

With the spirit of Thanksgiving in the air, members of various school organizations are busy preparing the program for the pre-holiday convocation.

Songs by the Glee Clubs under the direction of Sister M. Theresa, selections by the Dramatics club, with Sister M. Ethelfrieda in charge, and music by the re-organized school orchestra under the leadership of Sister M. Clarentia promise a high-class and varied program.

Selection.....High School Orchestra
Thanksgiving.....Dolores Woerth
"Morning Invitation," Song.....
.....Girls' Glee Club
"Darkey's Dance," Reading.....
.....Jacqueline Boettcher
"Home," Musical Reading.....Mary
Ann Noonan; Piano, Beverly Rich
"America and Her Future," Oration
.....Loretta Jaax
"The Old Barn Dance," Song.....
.....Senior Boys
"Storm on Lake Michigan".....
.....Marie Woerth, Elaine McNair
"Spring Song," Instrumental Duet
.....Virginia Krzycki, Ellen McNair
"Mickey at the Movies".....
.....Rita Chambers
Selection.....High School Orchestra

Clever Magician Mystifies Many

Leonard Shemek was doubtful whether he wanted to intrust his hat to a magician. But Ralph Pierce, the magician, who gave two performances in the school auditorium, returned the hat safe and "dry" after "making candy" in it.

Mystifying indeed were the many "tricks" which he performed with the assistance of his aide, Miss Lois Lake. Two features of the program included filling a box, into which had been placed a lady's head, with swords and sabres, and another, the shooting of a canary into an electric light bulb.

He appeared privately for the President and his family three years ago, and a second time last year. Next February he is booked for the third time as a presidential entertainer at a New York City party for President Roosevelt.

CHEERS RESOUND FOR NEW CHEER LEADERS

With rousing cheers the student body assembled to elect cheer leaders to urge basketball team on to victory. Enthusiastic demonstrations were given by Beverly Rich, Connie Dickey, Virginia Krzycki and Rita Chambers, and Fritz Gerber.

By means of a standing vote Fritz Gerber and Rita Chambers were chosen to fill the cheer-leading shoes left vacant by Doris Kohlund and Angela Moersen.

THANKSGIVING

O Lord, we thank thee for this day
For friends who gather near
Amid this atmosphere so gay
To share this festive cheer.
We thank Thee for our parents dear
And for the home we love,
For all the favors of this year
Bestowed by Him above.
We thank Thee for this Nation
strong
And for those who made it free
For all these things we join in song
But most of all for Thee.
Mary Ann Noonan, '39.

Mission Spirit Stirs Sodalists

Aroused by reports and pleas from the mission fields, and spurred on by the address of Rev. Father Colman, St. Bonaventure Sodality Girls have swung into action to form a vanguard for the valiant mission aries at home and abroad.

At the meeting on Nov. 8, 60 girls listened intently to members impersonating bishops, priests, and nuns. They were: Bishop Considine of East Africa, Evelyn Schroeder; Bishop Candy, Philippines, Betty Mae Kemnitz; Bishop Yu Pin, China, Leone Smythe; Maryknoll Sisters, Elaine Borowiak and Irene Reiferrath; a missionary to the Indian in America, Virginia Krzycki. As a result, Sodalists signed up for Daily Holy Communion for the missions under the leadership of Alice Johnson, chairman of the Eucharistic Committee.

A city-wide stamp drive was then organized, with Constance Dickey in charge. The girl bringing in the most stamps by Christmas is to be crowned Mission Queen.

Eileen Smythe, speaking for Our Lady's Committee, discussed "Personality," while Mary Noonan contributed the recipe for a charming personality.

Juniors furnished the entertainers: "Christ, the King," Sodalists; vocal solo, Margaret Morgan; saxophone, Vernetta Schroeder; vocal solo, Ritajeane Cady; musical trio, Dolores Pokorski, accordion; Vernetta Schroeder, saxophone, and Virginia Krzycki, piano.

Father Ohleyer, O. F. M., to Conduct Annual Retreat

Senior Brings Peace Message

"War is in the air. Is it inevitable? Most people think it is not, if every ounce of energy is used to promote peace. Winston Churchill says: 'Even persons of the meanest intelligence or the least excitable imagination are aware that another world war—like the last, only worse—will certainly break civilization.'"

With these words Robert Dietz, senior, opened the Armistice Day program in St. Bonaventure's hall. Thoroughly imbued with the importance of the subject, Robert, in true oratorical style, held the interest of his audience throughout his address, which dealt with the fight for world peace and interdependence. He proved to the student body that no possible good can come from war; that no peace-minded person wants war.

Continuing, Robert quoted Cicero, the great Roman orator, and said: "War should be undertaken by a highly civilized state only to preserve either its religion or its existence. There are two ways of ending a dispute—discussion and force; the latter is simply that of brute beasts; the former is proper to beings gifted with reason."

The speaker concluded his remarks by saying that "Our great heroes—our great leaders, and common soldiers—have fought and died, not that there should be no more wars, but that the world might have permanent peace."

The program also included "America, the Beautiful," and "My Country 'Tis of Thee," by the audience. A vocal solo by Beverly Rich, who impersonated a Red Cross nurse, sang "An Angel Missing from Heaven."

In conclusion, Father Athanase described the real Armistice day—a treat for those who did not live so many years ago.

Exercises Scheduled For December 5-8

Rev. Leo Ohleyer, O. F. M., Lector in Sacred Eloquence, and Superior of the Franciscan Friary in St. Louis, Mo., has been chosen to conduct the annual retreat for the students of St. Bonaventure's this year.

The exercises, which are being planned so as to result in the greatest benefit to the participants, will begin with a high mass on Monday, Dec. 5, and will include lectures on topics of vital importance to the youth of today, as well as a question for the solution of individual difficulties. There will also be lectures in the evening for other Catholic boys and girls in the city.

Retreat will close on the Feast of the Immaculate Conception with reception of new members into the Sodality of Our Blessed Lady.

Guests Frolic at Gay Social Event

Capable hosts! So the Sodality Girls decided after spending a most enjoyable evening as guests of the Junior Holy Name Boys. Nothing was forgotten—from the Welcome Song to the distribution of prizes to holders of lucky numbers. And such prizes!

Tables had been arranged around the edge of the room, leaving plenty of room for "swinging it." Between dances the guests were delighted with the various exhibitions of talent by their hosts. There was a skit, "Sonny Boy," by Terry Lachnit and Fritz Gerber; a "Professor Quiz Program," by Ted Wozny, James McKown, Arthur Johnson, Bob Frischholz, Cliff Mielak and Myron Novicki; also a trumpet solo, "True Love," by Eddie Welch. The entertainment program was climaxed by a "Sal Fletcher and Cliff Mielak" dramatization of "If Men Did As Women Do." There was even ice cream and cake, and all served by the boys without any outside help!

AWARD AWAITING HONOR STUDENT

The Catholic Daughters of America have again offered a scholarship of \$25 to the senior student of St. Bonaventure's who fulfills the requirements.

These include four years' attendance at this school and the highest scholastic average for the four years in academic subjects. In order to be eligible, however, such a student must be approved by the faculty as a leader in citizenship, which is to include service to the school, leadership, character, and deportment.

The Inquiring Reporter

Your inquiring reporter again poked his nose hither and yon and ended up in the Junior homeroom discussing hobbies.

Most popular hobby among the boys was collecting stamps. Those interested were James McKown, Clem Zoucha and Francis Murphy.

Not to be outdone a great many of the girls have scrap books. And I'll bet they're "honeys". Florence Mimick, Evelyn Schroeder, Rose Gonka, Constance Dickey, Ritajeane Cady and Margaret Morgan are scrap book fans.

This is one hobby I would really like to get a peek into; Ellen McNair's diary. How about it Ellen?

Ted Wozny scorns material hobbies and states that he likes to collect friends. Do you put them in a book Ted, or just keep them in a drawer?

Tie pins, scrap books, souvenirs and what have you, Virginia Krzycki's hobby.

Marjorie Belford prefers knitting. Alice Johnson likes to clip pictures of movie stars. Which is your favorite Alice? Robert Taylor?

Shirley Temple and the Quintuplets caught Veronica Malloy's eye and she clips pictures of them.

Taxidering would be Lambert Smollen's hobby. He finds it fun to skin animals and stuff them.

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Let Us Give Thanks!

Thanksgiving! What does this day mean to us? Is it merely a day of feasting and merry making? If so, just analyze the world for a minute. Does it mean to offer thanks? "To whom?" "What for?" you may ask. To God, for everything, is the simple answer.

This year show the true Thanksgiving spirit. We have so much to be thankful for, each and every one of us. What if you are not wealthy? Is wealth all we live for? We have good health, a home, with the protection and guidance of good parents; we have friends who are always willing to aid us—to say nothing of all the spiritual gifts which we daily receive.

Then, let us give thanks for the great privilege of living in the United States. Peace, democracy, and religious freedom are all experienced in our country—and look at Germany and Spain!

As we offer our prayers on this day, let's just stop and THINK. We'll find that the list of things for which we owe thanks will never come to an end. Try it and see.

It Is Happening Here.

This question was asked by one of the students the other day after reading the article "Democracy and Its Counterfeits" in the Sunday Visitor: "Do you really think the Reds could establish a dictatorship in the United States?"

It is no longer a matter of what I think or what you think. Facts can be given, numbers cited, and quotations repeated. A Red Dictatorship can be set up and will be set up in American unless something is done to prevent it. Already there are 6,500,000 people under the influence of the Reds. The American League for Peace and Democracy, whose members have the idea that the organization is to promote peace, has a membership of 4,300,000, and is under the control of the Communists.

And yet someone asks can this very thing be done. It is up to the students of the world over to understand exactly what Communism and Fascism is. For it is the younger people that are being drawn into these circles. The youth of today will make the governing power of tomorrow.

But how are we, the youth, supposed to discern the right from the wrong? We pick up any magazine, paper or pamphlet, and we are bound to find something about Communism. The writers of such articles are so clever that when they weave their story together it seems reasonable and the best thing for all concerned. We form our conclusions. Then someone tells us just the opposite and we are in a muddle. Oh, struggling youth! So young, to decide such intricate problems.

We, as Catholic students should form our conclusions from what Catholic writers say on the subject. The Nazis in Germany and Austria charge that the church is "in politics." This the Pope denies. The Church works hand in hand with the State and George Washington said: "Religion and morality are the props of society and the pillars of the State." When such forces as Communism and Fascism begin to affect the followers as to what is right?

Much depends on the conclusions that we, the youth of the nation, make. We are in the molding stage and the lines and curves and formations that are made in this stage will harden and make the finished model.

What Does An Atheist Think About?

Edison gained fame for discovering electricity; Alexander Graham Bell is considered great because he invented the telephone; Marconi is lauded for having inaugurated the use of the wireless. Great Inventors, yes. But how often do we think of the greatest Inventor of all? He who made the electricity for Edison to discover, He who produced the things wherewith Bell invented the telephone, He who created the mind of Marconi? We ever think of Him as an inventor? The inventor of life and death? God is this great Inventor.

Was there ever a greater invention than the world, the sun, the moon, the infinity of stars—the whole universe? What human mind could ever conceive such a plan of uniformity! How really great God must be! Some man thinks of a great idea, and we call him a genius—a master mind. What word, then, could we find to describe God? Truly, there is none to adequately describe Him—the Great Inventor.

THE FORUM

When something good is offered for nothing, one usually makes use of it, doesn't he? How many make use of the first class magazines offered here in our school? Some of the best obtainable are to be found on our library tables. Foremost among the Catholic papers is the "Sign," which contains splendid articles on Communism, conditions in Spain and Mexico—where you can get the Catholic slant on world affairs. Then there's the Catholic Digest, St. Anthony's Messenger, Franciscan Herald, Catholic Boy. Among the newspapers are to be found the Daily Catholic Tribune, Sunday Visitor, True Voice, and others. Some of our time each day might very profitably be devoted to "reading up" on Catholic affairs.

VENTURES IN VERSE

Joyous and ever loyal,
Let us boost St. Bonie's High.
Let every heart sing,
Let every voice ring,
There's no time to grieve or sigh.
It's "Ever Onward" our course pursuing;

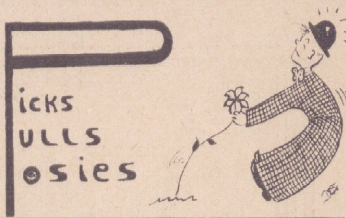
May defeat our ardor ne'er cool
But, united, we'll boost for her,
Our St. Bonie's High School.
Stephania Slusarski, '39.

St. Bonie's High shout to the sky,
She's first in all the land.
Her students form a mighty arm,
Joined together hand in hand.

St. Bonie's High, St. Bonie's High,
Our Alma Mater dear.
She stands for heart, she stands for mind,
For this we cheer and cheer.
Beverly Rich, '39.

Peering Polly Goes To the Fire

The first settlement was James-town and was . . . Hey! what's that? The fire bell!!!! Hurry on get in line and let's go down the fire escape . . . What? "Ladies first." Oh thanks Sal. That's mighty nice of you . . . I smell smoke too. It really must be a fire. Oh gosh, supposin' the school really is on fire. I don't see any smoke though since I'm down here. But look! Here comes Father and some men. They're going in the basement. Say!!! what's going on here, anyway???? . . . Gee! I'm freezin' to death. I wish I had my coat . . . Good grief! Who's that going back up the fire escape? It's Sal. Oooooo come back Sal. You might get killed. Please Sal, I'll never be mean to you again only please, please come down. (sob) Thank heaven. (sigh) He's come down. He went up after his coat and all the time I thought . . . Well, will you look at Ellen Marie crying and all those girls around her. They really must love their old Alma Mater. Well, don't we all though?? . . . Well, I still don't see anything. I'm beginning to think it's a fake . . . no, they're bringing Mr. Schmid out of the basement. Boys, go help Father with him. It looks like he's unconscious . . . Oh Ellen, control yourself . . . Well, there's Sister telling us to come up. I guess it's all over. Don't stumble on these steps . . . Gee, will this ever make keen news for the "Venture"? Gosh it's cold up here, but the windows will have to stay open for a while, at least until . . . Wh-wha-what's that? Oh I beg your pardon Sister. Will you please repeat the question?



Is That So?

Dineen—What I can't see, Eddie, is why you eat at the cafe all the time. I hear your mother is a wonderful cook.

Eddie W.—Why, of course, my mother is a wonderful cook. I never eat at the cafe unless I'm hungry.

Fall weddings are playing havoc with school attendance. Seniors? Oh, no! (Not yet.) Just some of their brothers and sisters.

"Music, Maestro, Please," so "Let's Face the Music and Dance" 'till "Three O'Clock in the Morning" and then "Show Me the Way to Go Home" where Pop said he would "Keep the Home Fires Burning." Whisper "Three Little Words," then say "Good Night, Sweetheart" 'till "Monday Morning." Then "Let's Turn Out the Lights and Go to Sleep" only to see "Pink Elephants." Ah, me, "That Certain Age!"

Sophomore Version

Sliva had a little lamb,
It's fleas were black as coal,
And everywhere that Sliva went
The fleas were sure to stroll.

Sister F (to Freshie Girls)—"You may take your books and pass out."
P. S.—They did.

What's the matter girls, are you getting so old you can't bend your knees any more? Your stockings? Isn't an act of adoration to God worth a runner?

Armfuls of posies to the Holy Name Boys for the most enjoyable evening they gave the girls.

Do You Remember Way Back When—

It was so hot that school was dismissed at 2:30?

The covers on our books were clean?

Everybody had his own ink?
No one borrowed paper and pencils?

Class A-plus Movies

Mr. Doodle Kicks Off: Bennie Nosal.

Sing, You Sinners: Glee Club.

Three Comrades: Belfords.

Night Out for Murder: The Staff.

The Raven: Adrian Smolen.

After the Thin Man: Helen Hengler.

My Man, Godfrey: Richard Reifnerath.

Alexander's Rag Time Band: Orchestra.

Ceiling Zero: Leonard Kobus.

Garden of Allah: St. Boni's.

Double or Nothing: Angeline and Philip.

The Firefly: Reynold Liss.

Merrily We Live: The Seniors.

King of Newsboys: Frank Murphy.

The Joy of Living: G & G.

Start Cheering: Cheer section.

Test Pilot: Kenneth Dietering.

When G-Men Step In: The Fathers.

Sister E.—Who's missing?
Rita L.—Elizabeth Bernecki.
Sister E.—She is no more.

Mary Sly. (On a Cold Day)—This is a bad day for the race.
Florence B.—What race?
Mary—The human race.

.. ATHLETICS ..

Shamrocks to Play Monroe in Opener

The Shamrocks will make their basketball debut of the season in the Kramer High gym Dec. 9 against Monroe. Last year the Monroe team tumbled before the Shamrocks, 30-4.

When Coach Ernst called for the first practice, he had five lettermen returning. This is Ernst's third year as Coach of the Shamrocks.

The schedule is not yet completed but most of last year's foes are again on the roster. Genoa and Bellwood are two new teams that have been added to the line of hoped-for victims. There will be about fourteen games on the schedule.

The Holy Name Society will sponsor the team this year and will have charge of season tickets, transportation, etc.

Fr. Colman, a former basketball coach, promises to lend enthusiasm to the Shamrocks. He will accompany the team on most of their out-of-town games.

Cliff Mielak Only Regular Returning

Basketball! That is the thought foremost in the minds of students now. The boys are anxious to start practice as there will be four vacancies on the first team to be filled. Cliff Mielak is the only regular man returning. Others on the first team of last year who will be back are Gerald Kolbush, Bill Jaworski, Terry Lachnit, Robert Dietz, and Sal Fletcher.

Working hard to make the first team are Marvin Jahn, Lester Morgan, Tony Jarecki, Ted Wozny, Victor Teracinski, Bernard Fletcher, Louis Briggs.

When Coach Paul Ernst calls the roll at first practice, about forty will answer the call—the largest number ever to report in the history of St. Bonaventure High, which might indicate that Coach Ernst has the making of another championship team to work with.

Famous Ballad of a Famous Class

Mary Noonan flies round and round
To answer call on call
Her name should be "Miss Reference
Book,"
Her motto is "Help All."

When Speck picks up his weary
head,
And sturdily plods along,
He always seems to get nowhere,
For his work is never done.

Betty's now sweet seventeen
And loves the open air,
I never saw such golden gleams
As run through that gal's hair!

She's head of all the Sodalists
And small as small can be,
"I'm not red-headed," she insists,
"It's brown, now can't you see?"

And now for busy Genevieve,
The last but not the least.
Books and typing and hard work
Are to her a constant feast.

If anyone has burned midnight oil,
I'm sure it's this year's class,
With all the worry, fret and toil,
It's strange if we don't pass.

Arthur Johnson, our class nomad,
Who migrates Spring and Fall,
We've never yet seen cross or sad,
A record best of all.

Mary Shemek's fetching laughter
Is heard throughout the day
It wings up to the highest rafter
Till shadows go away.

Of all the noisy boys in school,
Fritz Gerber beats them all,
He likes to stir things up a bit
From teachers get a call.

It seems to me if we could know
Just what she likes the best,
Mary Alice would choose, we do believe,
A nice, long, peaceful rest.

Loretta wants to be a nurse,
But to Congress she's sure to go,
For in our speaking class she's first,
The public won't take "No!"

Jap is a man who plays for keeps
And when he takes a notion
You couldn't stop him any more
Than a dam could stop the ocean.

I'll wager that success will come
To stately Harriet,
She's sure to have glory and fame . . .
If she has to use a lariat.

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**JUNIOR TYPISTS
PLAY FOOTBALL**

Football tournaments are quite the fashion these days. Daily many fingers, nimble and otherwise, trip merrily over the keys trying to score for Nebraska, or Notre Dame, or Purdue, or California.

In a contest "typed off" among the girls Alice Johnson and Rose Gonka were unable to defeat each other and it ended in a tie.

NEW JUNIOR ENROLLS

Juniors are elated over the addition of a new member to their ranks. Mae Nosal, formerly of St. Francis High at Humphrey, brings the enrollment of St. Bonaventure's to 140. Mae says it didn't take her long to feel at home, and she likes the spirit of her new Alma Mater.

**SOPHOMORES DISPLAY
ARTISTIC TALENT**

Sister Theresa is discovering that there is some real talent among the students in her Geometry class. Beautifully made constructions come to life under the artistic fingers of—yes—the boys! The collection will form part of the exhibit planned for the end of the school year.

**FRESHMEN LATIN
ENVY OF CICERO**

The Freshmen have taken to Latin like ducks to water. Vocabularies, Declensions, Conjugations, translations—mere trifles in these young lives. In a recent vocabulary contest it was found impossible to get ten of the girls off the floor. Not so bad for Freshies, eh?

**JUNIORS COMMEMORATE
EDUCATION WEEK**

A Radio program, featuring various addresses on Education and its value was the method used by the Junior English Class to celebrate Education Week.

**NEW MEMBERS ADDED
TO JUNIOR HOLY NAME**

The Freshmen, and a Senior, Tony Jarecki, are proudly displaying the new pins received when they were admitted into the Holy Name Society last Sunday. Over a hundred members were guests of the ladies at the breakfast served after the Reception at the 7:30 Holy Mass.

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**Holy Name Boys
in First Meeting**

With President Terry Lachnit in charge, Holy Name Boys at their first meeting, set the wheels in motion for an active year.

The annual party honoring Sodality Girls was planned, dues were discussed and settled, arrangements made for reception of new members. Father Colman, too, as Moderator, addressed the boys on the origin and purpose of the Holy Name society.

**SCHOOL DANCES
POPULAR AS EVER**

"When are we going to have the next school dance?" These and like comments are evidence of the success the Juniors are achieving in sponsoring these school-spirit-building activities.

Co-operation is the keynote of the whole affair—Juniors make and sell the tickets; Freshmen, Sophomores and Seniors respond wholeheartedly (although they do love to tease Constance and Ellen Marie); willing artists contribute to the in-between novelties; chaperons are helpful in "easing along" the amateur dancers; Father Athanase gives us that feeling of safety by his presence; Father Colman keeps everybody in good spirits—and Bob Frischholz at the amplifier takes a lot of worry off the minds of the Officers.

**Staff Entertains
Freshman Winners**

People stared and gave frightened shouts on Hallowe'en evening when ghosts, witches, and goblins gathered to make merry. The party was given for the Freshmen, with the staff playing hosts, as a reward for having brought in the most subscriptions to the "Venture."

Ghosts met them at the door and escorted them to the decorated auditorium, where they shook the clammy hand of another ghost. The proverbial black cat was killed, and other Hallowe'en games were played. The feature of the evening was a trip through the "Chamber of Horrors." Here the trembling and screaming Freshies were introduced to Jo-Jo, the dog-faced boy, and shown the torture chambers. But they were not really disturbed until they heard the shrieks of people being tortured and the rattle of the chains.

Came time for refreshments—begorry! Maybe there are spirits—for the "eats" had disappeared!

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**Anyone Like This
Among Our Girls?**

Tick, tock, tick, tock! Just about time to sound my alarm and try to wake Kate, my mistress. I know I'm going to have a hard time, because she sat up until eleven last night, reading a magazine, and I know the English homework isn't finished.

Brrrrng! Brrrrng! Not a stir out of her! Well, if at first you don't succeed, try, try again. Brrrrng! Brrrrng! Ah! Results at last! Oh, why doesn't she hurry? Doesn't she know she'll be late for Mass? I wish I had two strong arms to reach out and push her! What! a button missing on her dress? A pin will have to do. Too late to do anything now. At last! She's ready for breakfast. A lot of good it will do her, the way she's gulping it down. There she is picking up her books. Just thought of her homework. She'll just have to try the old trick of hiding behind the next one. Out of the house on a half run. The same story—just a couple of minutes late.

Ho, hum, tick, tock!! Wonder if there are any more Kates in the world!

The leading feature of the Latin club meeting was the vocabulary contest in which the Freshman Plebians were victorious over the Junior-Sophomore Patricians. Freshmen as hosts also presented a series of charades depicting Latin verbs. They were not courteous to their guests since they also defeated them in a Latin word-building contest.

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Change in Faculty Upsets High School

Sr. Lina's Withdrawal Due to Ill Health

With heavy hearts did the students learn that, due to doctor's orders, Ven. Sr. Lina is forced to take a complete rest and will not be able to teach for some time. Sister taught the commercial subjects—bookkeeping, shorthand, typing—and Latin I. The Juniors were fortunate in having her for their adviser and the Sodality depended upon her advice and help. The Staff will greatly miss her supervision in editing the "Venture."

Due to Sr. Lina's absence, many changes have been made. Ven. Sr. Richardis of Gallup, New Mexico, has filled the vacancy in the faculty. She will have charge of the Freshmen homeroom as well as teaching English I and II, citizenship and biology. Sr. Friedebertha has taken over the duties of Sophomore adviser and will teach the history classes, English III and IV, and civics.

The Seniors have moved back to Room 3 with a part of the Junior class, where Sr. Theresa has charge. Sr. Ethelfrieda supervises the remaining Juniors in Room 2 and teaches the commercial subjects and algebra. Sr. Friedebertha has been appointed moderator of the Sodality.

Father Stresses Clean Literature

"There is too much unclean literature on the market for the youth of today." This was the gist of the talk Father Athanas delivered to the parents and teachers in the second joint meeting of its kind. Father continued on the subject of literature, current and clean.

This was the second confab between the parents and teachers held in the Auditorium. These meetings give the parents a chance to become better acquainted with the teachers and learn what their children are doing in school.

A program was presented by the high school students. A one-act skit, "Sparkin'," a darky monologue, by Jacqueline Boettcher, a song by the Glee Club, two piano solos by Virginia Krzycki, and a monologue by Rita Chambers comprised the entertainment. Father's talk followed and then an informal time was enjoyed.

Holy Name Society Will Hold Bingo

WHAT: Bingo Party.
WHERE: Social Hall.
WHEN: January 9.
WHAT FOR: The Basketball Team.
BY WHOM: The Holy Name Society.

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS DEO



BETHLEHEM LULABY

<p>Mary "Lullaby Loveliness, sleep my De-light, While my heart bursts in music and love; While angels sing melodies all through the night, And stars glimmer in gladness above."</p>	<p>Joseph "Then step softly in, ye shepherds and kings, Where Sharon's Rose clings to her breast; And kneel at the feet of the Virgin who sings Her God and her baby to rest." —Mary Slawinski.</p>
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JR. HOLY NAME PLAN TO PRESENT PLAYLET

At the second Junior Holy Name meeting, the plan was presented to have a play for the benefit of the basketball team. This play is to be sponsored and put on by the members of the Junior Holy Name.

Rev. Fr. Colman opened the meeting with a prayer, after which the minutes of the last meeting were read. The business meeting followed. Fr. Colman gave a most interesting and inspiring talk on St. John Don Bosco, whose work was similar to Fr. Flanagan's. The meeting was closed with a prayer.

The rest of the evening was spent in an informal manner.

CANDIDATES RECEIVED INTO SODALITY

The Feast of the Immaculate Conception was again the occasion of the reception of candidates into the Children of Mary Sodality. The candidates were Freshmen girls, who have expressed their desire to become members by receiving communion the past few months with the other Sodalists and attending the meetings.

Before the Holy Mass the candidates rose in their places and expressed their desire to become Children of Mary. They then recited the acts of faith, hope and charity. In a body they went to the communion railing, where they received their medals and were pronounced worthy members of the Sodality.

Increase Shown In Second Honor Roll

Seniors Prove Superiority With Highest Number

With the second six weeks a thing of the past, the Seniors are proving that they are scholars. The Upper-classmen again lead the Honor Roll with a number of twelve—three more than last time. The Juniors and Sophomores have the same number and the Freshmen dropped one from their ranks.

Seniors that made the grade with four A's are: Mary Noonan, Loretta Jaax, Eileen Smythe, Harriett Craig, and Beverley Rich. Those with three A's are: Arthur Johnson, Helen Henggeler, Tony Jareski, Barbara Podgurski, Florence Belford, William Gerhold, and Rita Chambers.

Only one Junior made the four A's class: Alice Johnson. Ellen McNair, Rose Gonka, and Irene Reifernath each have three A's.

Where are the Sophomores? Only one—Elaine Borowiak, has three A's.

Four A's has Emelia Donnelly. Gloria Gerber, Ann Duracinski, Patricia Jarecki, Leone Smythe, Dolores Woerth, have three A's.

Christmas Cheer Spread by Grades

With songs and dances, the grade school children spread Christmas cheer in their annual program. From the tiniest first grade pupil to the highest eighth grade student, each one did his best.

The High School orchestra with its inspiring melodies lent Christmas spirit to all.

Opening March, "Yuletide Echoes,"—High School Orchestra.

"Jingle Bells," Chorus—Boys of Grade 4 and 6.

"Kris Kringle Is Coming," Song and Dance—Luella Zabawa.

"Dainty Little Stockings," Playlet and Song—Grade 1.

"Dreaming of Santa Claus," Piano Duet—Agnes Fix and Lillian Dietz.

"The Dolls' Hospital," Playlet—Girls of Grade 2.

"My Dolly Is Sick," Song—Grade 2.

"Jimmy My Puppy" Song—Grade 2.

"Beautiful Thoughts for Christmas," two-part song—Grade 7.

Christmas Carols, Junior Harmonica Band—Grade 7.

"Just 'Fore Christmas," Recitation—Boys of Grade 3.

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Seniors Elated

Over Class Rings

Why are some of the Seniors displaying their hands so much? Could it be their Class Rings? They are mighty nice. The preference goes to onyx sets, although there are some who like the ruby set better.

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What Will My Reading of Catholic Literature Mean to Me in Later Life?

One of the greatest tributes that has ever been paid to literature is the censorship which the state and the church have found necessary to levy upon it. It is said that the nobility of France laughed at the first edition of Rousseau's "Social Contract," but the second edition was bound in the hides of those who had laughed at the first. The Church will for good reasons give scholars a dispensation to read books that are on the index, but that dispensation is like a military permission to visit the firing zone. It saves one from court martial, but it is no guarantee against flying bullets. We all know that Ernest Renan read himself out of the Church and that Newman read himself into it.

What will my reading of Catholic literature mean to me in later life? It will have fashioned an attitude of mind that we can call Catholic-mindedness. It will result in my being an educated person, trained to think and to judge the affairs of men in a Christ-like manner. It will make my living most worth-while, for it will have helped me to that ideal which the heavenly Father had in mind for me when He created me. My secure position in society will be envied by all those who are befuddled and wearied with the job of living. With the aid of God's grace my life will be an influence upon others, and I, cooperating with the efforts of my coreligionists, shall help these others into the Church, I shall help make the world one and happy again, as it was before the blight of the Reformation.

Rev. Herbert O'H. Walker, S. J.

What Do These Feast Days Mean to Me?

Within the short span of a month, Holy Mother the Church celebrates three great feast days; Feast of the Immaculate Conception, Christmas and the Circumcision.

Mary, the only person ever to have been born without the taint of sin, is honored on December 8. How very, very holy must she have been all through her life. Dedicated to God! Mother of Christ! Mother of God! We should pray to Mary, the Virgin Mother, every day. We ought always have her before us as our model—the model of purity, docility, and charity.

The second of these great feasts is Christmas. Christ's Mass! The greatest of all feast days? Some say yes, some say no. Nevertheless it is on this day God kept his promise. That promise which He made in the Garden of Eden and which the people prayed for years might be fulfilled. How great must God's love be, to send His only Son to this earth to be mocked, scorned, scourged, and finally crucified! Oh, Infant Babe, on this day of days, let Thy tender love shine on everyone throughout the world. Let guns cease their firing and all strife be put aside. Let it be, "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth, peace to men of good will."

Seven days after this, is celebrated the Circumcision. We, who are so proud should learn a lesson from this feast. Christ did not have to be circumcised. He was God. But to teach us that we should subject ourselves to the law, He observed the Jewish rights.

How do we celebrate these feast days? Do we look forward to them as a time when we don't have to go to school, when we can fill our tummies, and have a good time. On these days we should think of more than these earthly desires. Think of the cause of these free days. Oh, if only we would stop a few minutes, and think of what this mad world is leading us to!

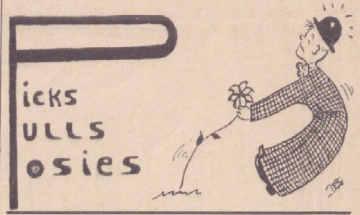
Dedication.

In appreciation for the excellent work done towards our school paper and the wonderful training we have received in journalism, we dedicate this volume of the Venture to our beloved Staff Sponsor, Ven. Sister M. Lina who has on account of ill health been obliged to discontinue work at St. Bonaventure.

May our wish, that she will soon be able to be with us again, come true.

Greetings

Merry Christmas to the Venerable Teachers, pupils and their parents and to all friends of St. Bonaventure High. May the peace, brought to the world by the Babe of Bethlehem, fill your hearts on the birthday anniversary of the Christ Child. May real joy gladden your hearts on this day of days—Christmas. From the shepherds, to whom the glad tidings were first announced, let us learn how to merit real peace and joy on Christmas day—simplicity and faith, humility and love, obedience and good will. Like the shepherds "let us—in spirit—go over to Bethlehem and let us see this word that is come to pass which the Lord hath showed to us. "Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace to men of good will."
Fr. Athanase, O. F. M.



IN PHYSICS CLASS

Bill Gerhold: Now, Ted, look here, let me explain. If a block of lead is counterbalanced in air on an open equal arm balance by a block of aluminum, the lead will appear heavier when both are immersed in water.

Ted Wozny: I don't believe it.

Who says Sal couldn't be a doctor? He certainly demonstrated his ability when Harriett "keeled over." If you don't believe it, ask the victim.

Ted W: Fifty per cent of the married people are women.

Fritz: Oh no. Some of 'em have two wives.

Sal, quite restless, one day in school got up and closed the door.

Sr. F.: That isn't a very good seat for you Sal. You're always running around.

Sal (having the Retreat in mind): I've got bad thoughts.

What's this we hear about someone wishing they had all the money that someone else spent at Welch's?

THE FORUM

When Christmas time comes, every boy and girl can be found looking longingly into shop windows at the gorgeous displays. I wonder what they would find if they stopped to see what they had done for the Christ Child. Is their heart full of gifts or is it darkened by greediness? God gives us all these things so why shouldn't we give Him something in return? Let one and all give Him the gifts of adoration, love and unselfishness.

Peering Polly Visits Santa Claus

This is the place, Mom. It said in the paper that Santa would be in Jordon's Department store . . . Sure, you can tell it, mom. Look at all the kids going down to the basement. Gee, I hope he hasn't given all the candy away yet . . . Say, Mom, there's some of the kids from my room, the Seniorgartners. See, there's Sal, Speck, and Terry . . . Aw, mom, did you see them push those little kids away. They must be in a hurry. Well, at least, they got up to Santa . . . Look, he's patting Terry's head. Don't it look funny. I wonder what he's asking for ? ? ? . . . An airplane! Why Terry, you're too young for those things. Wait till you're a BIG boy . . . Well at least Speck is asking for something appropriate; a cowboy suit . . . and Sal wants a burglar's kit. Won't you ever grow up, Sal? . . . Say there's Fritz and Lester and they're both asking for something they can throw long distances. (Second semester is just around the corner and the Sister may have removed the erasers) . . . Oh, good here comes some more of my pals and they're telling Santa their New Year's Resolutions . . . Mary Ann N . . . Not to write letters while Sr. Theresa is in the room. . . Loretta's is to make more and larger speeches. Kemmie's is to open a cafeteria for Catholic Kramer boys. Stephania's resolution is not to make any more resolutions . . . Oh gosh Mom let's get out of here. It's too stuffy. Besides . . . quit pushing, who do you think you are anyway? . . . Oh, uh, ooooo H-hello Father. You down here too . . . Yes Father, that is a good resolution. Yes, after this I'll think before I speak. . . I've got news for you readers. My main resolution is not to write any more dumb articles like this one. How's that for a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year?



Open
Letter
to Santa

Dear Santa:

We have been a very good class all year—well, pretty good anyhow. We only threw erasers a few times and we never chew gum or come late—well not much anyway, and we always have our lessons—all right then, most of the time. So here are our Christmas wishes and old St. Nick, you know us, so please be kind and grant each wish.

Harriett says, "Just leave at my place a bottle of smelling salts for I feel faint." Terry, with a twinkle, remarks he would just love a pair of stilts. Stephania sweetly says, "Just bring me, dear St. Nick, the 60-ward Gregg Trans. certificate." Speck, with a chuckle, declares he would be very happy with a doctor's kit and something on which to chew. Beverly requests of you, dear Santa, just one hand of fun for her, please!

Sal would be overjoyed with a detective outfit so that he might settle the question, "Who killed Grandma?" Barbara gayly laughs: "A tricycle for me so I can arrive in time for class." Cliff would like an additional two hours on each day for he is always so busy, you see. Helen, like Charlie McCarthy, wants an increase in allowance, she sweetly sighs. Rita will welcome any labor saving device you might have for, as she cheerfully admits: "The newspaper and cheer leader activities keep me very busy."

Tony solemnly says, "I must have a new permanent wave." Loretta, with a determined look, says, "Just a copy of the Congressional Records for me." Mary N. admits she would be very happy if Santa would just leave an eraser that makes typing errors invisible. Marion Briggs longs for an answer book like Sis-

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.. ATHLETICS ..

Shamrocks Lose Opener of Season

Duncan Quintet Wins From Irish 16-10

In the first game of the season for the Shamrocks, they bowed to the Duncan five, 16 to 10.

With just one veteran on the team the Shamrocks couldn't overcome the experience of the Duncan team. Duncan, in six tries, has won five games.

During the game Coach Ernst let every one of his boys play. Those playing in the last half gave the best performance.

The team comprised mostly of Sophomores just couldn't seem to get the ball in the basket. Syl Fletcher and Cliff Mielak played a good game for the Irish, while Edward Paczosa and Robert Sutko were outstanding for Coach Tiede's team.

In a preliminary game the Duncan Reserves rallied in the second half to take the game from St. Bonaventure Seconds, 10 to 6.

Duncan (16)

	fg	ft	pf	tp
R. Sokol, f	1	0-0	2	2
Jarecki, f	0	0-0	0	0
J. Sokol, f	0	0-0	0	0
E. Paczosa, c	2	2-2	4	6
R. Sutko, g	2	2-4	3	6
R. Torczon, g	1	0-0	0	2
.....	4-6	9	16	

St. Bonaventure (10)

	fg	ft	pf	tp
B. Fletcher, f	1	1-3	1	3
G. Kolbush, f	0	0-0	0	0
Terrasinski, f	0	0-0	0	0
Jahn, f	1	0-1	0	2
Mielak, c	0	0-1	0	2
Wozny, c	0	0-0	0	0
Jaworski, g	0	1-4	0	1
Morgan, g	0	0-0	0	0
Briggs, g	1	0-0	0	2
S. Fletcher, g	1	0-1	3	1
.....	4	2-10	4	10

Score at half: Duncan 10; St. Bonaventure 2.
Shank, referee.

SCHEDULE

- Dec. 14—Duncan.
- Dec. 17—Reserves.
- Dec. 20—Monroe.
- Dec. 22—At Bellwood.
- Jan. 6—At Genoa.
- Jan. 11—At St. Francis (Humphrey).
- Jan. 15—At Sacred Heart (Norfolk).
- Jan. 6—At Genoa.
- Jan. 25—Leigh.
- Jan. 27—Bellwood.
- Jan. 29—Guardian Angel (West Point).
- Feb. 8—Sacred Heart.
- Feb. 12—At St. Mary's (Grand Island).
- Feb. 17—St. Francis.
- Feb. 24—Reserves.

St. Bon's Drop Second Tilt

Kramer Reserves Defeat Shamrocks 16 - 7

In the second fracas of the season, St. Bonaventure's took a 16-7 defeat from the Kramer Reserves. The Shamrocks are really hitting the hard way to a successful season.

The game was a rough and tumble battle all the way through. The Reserves got off to an early lead and held it all through the game.

Clifford Mielak and Louis Briggs were outstanding for the Shamrock's, while J. Paprocki and N. Kenfield were the Reserves' mainstays.

Although the Irish lost they played a much better game than they did in the first tilt.

The lineup:

Shamrocks	Pos.	Reserves
C. Mielak	G	Paprocki
B. Jaworski	G	Abegglen
S. Fletcher	C	Barnes
L. Briggs	F	N. Kenfield
B. Fletcher	F	F. Brock

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VENTURETTES

ACCOUNTANTS RECEIVE GREGG CERTIFICATES

Thrilled were the Seniors when they heard that they had received certificates for their bookkeeping projects. Those whose projects were acceptable, and will receive a certificate are: Harriet Craig, Barbara Podgurski, Rita Chambers, Helen Henggl, Beverly Rich, Mary Noonan, and Arthur Johnson.

WELCOME TO NEW STUDENTS

St. Bonnies' are pleased to welcome two more new members to their ranks. They are Pauline Miller and Leona Kneifel. Leona is a Junior and Pauline, a Sophomore.

SHORTHAND STUDENTS WORKING TOWARDS O. G. A.

Both the Senior and Junior shorthand students are practicing for their O. G. A. certificates. They hope to get them before Christmas.

SOPHIES' ATTENTION DIRECTED ON DEBATES

Occupying much of the Sophomores' conversation is the talk of debates. Since the first one wasn't such a big success, they will continue in the debate field. In the first debate the affirmative side, Claudie, Lucille, and Mary Ann defeated the negative side, Louie, Ted and Vic.

FRESHIES STRIVE FOR CITIZENSHIP POINTS

The Freshmen are all trying to be model students and gain points in Citizenship. These points may be gained by practicing the following traits: obedience, cooperation, promptness, courtesy, initiative, etc. The class is divided into seven groups. The group having the highest number of points wins.

SENIORS TAKE SECOND BOOKKEEPING TEST

The officers of the Senior Bookkeeping, Inc., filled their positions so capably that their contracts were renewed almost to a man. Arthur Johnson is again president with a score of 134 in the second Standard Bookkeeping test. Beverly Rich, Vice President, 132; Rita Chambers, Treasurer, 115; Mary Noonan, Secretary, 102; Eileen Smythe, Chief Accountant, 95; Bill Gerhold, Office Manager, 84; Betty Mae Kemnitz, Head Bookkeeper, 84; Cliff Mielak, Ledger Clerk, 79, and Harriett Craig, Office Girl, 77.

SOPHOMORE CLASS LOSES EILEEN TANKE

Disappointed were all to learn that Eileen Tanke was leaving the Sophomore class. Everyone will miss her happy-go-lucky spirit. She will finish her term at South High in Omaha.

FRESHMEN MAKE READY FOR NEXT MEETING

For their next class meeting a group of Freshmen are preparing a two-act comedy "Mind Your Own Business." The story concerns two small-town gossips and the embarrassing situation their meddling tongues get them into. The leading characters are played by Paula Pfeifer and Jacqueline Boettcher. The supporting cast is Dolores Schroeder, Leone Smythe, Emelia Donnelly, Myron Novicki, Frank Kolhund, Jerome Coupens, Gloria Gerber, Helen Jostes, and Virginia Padraza. After the entertainment the students will exchange gifts.

Glee Club Ready for Christmas

An enthusiastic group is presented by the members of the high school choir when they meet for rehearsals of their Christmas carols.

The best efforts are being put forth to make the rendition of these ever-beautiful hymns most inspiring and thus make the 7:30 Mass on Christmas Day an adequate part of the entire Christmas program.

The following two-part hymns will be rendered: "Christmas Carol," by J. Singenberger; "In Dulci Jubilo," by B. Breitenback; "Christmas Communion Hymn" by G. Huggle; and, "O Holy Night."

OPEN LETTER TO SANTA CLAUS

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ter Ethelfrieda's, and exemption from final exams. Eileen says, nothing but noise makers for her, for she sweetly longs to annoy the class.

Mary Shemek sweetly requests just oodles of friends, Leonard Shemek wittily replies, "Just a big book of absence excuses will please me most." Lester would like an airship, so he won't be late for classes, since he must always wait for a freight. Mary Alice longs for a woolly dog to cuddle, and adds, "Anything else you might care to leave." Fritz says he will be satisfied if the book, "How to Grow Tall and Influence Fr. Athanase," you will leave.

Florence B. thoughtfully replies that she could use either a reindeer or a bicycle built for three, for it is boring waiting each evening. Bill says, "Give me a set of blocks and a dictionary and I will be content." Betty Mae promises a delicious dinner in exchange for a season basketball ticket. Arthur J. says, "A stock form complete would be my greatest delight." Genevieve to Mary Slawinski shyly admits that a big bag of chocolate drops and a horn would just hit the spot. Marvin J. daily dreams of a bright red tie with a pair of purple spat. Gerald Kolbush would be content with one of your elves to do his magic on his assignments.

These are our wishes few. Oh, Santa, grant each one, oh please do! The Seniors of '39.

SENIOR CHRISTMAS PARTY

Not to be outdone in Christmas parties, the Seniors have planned a class party. A tree decorated by the Seniors, lends cheer to the whole High School. Each one will be called upon to recite, sing, or whatever they may choose to do. Presents will be exchanged which will climax the party.

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The faculty of St. Bonaventure High School extends heartiest Christmas greetings to all high school students and their parents; to all advertisers and subscribers of the Venture.

Papal Blessing Climaxes Retreat

"Use the Blessed Mother as your model" was the admonition of Fr. Leo Ohleyer throughout the retreat conducted at S. B. H.

The retreat got underway with a lecture Monday evening. Throughout Tuesday and Wednesday the students entered into the spirit of the retreat by keeping strict silence, listening intently to the series of lectures, and giving a few minutes after each lecture to meditation.

The feast of the Immaculate Conception was the day chosen for the solemn closing of the spiritual exercises. The students assisted at the 8:00 o'clock Mass and received Holy Communion in a body.

The services were climaxed with the Papal Blessing by which the students who had made the retreat could gain a plenary indulgence.

CHRISTMAS CHEER SPREAD BY GRADES

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"Merry Christmas," Song—Grade 3.

"Christmas Fairies," Recitation and Song—Girls of Grade 4.

Christmas Bells, Violin—Elaine McNair.

"Topsy Turvy," Action Song—Grade 5.

Folk Songs, Junior Harmonica Band—Grade 7.

Poinsettia Hoop Drill, Dance and Tableau—Girls of Grade 6.

"Sweet Hawaiian Moonlight," Hawaiian Guitar—Dolores Pokorski.

"The Madonna of the Rose," Christmas Play in 2 acts—Grade 8.

Act I

"Cupid's Heart," Gavotte—Orchestra.

Act II

"Adeste Fideles,"—Orchestra.

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Student Forum Is New Organization

Seniors and Juniors Join In Student Council

The seniors and juniors have decided to form a "St. Bonaventure Student Forum" for the purpose of encouraging the more interested students to discuss important problems of citizenship.

At no other time than at the present has there been a greater need for intelligent and public-spirited leadership in our country. Therefore the more active-minded, energetic students will be given a chance to develop this leadership in their own community by carrying on a thorough study of civic problems during the next semester.

Members will be voluntary but restricted to the students who manifest an interest in the social studies and who have made good grades in these subjects.

Guest Night Brings New Faces to Dance

"Swing and Sway with Sammy Kay," on the phonograph. That is what the students did at their fourth school dance in the social hall.

Since it was guest night, many new faces were present. Special numbers were introduced between dances which added to the enjoyment of the evening.

Indeed glad were the Juniors when Father Athanase gave them the use of the equipment free of charge and returned the former rental charges. The Juniors inform the Seniors that if the students keep up their good attendance at the "Swing Sessions", they'll show them a thing or two in banquets and proms.

The chaperons for the evening were: Mr. and Mrs. Craig, Mrs. Paul Pfeifer and Mrs. John Gahan.

SENIORS MAKE CHOICE OF ANNOUNCEMENTS

Something new to the Seniors was the choosing of announcements and calling cards. Only a few more months will the Seniors' figures grace the halls of St. Bon's.

Mr. Josten had a very fine display of announcements from which to choose. After a careful inspection of all, they chose a more formal announcement in black ink. Something new in the announcements is the baccalaureate date and place. On the front of the card will appear the name of the school. The students seemed to prefer this instead of just the initial.

The order will be placed through the Art Printery. The Seniors are asked to have their list ready when it is called for.

Parka hoods and snow shoes are quite the fad around St. Bon's.

SODALITY OFFICERS



Sodality Receives Many Thanks From Indian Mission Children

Girls Gathered Toys at Christmas Time

On Christmas morning the Sodality experienced real peace and happiness, which can be attributed to the whole-hearted and earnest interest they took in preparing boxes of toys to send to an Indian Mission in New Mexico.

The girls worked hard selecting toys and wrapping them, determined to gladden the heart of some little child on Christmas.

In return for their kindness the Sodality received the following letter from Sr. M. Bernadine:

"Dear Miss Henggeler:
"We wish very gratefully to acknowledge receipt of box with the beautiful Christmas gifts for our Indian charges and assure you of our deepest gratitude for your most generous help and interest in our Mission. May the Divine Infant reward your charitable work; this is the sincere wish and prayer for you, dear Miss Henggeler, and all the kind members of your benevolent Sodality of all at our Mission.

"The children will receive their presents on Christmas morning and we wish that you could be with us sharing their joy. Some of the pupils will write to you after vacation.

"Again thanking you for your kindness and help and wishing you a most Blessed and joyous Christmas, we remain

"Very gratefully yours,
"SISTERS OF ST. FRANCIS."

SENIOR GIRLS WORKING FOR GREATER GREGG SPEED

"It's Nice Work If You Can Get It," and the Seniors did. Beverly Rich passed the 120 shorthand test; Harriet Craig and Mary Noonan the 100; Rita Chambers and Betty Kemnitz the 80, and Barbara Podgurski and Stephania Slusarski the 60.

Girls Make Plans for Gala Evening

Everyone is looking forward to the party the Sodality is going to give the Junior Holy Name Society, in return for the splendid evening of entertainment they gave the girls.

The fairer sex is practicing hard on a play—a comedy, of course. To give you an inkling of it, it takes place right here in Columbus.

Will the Sodality be able to surpass the most enjoyable night of fun the boys gave? That is to be seen.

Holy Name Work In Interest of Team

Now that the Holy Name has accepted the sponsorship of the basketball team, things are really happening.

The Bingo party, which they gave to raise money for the team was only the beginning. Donkey basketball followed that. As Fr. Colman claimed, "It's a riot." So everyone agreed after they saw it.

Not stopping at raising money to pay the current expenses of the team, the Holy Name provides cars for the players and cheering section for out-of-town games. This is a boon especially to the cheering section because in past years they had to pay for their transportation which made the trips pretty expensive. Now the boys can have some support from the cheering section not only at the home games but those away as well.

It's fine work the Holy Name is doing for the team and they should be given a big vote of thanks.

Exams Terminate First Semester

Seniors Maintain Top Rung On Honor Roll Ladder

With the burning of much midnight oil, in preparation for exams, and the distribution of report cards, so ends the first semester.

Reaching the desired goal with 4 A's are: Seniors, Beverly Rich, Loretta Jaax and Mary Noonan. With 3 A's are: William Gerhold, Betty Mae Kemnitz, Harriet Craig, Helen Henggeler, Eileen Smyth, and Rita Chambers.

Juniors who succeeded in making the grade are: Alice Johnson with 4 A's. Bob Frischholz, Virginia Krzycki, Rose Gonka, Ellen McNair, and Leona Kneifel have 3 A's.

Sophomores are still at the bottom with Marie Woerth with 4 A's and Elaine Borowich with 3 A's.

Four freshies, Dolores Woerth, Leone Smyth, Emilia Donnelly and Jacqueline Boettcher boast 4 A's. Patricia Jareski, Gloria Gerber and Ann Duracinski have 3 A's.

Dr. Thompson Gives Talk on Dentistry

"Good teeth are essential to good health." That was the gist of Dr. Thompson's talk to the students. He stressed the importance and care of the teeth from the age of two and a half years on. "Don't wait until you have a toothache to go to the dentist," was the admonition of the doctor.

The right food was shown to be an essential to the growth of the teeth. He put a diet before the students which contained the vitamins important to the teeth.

Dr. Thompson then conducted a moving picture which showed the teeth from the time they started coming through the gums until the last tooth was in place. He explained each procedure as it took place. A little girl, on the screen, showed the day of an average child.

Everyone enjoyed the Doctor's talk and found it very profitable in many ways. Dr. Thompson has been conducting a number of such programs throughout the city and county.

BOYS TO STAGE PLAY FOR TEAM SUPPORT

In the latter part of February the Junior Holy Name members will present a three-act play entitled, "The Ship in the Wake."

The play is for the benefit of the basketball team, which will make up most of the cast. Father Colman, making his debut here as a director, promises interesting entertainment. "We would like to give you all a general idea of the play," says Father Colman, "but we will let you see it for yourself."

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Is Communism Trite?

Nothing is so trite as labeling Communism trite!

The initial impulse for making such a statement comes from the discovery that this is just what the communists want us to think. Why? They can then work unhampered by any decisive action on the part of we Americans—we students.

We all know how much easier and less dangerous to do mischief when no one is watching, or taking any steps to prevent us. The communist workers know that, too. And are they taking advantage of our indolence!

The pep and zeal that imbibes itself in Communistic activities should evoke many a blush of shame from us to whom Democracy means so much.

Just think! If we didn't enjoy our present democratic government the paper in which this article is being printed probably wouldn't be in existence.

Our school would be shut down, our lives, because of our faith, a stunted, oppressed one.

We would enjoy no social activities such as we now enjoy—dances, school parties, basketball.

Instead of basketball, football and baseball, our boys would be toting a rifle, stepping to the harsh commands of an impersonal drill master.

All hope in a future in which we now have plans, would ebb away. No more bright dreams of worlds to conquer, of success to be gained, of happiness, only the single ray of a heaven to be attained hereafter would have, and in many, in fact most, Communism would stamp out this hope, too.

Must we submit to this? Why should we allow it to happen? It is within our hands to stay the hand of this demon—Communism.

We're the ones whom it is going to affect—not our parents or grandparents. If we allow it to gain a foothold—well, we won't, will we?

If we have to fight for Democracy, even to the shedding of our life's blood, we'll do it, I know.

BEVERLY RICH, '39.

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"The less a man knows the easier it is to convince him that he knows it all."

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Improvement Must Be Done With Work.

The half-way mark is reached! The first semester is over and we have already started on the second. We have had our ups and downs but in the end we came out all right. But there is plenty of room for improvement. The question is can we make that improvement?

No one got any place without work. The trouble is, there are many of us that don't know how to work. We go at our tasks half-heartedly and do not care how they are done, just so they are finished. "Anything that is worth doing at all, is worth doing well." Don't kid yourself into thinking this isn't so.

Many authors and painters have spent years, their whole lifetime, on a single piece of work, but that work was a master piece. You, too, can make a masterpiece. Not a picture, or a great piece of literature, but from the simple little things you do, you can mold something worthwhile.

Things may go wrong and be on the downslide, but grin, pitch in, and work just a little bit harder, with a little more determination and you'll be on the upslide in no time. Don't be a quitter. Don't be afraid of work. Work never hurt anyone.

In the second semester let's all try a little bit harder, play a little bit harder, and be kind, courteous and fair at all times.

PEERING POLLY Goes to a Basketball Game

Well, it's a cinch I don't have to worry. I'm a Senior and we get first chance. . . . Hey, gang! Here's a car. Oh boy, look who's driving! We'll get to stay in Grand Island sure, now. . . . Come on, let's all get in this car. Then we can have a lot of fun. . . . Do you really know some of the kids up there? Are there any cute boys? Hot diggidy. . . . Let's sing so we'll be pepped up for the game. Oh most anything. How about "Cheer, Cheer"? . . . How many more miles? Wait a sec! You can see Grand Island from the top of this hill. . . . Now remember, we said we'd roll the windows down and all sing. Get ready now—O, K., let's go! Cheer, Cheer for St. Bonnie's fame, Wake up. . . . look at the people stare! They probably think we're from some hick town and have "hay-seed running out of our ears," (quoted). Don't worry, We'll show them. Just watch our steam tonight. Look, there's the gym. Mmmmm, pretty keen, isn't it? Give me your dimes. Let just one person pay. It looks more dignified. Don't you think so? . . . There comes our boys on the floor. Come on, scream your heads off. Gee, I hope we win. . . . There goes the whistle. . . . Oh, please, Saint Bon, let us win. . . . Oh, aren't they playing just swell. Just a few seconds left. We're ahead but let's give another yell before it's over. . . . Bernie made another basket!!! That Grand Island kid's got the ball now. Oh, watch out. . . . don't let him make it, he's. . . . there goes the bell. . . . whew! for awhile that worried me. Oooooo! we won! Boy, I'm about dead. . . . Let's not go to any restaurant up here. Let's just go home, I'm so tired. . . . Wa-What, Oh, I'm just writing my Peering Polly for the "Venture." I know we didn't play Grand Island yet. So what? It may be silly writing about something that hasn't happened yet, but gosh, they can use this as sort of a pep rally! Can't they? . . . Don't answer!

Venture Verse

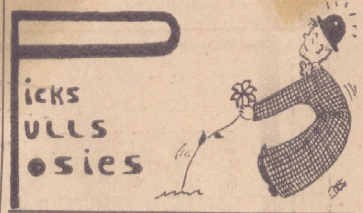
Before we take an auto ride
Rosie says to the girls inside,
"Now listen, kids that are in here
Remember I don't need sugges-
tions from the rear.
If you will just sit still back there
And hold in check your fright
I'll take you where you want to go
And get you back all right.
Remember that my hearing's good
And also I'm not blind,
And I can drive this car without
Suggestions from behind."

Liz promised that she'll keep still,
Then off we gayly start.
But soon we noticed ahead, Fini
And his loaded cart.
"You'd better toot your horn," says
Peg
"To let him know we're near,
He might turn out!" and Rose replies:
And then she adds, "Some day, Sal
will make a lot of dough,
By putting horns on tonneau seats
For back-seat drivers to blow!"

Just Plain Smart

Papa K.: "Frank, if some churches have Fascism and some have Communism, what does our church have?"
Frank K.: "Catechism."

The Sophies may be able to forget some periods in Biology, but could it ever happen they forget any in Geometry?



Why don't the girls take Polly's advice in regard to snowball throwing? When a boy throws a snowball throw his hat in the mud. You'll be his forever.

Have the Seniors at last seen Grendel? Some basketball players have.

What does Terry see in the small town of Osceola? Could it be something educational or otherwise? At least, the other boys are following his example.

How does Bob F. retain his girlish attitude when he studies with a room of girls in the afternoon? He's the only boy in that room.

Perhaps someone should suggest a remedy for gray hairs to Fr. Colman, in case any have appeared since he's acting Pastor.

Sr. Fried: "When do you study scientifically?"

Joe: "When Sr. Theresa is in the room."

Believe it or not but Vic said that the Talmud (a Hebrew book) was not "built" by the Hebrews.

Philip S. has been missing so much school that Sister Theresa thinks he is hibernating.

Watch out Cliff! Bev is giving you a little competition for that "What For?" title.

The girls are just dying to see the latest styles as modeled by Fritz Gerber and Tony Jareski in the Holy Name play. Tell us, Fritz, do you use Lux or Ivory for your silk stockings?

Guess who told "Speck" to take care of Beverly while Billy was in Iowa?

Who's been squiring Eileen Smythe to the Eagle dances? He's the president of something.

Our old Alma Mater was honored to have Maryn Foley, Kate Malone of Madison and George Hyatt, as visitors.

With the ending of the first semester the sophomores had to say good-bye to another girl. Mary Ann Kusek has chosen to finish her second semester in her home town of Spalding, Nebr.

The Pencil Sharpening Brigade Marches On!

Who's the happy-go-lucky boy that drives a green car and used to go to St. Bon's, that is taking the road to Florence Belford's? (Don't know? Ask Florence).

Why did all the girls' hearts turn over one noon when Terry walked in? (My, Terry, you're pretty!)

Helen Jostes, buying a toy for an orphan boy: "Jimmy, what do little boys like?"
Jimmy Dineen: "Little girls."

Sister: "Fritz use the phrase 'wait upon,' in a sentence."

Fritz: "I put my weight upon the scales."

.. ATHLETICS ..

Platte County Tournament To Be Held Feb. 6, 8, 9 and 11

St. Francis Is Favorite to Win

Who will be the next County Champion? That is what will be decided when the Platte County Tournament is held in the Kramer High gym Feb. 6, 8, 9, and 11.

St. Francis, of Humphrey, walked off with the bacon last year. About the same teams are again entering that competed last year.

The Shamrocks are working hard in hopes that they may come out in the money this year. St. Francis is the favorite to come out on top again this year.

Win Over Leigh Fifth for Irish

The fighting Irish chalked up another victory when they defeated Leigh, 14 to 6. It was the Shamrocks fifth win against four losses this year. The game started rather slow and at the end of the first quarter the scoreboard read, 5 to 2. In the second quarter Leigh outplayed the Irish, scoring four points to the Shamrocks one. In the second half it was a different story. The Shamrocks held Leigh scoreless, while St. Bon chalked up eight points. Sal Fletcher was high point man, scoring five points, and co-starring with Bill Jaworski who played a fine defensive game. Staab was Leigh's outstanding player. In the preliminary game the Irish reserves scored an easy victory over Leigh seconds, 10 to 4.

Box score:

St. Bonaventure (14)		FG.		FT.		PF.		TP.	
B. Fletcher, f	0	0-0	1	0	0				
G. Kolbush, f	1	0-0	0	2					
V. Terrasinski, f	0	0-0	0	0					
C. Mielak, g	1	1-3	3	3					
Briggs, f	0	0-0	1	0					
S. Fletcher, c	2	1-2	1	5					
Jaworski, g	2	0-2	2	4					
	6	2-7	8	14					

Leigh (6)		FG.		FT.		PF.		TP.	
Prokop, c	1	0-2	1	2					
Coleman, f	0	0-0	1	0					
Thalken, g	0	0-1	3	0					
Staab, f	2	0-2	1	4					
Moran, g	0	0-2	0	0					
Leavitt, g	0	0-1	0	0					
Trojan, f	0	0-0	0	0					
	3	0-8	6	6					

Referee, Shank.

Season Percentage

Points	W.	L.	Pct.	We	They
St. Bonaventure	5	4	.555	124	135

SHAMROCKS EDGE DUNCAN FOR WIN

St. Bon's Shamrocks won a thriller when they managed to edge Duncan, 15 to 12. It was the Irish's fourth win against four defeats. Duncan led most of the time but the Shamrocks put on a last quarter rally which humbled Duncan. Lou Briggs was high point man. J. Sokol and Paczosa were outstanding for Duncan. St. Bon's Second stringers were edged, 5 to 3.

Lou Briggs Heads St. Bon's Scoring

They say that height means a lot in basketball and it surely does, but Lou (Luscious) Briggs doesn't mind. In nine games played so far, Lou has scored thirty points for an average of a little over three points a game. It isn't much to brag about but considering Lou's height, which is only five foot four, it is still pretty good. On the floor Louie is speedy, tricky and a very fast thinker.



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Meet the Champ

After a very grave and mysterious meeting, three judges whose identity is unknown decided that these students hold the title in each division mentioned:

Handle—Bernard Basil Fletcher. Eraser of Typing Errors—Marion Briggs. Eraser Thrower—Fritz Gerber. Catcher of Erasers—Lester Morgan. Sleeper—Terry. Walker—Sal. Gabber—Lizzie. Gum Chewer—Evelyn Dietz. Book Worm—Loretta Joax. Love-Note Writer—Vernetta. Note Passer—Ritajejan. Fingernail Chewer—Francis Murphy. Typist—Bill Gerhold. Poet—Mary Slawinski. Day Dreamer—Lawrence Kolbush. Yawner—Victor. Giggler—Florence Mimick. Bookkeeper—Art Johnson. Heart Throb—Ted Wozny. Moocher—Dennis Placzek. Basketball Team—Shamrocks. Joker—Father Colman. Franciscan—Father Athanase. Inventor—"Speck" Dietz. "Trucker"—Ruth Boettcher. Taxi Driver—"Fini" McKown. Girl Friend of the Whirling Dervish—Mary Shemek. Soda Jerker—Frank Placzek. Pencil Chewer—Frank Kolund. Eye Blinker—Eddie Welch. Tuba Player—Helen Jostes.

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SENIOR TYPISTS GAIN IN SPEED AND ACCURACY

Certificates, certificates, and more certificates! The commercial classes are really going to town. In typing, the Seniors are making progress. Those earning the 40-word certificate are Mary Slawinski and Mary Alice Tagwerker; the 50-word pin, Betty Mae Kemnitz; the 60-word certificate, Harriet Craig and Loretta Joax, and the 70-word certificate, Rita Chambers.

JUNIORS DISPLAY PINS AS RESULT OF TEST

Take a look at those flashy bronze pins the Juniors are sporting. They signify membership in the Order of Gregg Artists. Those whose notes were receivable and got a pin are: Rose Gonka, Ellen McNair, Virginia Krzycki, Vernetta and Evelyn Schroeder, Maxine Kamm, Alice Johnson, Florence Mimick, Irene Luis, Irene Reifenrath and Angeline Tworek.

SOPHS HOLD MEETING AT END OF SEMESTER

Yes, big things are expected when folks are wide awake—"Keep up the good spirit," so say the officers, "we need you."

At the class meeting Friday, Pauline Korgie gave a talk on the correct social and civil habits students are to form now in order to profit by them later on. A spirited talk in which Orpha Dietering demonstrated with living examples of Sophomores that independence of character is absolutely necessary in school life and in a democratic country is followed. Pauline Miller spoke on the ability required to co-operate for the common good. The sense of justice which should prevail among the students was explained by Ruth Boettcher. An excellent paper, "On the Power of Initiative," was prepared by Vernetta Kamm.

Are the Sophs going to benefit by these talks? Here's the answer, at least, in part: The Sophomore girls have reached the 100 per cent mark in subscribing for the "Venture."

CITIZENSHIP CONTEST ENDS

The end of the first semester brought the Freshmen Citizenship contest to a close. The winning group was under the leadership of Helen Jostes. Members of the group are Jerome Coupens, Leo Syslo, Dorothy Nosal and Patricia Jarecki.

The Freshies started gaining points six weeks ago and beginning this six weeks they will start anew with the nine groups rechosen under nine newly elected leaders.

The Biology class has been busy the past few weeks making bird booklets. At the close of the school year these booklets will be placed on exhibition. The students found it interesting work and became better acquainted with the bird family.

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Candy Sale Meets With Great Success

The first of a series of candy sales was held in the auditorium Friday afternoon at 3:00 o'clock. It was headed by the seniors, who were divided into four groups. Supervising the groups were Rita Chambers, Beverly Rich, Mary Shemek and Harriet Craig.

Under their guidance and with the hearty cooperation of their classmates and fellow students, the sale proved to be a success.

Sodality Holds Regular Meeting

"Although she was subject to many temptations she led the life of a saint," were the words of Fr. Colman in an address to the Sodalists on the "saintly movie actress," Elinor King. He urged the Sodalists, who have not so many temptations, to imitate her and lead a holy life.

The business meeting was opened with a prayer by Fr. Colman. He then put a special blessing on the girls' rosaries. Having a rosary with this blessing, enables one to gain one hundred days indulgence on every bead.

The character builder was discussed by Mary Ann Noonan, with Connie Dickey giving a reading on "Our Lady of Social Action."

The entertainment, provided by the Sophomores consisted of the song, "Christ the King," a tap dance by Orpha Dietering, and a vocal solo by Pauline Korgie.

The Sophomores then served refreshments and the remainder of the evening was spent dancing.

PATRICIANS PLAY LATIN HOSTS

In the recent Club meeting the Patricians, acting as hosts, started the fun by taking the Plebians to a verbal baseball game. They played this by filling in blanks with the correct names of gods and goddesses. After the last inning they sharpened their wits by making Latin words out of "Mediterranean Sea." A playlet, "The Latin Language," was given by Elaine Borowiak, Marie Woerth, Lois Wade, Mary Ann Kusek, Pauline Korgie, Ruth Boettcher, Evelyn Dietz, and Esther Zoucha; a dialogue by Emogene Kemnitz and Vernetta Kamm was also presented.

The program was followed by the serving of delicious refreshments, dancing and games.

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THREE GIRLS ENTER PILGRIMAGE CONTEST

The D. A. R. conducted their annual Good Citizenship Pilgrimage with three students representing St. Bon's. There were four schools represented with three girls from each.

Eligibility of the girls depended on scholarship, leadership, dependability, service and patriotism. Beverly Rich, Mary Anna Noonan, and Rita Chambers were chosen from St. Bonaventure's.

The girls had to answer the question, "What is the main duty of a citizen of the United States and why?" A number system was used whereby the judges had no knowledge to whom papers belonged.

The judges, after careful consideration, and admitting that the papers were all good, announced Helen Casey, Kramer student, the winner. She then entered the state contest by answering the question sent for that contest.

New literature books have arrived for the Juniors and Seniors. The books are interesting from cover to cover. Many lively discussions promise to take place under the guidance of Sister Friedabertha.

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Seniors Select First of Plays

"Climbing Rose" Chosen as One of Class Plays

"Climbing Roses," a comedy in three acts will be one of the two senior plays to be presented in the near future.

Plans for the play were approved by the class who met Feb. 15 during the activity period. A try-out for the various parts was conducted a week later and the following cast selected: Peggy Rose, a common little rosebud, Beverly Rich; Maggie Rose, her aunt, Harriet Craig; Hazel Sommers, who has a fondness for orange blossoms, Marian Briggs; Priscilla Prentice, an unpicked dandelion, Mary Alice Tagwerker; Mrs. Warren, a leader in society, Loretta Jaax; Joyce Belmont, a hothouse orchid, Mary Noonan; Winnie Clarke, a little neighborhood pest, Helen Hengler; Jack Archer, alias Watson, who cultivates the Roses, Sylvester Fletcher; Ferdie Wimbledon, not a candidate for orange blossoms, William Gerhold; Jim Rose, Maggie's husband, Gerald Kolbush; Dryden Proonis, not a shrinking violet, Lester Morgan; Percy Southworth, a very dominant young man, Fritz Gerber.

"Climbing Roses" is one of the best and extremely popular farce comedies. Mrs. Warren's Uncle Sidney has willed his exclusive home to Peggy Rose, who has lived with her aunt on an old farm. They are trying to make a splurge in society. A gardener by the name of Watson is hired to care for the garden and also to teach them social etiquette. He does not succeed very well and his helper, Ferdie Wimbledon, does all of the gardening. In order to help them with their splurge, Watson tries to get a prince to visit them, leading to a hilarious situation. One amusing incident after another leads up to the climax, when everyone finds out that Watson is really Jack Archer, a famous author, who has been living with the Roses for atmosphere for his new novel. The Roses finally break into society.

GIRLS HONOR BOYS AT VALENTINE PARTY

"One good turn deserves another," at least this was the idea of the Socialists when they entertained the Holy Name boys at a Valentine Party February 7th.

Featured as the hit of the evening was the one-act play "Happenings at Slowville." The parts were portrayed by girls of the Dramatic Club who handled the parts well. Sr. Ethelfrieda directed the play.

Beverly Rich and Constance Dickey contributed a duet, "The Beautiful Ohio," played at two pianos. Beverly then sang "Stars In My Eyes" and dedicated it to Rev. Fr. Athanase and the Ven. Sisters.

Under the direction of Barbara Podgurski the girls served delicious refreshments. Following this the guests and their hostesses spent the time dancing.

QUILL-SCROLL WINNER



BEVERLY RICH

Beverly Rich Wins Journalism Contest

Beverly Rich, '39, was the school winner in the group contest sponsored by the Quill and Scroll this school year in the North Central States section. This latter section comprises the states of Nebraska, Iowa, Wisconsin, Minnesota, North Dakota, and South Dakota.

Students from many high schools of these states competed in the contest which consisted of newspaper advertising and news judgment. Miss Rich achieved her recognition in the news judgment division. To receive her high honor, she submitted the best set of answers to a series of questions intended to show what decisions a newspaper editor would make in according first positions to various events to be printed in his paper. Another phase of the test was to determine what "angles" in a story should be featured.

As a student her ability is well known. No one can deny that she is one of the most outstanding members of her class. A truly remarkable thing would happen were Beverly known to fail in any lesson.

ST. BON'S NOT BEHIND WHEN PRIZES AWARDED

Piling up fast are the trophies and awards won by the High School.

For the past three years the Shamrocks have walked off with runner-up prize in the Platte County Tournament. Twice it was a trophy and once a basketball.

In 1937 the team won the Class "B" District award, which was a plaque. This year the team hopes to be another District winner.

The "Venture", too, has won its share of honor. In 1938 it was awarded second place among high school papers by the International Quill and Scroll Association.

These awards give silent proof of St. Bonaventure High School's standing.

Six-Man Football Is Added To High School Athletics

Seniors Unite in Guidance Program

Since guidance will be the next great nation-wide development in education on the secondary level, time has been provided during this second semester, for the basic functions of guidance. This will consist of one regular class period every Friday afternoon in which the seniors will participate.

The purpose of this program is to study the types of adjustments which boys and girls must make in order to develop well integrated personalities.

With Beverly Rich, Helen Hengler, Loretta Jaax, Harriet Craig, and Mary Ann Noonan as chairmen of the various committees, the necessary topics in regard to social, physical and mental adjustments will be analyzed and reported to the class.

Each member of the class will be given an opportunity to share in the guidance activities by participating in discussions, filling out inquiry forms, thereby realizing the inclusiveness of one's personality, comparing various types of self-rating, observing and appraising the behavior of others or certain aspects of one's own present and past behaviour, engaging in reflective thinking concerning life goals and values!

Students Enjoy Vocational Talk

"When you go into the world, there is nothing you get for nothing." That is what Mr. P. W. Lakers maintained in his talk to the high school students on "Vocational Guidance."

The time to choose the work you wish to do is when you enter into high school and your subjects should be directed toward that goal.

Mr. Lakers believes it is good for a person to have a temper but that he should not let it go. You shouldn't be sore more than 15 minutes. He stated that 90 per cent of the people, when through with school are through with studying.

One should accept criticism readily. That is the way one learns. Although there is a surplus of unemployed, Mr. Lakers said, there is a shortage of good men and women in every profession.

Mr. Lakers is a well-known business man of Columbus and a member of the parish. He is the manager of J. C. Penney Store and comes in contact with many different phases of business life.

St. Joseph, foster-father and protector of the Child Jesus, obtain us what we ask of thee.

Thirty Boys Report to Be Measured

No longer will basketball be the leading sport of St. Bonaventure. It must make way for football. Six-man football, which is becoming more and more popular in the smaller schools, will make its appearance this spring at St. Bon.

Already equipment has been ordered and plans made. At a recent meeting on the subject thirty boys reported. The best prospects are seen from the Sophomores and Juniors. The Seniors in this case are unfortunate for they will not be back for the football season next year. But they have made their mark in basketball.

The adding of football to the extra curricular activities program marks another milestone in the progress of St. Bonaventure High school. The school has already made itself known in the field of basketball.

Junior Holy Name Present Playlet

"The Ship in the Wake," a three-act play, was presented Sunday afternoon and evening February 19, by the Junior Holy Name. The play, directed by Rev. Fr. Colman, presented the story of a wayward boy who for a time strays from the fold.

Title roles were portrayed by Bill Putnam, as "Dude Weeman," the rich boy who strays for a time; Robert Dietz, as "Father Hyland," director of the Holy Name society, and Edward Welch, as "Frank Moore," society president. They were assisted by 28 other members of the Holy Name society, two of whom, Leonard Korgie and Tony Zabawa, jr., took girl's parts.

Between the acts and scenes the school orchestra and seventh grade harmonica band presented several selections. Both organizations are under the direction of Ven. Sister M. Clarentia.

PRE-LENTEN DANCE DRAWS LARGE CROWD

In spite of cold weather a nice crowd turned out for the school dance sponsored by the Juniors Monday evening, February 20.

Special numbers were several accordian selections by Dolores Pokorski accompanied at the piano by Virginia Krzycki; cowboy ballads were sung by James and Bob Dineen with the latter accompanying on the guitar; also two vocal selections were sung by Harriet Craig.

Chaperons for the evening were Mr. and Mrs. Henry Woerth, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Dickey and Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Rich.

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EDITORIAL POLICY

To Foster

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What Are You Doing in Lent?

"Remember, O man, that thou art dust and unto dust thou shalt return." These words which are the keynote to Lent, recall to us our origin and destiny.

Christ came into this world to save sinners and since we can all be called sinners we must remember this. We are dust and shall return to dust, yet we must remember that we came from God and to God we must go. To do this though we need God's help along the way. This is part of taking up our Cross and following Christ to the glory of the Resurrection.

The fasting and abstaining during Lent should be done in a cheerful manner for "God loveth a cheerful giver." The love of God is the motive on which penitence should be based.

Christ came down on this earth and suffered not a little, but numerous cruel agonies out of love for us. One drop of his blood would have saved us, but He suffered more than that for us. Then we should be willing to do something for Christ.

During Lent we should have a greater devotion to the Holy Eucharist and try to receive Holy Communion more often. This, in itself, is hardly a penance but the circumstances that lead up to it may require some penance.

If we really observe Lent in the right manner how much happier we'll be on Easter morning.

Co-Operation Equals Success

Spirit! Co-operation! Interest in school affairs! In these qualities we find the successful school. When they are lacking, the institution must necessarily decline and lose its position in the ranks of the foremost schools of the country.

In considering these facts, the faculty has done much to cultivate such a precious possession in the students. When our outside pleasures cause the neglect of school activities, it is the failure of our power to exert the will to good sportsmanship. We thereby fail in supporting the spirit of the school. The student who does not take advantage of the many valuable opportunities presented to him, and does not embrace all these activities with eager enthusiasm, fails in the accomplishment of the most important phase of his education—the development of his personality.

Too many students are shirkers instead of workers. They look upon life and its activities as one continual joke, and prefer to spend the greater part of their school life in day-dreaming of foolish pastime. In the near future, but too late, will they realize what opportunities they have missed.

Let us therefore during our school life never refuse to participate in an activity intended for the general welfare of the students and for our own personal good. Let us not be slackers; not go to a far off corner and play solitaire, but do our part and do it whole-heartedly. Let us "be up and doing;" take an active part in gaining the honor and dignity of an energetic, ambitious institution that will be urged on by a cheering faculty and a willing student body.

Dedication

We dedicate this issue of the Venture to the great cause of erecting a sisters' residence and the consequent remodeling of our school.

THE FORUM

March, the month of two great saints! St. Joseph and St. Patrick. Everyone longs to do great deeds and become famous, but few ever have that chance. All can be great in their own right by doing their best in everything and always looking on the bright side of things. How often has a well-done task or cheerful smile made someone happy? Try this sometime and see how happy you will be.

Do half of us realize why we are daily attending school? Evidently some of us have the wrong impression entirely.

Are we among those who go merely to obtain a diploma for a make-believe high school education? Or do we go to learn how to make a real success about it and if we find ourselves in the former group it's high time we're changing our views. Here we are taught not only school subjects, to pass our daily school tests, but we also have our character trained so that we may pass the test of life successfully. The world wants ability and character in the people it employs, and this is our opportunity to prepare.

Remember, brains and character rule the world—not a diploma.

VENTURES IN VERSE

Always Remember

Always remember to forget

The things that made you sad
But never forget to remember
The things that made you glad.

Always remember to forget

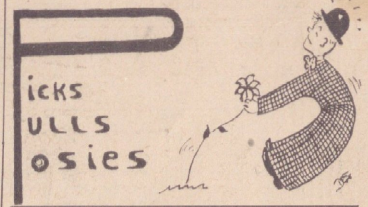
The troubles that passed away
But never forget to remember
The blessings that come each day.
—By Irene Korgie.

PEERING POLLY At a School Dance

Well er-a-can I go to the school dance tonight mom? Ooooooo please mom—I know it but all the other kids get to go and they're only 17 too—Oh, thank you mom. I'll be home right after the dance is over—a lot of kids come to these things and isn't that the keenest music? Who'd ever thought I'd be "Springin," and "Swayin'" with Sammy Kay (On the phonograph)—Look at the jitterbugs—Let's have a guard drill!!! How can you do that? Well, come on lets all get in line. Sal's going to give orders—Say, you don't really suppose he'll make that poor boy go home and shine his shoes?—Well, that was that—Oh look, isn't he cute? Look at the girls staring. Why even the boys are gathering around him. See they're trying to make him do something. Boy, I wish he could dance. Say those boys are chasing him out. Well of all the nerve. Even if he was a stranger he could have stayed. Father wasn't saying anything. Oh well—I suppose dogs can find amusements elsewhere. Come on let's go home. I promised mother I'd be home and if I want to come again I'll have to go.

Appreciation

The faculty and the entire student body take this occasion to extend their sincerest thanks to Mr. Lakers for the address given to them on February 24.



Billy G. has developed a very suspicious "sore throat" which has kept him out of school several mornings.

Art. J.: Father, when you administer the Last Sacraments to those who have contagious diseases, you should get "intoxicated" first. (We know he meant inoculated).

In the Student Council meeting Sal, enumerating outdoor hobbies mentioned among others—hunters, fishers, and lovers.

Some of the assignments in literature consisted of the writing of short stories. After listening to these stories, Ven. Sister Richardis expressed her opinion by stating that there are some future short story writers in the tenth grade.

"Girls, Kenneth Deitering will pose for pictures, if you pay for them." That is what Sister Friedebertha said when Polly was having quite a time getting his picture.

Attention: Want someone to scratch your back? See Stephen Wielgus. For reference concerning his work see Evelyn Dietz.

According to Bernard Caffrey the spinal cord is in the ear. He said so in biology class.

Have you seen any pictures of funny little animals? Sister Theresa gave some of the sophies pictures which they should enlarge and copy on drawing paper. They are geometric figures and are to be drawn with protractor and compasses.

Alumni Meeting of Class of '39

Thirty years! And it seems like it was only yesterday we were all getting our diplomas—that was in 1939 and here it is 1969. I hurried a little faster for I didn't want to be late for the '39 Alumni banquet. There's the gym and auditorium, how well I remember the days when it was only a dream and now they're calling it the old gym. As I rushed through the door, I collided with a "bay window." "Well Fritz Gerber, I'd never known you except for that silly giggle of yours." As we walked down the hall he told me that he was a comedian on the radio with Lester Morgan. The program "Throw Your Own Erasers" is one of the many sponsored by that well-known radio executive, Gerald Kolbush.

"Just a second," someone called. Now who is that? Why it's Harriet and Sal. "Harriet Craig," I said. "I haven't seen you for years." "Well, it isn't Craig any more. It's Fletcher now," Harriet said. "Yes," put in Sal, "and we had to leave Sally and Wallace at home tonight." Just then some more people came up and I saw Harriet drifting off with Sal in her wake.

We were now in the banquet hall and I looked around to see if I still knew everyone. There's Beverly, someone told me she was singing in the Metropolitan Opera now. Too bad Billy couldn't come. But he is in South America on that engineering job and just couldn't get away.

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.. ATHLETICS ..

Shamrocks Win First Game In District Class "B" Tourney

Winner of St. Francis-Genoa Tilt Next Opponent

In the first game of the second round in the Class "B" District Tournament held at Kramer High, St. Bonaventure defeated North Bend by a score of 23 to 18. The Shamrocks were out to even the score with North Bend for beating them in the semi-finals last year.

The game was a thriller from beginning to end. At the half the Shamrocks were leading by one point, 11-10. North Bend took the lead soon after the half and held it during most of the third quarter. At the end of the third period the Irish were leading, 17-16.

The Shamrocks will play the winner of the St. Francis-Genoa game Friday. St. Francis is one of the seeded teams along with Valley. In the first round games St. Francis beat Cedar Rapids, 30 to 18 and Valley trimmed Leigh, 40 to 11.

St. Bonaventure (23)

	FG.	FT.	PF.
Briggs, f	0	0	1
B. Fletcher, f	1	0	0
Terasinski, f	0	0	0
Jahn, f	0	0	0
S. Fletcher, c	5	1	1
Morgan, g	0	0	0
Mielak, g	2	0	1
Jaworski, g	3	0	1
Kolbush, g	0	0	0
	11	1	4

North Bend (18)

	FG.	FT.	PF.
Mehaffey, f	5	1	1
Bauer, f	0	0	0
W. Poden, f	1	0	1
Varley, f	0	0	0
Werblow, c	1	0	2
Vrba, g	1	1	1
Lingle, g	0	0	0
Aringdale, g	0	0	1
	8	2	6

Shamrocks Nearing Successful Season

As the Irish draw nearer and nearer to the end of the season, they can be proud of their record. Considering only three veterans back on this year's squad, the Shamrocks are going places. So far this season they have won ten out of sixteen games or a percentage of 62.5.

The Shamrocks have beaten such teams as St. Francis who lost only two games out of nineteen; St. Mary's of Grand Island, winner of their respective county tournament. Bellwood suffered a double defeat at the hands of the Irish. The fighting Irish also went to the finals of the Platte County Tournament, but met with tough luck and were defeated.

SCORES OF PAST GAMES:

	We	They
Jan. 27—Bellwood	19	10
Jan. 29—Guardian Angel, West Point	18	26
Febr. 3—Sacred Heart, Norfolk	35	23
Febr. 6—Platte Center	14	9
Febr. 9—St. Francis, Humphrey	32	30
Febr. 11—Duncan	19	25
Febr. 12—St. Mary's, Grand Island	30	25

Irish Runner-Up in P. C. Tourney

Shamrocks Beat St. Francis in Semi-finals

In the finals of the Platte County Tournament, Duncan won over St. Bonaventure's Shamrocks by a score of 25 to 19. This marked the first time Duncan has won a Platte County Championship and the third year straight that the Shamrocks reached the finals, finishing in second place.

The game started rather slow and at the end of the first quarter the score board read 4 to 2, in favor of St. Bon. The second quarter saw more action between both teams, with Duncan scoring seven points to the Shamrocks' six.

In the third period both teams went to work, trying to outscore each other. When the bell rang and the smoke cleared, the Irish were leading 15 to 14. The last quarter was a tough one for the Irish.

Duncan was dunking them in at all angles and this hurt the Shamrocks. With four minutes left, Duncan led 23 to 15. Jaworski arched one from the middle to score and soon after, Sal Fletcher dribbled in for a set-up, these being the last points scored. Mielak and Jaworski were the offensive stars while Sal Fletcher was good on the defense.

ST. FRANCIS TEAM VICTIM OF IRISH

In the best game of the Platte County Tournament, St. Bonaventure defeated highly favored St. Francis. Throughout the game the scores remained close. At the half the Irish were leading, 20 to 14. In defeating St. Francis, the Irish met Duncan in the finals. B. Fletcher and B. Jaworski starred for the Shamrocks while the three Van Ackern brothers were St. Francis mainstays.

SHAMROCKS DEFEAT PLATTE CENTER

In the first game St. Bonaventure played in the County Tournament, they defeated Platte Center, 14 to 9. This victory advanced the Irish to the semi-finals. Platte Center showed plenty of fight in losing. Bruckner being their star while Sal Fletcher and Lou Briggs led the Shamrocks.

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SCIENCE CLASS DIRECTS VALUABLE DISCUSSIONS

The physics room on Thursday, February 16, was the scene of a most interesting discussion. Robert Dietz explained in a very interesting and efficient manner the principles of the electron theory. William Gerhold, and Arthur Johnson added to the discussion by further expounding the theory with illustrations and drawings so that the junior members of the class, to whom the theory was entirely new, at the end of the discussion admitted that they understood fully every detail about electrons.

PATRICIANS AND PLEBIANS IN LATIN CLUB MEETING

The monthly meeting of the Patrician Latin Club was held in the senior room on February 10. The meeting was opened with the reciting of the Ave Maria. After this there was a Latin word contest with Ellen Marie McNair and Alice Johnson as the winners.

During the vocabulary contest of the Plebians Dolores Woerth remained standing for 200 words while Ann Duracinski, Marjorie Nekolite, Elaine McNair, Rose Sliva, Leone Smyth and Patricia Jareski ranked next.

Then Sister Theresa explained the necessity of studying mythology in order to study Latin more intelligently. She stressed the fact that myths are studied because they have such a deep influence on all great literature and especially that the myths of the Greeks and Romans have profoundly affected English and American literature. It was decided that the class would study the principal stories in mythology.

BIOLOGY CLASS ENJOYS VISIT TO THE HOSPITAL

Several weeks ago the biology class, accompanied by Sr. Richardis, skipped two periods to profit by an inspection of the x-ray rooms of the Hospital. The main purpose of this tour was to view the various parts of the human body which the class had studied. Another important factor of this tour was the process of taking x-rays and the development of the pictures, under the supervision of Sr. M. Alcantara, the x-ray technician.

With human specimens under the fluoroscope, the students saw the actual beating of the heart, the diaphragm, ribs, collar bone, bones of the arm and hand and parts of the head.

The tour was so enjoyable that the class disliked to return to the rest of their classes.

The biology class is busy putting all their extra time on sketches and reports for their booklets which will be on exhibition at the end of the school term.

"PROF. QUIZ" INTRODUCED IN SENIOR LIT CLASS

Senior Literature Class isn't going to be behind the times. Every Friday morning before the regular lesson a "Professor Quiz" will be conducted. The questions, on literature, will be handed in by the students and the best five will be chosen for the students to answer. Twenty points are given for each question correctly answered.

Alumni Meeting of Class of '39

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I drifted to the other side of the room stopping to talk to Cliff about the New York Shamrocks. Now that he is playing professional basketball I hadn't seen much of him.

Across the way I saw the group from Hollywood. There was "Whimpy," cartoonist; Marian Briggs, the latest discovery of that great director, Marvin Jahn; that heart throb, Tony Jareski. And there are the members of that well known woman's club, The Exclusive Seven—Genevieve, Mary Slawinski, Stephanie, Eileen, Mary Alice, Barbara, and Mary Ann Noonan.

Stopping to talk to them a minute, I heard a choice bit of news. Terry and Helen are engaged! He is wearing the safety pin she gave him and she, the key he gave her.

"Well, Kemmey, so you're a beauty operator. Well, I guess you got your desire, to make all the boys beautiful." "And Senator Jaax, what is going on in Congress?" Hello, Art. So you've married a little farm girl and settled down on that farm in Greeley."

It seems to me there's someone missing. Ah, there they come now. Dr. Dietz and his special nurse, Miss Belford. With the Doctor's record I'm surprised he is here at all.

"Good evening, Father Athanasus. I'm so glad you could come." You get around very well with that cane. And there's Sr. Theresa, our class sponsor. Couldn't be an Alumni meeting without our class sponsor.

There's just one person yet to make his appearance. Oh, here he comes. "Good evening, Fr. Colman. How are you enjoying your vacation from your duties as pastor?"

Oh, there's the signal to be seated. It seems so nice to see everyone back again. And me—ah, me—I'm just a poor woman newspaper reporter with grey hair and a tabby cat.

FRESHMEN LOSE STUDENT

The Freshmen lost one of their "flock" when Frank "Coke" Kohlund dropped from his class. The Kohlund family has moved to Papillion. Doris was also forced to give up her duties as librarian to accompany her family to their new home.

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Juniors Sponsor Successful Sale

The Juniors sponsored the second candy social of the season on Friday afternoon, February 10.

Chairmen of the groups in charge were Constance Dickey, Vernetta Schroeder, Alice Johnson, and Ellen Marie McNair.

The social was conducted on a competitive basis with Constance Dickey's group winning first place in the netting of proceeds.

Two special features were the raffling of a large angel food cake by Vernetta Schroeder's group, and a Valentine box of candy by Constance Dickey's group.

Irene Placzek won the cake and Jean Matya won the box of candy.

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Practice of Second Class Play Begins

"Here Comes Charlie" Is Choice of Play

The final cast of characters for the second of two senior plays has been chosen and class play practice is under way. "Here Comes Charlie," by Jay Tobias, comedy in three acts has been selected by the group of seniors who take part in the play. May 12 has been set as the date of production.

Characters in the play are: Nora Malone, cook at the Elliott home, Betty Mae Kemnitz; Officer Tim McGrill, Nora's sweetheart, Sylvester Fletcher; Mrs. Fanny Farnham, Larry's aunt by marriage, Loretta Jaax; Larry Elliott, a young business man, Robert Dietz; Ted Hartley, his old-time college pal, Clifford Mielak; Vivian Smythe-Kersey, Larry's fiancée, Mary Ann Noonan; Uncle Aleck Twiggs, in charge of Charlie, Marvin John; Charlie Hopps, Larry's ward, Rita Chambers; Mrs. Caroline Smythe-Kersey, Eileen Smyth; Mortimer Smythe-Kersey, Vivian's brother, Arthur Johnson.

Seniors Engage in Citizenship Rating

Of recent interest in Senior class activities is the Class Discussion Forum held on six successive Fridays during the months of February and March.

The class, divided into committees, gave reports and held discussions on such timely subjects as character and personality, citizenship, value of hobbies, and the choice of a vocation.

The purpose of such discussions was to place valuable information on social and economic adjustment at the disposal of all these senior students, who, for the majority, would soon finish their formal education.

As a climax to these student discussions, a citizenship rating was taken of the class by the class members. On slips of paper the names of the students and columns headed "loyalty, leadership, co-operation, self-control, courtesy, industry, dependability, truthfulness, respect for property, respect for authority" were typed. The ratings were, of course, made anonymously.

The results of the rating placed Loretta Jaax in the lead with a score of 35.3, and Beverly Rich next with a score of 35.

Ventures of the Future

- Apr. 18—Sodality Meeting
- Apr. 21—Candy Sale, School Dance
- Apr. 28—Candy Sale
- May 5—Party for winners of candy sale contest
- May 12—Senior Class Play
- May 16—Junior-Senior Prom
- May 21—School Exhibit
- May 28—Baccalaureate Commencement

Veronica Malloy Made Stamp Queen

Leads Field With Total of 20,188 Stamps

Honoring the mission stamp queen a special meeting of the Sodalists was called and held in the school auditorium Tuesday, March 7.

The meeting was opened with the crowning of Veronica Malloy as stamp queen by Helen Hengglar, president of the Sodality. Veronica, since the opening of the contest in October, had collected a total of 20,188 stamps.

Constance Dickey, chairman of the mission committee awarded the prize to Veronica, as well as to Loretta Jaax, Helen Hengglar and Virginia Warholowski who came in with the next greatest number of stamps. The total number of stamps brought in by the Sodalists was 51,378.

Mary Ann Noonan gave the character builder for March, and Rita Chambers a report on our Lady of Social Action.

The meeting was closed with the group singing "Christ the King".

Mr. Shonka Speaks On Banking Contest

In a talk on banking to the student body of the high school, Mr. Frank Shonka urged at least some of the students to take part in the essay contest on banking which is being sponsored by the State Banking Association of Nebraska Bankers.

Mr. Shonka announced the subject of the contest as "The Value of the Banks in Your Community," and spoke a few words on the subject. He presented to the school library a series of books on the different phases of banking.

In conclusion he offered to aid any student who wished to participate in the contest by giving him information on the topic.



VERONICA MALLOY

Old Building is Turned Into Gym

Work is progressing fast on the remodeling of the "barn" into a gymnasium. All partitions and the second floor are being torn down and the building will consist of one large room. The interior of the building will be painted white.

At one end of the "chickenorium," as the students dubbed the old building, will be a kitchen with a long counter. At the other end will be the shower rooms. The building gives promise of being made into an adequate gym.

Father Athanasz has given the students "something" in the form of this building. Much has been talked about a gym but now Father has made it a reality.

The reconstruction has given employment to many men in the parish and the high school boys have added their bit.

School dances and other social events will be held in the gym and will provide the students with a place to enjoy many happy hours.

The Inquiring Reporter

Everyone has a secret ambition locked in his heart. Your inquiring reporter discovered these ambitions of the students by her prying questions and eaves dropping. Loretta Jaax isn't satisfied with winning just a few shorthand certificates. She wants to break the world's record.

Pipe dreamer Sal Fletcher hopes to own a tobacco plantation in the sunny South to keep his favorite pipe aglow forever.

Helen Hengglar has the highest ambition. She wants to be six feet tall.

"Cartoonist." A man of few words, that's Fritz Gerber.

Here's an ambition on the romantic side. A date with Mickey Rooney would make Jackie Boettcher happy.

Ted Wozny's name would go down in history by Methusala's if he has his way. He longs to live till the year 2000.

If Ann Duracinski's dream comes true, you'll soon be reading her name in the Yankee lineup.

That songbird, Harriet Craig, won't be satisfied until she is swinging it vocally with Sammy Kay's orchestra.

Orpha Deitering's desire is to visit one large city, viz., West Chicago—Nebr.

Honor Roll Shows Seniors Again Tops

Twenty-One Students Gain Roll With Four A's

Even though the end of school is drawing near, the students are still keeping up the good work as can be seen by the number on the Honor Roll.

Seniors are especially to be praised for the large number of students who have attained four or three A's. Not only this six weeks but all during the school year, the Seniors have led the other classes on the Honor Roll.

Just six more weeks are left for those who have not yet made the "Roll" to make the ranks. Can any class replace the Seniors on the top?

The following are the students who have gained a 90 or over in three or four subjects:

Seniors: Four A's—Mary Ann Noonan, William Gerhold, Eileen Smyth, Clifford Mielak, Arthur Johnson, Beverly Rich, Loretta Jaax, Rita Chambers. Three A's—Robert Dietz, Harriet Craig, Helen Hengglar, Barbara Podgurski, Tony Jareski.

Juniors: Four A's—Virginia Krzycki, Rose Gonka, Ellen McNair, Virginia Kluck, Alice Johnson. Three A's—Leona Kneifel, Ritajean Cady, Irene Reifenrath, Ted Wozny, Bob Frischholz.

Sophomores: Four A's—Elaine Borowiak, Emogene Kemnitz, Lois Wade, Marie Woerth. Three A's—Vernetta Kamm.

Freshmen: Four A's—Emelia Donnelly, Virginia Podraza, Frances Prosocki, Dolores Woerth. Three A's—Jackie Boettcher, Ann Duracinski, Patricia Jareski, Katherine Krumei, Elaine McNair, Paula Pfeifer, Leone Smythe.

St. Joseph Statue Erected on Campus

Making its appearance during the month of March was the shrine to Saint Joseph erected upon the school grounds of Saint Bonaventure's school.

This shrine was built under the direction of Rev. Father Athanasz for the purpose of honoring Saint Joseph so that we might obtain his assistance in our building program.

The shrine itself is painted white as is the fence surrounding it. It looks very attractive to people driving along Eighteenth avenue. Inside the shrine is a beautiful four and one-half foot statue of Saint Joseph.

During the recess periods of the day may be seen children kneeling before the statue praying. The most popular of all prayers said before the statue is "St. Joseph, foster father and protector of the child Jesus, obtain for us what we ask of thee."

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Maybe Your Teacher Is Human!

What makes up a teacher? A hard voice that can only call you down when you are wrong; a mind that is forever thinking up hard, seemingly impossible things for you to do; a heart of steel that has not the least bit of sympathy when you don't have your assignment for no reason at all! A teacher who is only there to stand guard over you and watch you with her cold all seeing eye! Is this how you think of your teacher?

But—your teacher is human! You may not think so, but she is. Did you ever think that maybe she called you down because you were doing something wrong, that would have formed a bad habit, which might affect your future life?

Did you ever think that when you thought she was tagging you with too much work, that she was only developing your mind and building up your capacity for accepting work and accomplishing it?

Did you ever think that when she seemed to have a heart of steel and no sympathy for you, when you didn't have your assignment, that she was only trying to make an ambitious student of you? One who would not shirk the hard work but would accept it and get it done no matter what the price?

Yes, teachers have a human side too. They are like you or me. But they have been through the stage of life through which they are trying to lead their pupils.

Students owe a great deal to their teachers. And the best way to repay them is by making something of yourself. Many of those "steel hearts" have swelled with pride when they heard that one of their pupils has made his mark in the world.

Freshman: "Why that teacher doesn't know anything."

Senior: "Say, maybe she does know something."

Graduate: "How did my teacher ever know so much!"

"After the Darkness Comes Dawn."

The little old lady walked slowly down the aisle of a large city's cathedral. Her clothing was shabby, certainly nothing of beauty, but all the loveliness of inner peace glowed on her face. She stopped and entered a pew. Upon kneeling down, she raised tear-filled eyes to a figure of Christ coming gloriously out of the tomb. Her lips moved in soft though audible prayer. "I thank Thee, my God, for peace! Why I should have been blessed by being an American, I don't know, when people all over the world, nobler and worthier than I are being persecuted and trampled upon by ruthless, hateful men. Yet, here we have blessed peace. Dear God, may it always be so!"

Yes, dear God, may it always be so! This poor, old woman knew the meaning of Easter. She knew it as it was meant to be known.

Peace—Easter! The two do so belong together, yet with all the destruction of peace in the world, the message of Easter seems to be lost. But on comparing the events leading up to the first Easter with the world events today, a consolation is found. Who has not read of the stormy days and hours preceding Calvary? Did not all seem lost, futile, and dark? Man appeared to have nothing good in him. On Easter morn, however, the futility and darkness were no more! There was a promise of peace and the rebirth of good.

If the comforting saying, "After darkness comes the dawn," is as true as we would believe, then the present days of darkness and futility shall fade away. Man is today acquainted intimately with no peace. But Easter will come! So let us echo now, and then, the prayer of the little old lady, "We thank Thee, God, for peace!"

BEVERLY RICH

"Hold Tight!" everyone, 360 days down and 25 to go. It won't be long now till books will be closed and vacation will be upon us. So, keep up the good work and don't let down just because the end is near.

THE FORUM

Dear Editor:

Well, if it isn't chain letters, lamp shade hats or the big apple, its—yes, of all things—gulping worms, white mice and goldfish! Of course, you have heard all about the brilliant records being set and broken by certain college and university students.

Just reading accounts of these stunts makes me sea sick! Why, even a certain co-ed had to disgrace the race of femininity by gulping—yes, a slippery-slidy goldfish! Will these women ever realize that 'noughs 'nough and let the men do one thing that they won't attempt!

Disgusting? Well, what else can you call it—besides barbaric, idiotic, ridiculous and nauseating. No wonder Granny shakes her head and says, "Oh, dear; oh, dear, what are these young people coming to?" Well, in conclusion, I'm not ashamed to say that I'm taking Granny's side of the question because I'm just

ANOTHER GOLDFISH.

VENTURES IN VERSE

What Will Students Say?

What will dignified Senior say To St. Bonnies at close of May? "Let me fly," says dignified Senior, "St. Bonnies let me fly away." Seniors need not linger longer, Brains so full can grow no stronger! So she hesitates no longer But she flies away.

What will little Freshie say To St. Bon's at close of May? Freshie says, like dignified Senior, "St. Bonnies let me fly away!" Freshie linger only three years longer

Till your little brains are stronger; If Freshie studies three years longer Freshie, too, shall fly away.

MARY SLOWINSKE.

Peering Polly

"Jeepers Creepers," just think, "Frankie and Johnnie" each have "A Date With a Dream." One "Must See Annie Tonight" and the other with "A Flat Foot Floogie." "This Night" they were sailing for "Honolulu." Each went their separate ways but we'll shadow Frankie and Annie. She was the "Girl in a Bonnet of Blue" and a "Deep Purple" dress. They both were "On the Sentimental Side" so they took "A Sail Boat in the Moonlight." "Hold Tight," he said, 'course he meant to the boat for it was rough going. She said "Let It Go" and they left the boat and went "Whistlin' in the Wildwood." They soon came to "The Dark Town Strutter's Ball" where they met "Old Man Mose" and "Little Sir Echo." "Alexander's Ragtime Band" was playing "China Boy." She "Danced with Tears in Her Eyes" as he said "I Have Eyes to See With" and "I See Your Face Before Me." They were tired of "Kicking the Gong Around" and so he thought he'd "Show Her the Way to Go Home" and told her to "Get Some Shut Eye." He left her, singin' "A Penny Serenade" while she was "Deep In a Dream" in the "Still of the Night." But the big question was still undisputed, "Who Threw the Mush in Grandpaw's Whiskers."

Father C.—Who were the Catechumens?

Lizzie—Those who lived in the catcombs.

A Posie to the Third-year Latin class for being the best class in the entire school.

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SOCIETY ITEMS

Mr. Lawrence Platzer entertained two members of his class at his home Friday afternoon during school hours. The afternoon was spent informally by playing cards and sleeping. The guests, who were Myron Novicki and Richard Reifenrath, enjoyed a delicious lunch served by the host. The guests and host were given an interesting talk when they returned to school Monday, whereupon they agreed to make up lost time.

IN PHYSICS CLASS

Sal—"Sister, do you know what the smallest machine is?"

Sr. Theresa—"What is it?"

Sal—"The generator in a firefly."

In Sophomore Literature, Sr. Richardis gets the right response from her students. Having listened aptly to her tale about a drunkard in the story under discussion, Vic gave forth with: "So I says, 'Mike, bring up another keg'".

Bernie Fletcher gave proof of the strength of his lungs when he let out a lusty yell after having his hair pulled.

"Can this be Norfolk!" Or so Father Colman wonders when he is in the Senior room, for he called it the nuthouse. (Could Seniors be nuts???)

Sr. Richardis—Bob, why didn't you take the Literature test today?

Bob Dineen—I didn't have any lead in my pencil, sister.

Tony Z.—Father, why do we have to have the Holy Name meeting tonight? The Globe Trotters play here tonight.

Father Colman—Can't you sacrifice that much, Tony?

Tony Z.—Yes, but they only come once a year.

Father Colman—Then go to see it next year.

Father Colman—Where did Job sit when he was afflicted with leprosy?

Katherine Krumei—In the city lumps.

What's the matter with the seniors? They no longer have time to look for "loop holes" at 3 o'clock. Many a puzzled look of fellow students follows them as they enter the study room where immediately each head is buried in a little book—a copy of the Senior Class play, "Here Comes Charlie."

Something Old, But Something New

Hey, kids, come on and see the latest attraction on the campus of St. Bons. Why, of course, its THE PACKARD and the owner is indeed very, very proud of it. It is rumored, and I believe it, that it can hold as many as 15 kids and we all are very comfortable after everybody is settled. The best thing of all, it has introduced the latest idea for car luxury. Who would have even thought that a Victrola would exchange places with a radio. Well, it has in this car. Many of our gang spend a delightful hour or two listening to their favorite records, "Hold Tight" or "Let It Go." Many of the kids are wishing for their turn to kid in "Thee Packard." When will it be, Terry?

.. ATHLETICS ..

Ten Boys Receive Basketball Letters Five Seniors Among Those Who Earn Cage Letters

Ten Irish cage members received letters recently. Of these 10, five are seniors, four sophomores and one junior. The five seniors, Cliff Mielak, Sal Fletcher, Gerald Kolbush, Lester Morgan, and Marvin Jahn will be lost to the squad next year. Mielak and Fletcher were regulars and did most of the scoring for the team. Morgan, Jahn, and Kolbush were subs but saw plenty of action. Lettermen returning next year are: Sophomores Lou Briggs, Bill Jaworski, Vic Terasinski, and Bernie Fletcher, and one junior, Ted Wozny.

Promising material returning next year besides the lettermen includes Bill Putnam, Francis Murphy, and Lawrence Kolbush, all of whom are juniors. One sophomore, Dennis Placzek, and six freshmen, Lawrence Platzer, Leonard Korgie, Ed Welch, Mike Novicki, Tony Zabawa and Leo Syslo.

Sal Fletcher led in scoring for the Irish with 114 points in 21 games; Lou Briggs was second with 75 and Cliff Mielak third with 70. Those receiving letters: Seniors, Cliff Mielak, Sal Fletcher, Gerald Kolbush, Lester Morgan and Marvin Jahn; junior, Ted Wozny; sophomores, Bill "Jug" Jaworski, Lou Briggs, Vic Terasinski and Bernie Fletcher.

Individual Scoring

	G.	FG.	FT.	TP.
S. Fletcher, c.....	21	48	18	114
Briggs, f	21	32	11	75
Mielak, g	21	28	14	70
B. Fletcher, f.....	21	26	10	62
Jaworski, g	21	21	10	52
Wozny, c	12	3	0	6
Terasinski, f	16	1	3	5
Kolbush, g	13	1	2	4
Jahn, f	13	2	0	4
Morgan, g	12	1	0	2
Welch, g	1	0	0	0

Sport Sketch of Five Senior Basketeers

Congratulations to these five Seniors, who played their last basketball for St. Bon's this year. These five who will no longer wear the green and white of the Shamrocks are: Gerald Kolbush, Lester Morgan, Marvin Jahn, Sylvester Fletcher, and Clifford Mielak. Each one showed that he was not only a basketeer, but a sportsman as well.

Here is a bird's-eye view of their basketball career while they attended St. Bon's:

Gerald Kolbush blew in from Scotia, landed in Columbus in 1937, and continued his schooling at St. Bonnie's as a Sophomore. As the season was practically over he didn't do any basketball playing, but the next year he was successful in playing

as a regular on the second team. Then in his last year he succeeded in making the first ten.

Lester Morgan, a home town boy also succeeded in his last year. Lester has played basketball every year in high school but never seemed to be able to land a first squad position. This year he not only made the team, but showed that he was well worthy of playing for the Shamrocks.

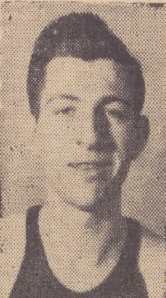


Lester Morgan



Marvin Jahn

Sylvester Fletcher charged in from Miller in the summer of 1937. He started to St. Bonnie's and joined up with the team at the start. A good season was smashed for him when he became ill. This kept him out of most of last season. Again he succeeded in making a regular position at the pivot post, and was high scorer for the team.



Syl. Fletcher



Clifford Mielak on the first quintet. He was elected as honorary captain this season.

Clifford Mielak, another Columbus boy, started by grabbing a first position his first year in high school, but did not obtain a letter. The second year he was used considerably although still a "sub." In his last two years he has held down a guard position

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VENTURETTES

**SCRAP BOOKS INTRODUCED
IN THIRD-YEAR LATIN CLASS**

Scrap books are the latest thing in the third-year Latin class. The Juniors who comprise the class are working on them in all their spare time. The scrap books will be on exhibition in May. The class has also taken up the study of mythology and are learning many interesting stories about the different myths.

JUNIORS WELCOME

NEW STUDENT

The Juniors are pleased to welcome Lonnie Ryba as a member of the class. The Ryba family have moved from Duncan to Columbus where they plan to make their home.

JUNIOR TYPISTS MARCH ON

Great progress is being made by the Juniors in typing. Among those making the thirty words are Maxine Kamm, Irene Luis, Bob Frischholz, Alice Johnson, Ellen McNair, Rose Gonka, Evelyn Schroeder, Constance Dickey, Ritajeon Cady, Dolores Pokorski, Angeline Tworek, Marjorie Belford, Mae Nosal, Virginia Kryzcki, Leona Kniefel, Irene Riefenoath, Reynold Liss, Francis Murphy, Margaret Morgan. Those reaching the forty words are Alice Johnson, Ellen McNair, Marjorie Belford, and Rose Gonka.

Sophomores are looking high and low for pictures that will fit in with the story of "Sohrab and Rustum". They are making booklets on these two and have just finished one on "Enoch Arden".

**Booklets, Booklets and
Still More Booklets**

Poor little Freshmen are worrying their heads over Latin Booklets. Like their upperclassmen they too must give in to the booklet "bug."

These booklets are to deal with the different phases of Roman home life and Latin conjugations and declensions.

**GEOMETRY CONTAINS
BIT OF MAGIC**

Magic circles, magic stars and magic squares! The sophies have been seeing them in their sleep. Geometry period is quite the magic hour.

The class has been turning out some very pretty drawings. These are done in harmonizing colors and are very attractive.

Numbers on the circles, stars and squares can be added in many different ways always producing the same sum.

Senior Literature students didn't escape the booklet "bug." They must prepare a booklet on one of the authors which they have treated in class. These booklets will be on display in May.

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**Students Vote for
the Most and Best**

Recently the students of all four grades in high school cast votes for the titles of nine characteristics. As a result of this contest, the following were selected.

SENIORS: Best groomed, Bill Gerhold, Rita Chambers; Best Personality, Sal Fletcher, Helen Henggeler; Most Popular, Sal Fletcher, Rita Chambers; Most Studious, Tony Jarecki, Art Johnson, Beverly Rich; Best Dancer, Terry Lachnit, Marian Briggs, Helen Henggeler; Most Cheerful, Fritz Gerber, Barbara Podgurski; Best All-Around, Sal Fletcher, Beverly Rich; Best Athlete, Cliff Mielak, Rita Chambers; Most Religious, Lester Morgan, Mary Noonan, Eileen Smyth.

JUNIORS: Best Groomed, Frank Placzek, Virginia Krzycki; Best Personality, Bill Putnam, Connie Dickey; Most Studious, Bob Frischholz, Alice Johnson; Best Dancer, Bill Putnam, Virginia Krzycki; Most Cheerful, Bill Putnam, Elizabeth Bernecki; Best All-around, Bill Putnam, Lawrence Kolbush, James McKown, Ellen McNair; Best Athlete, Ted Wozny, Margaret Morgan; Most Religious, Lambert Smolen, Rita Loeffler.

SOHPHOMORES: Best Groomed, Bill Jaworski, Pauline Korgie; Best Personality, Bernie Fletcher, Emogene Kemnitz; Most Popular, Vic Teracinski, Evelyn Dietz; Most Studious, Carroll Melliger, Adrian Smolen, Lois Wade; Best Dancer, Vic Teracinski, Claudie Placzek; Most Cheerful, Louis Briggs, Betty Glur; Best All-around, Carroll Melliger, Marie Woerth, Orpha Deitering; Best Athlete, Louis Briggs, Elizabeth Craig; Most Religious, Steven Wielgus, Marie Woerth.

FRESHMEN: Best Groomed, Eddy Welch, Gloria Gerber; Best Personality, Myron Novicki, Leone Smyth; Most Popular, Tony Zabawa, Margaret Mimick; Most Studious, John Patsch, Emelia Donnelly; Best Dancer, Leonard Korgie, Margaret Mimick; Most Cheerful, Tony Zabawa, Dolores Schroeder; Best All-around, James Dineen, Helen Jostes; Best Athlete, Leo Syslo, Ann Duranski; Most Religious, Gerald Savage, Marjorie Nickolite.

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**Senior Class Play
Proves Successful**

One of the best plays ever presented at St. Bonaventure's was dramatically given by the thirteen seniors Friday evening in the school auditorium.

It all stars when "Peggy Rose," portrayed by Beverly Rich, inherits a large mansion in Society Row, and who with her aunt "Maggie Rose" enacted by Harriet Craig, and her uncle "Jim Rose" played by Gerald Kolbush, begin to climb the social ladder.

A gentleman from a near town by the name of "Watson" hears of the Roses' inheritance and plans to act as their hired man and also to teach them etiquette. "Jack Archer," characterized by Sal Fletcher who is a famous novelist and is looking for material for his new story, takes Watson's place as hired man.

In his new position he is successful and falls in love with Peggy. Two society leaders, however, "Mrs. Warren," played by Loretta Jaax and "Joyce Belmore" portrayed by Mary Ann Noonan are determined that the Roses go back to their truck farm.

In order to put the Roses on a higher social level Archer and his constant companion, "Ferdie Wimbledon" impersonated by William Gerhold, plan to have a famous prince at the Roses' mansion. As the prince is hurriedly called home before seeing the Roses, Archer hires one of three tourists to pose as the prince which would have been all right had not all three appeared.

Archer confesses all to "Hazel Sommers" played by Marian Briggs. Finally she believes him but has a hard time convincing the others that Archer is really the novelist.

Supplying the comedy are "Priscilla Prentice" played by Ritajeon Cady with a handy box of pills; "Dryden Proonis," portrayed by Lester Morgan who is a very fresh salesman; "Percy Southworth" a very dominate young man and "Winnie Clark," a little neighborhood pest, enacted by Helen Henggeler.

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