

# THE VENTURE

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## Various Rooms Select Officers

### Election Returns Cause Excitement

Results of the elections, September 12, for class officers for the ensuing school term were indeed close and exciting.

The victorious president of the senior class was Alice Johnson. Accompanying her in the vice president's chair is Bob Frischholz and holding the purse strings and jotting down minutes is Dolores Pokorski.

The Juniors placed faith in Ruth Boettcher by electing her president. Victor Teracinski is to assist her as vice president. Emogene Kemnitz and Lois Wade must fulfill the duties of secretary and treasurer, respectively.

Myron Novicki proved to be the Sophomores' choice for class president; Michael Syslo, vice president; and Virginia Podraza, secretary-treasurer.

Freshmen showed their good judgment by selecting, as president, Anita Jaworski; vice president, Ruth Ewert; and secretary-treasurer Raymond Gattermeyer.

## PARISH ORGANIZES JUNIOR THIRD ORDER

Desiring to follow in the footsteps of St. Francis of Assisi, a group of enthusiastic high school Seniors and past graduates of St. Bonaventure have joined the Junior Third Order which has been organized by Rev. Fr. Colman. The number of Tertiaries enrolled in the scapular and cord totals 30 at the present.

The Third Order was established by St. Francis so that all who were not called to the religious life might work out their salvation in the station where God had placed them.

The first formal meeting of the "order" was held Sunday, September 10. Mr. Peter Lakers gave a talk on his experiences in the Third Order and was followed by a few remarks from the moderator, Fr. Colman.

In the election of officers for the Junior Third Order, Arthur Johnson was chosen as Prefect; Ted Wozny, Vice Prefect; Angela Moerson, Secretary, and Ellen McNair, Treasurer.

The only other business discussed was that of organizing a dramatics club, the plans of which are, as yet, not completed.

### THANKS!

The new Venture staff wish to take this opportunity to thank the 1938-39 staff for the splendid way they carried on the publication of the Venture during the past year.

The present staff hope they will be able to prove themselves as efficient.

THE EDITOR.

## Enrollment Jumps To All Time High

Never before in its history has St. Bon's been able to boast such a large enrollment as this year.

The Sophomores lead the classes with 47 registered. Ranking close behind are 46 Freshmen. The Senior class, the biggest ever, boasts of 33 members, while the Junior class takes its place at the last of the line with 29 enrolled.

Since the opening of the school in 1925 the enrollment has steadily increased until today's high mark was reached. This year's grand total shows 155 members, a gain of 16 over last year's total. Ever growing, St. Bonaventure High!

## Freshies Survive Unlucky Friday

### Notorious Criminals Brought Before Jury

An unlucky day for freshies—a "red letter" day for seniors was Friday, September 29.

Starting the day right, the freshies were ordered to carry the seniors' books, hats, and coats up the three flights of stairs. The former were stunning in their "pigtails" tied with green ribbons and tagged "I'm a green freshie."

At noon freshies were employed at all sorts of odd jobs—polishing and tying seniors' shoes, and running errands. Geraldine Gottberg was "green" enough to ask the Fathers at the monastery for some striped paint, at Ted Wozny's order.

The real fun began at night, however. The freshies, painted every color under the sun, took seats before Judge Wozny in the court room. The trial began. Each criminal was called to the stand and accused of such crimes as chewing gum, talking, disrespecting seniors, disobeying their orders, or flirting. Frightened, shaking, wide-eyed, the accused tried to defend themselves.

One of the worst and funniest penalties imposed by the senior jury was that of Walter Caffrey who, playing the part of a baby, sucked contentedly (what?) on his bottle as Anita Jaworski pushed him around in the baby-buggy. The court roared with laughter.

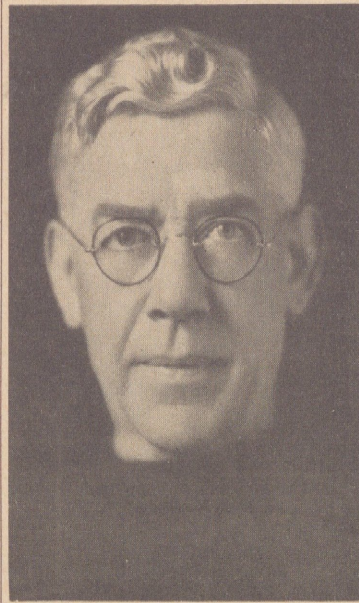
Next, a worm was placed in the hands of Margaret Noonan. "Bait this hook. I want to go fishing," was the judge's order. The small part of skin visible under paint turned snow white. A sickening look came over her countenance. But, she did it!

A peanut pushed by Jim Gerhold's nose, finally got entirely around the court room.

After all the freshies had been accused and punished, they were declared full-fledged members of St. Bonaventure's High.

Refreshments, consisting of cake and ice cream, were then served by the sophomores and seniors. Dancing topped off a hilarious evening.

## St. Bonaventure Welcomes New Spiritual Director



FATHER JOHN JOSEPH, O. F. M.

## Collector Displays Many Specimens

### Delivers Address To Biology Class

Biology students listened with rapt attention as Mr. Fred J. Schilz delivered an interesting discourse on the subject of insects. "This is a vast and amazing field of study," stated Mr. Schilz. "There are more insects than any other form of animal life on the earth."

Mr. Schilz is Scoutmaster of Troop No. 115. He gave a description of the various groups of insects of which he has a large collection. He demonstrated the proper method of mounting an insect, using the cabbage butterfly as an illustration.

The display of Mr. Schilz' collection of beautiful moths filled students with zeal. His statement revealing where these cocoons could be found was followed by plans of field trips by the boys.

## Coach Ernst Weds

Mr. Paul Ernst, for three years basketball coach at St. Bonaventure, was married September 6 to Miss Dorothy Clements, laboratory technician at St. Mary's Hospital.

Rev. Father Colman, athletic director, performed the ceremony in the chapel of St. Mary's in the presence of a large group of relatives and friends. Also present were members of the basketball team.

They were attended by Mr. Nicholas Poppa of Omaha and Miss Josephine Kramer of Columbus. Bill Putnam, Senior at St. Bon's, was usher.

## Rev. Athanase Steck Transfers During Summer to Teutopolis, Illinois

Students returning to St. Bonaventure school this fall were welcomed by a new pastor, Rev. Fr. John Joseph Brogger, O. F. M., who will offer them spiritual guidance through the nine months to come. Fr. Athanase Steck, whom Fr. Brogger succeeds, has been transferred to St. Francis church in Teutopolis, Illinois as pastor there.

Fr. Brogger is a native of Grand Rapids, Michigan. After attending St. Joseph's college in Teutopolis, he went to St. Francis monastery at Quincy, Illinois for his studies in philosophy, and to the Franciscan seminary in St. Louis for his theological studies. There, in 1908, he was ordained to the priesthood.

After serving for three years on his first assignment as assistant pastor of St. Anthony's church in St. Louis, Fr. Brogger was named a Franciscan missionary because of his oratorical abilities. Upon the completion of 16 years of conducting missions throughout the United States, the appointment was given him of pastorship of Sacred Heart Church in Indianapolis, Indiana. He remained there until coming to Columbus.

## Sodalists Meet For First Time

### Officers Chosen For Ensuing Years

The first monthly meeting of the Sodality of Our Lady, numbering about 125, was held in the gym Wednesday evening, September 27. The President, Miss Helen Henggeler, presided. The meeting was opened with a prayer led by the Director, Rev. John Joseph; this was followed by the hymn, "Christ, the King." Then a very inspiring address was made by the Director on "The Autograph of Our Lady."

Reverend Father stressed vividly the honor and the advantage of having one's name inscribed in Our Lady's autograph book. He said, "Try to imitate the life of your Model, the Blessed Virgin, and she will keep your autograph with an inscription of gold on a heavenly banner."

During the business meeting the officers for the coming year were elected. The result of the election is as follows: Ellen McNair, president; Evelyn Dietz, vice-president; Gloria Gerber, secretary; Dolores Pokorski, treasurer.

These newly elected officers were duly installed after they promised to

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## Moscow-Berlin Axis?

While England and France cock one eye down a rifle barrel at Germany, the other eye never veers from the most enigmatic question mark facing war-mad Europe—Soviet Russia.

Will the world's No. 1 diplomat, Josef Stalin, come to Hitler's aid under the trade and non-aggression treaties those nations signed just before the war? Is Mr. Stalin merely playing Germany all she is good for? Or has Herr Hitler outsmarted his new found friend, thus forcing Russia to aid the Nazi cause?

The implications of a German-Soviet alliance are tremendous. Indeed, this question has worried European observers ever since Adolf Hitler came to power, for together these military powers could be fearsome.

## The Harvest of War.

Once again the grim roar of the cannon is to be heard in war-mad Europe as the dictatorial powers gradually line up against the world's oldest democracies.

Again the world's youth is engaged in bloody strife a war by which none of the belligerent nations will gain anything compared to the harvest war itself will reap.

Countless thousands will be killed, injured, or maimed for life. Cities will be destroyed, historical monuments and documents will be ruined, and millions will be made homeless or separated from their friends. Depression will follow the war and it will be many, many years before a normal condition will exist in the country.

This in short is the harvest of war.

## Does This Mean You?

Idlers! Loafers! All schools have them! Students who are averse to labor, take "time out" to catch up on lost sleep, annoy their neighbors and in general do everything but the right thing—plain wasting time. They are students who little realize that a minute lost may never be regained. A minute, hour or day spent in idleness is gone forever and nothing you may do will ever get back that time for you.

Take an active interest in each class! Show a desire to learn more about each subject! Then your time will be so occupied that it won't be necessary to fill class time and study periods with worthless day-dreaming. Study diligently during study periods and do each task as it comes, never putting one off till later for it might never be done.

By keeping busy all the time students will develop a sense of responsibility and the desire to get ahead, besides increasing their knowledge. Put an end to the bad habit of "wasting time" and you will develop into men and women of admirable character and will make for yourselves a place in the world.

## Attendance at Holy Mass.

Row upon row of pews filled with—yes, school children; from the babies in the first grade to the high and mighty, dignified Seniors. This is the picture one may get while attending the 8 o'clock holy Mass during the week.

All are there on time, ready to begin the day right—to begin the day with God and thus have all their actions of the day blessed. There could be no better way than this to start the day, and children though they are, the students of St. Bon's seem to realize this.

May they keep up the good work throughout the entire school year.

## Modern Maud Mullers.

The old adage: "Make hay while the sun shines," may prove correct in some cases. When the thermometer climbed to the upper nineties, however, not much hay was made in school. This was the case throughout the first two weeks of school.

But alas! The heat wave has broken and students must again settle down to "brass tacks" and studying. The heat did not allow our brains to function properly, but now that cooler weather is here, all have started stacking their intellectual hay. Who'll have the highest haystack by May?

## Public Life.

True friendships are very rarely found in those who are occupied in the pursuit of honors and public affairs.—Cicero.

Every man owes some time to the profession to which he belongs. So study while studying, play while playing, work while working and you're sure to be a success.

## A Message

It cannot be denied that the marks of our age are: irreligion, decline of morals, pleasure mania, insubordination to law and authority, deterioration of the home and family, international hatred and strife and a general falling away from God and religion.

To stem the tide of these rampant evils the late Holy Father, Pope Pius XI, of blessed memory, has repeatedly urged the Christian education of youth. He knew that the future status of the church and the well-being of Christian society are in the hands of the youth of today. He knew that youth above all must be enlisted in this counter-attack if the world is to remain Christian.

The world today stands in need of leaders; men and women staunch and true, who have the courage of their convictions, who stand ever ready to champion the principles of Christian philosophy and the God-given ideals of Christian life; men and women, who will bring the world back to the realization that God created man, that his intellect may know Him, that his heart may love Him, that his will may serve Him and thereby attain heaven his eternal destiny.

This kind of Christian leadership is only acquired in our Catholic institutions of learning. Glory then, students of Saint Bonaventure High School that you enjoy the happy privilege in being trained to become champions in the army of Christians, to promote the cause of Holy Mother Church and to make the world around and about you just a bit better.

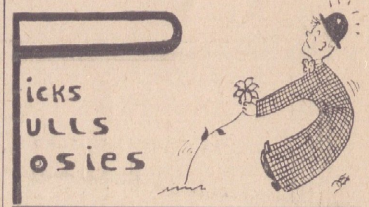
May God's sweet blessing rest upon our high school, its student-body and teaching staff and crown the new scholastic year with honor and success.

YOUR PASTOR.

## Rambling

In the Library with the Rambler

Ah . . . at last we're finally settled. This library isn't very big but it's a swell place to chew gum . . . Hey, Tweet! Got any gum. Oh, Heck! He ain't got any (like so much) . . . Ouch! Say, what do you mean by telling me to get my skis out of the way? Do you need all of 40 acres for your own feet? . . . Gosh! Here I thought shorthand was going to be easy. (It is.) Oh, Yeah? Who said that? . . . Here it's only a week of school and a test already. What the heck! . . . Oh! Sister, may I get a drink? I can't study when I'm thirsty . . . Gee! that was refreshing. Now watch me study. (Study???) . . . Hey, there! Quit your shakin'. How do you expect me to write? . . . Such a day! Gosh, it's hot. Open the windows. No, you'd better not. Ted's got hay fever. Kerchoo!!! No, Betty! Just because Sister taught Caesar is no sign she's that old . . . Oh, look at Vic give that silent Indian war whoop. Yes, I mean yawning. (But definitely) . . . Say, how does Connie get around Sister for that rocking chair every afternoon? Wouldn't mind a turn at it myself . . . Seems to me that it wears out more than a nickel's worth of shoe leather to chase down two long flights of stairs and half a block of corridor, all for the sake of capturing a "lost book." Gosh! there goes the bell and I didn't get any studying in. Oh, well! that's the way it goes . . . Or does it???



Who is the brilliant Junior girl who went to the store and ordered two bars of "Blue Barrel Polka?" Could it be M. W.?

After Gerald Savage had finished his speech, criticisms were made. "And now Emelia," continued Sister, "tell us about his 'eyes.'" Of course we know she meant "I's."

Hear Ye—Hear Ye! Need new glasses? Page Kobie for new ruler wire monocle.

Do you want to know who asks questions and then says (very politely) don't say anything? For further information concerning the question ask Elaine B.

In General Science class—"What are the properties of air, Bob?"

Bob G.—"It is invisible. Anyone can see that."

Centipede???

Another bright Soph—(Announcing answer to problem): "I got 30 feet."

Wanted:

A more tasty pencil—Lawrence Kolbush.

A reliable ink remover—Francis Murphy.

A fool-proof typewriter—Ted Matya.

A cup of strong coffee to keep me awake during classes—Bernie Flichter.

POSIES

To Father John Joseph for all the delightful half-days.

To Marie Woerth for the artistic ability shown in the dance poster.

Orchids (a whole armful of them) to Vernetta Schroeder, star ad-getter for the Venture.

## First Day of School

Well, here I am back at school again, with the same old bunch, ready for the same old grind—with one difference—but what a difference! Last year my pals and I were mighty Eighth Graders, lords of seven other grades. Now we're po' lil' Freshies, waiting in fear and trembling for initiation.

And that's not all—things look pretty dull around here—don't think I'll—Say!! Look at that girl going into our room! Did I say things were going to be dull this year? Hmmm . . . I wonder about that . . .

Well, I've been standing here outside the door long enough, trying to work up nerve to go in, like a lamb to the slaughter—Well, in I go! Slam!! (meekly): "Good morning, Sister."

## Better Than Gold

Better than gold is a peaceful school Where all the best of students come, The shrine of love the heaven of life,

Hallowed by teacher, or pupil, or friend.

However humble the school may be, Or tried with sorrow by Heaven's decree,

The blessings that never were bought or sold,

And center there, are better than gold.

—ROSELLA SLOWINSKI.

## What Our Graduates Are Doing

Rita Chambers—She'll take your change anytime with a cheerful smile for Rita is a cashier at the Oxnard Cafe in Norfolk, Nebraska.

Harriet Craig—She took quite an interest in school for she is going to the Grand Island Business College.

Sylvester Fletcher—'Sal' was one of the fortunate ones to get a job even before school closed as Assistant Telegraph Operator in Wahoo. Wonder if he misses any of the home town girls?

Betty Mae Kemnitz—A stenographer, that's what Betty Mae is at the County Assistant's Office at the courthouse.

Barbara Podgurski—A neat little waitress is 'Bobbie' at Evans Hotel.

Eileen Smythe and Mary Ann Noonan—Service with a smile is what you'll get from these girls at Woolworth's five and ten, where they are clerks.

Tony Jareski—Studying is his hobby, and he proves it, too, by going on to college in St. Paul, Minnesota.

Genevieve Tworek—Some day she'll be a nurse as she is taking a course at St. Elizabeth's Hospital in Lincoln.

Beverly Rich—'Bev' is working at The Columbus Telegram office as proofreader, and a 'swell' one, too.

William Gerhold—Bill might have

left his friends and books at St. Bon's but he was sure to take his interest in school along and is showing it by taking up electrical engineering at Marquette University in Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

Loretta Jaax—Loretta is still close to St. Mary's for she's working at St. Mary's Hospital as switchboard operator.

Marian Briggs—Marian has turned domestic, and is doing housework for Mrs. Pierce.

Robert Dietz—'Speck' hates to part with school, so he is continuing his education at Creighton University in Omaha.

Marvin Jahn—'Marvy' is serving 'free air' and gas at Vernon's Oil Station.

Florence Belford—Florence is gone and with her went her 'peaches and cream' complexion and wavy hair. You'll soon be seeing those blond waves topped with a white cap. Yes, she's in training at St. Catherine's Hospital in Omaha, Nebraska.

A number of the graduates are helping at home or doing part time work. These include Fritz Gerber, Arthur Johnson, Lester Morgan, Gerald Kolbush and Cliff Mielak, while Stephania Slusarski and Helen Henggeler are becoming very efficient in the act of housekeeping.

## How Do You Do? My Name Is—

New faces are so numerous this year, that students are going around saying, "How do you do? My name is . . . What's yours?" So to simplify matters here's a public introduction to the newcomers of all the classes.

Of the Seniors Rose Lane hails from Underwood High school, Omaha, Nebraska, while Leo Jeruzal has transferred from Kramer High.

From Osceola High School comes Mary Ann Starosik, a Junior. Another Junior, Rosella Slawinski, comes from Duncan High School.

The Sophomores welcome eight new classmates. Vernie Ryba and Theresa Kosiba from Kramer High, Darlene Karges has transferred from Saint Joseph's High School, Omaha, Nebraska; Bonnie Tomason has moved here from Dixon, Nebraska, where she attended the Dixon High School. Michael Syslo comes from Saint Bonaventure Seminary in Sturdevent, Wisconsin. Josephine Tyma is from Loup City, Nebraska, and Margaret Kezeor comes from St. Mary's in Grand Island, Nebraska, while Elsie Sokol hails from Duncan High.

The Freshmen have the most newcomers with Josephine Zoucha, Veronica Wielgus, Barbara Stortz, Dolores Bonk, Helen Nosal and Barbara Ryba from St. Anthony's, Columbus; Anita Jaworski comes from Tarnov, while Dolores Duranski is from Duncan. Patricia Kluck is from Richland; Bob Goedert from North Platte, and Orma Euteneuer from District 71.

Bright Soph—(When informed the algebra problems were not correct): "Well, my Dad gets zero today!"

## Sophomore Proves Worthy of Imitation

Who is the hard-working member of the biology class that has already caught enough crayfish so that each member of the class might have one to dissect?

Who collected caterpillars and fed them until they formed the pupa stage?

Who brought a clam to class?  
Who collected frogs and gave the ether to them and the crayfish?

Gerald Savage

Hats off to the most enthusiastic member of the biology class!

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## Orchestra, Glee Club Enlarged

Reorganizing the orchestra and glee club when school opened was one of the first duties of Sister M. Aniceta, new music instructor.

The orchestra meets on Monday and Tuesday afternoon of each week and consists of a group of lively musicians who are ready for an active year.

The orchestra has five new members, namely, Arnold Thiele, Elsie Sokol, Gerald Savage, Delores Bonk and Virginia Warholowski. New music has been ordered and meanwhile the group has been reviewing old numbers.

The glee club boasts of 60 members and has practice three times weekly. The first song learned was "Anchored," they are now undertaking "The Dance of the Fairies."

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## Juniors Sponsor Dance

"A Whirling Good Time" was enjoyed by all who attended the dance given by the Junior class Friday evening, September 22. The Juniors have taken the lead in social activities by giving the first of their monthly dances in the new gym.

The purpose of these dances is two-fold, to stimulate the social life of the students, and to raise sufficient funds for the Junior-Senior Prom and Banquet.

Due to the whole-hearted co-operation of the students, the dance was an immense success.

Mrs. Craig acted as chaperon.

Note to the car driver: The more fast rides you take, the sooner you're likely to take a slow one.—The Creightonian.

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## Bulletin Display Attracts Attention

Contributions by the members of the Citizenship class have resulted in a most attractive bulletin board in the Freshman home room.

Last week "Outstanding Citizens" was the theme. This proved very successful under the capable direction of Laverne Pokorski. Looking out over the classroom were such noted faces as Eleanor Roosevelt, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph P. Kennedy and many others.

This week visitors can see something entirely different. Is it a baby beauty contest under the catchy title "Guess Who?" No, it is only the Freshman babies of yesterday who will be the celebrities of tomorrow.

But after all it could pass for a baby show. Dick Ternes seems to be especially proud of his good looks.

This week's work was under the supervision of Bob Goedert.

## Venture Staff Forms Club

Under the guidance of the faculty adviser, Sister M. Gregoriana, a Press Club has been organized. Included in the club are Venture staff members and reporters from each class.

The main business at the first meeting was the election of officers. Ellen Marie McNair, editor of the Venture, was elected President, while Sports Editor Bennie Nosal was chosen Vice President. Typist Rose Gonka was elected secretary-treasurer.

If present plans for the year can be carried out the Press Club will be most interesting and instructive. At the invitation of Mr. William Gregorius, mechanical manager, one of the first activities of the club will be to visit the Daily Telegram office.

## SHORTHAND STUDENTS TAKE DICTATION

The second year shorthand students had a taste of real dictation Thursday afternoon when Rev. Father John Joseph visited the class.

He dictated for fifteen minutes and at the end of this time was very much impressed at the accuracy and efficiency of the students.

## SENIORS PRINT SONG BOOKS

Learning Office Practice from "practice" rather than from a text book has been the case of several seniors during the past week. They have been spending all their spare time making "Old Favorite" song books for the use of the Men's Club.

Ted Wozny, Lambert Smollen and Francis Murphy have become quite proficient in the use of the mimeograph. Maxine Kamm and Ellen McNair did a neat job of cutting stencils.

## Thanks a Million to . . .

Rev. Father Athanase for his untiring zeal and encouragement so much needed in the reconstruction of the "barn" into a gym.

Thanks another million to all the men who donated their time and work that the gym might be completed, especially our faithful janitor, Mr. Herman Schmid, Mr. Joe Krumei and Mr. Andy Gumm.

Thanks to Rev. Father Colman for the splendid work he did in overseeing the work done by the boys.

Thanks to all the high school boys who spent a part or all of the summer vacation working on the gym.

And again, Thanks a Million, everybody, for everything.

## Sodalists Meet

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abide by the spirit of the rules of the Sodality and to strive by good example to further the work in behalf of their own souls and the souls of their neighbors as fostered by the Sodality. After appropriate speeches by the outgoing officers, the business was continued with the new officers in charge.

The business meeting was closed with the singing of "Ave Maria." Dancing was enjoyed by all after the meeting.

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## Latin Students Organize Club

The Latin Club has organized as Exercitus Romanus with the following officers:

Imperator: Michael Syslo.

Legati: Frances Prosocki and Camilla Moersen.

Quaestores: Helen Jostes and Veronica Wielgus.

Tribuni Militum: Gloria Gerber, Virginia Warhaloski, Virginia Podraza, Laverne Pokorski, Rosella Slowinski and Clarence Smollen.

Primipilus: Leone Smythe.

Centurion: Ann Duranski.

Legio Decima: Second year students.

Praefectus: Margaret Noonan.

Decuriones: Katheryn Merz and Phyllis Boyle.

Equites: First year students.

The Standard of the Army: Aquila.

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## Rotarian Speaker Addresses Students

### Major Booth Speaks of European Crisis

On Tuesday, October 24, the student body were entertained as well as enlightened by an address by Major C. Douglas Booth of London, England. His subject dealt with "Britain's Stake in the European Crisis."

Major Booth in his address explained that the German people in general did not want war, nor did they want to seize small European countries but were being forced into it by Hitler and other high officials of the Nazi Regime. He also explained that the cause of Britain's apparent slowness in helping Poland was due to geographical location.

After a half hour talk of intense interest the speaker conducted an open forum. The students by their questions showed an intelligent understanding of the world problems of today.

Major Booth, besides being a renowned lecturer is also a noted traveler and publicist having traveled in Rhodes, Athens, Vienna, Paris, Belgrade, Morocco, Budapest, and Egypt. He has studied the situations existing in each region and therefore is well fitted for his particular work.

## Seniors Stage Unique Program

In observance of Columbus Day the seniors staged a program in the school auditorium Thursday afternoon, October 12.

The entertainment was opened with the flag salute after which the assembly sang "America, the Beautiful." Bennie Nosal then delivered an instructive and interesting speech entitled, "Advantage of Being An American." "America" was then sung by the entire student body.

The main feature of the program was a comedy in one act, "The Heirs." The following students took part: Francis Murphy, as attorney; Irene Luis, old maid; Lawrence Kolbush, deaf man; Florence Mimick, actress; Bill Putnam, Jew; Irene Reifennath and Veronica Malloy, Mrs. D'Esterre and her daughter, Cornelia, two fashionable ladies; Frank Placzek, poet; and, Margaret Morgan, suffragette.

The play concerned a certain Mr. Swinberg who, supposedly dying, had left a fabulous sum of money behind. There began a grand rush of claimants with rights for possession of the money. One was so ridiculous as: "Mr. Swinberg was my mother's best friend's first cousin." The attorney to whose office they came, turned out to be not an attorney at all, but Mr. Swinberg himself, who had only pretended he had passed away.

The program closed with the entire assembly singing the St. Bonaventure High song.

## THE VENTURE STAFF



—Courtesy, Daniel's Studio.

Standing—Ben Nosal, Margaret Morgan, Bob Frischholz, Alice Johnson.  
Seated—Ellen McNair, Rose Gonka, Marie Woerth, Orpha Deitering, Vernetta Schroeder.

## Reports Bring First Six Weeks to Close

### Freshmen Lead With Eight Honor Students

October 16 completed the first six weeks of work for high school students in St. Bonnie's. When the report cards were distributed, faces registered different degrees of satisfaction.

The freshmen top the honor roll with eight of their number represented. Those having four A's are Dolores Duranski, Kathryn Merz, Raymond Gattermeyer and Mary Ellen Rich.

With three A's are Jimmy Gerhold, Margaret Noonan, Helen Reifennath and Anita Jaworski.

Seniors rank second on the list. Alice Johnson leads the class with four A's. Those having three A's are Leona Kneifel, Rose Gonka, Bennie Nosal and Ellen McNair.

The sophomores are next in line with Delores Woerth reaching the four A peak. Elaine McNair, Emelia Donnelly and Michael Syslo have three A's each.

Marie Woerth heads the junior class with four A's. With three A's are Irene Thiele and Mary Ann Staroscik.

## "Australia" Proves Interesting Topic

The student body of St. Bonaventure High school enjoyed an imaginary trip to far away Australia when Mr. Thomas P. Wilson lectured on Thursday, October 19.

Mr. Wilson, who has represented the Colorado Fuel & Iron Corporation of Pueblo for 10 years as a public lecturer, is a native of Australia. He presented his subject in a picturesque way that was most instructive and entertaining.

"There is nothing lovelier than great stretches of coral, of all tints and shades," remarked Mr. Wilson. He went on to describe the huge stretches of coral which grow like living trees under the waters along the shores of his boyhood home.

Australia, as learned from Mr. Wilson leads in the pearling industry. "A hidden price," he stated, "must be paid by those who work in the pearl district. Because the pearls lie in deep water one tenth of the divers lose their lives in searching for them." He stressed the point that a "hidden price" must be paid for everything in this world, even in obtaining an education.

In particular he told of the strange lyre bird which mimics anything and everything. He also vividly described the bird which builds a bower for its "bride" and fills it with fresh blossoms each morning.

Mr. Wilson told the students that the things he had spoken to them were not fairy tales but pages of the story of his own life. But in concluding he related the legendary tale of the Southern Cross which was of special interest.

## Press Club Guests of Daily Telegram

Through the courtesy of the Daily Telegram and its employees the Press Club, on Monday, October 9, gained an inside view into what really makes a newspaper.

Arriving at the Telegram office the members were met by Mr. Will Gregorius, mechanical manager, who guided them through the plant. The different machines were viewed, beginning with the linotypes. These machines are used for setting up regular small size lines of type in a newspaper.

Mr. Gregorius showed that setting type is in reality almost the same as typing. The only difference is that instead of a letter appearing on a sheet of paper a line of type is automatically set together by the machine.

After having proofs, mats, cuts, and other devices explained to them, the club visited the press room. The press is an enormous

machine which turns out 6000 copies an hour when run at top speed. This almost human machine not only prints the newspaper but also cuts and folds it, ready for delivery.

Another machine which proved very interesting was the teletype. It is through this electrically operated machine that all international affairs and latest news flashes are sent by the United Press. The teletype runs from approximately 7 a. m. to 3 p. m., daily except Sundays, and records news at 60 words a minute.

The tour through the editorial and proof reading departments ended in the office of the publisher and editor, Mr. Edgar Howard. He gave the Club important pointers, stressing the fact that to be a writer, one must believe he is one. Mr. Howard accepted the invitation to speak at St. Bonaventure at an early date.

## Mary Omen Gives Fashion Revue

St. Bon's girls were fortunate in witnessing a Fabric Fashion Revue, October 31. It was presented by Miss Mary Omen, fabric stylist for the J. C. Penney Co. and McCall's.

With the senior girls as models many new fall styles were shown, ranging from house dresses and school attire to evening gowns and wraps.

"Minus waists and plus hips," said Miss Omen, "is the slogan this fall." Here are some of her other tips to the well dressed girl: Ties and bows must follow the lines of the costume. In plaid the design must be matched. Buttons must belong to the background. A dress loses its beauty if worn at an inappropriate time.

## CLASS OF '39 RETURNS

A large framed picture of individual snapshots of the Class of 1939 has been presented to the High School, a gift from Daniel's Studio.

This portrait is now hanging in the senior home room where it can be viewed daily.

Many thanks to Mr. Daniel for the lovely gift.

## IN SYMPATHY

The faculty and student body offer sincerest sympathy to Coach Paul Ernst for the loss of a dear father, and to Reporters Emilia Donnelly and Gloria Mae Gerber on the deaths of their grandmother and uncle, respectively.

# THE VENTURE

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| Mary Ellen Rich   | Pauline Miller  |
| Harold Mielak     | Emella Donnelly |



## Are You Thankful?

"What have you to be thankful for?" It is true that near Thanksgiving every year, people are heard asking this question. To some perhaps, this query has lost its meaning. However, I think that we young people of today realize that we have much for which to be thankful.

While our fellow-brethren in Poland and Germany have been suffering the bitter hardships of war, living in fear, hunger and thirst, and while English children have been sent from their parents and homes to safety zones, we have lived in PEACE.

We, future citizens of America, know nothing of hunger and thirst as the children of these warring nations know it. We know not what it means to live in constant fear, never knowing when a bullet will end our life or the lives of our loved ones. For this we can be truly thankful!

Furthermore, we, in America are not subject to persecution because of our religion. We can hardly pick up a newspaper or magazine in which there are not stories telling of priests, nuns and Catholic laymen being tortured and put to death for professing their belief in Christ.

And lastly, our parents have given us, by their sacrifice and untiring labors, an opportunity to receive a GOOD, CATHOLIC education. Today in this world of turmoil this is indeed a great blessing.

Now, isn't this really something to be thankful for?

## In November.

November! What does it mean to you? One more month of school drudgery? If it does, here are a few remarks which may help you to be much happier November 30 than if you lived, just like always.

This is the month dedicated by the church to the Poor Souls in purgatory. Anguished cries and plaintive voices come to our ears through the wail of the November wind with such pleadings as "Have pity, you my friend." They wait with ceaseless hope in those burning flames for your reply—a simple, meaningful prayer. You can never realize what joy you give some poor soul when your generous heart replies to pleading and sends it aid.

Pray for them! Perhaps your dearest friend is one whose voice is waiting with the wind.

Remember, some day you too will yearn and anguish there. Then your prayers of today will be returned—by saints.

## The Progress of the War.

The great bloody carnage in Europe has already lasted nearly two months with the greater part of the war being fought on water. German officials believe that by crippling the merchant ships of Britain, Germany will stand a good chance to beat the Allied Powers.

With the exception of a little fighting during the actual siege of Poland, Germany and her adversaries have been concentrating on defense. Although the war is still stalemate, all belligerent countries are mobilizing as many men as possible. And are preparing for a long war which most likely will not begin in earnest till next spring.

Meanwhile every belligerent country is augmenting all their might to find some peaceful way to settle their difficulties. Adolf Hitler himself is praying for a peaceful solution to this great crisis, but nevertheless he is determined not to give in to the demands of England and France.

Can this progress of war be called PROGRESS in the true sense of the word?

## American Education Week.

The week of November 5-11 is observed as American Education Week. During this week the need of education will be stressed, also the important position it occupies in a democracy.

American youth must be educated so that it may better understand its problems, face economic difficulties, and combat atheistic communism. One of the greatest contributions to American life is Catholic education. Catholic education prepares a great number of Americans to live as worthy citizens of this great Republic; educating them without any expense to the government.

Our Catholic schools are not established with the intention of separating Catholic youth from the general body and spirit of American citizenship. They are simply the form in which Catholics exercise their rights as free citizens.

## I'll Be Thankful

I'll be thankful at Thanksgiving.  
If you wish to know what for,  
I'll be thankful at Thanksgiving  
That we're not in the war.

I'll be thankful that I'm living,  
I'll be thankful it's Thanksgiving,  
I'll be thankful that it's winter,  
Also for the turkey dinner.

I'll be thankful if the President,  
The Governor and a few,  
Would decide the date for Thanksgiv-  
ing,

Or, maybe give us two.  
—Jimmy Gerhold.

## Fate of a Turkey

A proud turkey was strutting around  
the farm.

Suddenly appeared a hatchet, at-  
tached to an arm.

The hatchet fell on the turkey's  
head.

The turkey strutted no more—he  
was dead.

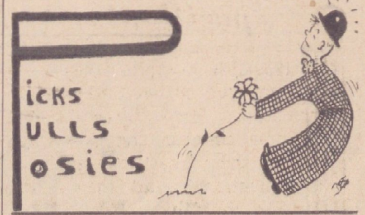
—Kathryn Ann Merz.

## Rambling

With the Rambler

Ohhh—my head! Does anyone have an aspirin? I guess I'm not the only one who feels like the day after the night before. Say—look at Murphy. He looks like something the cat "drug" in. Oh! that's the way you feel, huh? Here comes Buckshot all fatigued. That jitter-bugging gets him down. How about it Buck? Hi! Claudie and Polly. Nice dance, wasn't it? That was swell to be chaperoned by a well known sophomore. Eh! what, Mike? Gosh! Look at Louie (Speed) Briggs come in. The after effects must have affected him (???) Oh! no, Mary Ann, I wouldn't dream that you had anything to do with it. (Yea?) Gee! there goes the bell already.

Come, gather closer, gang. Want to hear a little gossip? Okay, here goes! Guess what! How many believe that Ruth B. is going to be an old maid. She swears up and down (but only in Polish) that she'll never get married. Here's a tip to you future bachelors. Does anyone know why Adrian S. gives such a cute blush when certain junior girls say a few words in Polish? He must understand it. While on the subject, these ambitious (?) junior girls used their last study hour one day to learn a few sentences in Polish. Didja know that the first year short-hand class has no boys? It has all nice girls, including Bernadette (or is it Bernice) Fletcher. He writes so fancy, that Miss Harris mistook him for a girl . . . Who says that the business arithmetic class isn't musical? It seems as though the girls' ocarines were left in the sophomore room and the studious boys wanted to swing it, so they did. (?) What are ocarines? Well they're those little which-ma-doodles that have a few holes that make what you call jazz. Bernie C. seems to be the real leader . . . Maybe it's true that the biology students are really nature lovers, but if you're asking me I think it's fear of those slanting crosses on their report cards that make them so enthused over nature . . . What's this I hear? Claudie falling for books! Why! Claudie, I always thought it was the T. D. H.'s (tall, dark and handsome) that come down your way . . . Who is it that thinks you should ask the Western Union for the time of day? . . . Well, be sure to listen to station R. A. M. B. L. E. next month.



"The Camels are Coming, Hurrah, Hurrah." But maybe they're not. The faculty thinks they're already smoked when they come into class. (Eh, what, Boys???)

Sr.: "Leo, how many corners has this square?"

Leo S.: "Seven!"

Forty-five dollars a roll. Just the thing for typing!!! Maybe that's why Bob F. asked the price of a big roll of paper at the Daily Telegram office.

Tsh, Tsh, Derald S. sitting down in a chair like that. Yes, and we even heard a rip . . . rip . . . rrrrip, and such good pants, too.

Maybe the Sophomores are "Softies." Virginia P. was afraid of the dark. The result? A black eye.

"Calling all Campus Lovers!" Those hearts engraved on the trees are empty. What's the matter boys, are you slipping???

Carroll, if you ever forget the conjunction "but," just remember one English class in your Junior year.

## Sticky, Eh?

"Her laugh was soft and sweet like flowing molasses. It had the exotic touch of a strange land beyond this world's humble boundary."

We wonder just whose laugh Ted means.

Who is it that thinks Mary Ellen R. is the movie type? (Guess).

Extract from a senior boy's notebook:

The bird on Connie's hat looked as if it had flown south for the winter, but stretched itself because it couldn't loosen itself from the hat.

Riddle of the month: Who is the Polish Jew?

Maybe our school is a seaport. Anyway our report cards show that we love the "C's."

Mirrors come in handy, don't they, Ted? Especially when one inserts the carbon paper the wrong way and has to read it backwards.

Did you ever see a fox grin? Watch Shorty M. when he's happy.

Arnold T. (reciting English): "The girl was leaning against the tree with her knee on her elbows."

In the "Lady of the Lake," Jim G. thinks the dog Stumah is Duncan's wife.

And, Walter, was it a "bier" or a "beer" on which Duncan slept?

Joe was a man without pay,  
So he took a nibble of hay.

The horse did object,  
Which made him a wreck,  
Then Joe didn't need any pay.  
—John Patsch.

Who's the teacher that said she couldn't correct papers because "she got in too late last night?"

## Sportlights

The 1939-1940 basketball season is just around the corner and already several of St. Bon's "greats" have spent some time in the new gym improving their "basket eye."

All indications point to a great season for the Shamrocks. Three regulars from last year's fine team are back, including Bill Jaworski, Bernard Fletcher, and "Columbia Lou" Briggs. Other veterans from last year's wars include Vic Terasinski, a fast coming Junior, and Ted Wozny, a senior.

## SODALISTS HOLD MONTHLY MEETING

The regular meeting of the Sodalists of Our Lady was held Tuesday evening, October 24, in the gym.

The business meeting opened with President Ellen McNair appointing the chairmen of the various committees: Our Lady's Committee, Marie Woerth; Holy Mission Committee, Ruth Boettcher; Eucharistic Committee, Emogene Kemnitz; Good Literature Committee, Leone Smythe; Entertainment Committee, Connie Dickey; Refreshment Committee, Vernetta Schroeder.

Following this announcement, the chairmen of the respective committees gave brief but inspiring talks explaining the purpose of each group.

Entertainment was then furnished by the Sophomore girls under the direction of Connie Dickey. A one-act comedy, "The Greatest Plague in Life," was given by a cast of eight: Helen Jostes, Dolores Woerth, Katherine Krumei, Dolores Schroeder, Paula Pfeifer, Jackie Boettcher, Barbara Schumacher and Frances Prosofski; saxophone solo, *Il Bacio*, by Elsie Sokol, accompanied by Marie Woerth; piano duet, *The Whirlpool Polka*, by Irene Korgie and Mary Ann Boruch; violin solo, *Serenata*, by Elaine McNair, accompanied by Ellen McNair; a poem, *Now*, by Bonnie Tomasen; accordion solo, by Betty Sliva.

## THE CURIOUS CUB

Ghosts being in the air during the Hallowe'en season, your cub reporter made some inquiries to see just how many St. Bonites believe in them.

Here are some of the replies received:

Theresa Kosiba—Ghost stories are childish stuff.

Helen Jostes—No, they aren't even probable.

Alvin Kolbush—Yes, I saw one.

Margaret Noonan—The dead do not return.

Harold Mielak—Haven't heard from any lately.

Bob Frischholz—Sometimes, because I hear funny noises.

Ann Duranski—No, it's something like superstition.

Bennie Nosal—They're beyond my poor imagination.

Rosella Slowinski—Not in ghosts, but in spirits.

Delores Schroeder—Yes, I hear them at night sometimes.

Irene Korgie—They're just in your imagination.

Lucille Savage—They're contrary to common sense.

Bernard Caffrey—No, they're a fake.

Jim Gerhold—Yes, one chased me.

Constance Dickey—No sense in it.

Leona Kneifel—Only cowards believe in them.

Lambert Smolen—No, because I know better.

Betty Sliva—No, I never saw one.

Jerome Coupens—No, aren't any such animals.

Virginia Kluck—No one can exist in air.

Jackie Boettcher—They're too unreal.

Alice Loeffler—They're craziness and fairy tales.

Bob Goedert—To some extent, because of some true stories I've heard.

Virginia Podraza—No, I hope I'm old enough to reason.

In reply to the question, "For what will you be thankful on Thanksgiving?" Here is what we heard:

Elizabeth Bernecki—For getting good grades, if I get them.

Billy Putnam—That this is my last year in high school.

Lawrence Kolbush—That I wasn't a pilgrim.

Ted Wozny—A turkey, if we have one.

Dennis Plazcek—For the free day.

Marie Woerth—"IF" I keep an average of 90 on my report card.

Elaine Borowiak—That I live in America.

Eddie Welsh—If I get the leg of the turkey.

Bonnie Tomasen—That I'm just who and what I am.

Gloria Gerber—That there is an ocean between us and Hitler.

Elsie Sokol—If everyone can get together and decide on the day.

Mary Ellen Rich—That we don't have a dictator.

Edward Donovan—That I'm able to have Thanksgiving.

Lucille Tworek—That initiation is over.

Ray Syslo—For the privilege of attending St. Bonaventure School.

## TELEGRAM REPORTER VISITS PRESS CLUB

The talk on journalism by Mr. Francis Dischner, St. Bon's, '23, reporter for the Columbus Daily Telegram, gave the Press Club many new ideas on newswriting. The discussion was divided into three parts: the psychology of news, the readers' viewpoint; and the mechanics of news writing.

"The power of the press is great," stated Mr. Dischner. "Newspapers have started wars through their propaganda."

He explained that readers expect and demand an intelligent news story. Therefore a reporter must be accurate and have a general knowledge.

Mr. Dischner tested the reporters' ability in newswriting by giving them clues and having them choose points for the opening paragraph.

Accompanying Mr. Dischner was Miss Beverly Rich, '39, proof reader for the Daily Telegram. She brought samples of proofs, and also explained her method of keeping a "news morgue."

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# Venturettes

## UNUSUAL VISITORS ARRIVE

Have you heard of the friends from Chicago visiting the biology class? Probably not, but they are receiving the attention of every person who enters the biology room.

These little visitors that have come such a distance live in a large, clear bowl of water on the display table.

It is no wonder you are curious to know who these little fellows are. They are the newts which have taken up residence in the balanced aquarium.

## LATIN ARMY ENCAMPS

Caesar's Army, The Exercitus Romanus, has been in camp for the past six weeks. Preparations are being made for what the cavalry think will be a fierce battle.

Several skirmishes between two decuriae resulted in heavy casualties for both. The missiles used were vocabulary words.

However, after suitable treatment, the wounded are recovering and hope to be more successful in the next skirmish. The Legio is busy reviewing exploits of the past year.

## BIOLOGY CONTEST CLOSES

The insect collection contest held by the biology class closed with highest honors going to Gerald and Lucille Savage and Barbara Schumacher. The collections comprising various kinds of insects made an interesting display.

The class is now busy collecting specimen of leaves. These will be on display November 17 in the biology room.

## Library Changes Appear

A warm and sunny room. A pleasant place to study. This is what the library is since many new improvements have been made.

New green coverings protect the table tops. The book cases are arranged in a more orderly fashion providing more space. On top of the cases are the three trophies won by the basketball teams during the last three years.

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# Masquerade Dance Social Hit of Month

Something new and attractive was presented Wednesday, October 25, in the gym. A school dance in the form of a masquerade!

Every kind of costume from a gypsy to a Martha Washington was represented.

The dance began with a grand march led by Ruth Boettcher and Emogene Kemnitz, president and secretary of the Junior class respectively. Immediately following the march the door prize was drawn by Patricia Speicher and Joan Sanders as "Tilly and Mac."

Other prizes were presented to Marie Woerth, a Spanish seniorita, the most prettily dressed; Irene Luis, clown, the funniest and "Mr." Lucille Tworek, and Pirate Bob Goedert, the best disguised.

Other features of the evening were the spiritualistic seance and the marshmallow eating contest. Prizes for this contest were awarded to Beverly Rich, Darlene Karges and Joan Sanders.

Mr. and Mrs. Wade and Mrs. Hauser acted as chaperone.

# Pay Homage to Eucharistic King

The annual Forty Hour devotions were held in this parish October 8-10. Services were opened on Sunday morning with a Solemn High Mass, Father John Joseph officiating.

The Mass was followed by a procession of torchbearers, girls in white, and servers, followed by the clergy and escort of the Blessed Sacrament.

At three o'clock each afternoon the high school students assembled to pay homage to their Eucharistic Lord and King. They attended almost one hundred percent at both holy Mass and evening services on all three days.

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# JUNIOR HOLY NAME MEETS TO REORGANIZE

On Thursday evening, October 12, the members of the Junior Holy Name society met in the gym to reorganize, to elect officers and to formulate plans for the current school year.

After the opening prayer led by Moderator Father Colman the meeting was conducted by the outgoing vice president, Bennie Nosal.

The election resulted in Bennie Nosal's promotion to the presidency. Wielding the gavel in the president's absence will be vice president, Victor Teracinski. Lawrence Kolbus is secretary, and Lambert Smolen, treasurer. Every office was closely contested, the plurality in each case not being over three votes.

Speeches were given by the outgoing officers as well as by the newly elected officers, followed by a brief talk by Father Colman concerning the rules and by-laws of the society.

The question of dues was settled and plans for the coming Holy Name Society party were discussed. The meeting was brought to a close, as it opened, with a prayer.

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# THE VENTURE

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## A December Night



On a December night  
A star shown extremely bright,  
It led some shepherds to Bethlehem,  
Where in a stable, there lay in a cradle  
Our Savior Christ.  
Standing close by  
With an eager eye  
And Hearts filled with love sublime,  
Mary and Joseph adored  
The Babe Divine.

—WALTER CAFFREY.

### New Members Received

"Your names will now be inscribed on the membership roll of the Sodality. May they be written also in the book of Eternal Life, and may the rules and spirit of the Sodality be governed deeply in your hearts." With these words Father Colman brought to a close the reception of 27 girls into the Sodality of the Blessed Virgin.

The reception took place on Friday, December 8, the feast of the Immaculate Conception.

After being instructed on the importance and spiritual value of this organization the candidates received their badges. Each resolved to practice unselfish and impartial charity toward fellow members.

### Rotary Speakers Here

Through the courtesy of the Rotary Club of Columbus, two speakers appeared before the student body. Dr. Richard Hertz of Hamburg, Germany, spoke on "The Rise of Present Day Germany," on November 7.

From Paris, Illinois, came the social scientist, Dr. Allen Albert. He gave a picturesque comparison of the European peoples.

St. Bon's must have gone history-minded, because a recent student poll revealed that the most popular movie in 1939 was Union Pacific, with Drums Along the Mohawk, second, and The Man in the Iron Mask, third.

## SHAMROCKS SPARKLE IN OPENING VICTORY

Jaworski, Briggs Star As Irish Win, 42-13

### Honor Students

Seniors—Alice Johnson, Ellen Marie McNair, Leona Kneifel, Bob Frischholz, Virginia Kluck, Bennie Nosal, Irene Reifenrath, Evelyn Schroeder, Rose Gonka, Virginia Krzycki.

Juniors—Marie Woerth, Elaine Borowiak, Irene Thiele Lois Wade.

Sophomores—Elsie Sokol, Dolores Woerth, Emelia Donnelly, Patricia Jarecki, Elaine McNair.

Freshmen—Dolores Duranski, Anita Jaworski, Kathryn Merz, Mary Ellen Rich.

Playing a great offensive as well as defensive game, the St. Bonaventure Cagers got off to a flying start Tuesday, December 12, as they turned back the stubborn and fighting Platte Center Explorers.

The offensive star for the Shamrocks was Bill Jaworski, who made twelve points and who also had the honor of making the first field goal of the season. Starting his second year of varsity basketball competition, Louis Briggs, diminutive forward, played a great defensive game at forward, and also managed to count in the scoring column several times.

The Shamrocks went into the lead a few seconds after the game started on a fielder by Jaworski, and stayed in front throughout the game. Their lead was never threatened. The score at the half was 24 to 9.

Vic "Dynamite" Tersinski playing regular this year, poured in ten points and also put up a bang-up game on defense.

Gronenthal and Bruckner were the mainstays for Platte Center.

### HOLY NAME BOYS

#### ENTERTAIN SODALISTS

Light hearted Sodalists flocked to the gym Friday evening, November 17, to see what awaited them at the hands of the Holy Name boys.

A Professor Quizz was conducted by Ted Wozny. The contestants selected from numbers which each girl held, were Emogene Kemnitz, Vernetta Schroeder, Josephine Zoucha, Elsie Sokol and Jacqueline Boettcher. After three rounds of questions pertaining to movie stars, singers and music, Emogene Kemnitz and Vernetta Schroeder led the others in a tie. At completion of the second three rounds, Emogene Kemnitz was proclaimed winner. She was presented a pen and pencil set and a box of candy.

Following a spree of dancing, cake and ice cream were served. A "thank you" speech by Ellen McNair, president of the Sodality, and presentation of a pen and pencil set as door prize to Helen Reifenrath brought to a close a very delightful evening.

### Imperial Army Has First Encounter

Tramp! Tramp! Tramp! The Roman Army marched to St. Bon's auditorium on Wednesday evening, November 22.

The imperial Caesar, Michael Syslo, rallied his forces, Latin I and Latin II, after which Legatus Frances Prososki called the roll which was answered in Latin.

Short talks followed—The importance of Latin and its relation to English by Michael Syslo; Classical and Ecclesiastical Latin by Dolores Woerth; Significance of Roman Myths, by Leone Smythe; Latin quotations by Gloria Gerber.

The question, "Why Study Latin?" was answered in a playlet enacted by Elaine McNair, Jackie Boettcher, Virginia Warholoski, Virginia Podraza, and Patricia Jarecki.

Games requiring the use of Latin words were then enjoyed after which refreshments were served.

## Thanksgiving Day Program Presented

In anticipation of Thanksgiving a pleasing program was given to the student body by the senior class.

Pat's Mistake was very ably presented by Rose Gonka, followed by Connie Dickey's humorous recitation, "Miss Jones and The Robber." Then, going to the sublime, Alice Johnson recited the "Master Is Coming." Dramatically Frank Placzek told of Jacob's Lament.

Most unique and interesting was Bob Frischholz's "chalk talk." He showed unusual talent as an artist, especially in his portraits of the four types of men who can never be President of the U. S., dude, criminal, piano mover and loafer.

### Future Ventures —

#### 1939-40 B. B. Schedule

Dec. 12—Platte Center here.  
Dec. 15—At Kramer Reserves.  
Dec. 19—Monroe here.  
Jan. 5—At St. Francis (Humphrey).  
Jan. 12—At Genoa.  
Jan. 16—Valley here.  
Jan. 19—Sacred Heart (Norfolk) here.  
Jan. 26—At Leigh.  
Feb. 2—At Duncan.  
Feb. 9—At Platte Center.  
Feb. 23—St. Mary's (Grand Island) here.  
Feb. 25—At Sacred Heart (Norfolk).

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## EDITORIAL POLICY

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### Once There Was a Student

Once upon a time there was a Catholic student and . . . He read the Protestant accounts of how, just before the Protestant Reformation, the Church had lost its zeal, did little for the advancement of culture (in spite of the Renaissance of course), and was so corrupt that . . .

"I can't understand," said the Catholic student, "how the Catholic people in those days let the conditions get that way. If I'd been a Catholic then . . ."

And he went out to see a movie.

He read that in the days just before the French Revolution Catholic conditions were no better than they should be, that social reforms were needed, that the rich grew richer and the poor poorer.

"Believe me," he said, "if I'd been alive then, I'd have made an effort to get conditions right side up before anything happened, and . . ."

He went out and watched football practice.

He read an attack on Spain. "What," demanded the writer, who obviously hated the Church, "did the Spanish Catholics do for the poor? How sincere was their religion? Did it affect their lives, their social consciousness?"

"Wouldn't that make you tired?" demanded the student. "What was the matter with those Spanish Catholics? Why didn't they get busy and DO something? Certainly they saw . . ."

And he straightened his tie and set out to take his girl to a dance.

The next day a famous priest came to his school.

"Let's not worry about the past," said the priest. "It's the present that matters. I don't know anything about yesterday, but I'm worried about what you—yes, you in the seats there—are doing today. What are you doing for the Church? What will you, you who can affect the whole future, do right here and now?"

And when the lecture was over and the student had vigorously applauded, he and a gang of the other students sat in the booth in their famous hangout and had a bull session on whether Artie Shaw was really better than Benny Goodman.

Only maybe I'm wrong, and he got so busy that no future student will be able to say of him, "Why didn't HE do something?"

REV. DANIEL A. LORD, S. J.

### More Blessed to Give Than to Receive

Will it be a give or take proposition for you this Christmas? Taking, or receiving, is pleasant while it lasts; giving makes your happiness lasting.

The smiling face, happy voice and lightened heart of the one receiving a gift, no matter how trivial, will forever remain imprinted on your memory. For years following, as you sit before your hearth, you will remember the happiness you caused to one of Christ's dear ones.

You receive a gift. For a time you are happy, but as days pass, you no longer remember.

If you wish for a happy, truly glorious Christmas, not only this year, but all the years of your life, give.

"For, somehow, not only at Christmass,

But also the long year through,

The joy that you give to others

Is the joy that comes back to you."

—A. J..

### A Real Christmas

Two thousand years ago, a poor, humble babe was born to Mary and St. Joseph in a cold stable outside Bethlehem. He was placed on this December night in a crude manger.

Christmas morning we shall receive him. Will our hearts be a cold manger, too, or a cozy cradle. Proper preparation of the heart will make a warm home for the Infant. "For the dearest, truest, Christmas, is the Christmas of the heart."—A. J.

A man should never be ashamed to say he has been in the wrong, which is but saying in other words that he is wiser today than he was yesterday. —POPE.

There never was a good war, or a bad peace.—Benjamin Franklin.

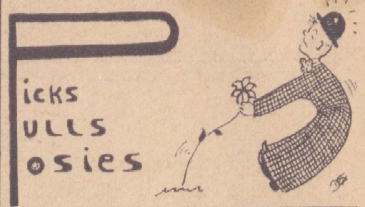
### What's This, Arithmetic?

"Two cups equal one pint. Two pints equal one quart. Four quarts equal one gallon. Now let's see. That'd be 16 cups to a gallon. We'll need about ten gallons then! Sure sounds like a lot!"

"Yeah! and you use one heaping teaspoon of coffee to a cup, don'tcha? That'd take 160 teaspoons for the 160 cups. Do you know how many teaspoons in a pound of coffee?"

"Naw, let's ask Irene. She'll never guess what we're asking for anyhow. Irene, hey Irene, how many teaspoons of coffee in a pound?"

Thus continued a very interesting conversation between two senior boys prior to their party for the girls. Imagine the work these boys must have gone to if they figured the dishes of ice cream and pieces of cake in the same manner!



### Nature Lovers or Eaters

Paula P. and Delores S. had "the pause that refreshes." They ate the potato they were to use in biology class.

Sr.-Bob, correct the following sentence: This pony was George's mother's and he was loved dearly by his mother.

Bob F.-George, the pony, was loved dearly by his mother, an old mare.

### Cold Feet?

Why Helen J. why didn't you ask Dr. Albert how old his sons were? We'd have liked to know too.

Carroll M. will rent his "jolly" to a Jr. girl, but at every ten miles he'll have to stop and tighten up a bit. (The car of course.)

Wanted: Box of ivory flakes. (Party dishes are quite hard on a fellow's hands.)—B. Nosal.

Sniff—sniff—What are the Sisters cooking for dinner today? That's what D. Placzek wondered when the delightful (?) aroma of chlorine and burning sulphur drifted into the library.

### Fountain of Youth

Pone De Leon has nothing on Jimmy Gerhold who is born every year.

Who gets blamed for everything that happens around here, even back to the Civil War? Are you that old, Ted?

Susie had a little cat

It's fur was black as coal

And everywhere that Susie went

The cat was sure to stroll.

—M. W.

### Rambling

With the Rambler

According to John Hix, in Strange as it Seems. Sophomore means WISE and FOOLISH, from the Greek "sophos," wise and "moros" foolish . . . Quoting from Food Facts, slenderness is still in vogue but it must be a rounded slenderness—hills in the right places and flatness where it belongs. Long hours of sleep and good food will do it. Exercise out of doors should be stressed . . . Says Mary E. McGill in Our Sunday Visitor; "Oh, if those early Christian martyrs could but see the modern appliances to which women willingly and patiently subject themselves! The ancient grid-iron roastings endured with heroic joy for attainment of spiritual glory out of love for Christ had nothing on these contraptions women embrace for the sake of beauty . . . (A word to ice box raiders)—A famous doctor has stated that eating or drinking after 11 P. M. is injurious to one's health, states the World Herald . . . "I like college because the professors are absent-minded" says one student in College Years.

### GEOMETRY

Of all the subjects taken here by me, I always hated most Geometry. The circles, angles and the zig-zags too, Were curling up my brains right through and through. Now sometimes when I get to bed I see, The zig-zag angles crawl all over me. And if you don't believe that this is true, Try it yourself and see it work on you. A. Tworek, '40.

### Tuning In . . .

This is Mortimer Mouse squeaking over station T R A P from the cheese to cheese hookup. Here's headlines from Ratland. The belligerents, rat and cat, are feuding again and the cat's sieging the rat in the garage. The siege will be a long one at the rat is prepared but at the end he will have to negotiate for a square meal (for the cat) as rats must also eat.

Oh, oh, I almost forgot to announce the rat race on December 20. A fine band will be present and many will wish to hear and dance to the purring of Curious and his Tomcats.

Christmas is just around the corner and many good rats and mice are already relating their wants to Santa Claus, who is located on Latch Street and Plaster Avenue in the mansion of everyone. His reinmice are prancing around the streets, proudly displaying their speed, and importance. Through the splendid cooperation of the rats it was possible to arrange for Santa Claus to visit this section of the world.

Time's up folks. This is Mortimer Mouse squeaking over station T R A P from the cheese to cheese hookup. We leave the pantries and breadboxes of millions of homes and will return at midnite Wednesday to the squeaking of Mickey and his mice.



# Athletics

## Cagers Training Hard

St. Bon's cage aspirants have been drilling hard for the past week on offense. Because the team lacks height, it will be necessary to make up this deficiency in speed by using a fast break.

In practice sessions so far, the greater part of the scoring punch was supplied by Louis "Hoot" Briggs and Vic "Dynamite" Teracinski; while Bill Jaworski, Bernie Fletcher and Ted Wozny played a bang-up game on defense.

Sophomores who are budding fast are Leo Syslo, Lawrence "Slick" Platzer, Myron Novicki, and Tony Zabawa.

## New Sweat Jackets

The long promised sweat jackets have arrived and are they knock-outs! They are made of lustrous green satin with white satin trimming around the sleeves and neck.

## Girls Play Basketball

Whoop! Here it comes. What? Oh, just a ball but there's a lot of oomph behind it. These St. Boni's girls are taking basketball quite to heart. Since this is the first year that they've ever had a regular team (just between ourselves) the girls are doing fine for beginners. Every Tuesday afternoon the girls take a leap and a dive and they're over in the gym ready for a workout. It seems as though they really enjoy it because it gives them plenty of "wim, wiger and witality." Nice work girls, keep it up, you might even reduce with the swell exercise.

## Freshman Class Meets

Following the plans made at earlier meeting, the Freshies held their Thanksgiving meeting and program November 29.

"Manners," a talk by Ruth Ewert, was the opening number. Recitations by Joan Sanders, Margaret Noonan and Delores Duranski, followed. Ruth Ewert dedicated a song to the class president on her birthday.

The election held for Entertainment Chairman resulted in Joan Sanders and Laverne Pokorski; the Decorating Committee, Mary Ellen Rich, Helen Reifenrath and Lucille Tworek.

Names were drawn for exchange of Christmas gifts which will take place at their Christmas meeting.

The other three classes will also exchange gifts and present programs in each respective home room.

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# THE CURIOUS CUB

Well, your cub reporter, being overcome with the Christmas spirit nosed around to hear what he could hear. Here are some of the answers received to the question, "Do you believe in Santa Claus?":

- T. Zabawa—No, that's only for small kids.
- R. Hauser—Yes, I saw one of his dears last night.
- M. Kamm—He died many, many years ago.
- V. Teracinski—Sure, he brought me a rag doll.
- J. Patsch—No, 'cause I saw him with his whiskers off.
- B. Jaworski—Yes, in the town of Santa Claus in Indiana.
- F. Murphy—Depends on what I get.
- V. Schroeder—Yes, but I wonder sometimes how old he is.
- R. Gattermeyer—Yes, so many around, at least one ought to be genuine.
- F. Mimick—Not since his pillow slipped out about eight years ago.
- G. Gottberg—Yes, Santa Claus is the spirit of Christmas.
- F. Craig—Yes, because if you say no, he won't bring you anything.
- Ed. Note—Woe to those who said no!

## Sodality Holds Meeting

Short, snappy talks by Lois Wade, Emogene Kemnitz, Rita Loeffler, Veronica Malloy and Leone Smyth illustrating ways and means of drawing closer to Mary, their Mother, were opening features of the third Sodality meeting held in the gym November 13.

Rev. Fr. John Joseph spoke a few inspiring words and then proceeded to answer questions from the Question Box.

The entertainment which followed included comic recitations by Elaine Borowiak and Jo Ann Sanders; a playlet by Orpha Deitering and Ruth Boettcher; and a trumpet solo by Marie Woerth.

On December 13, the girls met again. Elizabeth Bernecki spoke for the Eucharistic Committee; Mae Nosal, Our Lady's Committee; Ruth Boettcher, Mission Committee; and Emelia Donnelly, Catholic Literature Committee. The Character Builder for December was discussed by Irene Luis.

"The Three Graces," a playlet depicting the importance of faith, hope and charity was given. The three virtues were impersonated by I. Reifenrath, R. Gonka, and E. Schroeder; the Angel, F. Mimick; and the Maiden by D. Pokorski. L. Kneifel recited the Mourning Veil, after which "That Beautiful Mother of Mine" was sung by the Junior class, accompanied by M. Staroscik.

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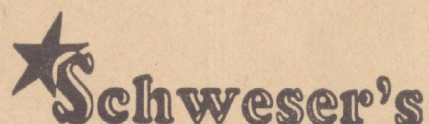
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Those who received awards are as follows: B. Frischholz, R. Gonka, A. Johnson, V. Kluck, L. Kenfield, V. Krzycki, R. Lane, R. Liss, R. Loeffler, V. Mallowy, F. Mimick, M. Morgan, F. Murphy, B. Nosal, M. Nosal, F. Placzek, D. Pokorski, B. Putnam, I. Reifenrath, L. Ryba, and V. Schroeder.

## Sophomores Sponsor Sale

With Chairmen Gerald Savage, Paula Pfeifer, Eddy Welch, Margaret Mimick and Helen Jostes each in charge of a group, the second candy sale went off with a bang, November 17.

The team under the leadership of Margaret Mimick ranked highest in proceeds.

## Fletcher and Novicki Win

Both Sophomores and Juniors have been demonstrating their skill at giving speeches during English hour. The topics were of their own choice.

Each speaker was criticized in regard to posture, enunciation, voice, sentence structure, earnestness, mannerisms and other points.

Myron Novicki and Frances Prosski were judged first and second, respectively in the Sophomore class.

Bernard Fletcher headed the Juniors, and Marie Woerth and Mary Ann Staroseik tied for second.

## Sodalists Help Missions

Again Sodalists are helping the Mission boys and girls to enjoy a merry Christmas! Like last year, each girl brings some little gift. When all are collected, they will be shipped to some mission home for needy children.

## Biology Contest Closes

After much wrangling and discussion by the judges the winners of the combination leaf and flower contest were selected.

Those honored were B. Schumacher for hard work and most detailed description, D. Schroeder for originality and prevailing neatness; and E. Sokol for large variety of specimens.

## Typists Show Accuracy

In the Junior typing class a series of two-minute speed tests were given with the following results: I. Thiele, 51 words, no errors, M. Woerth, 49, M. Staroseik, 48, R. Boettcher, 46, B. Fletcher, 43, C. Melliger, 35, P. Korgie, 30.

One-minute speed Tests without errors: I. Thiele, 55, E. Borowiak, 47, M. Staroseik, 45, R. Boettcher, 42, E. Craig, 42, E. Dietz, 42.

The results of a series of two-minute speed tests without errors in the Senior Typing Class are: V. Krzycki, 69, R. Gonka, 66, R. Loeffler, 56.

## Student Suffers Injuries

After a two weeks' illness at St. Mary's Hospital, Virginia Kluck, '40, has returned to school. She had the misfortune of severely burning her legs. The accident occurred at her home at Richland.

Virginia wishes to thank her teacher and fellow students for their kindness during her suffering.

## Staff Holds Unusual Meeting

An unusually interesting staff meeting was held in the auditorium November 20. Following the regular business meeting, various games were played.

Winners of a proof reading contest were Ben Nosal and Mary Ellen Rich, tying with a perfect score. Vernetta Schroeder won the vocabulary test, finding the most hidden words in "Venture." Missing the number of words on the front page of a Venture by only 22 words, Margaret Morgan was proclaimed winner of the word guessing contest. Prizes were awarded each winner.

## Sophs Lose Member

Good luck and the sincere wishes of all at St. Bon's accompany Sophomore Eddie Welch to his new home in Corpus Christi, Texas. His friendly smile is missed by both students and faculty.

## THAT'S RIGHT—YOU'RE WRONG

Who's all right You've guessed it! The seniors, of course. None of the other grades are all right. How! I've got you guessing now, haven't I? Sure, I'm a senior, but I still say our class is the only one in which EVERY student is always right. Why?

Well, the juniors say that Bernie Fletcher and Evelyn Dietz are left-handed. "Yes, Catherine Krumei is left-handed," say the sophs. The freshies put up Marion Johnson, Myron Johnson and Mary Ellen Rich as their left-handers.

The seniors are ALL right! Get the drift?

Don't know if you hooked a freight to Omaha, boys, but we wouldn't think that you played hookey. (Oh yeah!)

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## Juniors Sponsor Vice Versa Dance

Contrary to the usual custom at the school dances sponsored monthly by the Juniors, the dance of November 24, was vice versa and invited guest night.

Much gaiety throughout the evening of dancing resulted from the exchange of "date responsibilities."

Chaperoning the 125 young people present were Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Craig, Mrs. Bernard Caffrey, and Miss Lillian Harris.

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# THE VENTURE

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No. 4

## Athletic-Band Party Held in School Gym

Four Schools United  
In Evening Frolic

Following the Norfolk-Shamrock game Wednesday evening, January 31, the student body of St. Bon's entertained the Norfolk basketball players and their cheering squad. This was a combination athletic-musical party. The band members of St. Francis, Humphrey, St. Anthony and St. Bonaventure, Columbus, being present. The hall was filled with the invited and their guests.

Throughout the evening solo, broom and prize dances were enjoyed by all. The prize for the swiftest dancing couple was awarded to Claudie Placzek and Sal Fletcher.

The committee in charge of the party included Vernetta Schroeder, Marie Woerth, Elsie Sokol, Virginia Krzycki, and Constance Dickey.

## VICE PRESIDENT CONDUCTS MEETING

The regular monthly meeting of the Sodality was held on Monday, January 15. In the absence of President Ellen McNair, due to illness, Vice President Evelyn Dietz carried on.

Dolores Duranski, representing Our Lady's Committee, gave a reading, "Mother Vigil." As representative of the Good Literature Committee, Virginia Kluck read a book report on "To the End of the World." Angeline Tworek made some suggestions on "Character Building." Margaret Morgan gave a report on the Blessed Sacrament Committee.

Entertainment was provided by the freshmen girls. A recitation, "Mia Carlotta," was given by Joan Sanders. A playlet, "The Train to Mauro," was presented very comically by Helen Reifenrath, Lucille Tworek and Anita Jaworski.

## Preview of Free Day Chances

"Could it be we," muttered a Freshie.

"That we are going to get a free day,

For selling fifty tickets to the Senior Class Play?"

"We will," spoke up a senior who possessed wisdom."

"We're not out of the race yet," said a junior timidly.

"If any group can, we are the ones to do it," spoke a sophomore.

To all the students we'll admit, it's a tough little trick.

And you got to be slick.

Sell fifty tickets and take your pick.

FREE or SCHOOL.

—H. M.

## Glee Club Members Have Gala Evening

Glee Club girls elected officers at one of their practice periods appointing Emogene Kemnitz, president; Ruth Boettcher, secretary, and Vernetta Schroeder, as treasurer.

The Club's first meeting was held January 23, in the auditorium. After the business meeting, Emogene Kemnitz sang, "Deep Purple," accompanied by Evelyn Dietz.

Refreshments were served by the Freshmen girls with Vernetta Schroeder as acting chairman. The rest of the evening was spent dancing.

A motion was carried in favor of making the next monthly meeting "guest evening." Each member of the Glee Club may bring a guest, preferably a member of the Boys' Glee Club.

## Guests Absent From Dance

"Where is Norfolk and who won the game?" was the cry of all who attended the school dance Friday evening, January 19.

Due to the unfavorable weather, the Norfolk-Columbus game was postponed, but the dance went on in full swing.

Ladies were given their choice several times just to show that St. Bon's, too, realizes it's Leap Year.

## Movie Proves Instructive

Something of interest witnessed by both the High School and Grade School students were a number of slides on Safety Glass, furnished through the courtesy of the Adams Motor Co. on Tuesday, January 9.

An explanation of each slide was given. The values of Safety Glass were plainly viewed by all the students.

## STUDENTS FACE CHARGE OF MURDER WITNESSES RELATE GRUESOME DETAILS

Poor little Oscar is dead! Murdered!

The fiends taken into custody for his murder were "Big Shot" Savage and "Pretty Boy" Novicki. Although they left no evidence of the act, several students, witnessing it, reported it as cold-blooded slaughter.

Brandishing a huge butcher knife (which was obtained through an inside job) Novicki yelled, "What have you to say before you die?" The helpless victim answered, "I have only one life to lose for my country." The knife came down, beheading poor Oscar with one stroke!

Then with a hammer and chisel the Villain Savage whanged and whacked until the victim was deprived of his gaily colored suit.

The witnesses gloated over the execution and all clamored for the

## St. Bonaventure Senior Class Stages The Treasure Hunters

### Honor Students

Seniors: Bob Frischholz, Alice Johnson, Virginia Kluck, Leone Kneifel, Virginia Krzycki, Ellen McNair, Ben Nosal, Dolores Pokorski, Irene Reifenrath.

Juniors: Ruth Boettcher, Bernard Fletcher, Pauline Korgie, Mary Ann Staroscik, Irene Thiele, Marie Woerth.

Sophomores: Emilia Donnelly, Patricia Jarecki, Frances Prosocki, Elsie Sokol, Dolores Woerth.

Freshmen: Dolores Duranski, Jimmy Gerhold, Ray Gattermeyer, Anita Jaworski, Kathryn Merz, Margaret Noonan, Helen Nosal, Harold Mielak, Helen Reifenrath, Mary Ellen Rich.

## Girls Change Schools

### SOPHOMORE CLASS GAINS

A new pupil, Patricia Hayes, began school work with her new sophomore classmates January 29. She had attended St. Bon's in the first grade. Her one time friends are much pleased to have her back again.

### JUNIORS LOSE CLASSMATE

At the end of the first semester, Elaine Borowiak, a junior, left St. Bon's for Silver Creek High School. She has moved there with her family. Her classmates all miss her and wish her good luck in her new location.

## Cast of Nine Presents Three-Act Comedy-Drama

Thrills, surprises and laughs enraptured everyone present in the packed auditorium, Sunday evening, February 4, when the seniors so excellently performed the three-act comedy, "The Treasure Hunters."

Discovery of a hidden treasure in the tower of an ancient Old World castle, its theft, and its eventual recovery formed the basis of the intriguing plot. The impoverished Earl of Panmure, his daughter, and the Countess are forced to take some pay boarders into their castle.

Among those coming to stay were Professor and Mrs. Stowe, an American absent-minded professor and his wife. Delightful comedy and excitement were provided throughout by these two accompanied by the Earl, and the butler, James, who was afraid of ghosts. Margaret, the Earl's daughter, went at midnight to get the treasure. While trying to frighten the boarding inmates by imitating the traditional footsteps of the late Earl Tiger, she herself becomes frightened. A shooting scene provided further mystery.

Characters and the seniors who portrayed them were as follows: "Earl of Panmure," Ted Wozny; "Lady Mary," his American wife, Irene Reifenrath; "James," the butler, Bob Frischholz; "Margaret," daughter of the Earl and Lady Mary, Constance Dickey; "Martha," lodgekeeper of the castle, Rita Loeffler; "Alan Wentworth," an artist, Francis Murphy; "Prof. Jeremiah Stowe," Reynold Liss; "Mrs. Jeremiah Stowe," Irene Luis; and "Mr. Cholomondeley," Frank Placzek.

The success of the play was due in part to the hard work of the cast, but largely to Sr. Theresa, the class sponsor, who spared neither time nor effort in her patient coaching.

## THREE VOICE CHORUS RENDERS WIEGENLIED

Between the second and third acts a selected group of girls pleasingly presented the three voice lullaby, "Wiegenlied," by J. L. Frank. The girls singing soprano included: R. Gonka, A. Johnson, V. Kluck, L. Kneifel, F. Mimick, M. Morgan, E. Schroeder, P. Korgie, C. Placzek, L. Savage, M. Staroscik, and E. Zoucha; first alto: M. Kamm, V. Krzycki, V. Schroeder, E. Craig, E. Dietz, B. Glur, E. Kemnitz and L. Wade; second alto: R. Lane, D. Pokorski, R. Boettcher, O. Dietering, V. Kamm, I. Thiele, and M. Woerth. Ellen McNair was accompanist.

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## EDITORIAL POLICY

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### Is Lent a Dreaded Time for You?

The most solemn season in the entire Church Year is that of Lent, for it is a time of meditation on the Passion of Christ in preparation for His glorious resurrection on Easter Sunday.

Lent should be a time of special prayer. The mind should dwell on the bitter agony, passion and death of Christ. Special effort should be made to show greater devotion to our Lord by attendance at daily Holy Mass and Lenten services. It should be a time of mortification, drawing the heart nearer to God, and developing the character, so that it is able to resist graver temptations.

The heart will be lighter and we will catch the true spirit of Easter if we bring a sacrifice to our suffering Savior during Lent.

Anyone who is determined to secure best results in his undertakings, gives his time and energy to the observance of certain laws set before him. Whether they be spiritual or temporal affairs, it is necessary to follow those regulations if your dream is to become a reality.

Lent is the ideal time to stand on the mount of serious thought and view again the goal. The regulations will be the resolutions we will make. It is also the time to meditate on how well we have kept the training rules in the game of living the life of the ideal Catholic boy and girl. No matter how we FEEL about Lent, we must remember it is another opportunity—let's make good use of it!—V. S.

### Why She Left Home

Once upon a time, there was a little red hen who liked to be very neat. She lived with a goose, a duck, and a hare. Now, they got along very well at first, but after a while the house got very messy.

You see, the goose was such a silly creature that she thought it was much nicer to have her belongings strewn everywhere; the duck was never around when it was her turn to clean up, she always "forgot"; and the hare just ran helter-skelter about the house, throwing everything into disorder and turmoil.

This left everything for the little red hen to do; and as she was very little, she just couldn't manage. Finally, she lost all interest in the house; for, being more ashamed than proud to be living there, the little red hen moved away.

Most of the people in our school are like the red hen. We like a nice, well-kept, neat, school; and we can hardly be proud when there are people like the goose, the duck, and the hare around. Let's have everyone do his part by keeping the school room neat, the floors free from papers, and the desks unmarred.—The I High News, Leavenworth.

### A Knocking Lesson

An ancient Ford slowly jerked to the top of a small hill. It knocked and knocked so that the ancient man in it knew something was wrong. It needed a thorough going over and a cleaning out.

Many times we meet persons, yes, boys and girls, who remind us of this old Ford. Irritable people, who find something wrong with everything they see. These people need a going over, too. They need a cleaning out of the things that make them knock and a filling up of things which will make them smile. Remember, "there is always something wrong with a man, as there is with a motor, when he is continually knocking."—A. J.

### The New Semester

Already one month of 1940 has passed; the first semester of school work has ended. One volume of the school year, filled with red, black, and gold marks, has been closed; another with its pages still white and clean has been opened. It's up to you, the individual to decide what color the markings of that second volume will be.

Even though the first semester might have been a failure you can still make a success of this school year by passing the second semester with flying colors. If you have passed the first semester with flying colors keep up the pace and brighten those colors.—B. F.

## STATIC . . .

This is station B-O-N-I coming to you again with all the latest news (we get it later than anyone else) and here it is: Flash! Extreme cold forecast—even colder than the shoulder of a certain basketball player is getting from his one and only . . . Sister (in General Science Class), "Yes, boys, this tiny one-celled animal will live forever—unless it dies" . . . It sure is something the way Coach Ernst's eyes light up when L. S. comes out on the floor—he's really hot in the pinch . . . The junior boys are losing their papers rather often—convenient, eh? . . . Heard a good joke the other day—A man came into a grocery store and said to the grocer, "Say, I hear your store is so dirty that the mice run around the cracker barrel." "Oh, yeah?" said the grocer angrily, "that's a dirty lie! My cat sleeps in that barrel every night!" . . . Did you see the Freshie boys brighten up when Ruth Ewert came back to school after being out a while? . . . Say, Mike, how have you and J. been coming along . . . Our basketball team has lost three games by only one point—tough, eh? . . . Speaking of basketball, the crowd at the games aren't very good—come on, youse guys and youse gals . . . Orpha's getting a real rep for high-pressure salesmanship since she's been selling candy at the home games . . . Come on now P. M., you don't go down to —'s house just for your homework, uh, uh . . . A terrible thing, the glare J. T. (Freshman), gives all telephone poles while driving . . . Say, you boys, how about trying to get a St. Bon's baseball team this spring? . . . Hey, Sheridan, how about getting to school on time once in a while . . . Maybe we'll get six-man football here next year . . . Well, Vic, when are you . . . Oh, oh, I see my time is just about up, and so Station B-O-N-I is signing off, but we'll be back again next time with all the latest static . . . So Long.

## Venture Verse

### The Deer

His golden brown skin gleams,  
As he prances along the trail.  
His sinews want to burst it seems  
As he runs with a bobbing tail.

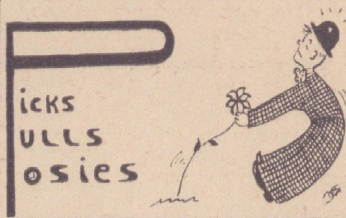
He wanders around in his kingdom  
Growing more lovely each day  
Never dreaming the hunter will come  
And put him out of the way.

Up on a ridge he stands  
In the glow of the setting sun,  
Taut as the big bow's strands—  
He knows that his day is done.

As he plays with his fellow creatures,  
What a beautiful picture he makes,  
Could such a beauty be nature?  
As he looks at himself in the lake.

Oh, the cruelty of the huntsman,  
To kill such a beast as he!  
A beast that loves the human,  
And wants only liberty!

But in a vision he still stands  
In the glow of each setting sun.  
Ever watching the forest dim  
For fear of the hunter's gun.  
—Myron Novicki.



Sr.—"Myron, are you taking singing next semester?"

Myron N.—"Yes, Sister, I'll need the credit."

Lawrence K.—"The way you sing, you won't get it."

Sr. (In History Class)—"What else did the colonists find in America?—You girls like to wear them in the winter."—(meaning furs).

Dolores W.—"Corn!"

### Strong Verb

"If you had a little more spunk," a teacher said sternly to one of her boys, "you would stand better in your class. Now, do you know what spunk is?"

"Yes, ma'am," replied the boy. "It's the past participle of spank." —The Balance Sheet.

While going back-stage to practice a playlet, Myron N. was heard to remark: "If we practice this play much longer, I'll begin to think I'm a married man."

Rosella—"Claudie, will you put these typing papers in the basket?"

Claudie—"Sure." (By mistake she crushed them for the waste basket instead of the typing basket).

Who was the BIG junior boy who was told to sit down and be a good little boy? Wonder if Lummy has any idea?

Posies to Jimmy McKown, student manager. Mac's task isn't as light as some are inclined to believe, yet he is always on the job and willing to do anything for the team and good old St. Bon's.

And let's not forget our flashy cheer leaders, Connie Dickey and Virginia Krzycki! Their yells certainly have a stimulating effect on the boys.

Sister—"Everyone will write a short story for Friday. It will be a sort of a contest."

Tony—"O Shucks! I don't want to win all the time!"

### "Song Gossip"

"Oh! Johnny" "At a Perfume Counter" doing "The Lambeth Walk" purchased "Blue Orchids" for "Annabelle" from "The Little Man Who Wasn't There."

"Scatter Brains" went "South of the Border" for "An Apple for the Teacher."

There were "Lilacs in the Rain" when "White Sails" disappeared.

"In an Eighteenth Century Drawing Room" "Josephine" said, "Oh, Susanna" "I Got a Code in My Doze" since "The Masquerade is Over."

"The Little Red Fox" "Skating Over the Rainbow" had "The Waiter With the Water" "In a Little Dutch Kindergarten" saying "My Prayer."

"I've Got a Pocket Full of Dreams" "Especially for You." If my "Smoke Dreams" "Could Be" true I'd be saying "Good Morning" "To You" "If I Didn't Care."

"It's a Hundred to One" "I Must See Annie Tonight."

Now "Little Sir Echo" says "Goody, Good Bye."

—Darlene Karges.

# Athletics

## Monroe Triumphs Over Irish Quints

The St. Bonaventure Shamrocks were host to Monroe High on the night of December 19, and for the first time in four years, the Monroe boys were able to defeat the Irish on the local maples, although it took an extra period to decide the fracas. The score was 19 to 18.

The hero of the game was McNealy, Monroe guard who tossed in the free throw in the extra period and which proved to be the margin between victory and defeat. Briggs and Jaworski were outstanding for the Irish.

## St. Francis Topples Irish by One Point

The feud is on!! Again the traditional rivalry between St. Francis High of Humphrey and St. Bon's got under way January 5, as Coach "Wrink" Lachnit's boys defeated a fighting Shamrock team by a score of 17 to 16.

Offensively, the game was rather dry as both teams concentrated heavily on defense. The Van Ackerman boys were outstanding for St. Francis while the defensive stars for the Shamrocks were Lou Briggs and Vic Teracinski.

## Genoa Bests Crippled Shamrocks, 26 to 12

On the night of January 12 the crippled and cold-ridden St. Bonaventure Shamrocks journeyed to Genoa only to be defeated by the fast Genoa team.

Because of illness the usual starting five did not begin but in their places a nervous group of subs began the game. Bill Jaworski, star Irish guard watched the greater part of the game from the bench as he had not fully recovered from an attack of flu. Lou Briggs starred for St. Bon's as he poured in nine points to lead St. Bon's attack.

## Irish Bow to Valley High in Close Game

On Tuesday, January 16, the ill-fated Shamrocks tasted defeat at the hands of the highly publicized Valley High team. The final score was 23 to 22.

Although the Valley team was much taller, St. Bon's speed had the Valley boys going, with the result that Valley had to be satisfied in winning by one point.

"Buzz" Collins was the Valley star, which Briggs, Syslo, Jaworski, and Putnam were outstanding for St. Bon's.

## Irish Bow 34 to 11 to Fast Norfolk Quintet

The St. Bonaventure Shamrocks were stopped cold on the night of January 31 by a stubborn Sacred Heart five.

The Norfolk boys led by Stinson, Montgomery and Shafer were hot and the green and white clad boys were unable to stop them.

Due to the fact that the Shamrocks did not play a game for over two weeks, the boys were unable to display their usual speed and stamina.

The Sacred Heart boys who invaded Columbus with a brilliant season record, displayed a very stiff defense as well as a fast break which bolstered their offensive play.

## An Experience in The Zoo

By LEO SYSLO

What does this remind you of? A day in summer, with the temperature about 95 degrees in the shade—you guessed it, a good day to play hooky. To top it all off I was 16 years old that day. That gave me the idea, no school for me today. I said to myself, "What I don't know today, I won't miss tomorrow."

Then I started to walk up the street which was called Coconut Grove, not having the simplest idea in mind what I was going to do. Then I looked up and saw a billboard which read, "Looking for someone? If you are, you may find your brother at the zoo." That gave me the idea, and I was on my way to the zoo.

I got to the door and walked in. I saw the keeper, the keeper saw me. I started to walk past the keeper and he said, "Where you going, Buddy?" and I said, "To the zoo."

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He said, "No, you're not, you are a minor and you must be accompanied by your parents," I said, "Me a miner, a gold digger, not me. I am a man, see, a MAN. The next thing I knew I was tossed out and I landed on my ear.

I made up my mind that I was going to get in the zoo anyway. So I ran around the back way and saw a window. I pulled down the latch and crawled in. The first thing I knew was that I landed in a baboon cage. I started to yell, but I guess no one could recognize me. Then the keeper came. He looked at the baboon, then at me. He went away shaking his head, coming back about an hour later and put up a card which read: "COME OVER FOLKS, IT'S NEW, IT'S DIFFERENT, SEE THE HUMAN BABOON."

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—Ray Gattermeyer.

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## Venturettes

### CHEMISTS EXPERIMENT WITH AMMONIA FOUNT

The chemistry class members eagerly anticipated their laboratory period, Monday, January 29. They were experimenting with an ammonia water fountain. While making the ammonia several girls nearly passed out.

As the saying goes "with the bitter comes always the sweet," so it was here. After the flask of ammonia was dipped into the red glass of water, and the fountain started spurting forth its red streams, the terrible odor was forgotten as their attention was held to something new. So interesting did the seniors find the colored fountains, they didn't stop with one, but tried several.

### TYPISTS SHOW PROGRESS

Leading in a five minute senior typing test are Rose Gonka, Dolores Pokorski and Ellen McNair; Margaret Morgan rates highest in accuracy.

In a ten minute test the "speed demons" were Virginia Krzycki, Rose Lane, Connie Dickey, Angeline Tworek and Leone Kneifel. Most accurate in this test were Connie Dickey and Evelyn Schroeder.

Among the juniors, Irene Theile has earned the title of typing champ for the first semester, hitting the keys at 63 net words. Ranking second are Ruth Boettcher, Lumier Miller and Carroll Melliger. Lucille Savage and Pauline Korgie are most accurate.

### VENTURE STAFF APPEARS IN CATHOLIC SCHOOL EDITOR

Surprised and proud were the staff members one Monday morning at their regular weekly meeting. The reason for these emotions can all be put into one little picture—a picture of themselves.

On page six of the "Catholic School Editor" published quarterly, along with photos of many other high school staffs appeared the entire St. Bon's staff under the heading "Catholic School Press Glimpses."

### See Nothing, Hear Nothing, And Know All

By I. C. U.

Most of us are well pleased with the weather and snow. Some go skating while others prefer bobsledding. It takes one with ideas, another with ambition, and another, with the power to propel the bobsled. Getting curious?

Well, all right, I will tell you who these chaps are. The little boy with ideas is Putty. Murphy is the supervisor. Now comes the most important of all, that's "Fini" McKown and the wreck he so proudly displays as a Ford V-8. If it were not for "Fini," the boys would have a sled but no power. I think we should let you in on a little secret. There is another little chap who likes bobsledding. That's Bennie, the bank for the group. He handles all finances, like buying refreshments, etc. Really a nice fellow when you get to know him.

Fini also uses the—ahem—harp—Ford V-8 as a school bus. It has a few windows broken out and it gets rather "Kool" riding in it when it is about 20 below zero. With a little coaxing Fini gets it to run and although we push it once in a while it is still Fini's wreck.

### Third Order Combines Devotional and Social

B-r-r-r-r-r, it was just one of those cold January nights, but it wasn't too cold for the Junior Third Order to come out and say its monthly office in honor of St. Francis. At 7:30 the members filed into church but only about three-fourths of the entire group were present.

Services ended, Father Colman and the members trekked over to the gym where they held their monthly meeting, but because of the absence of so many members they turned the rest of the evening over to social affairs.

Swing music certainly works up an appetite, but who would make the coffee? No reply! Someone had to be picked and poor Vernetta happened to be the "goat."

Murphy said that he wouldn't marry Connie until she could make coffee. How long do you suppose he'll have to wait? Putty said he could see bottom in his cup of coffee. "How much was there in the cup, Putty?" But the coffee must have been good, for Father Colman drank four cups while Vernetta "disappeared" the pickles.

Three cheers for James McKown who had to round up sugar and cream enough for the gang.

And who tried to pour milk out of a can with only one hole punched in it? Was it possibly Putty? Could be!

The lunch must have been OK—at least no casualties have been reported.

### IN SYMPATHY

Sincerest sympathy is extended to Derold Sheridan on the death of his sister, and to Rose Gonka on the death of her dear father.

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# THE VENTURE

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## The Jones Family To Visit St. Bon's

Cast to Be Chosen Soon

The majority of the seniors gave a decided "yes" when the question of having a second class play was put to a vote.

"Ace High," a royalty play and comedy in three acts by J. C. McMullen has been selected.

The story of the play centers around the Jones family. Mr. Jones is a plain unvarnished American. So are his wife and family—but they become rich. Then Mrs. Jones changes father's name, tries to marry her daughter into the English nobility, insists on "bossing" everybody about the place and makes everyone generally miserable. The wealth and jewels of the family attract the attention of several crooks whom Mrs. Jones entertains unawares. The resultant mixup produces sparkling comedy. Father eventually asserts himself, stands on his dignity and straightens things out, but there are two and a quarter hours of good, rollicking fun before he does it.

Tryouts for the various parts will be held this week. Presentation of the play will be about May 5.

## Warblers Flock to Gym

Glee club members recalling the old saying "All work and no play, etc." met in the high school gym, Monday February 19 for a social hour.

The group decided to reserve the first meeting after Lent for guests. Committees appointed for the purpose are as follows: Refreshments committee, P. Boyle, D. Nosal, E. Craig, C. Moerson and V. Schroeder. Entertainment committee, E. Sokol, F. Prosocki, J. Roettcher, R. Boettcher and M. Staroscik. To insure a large crowd, all those not bringing a guest are fined a dime.

After the business meeting the entertainment was turned over to V. Schroeder, with M. Boruch and M. Staroscik each playing popular pieces and the entire group of girls singing.

The refreshments were served by the junior and sophomore girls with R. Boettcher as acting chairman.

## STUDENTS ENTER CONTEST

Not only staff members but also other budding journalists are entering their manuscripts in the Scholastic Awards Contest.

This contest is sponsored by Scholastic, the American High School Weekly. Prizes are awarded in these six divisions: News Story, Feature Story, Interview, Sports Story, Columns, and Editorials. The closing date is March 16, 1940.

## Indian Girl Sends Thanks to Sodalist

A Christmas when all the sodalists sent little gifts to the children at a Zuni, New Mexico Mission, a senior girl placed a note with hers. The card with the words, "Please write to Irene Luis, 1722 16th St., Columbus, Nebraska," received an answer a short time ago.

After thanking for the gift, the Indian girl, Bessie Eriacho, said in part, "I wish you could come and visit us. The State Department has sent us many books and we surely like to read. It is always very quiet in our classroom when we read, only sometimes the boys giggle when they see a funny picture."

This will inspire other sodalists to accompany their next gifts with cards.

## Three New Subjects Added to Course

Is the world looking for efficient BUSINESS TRAINED students to carry on the business of tomorrow? The 21 members enrolled in the new Business Training course are preparing themselves to fulfill the world's expectations.

Included in this study is the importance of the banking system, the value of money or any form of currency, and the modern methods of transportation, and communication.

Economics, the new elective subject offered to juniors and seniors is proving quite popular. This study deals with the relation of supply and demand to price, and consumption with its practical aspects.

Another new study introduced to the students this semester is advanced algebra. The students enrolled in this class are making marked advancement.

That's right. Those designers are at it again. Hats? Well, no, not this time. But it's about as bad because the shapes make a fellow wonder what they are and the colors make the rainbow feel out of place.

Quite a number of the fellows have become curious and decided to make a collection of them so they can find out just exactly what they are. Don't tell anybody, but some of the boys can fix them better than the girls. Ah well, I guess they should be able to! Why? Well just ask some of the young ladies who have been buying new ones every day.

By this time the boys have quite a few and have taken it to heart. Well, if you don't believe me go over to a certain young man's place and visit his trophy room. Instead of animal heads you'll find the silliest collection you ever saw. All

## Father John Joseph Honored On Feast Day

## Librarian Observes Fiftieth Anniversary

During the week of February 12, Sister M. Avelina, school librarian, went to Denver to celebrate a long awaited event—her fiftieth anniversary, with her family and friends. St. Joseph Convent at Denver, the place of celebration, is the provincial mother-house of the local sisters.

Sr. Avelina was joined by Sr. M. Mathia, the only other remaining member of her class, in the commemoration of their golden jubilee. On February 13 a solemn high Mass was offered in honor of the jubilarians. His Excellency Bishop Urban Vehr, of Denver, delivered the sermon, congratulating the sisters for their fifty years spent in the service of God.

Thirty-three years of Sister's convent life were spent in the schools of Nebraska.

St. Bonaventure's students extend their heartiest felicitations to the Golden Jubilarian. May God bless her and may her future years truly be golden.

Replacing Sr. Avelina during her absence was Sr. M. Lina of Denver. She was a member of last year's faculty until forced to leave on account of ill health. Students welcomed her return and were pleased to see that her health is much improved.

## Inspector Visits Classes

Lawrence A. Wiemers, state high school inspector of Lincoln, paid an unexpected visit to St. Bonaventure's, Friday morning, February 16. He visited the various classes which were in session.

## Styles Versus Hobbies

shapes and colors, too!

Some of the girls object to having them "swiped". That is, just slightly. But aside from this minor detail this hobby makes a great hit with onery boys. I promised not to mention names. Mmmmm.

It takes someone like me to do it, so I'll describe them for you. They are tiny, little and small, medium, big and large, and the colors would stop a clock. Yes sir! We have polka dots, stripes, plain and even plaid. In short they're the silliest things I ever saw. But you know as well as I do, fellows, that women will do anything to be in style.

One of these days when you're taking your girl friend home don't be surprised if she looks like "taking off". Or if she complains about being cold it's because she doesn't have anything on her head but some of those silly things called "Ribbons."

## Grade and High School Participate in Program

Each class of both grade and high school honored Reverend Father John Joseph on his Feast Day March 5.

The program was arranged as follows: March, Flag of Truce, high school orchestra; Rhythm Band, first and second grades; Song, "We are Happy and Rejoice," third and fourth grades; Recitation, "Young America," E. Lakers; Playlet, Johnnie and His Big Sister, I Borowiak and L. Koch; Name Day Greetings, D. Wozny; "Smart Boy's Dream," T. Robb; "The Bright Side," M. Dickie; Editor's Perplexities, W. Moerson; and, "The Bear Story," H. Schroeder.

"Festal Greeting," J. Sanders, a freshman; Two German students, L. Miller and I. Thiele presented a German Toast accompanied by the Girls' Glee Club, "Ein Lebehoch zum Namenstag." The orchestra concluded the program with the march, "United Liberty."

Besides the well prepared program, Father was given many lovely gifts by the individual pupils or classes. One of the most appreciated gifts was the bouquet of prayers offered by the Sodalists.

The children were all dismissed for the balance of the day to enjoy Father's feast.

## Superintendent Lecron Gives Lincoln Address

In observance of the one hundred thirty-first birthday of our great President, Abraham Lincoln, Fred S. Lecron, Superintendent of Schools delivered an inspiring talk on the life of Lincoln.

The speaker especially stressed Lincoln's early career in politics, how he strove for the legislative seat, but, when defeated time after time, he remarked, "It hurts too much to laugh, and I'm too big to cry." He never gave up.

Interesting incidents related by the speaker proved Lincoln's deep religion, loyalty, faith in the ultimate outcome of America, honesty and wit. "Life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness" was the theme of his life, "In God We Trust," his motto.

"As Lincoln grows colder on the pages of history," said Mr. Lecron, "he becomes more popular." He quoted from Jefferson Davis, "Next to the destruction of the Confederacy, the death of Lincoln was the darkest day the South ever had."

After this instructive resume of Lincoln's political life, America was sung by the assembled students.

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**"It's a Great World If You Don't Weaken"**

With Easter only a few weeks away, Lent, a time of fasting and prayer, will soon be over.

What have we done to improve ourselves? Are our teachers and friends finding us more regular in our attendance at Mass; more attentive in class; more earnest during study periods; more prompt in the performance of every task? At home do our parents find us more appreciative of spiritual values, less concerned with our own petty likes and dislikes, and more attentive to the wants of others?

If we can answer in the affirmative to every one of these questions, our good resolutions have not been empty promises, soon to be broken, but glorious fulfillments which will find their rewards in eternity. Like a tiny plant our resolutions, by ceaseless cultivation, will grow and develop into a beautiful bush bearing the flower of personal holiness.—R. G.

**Idleness**

Idleness is the beginning of an unsuccessful future for high school boys and girls. If a student is idle his or her grades never reach a higher point than 80 per cent.

Once I noticed an idle person and while I studied his face, he seemed to be away from the classroom. He was not conscious of what was going on about him. Is one to suppose that this boy will meet the standards of a good business man?

If an employer should find his employee in such a state of mind, do you think his chances for advancement are likely? He may even lose his position.

Idleness is a habit formed by laziness, not wanting to do your duty, being unloyal not only to yourself but your school.

If idleness were abolished from all schools today we would have a 95 per cent average for our students. Let us try to make our school a 95 per cent school. Abolish idleness!—V. Warholoski.

**What Does Easter Mean to You?**

To some people Easter means, fun, gayly colored eggs and all sorts of amusement. But to us, who, by the grace of God, know the real meaning of Easter, it is, "Rejoice! Rejoice! for the Lord hath risen gloriously from the dead. He, who so gloriously suffered for us, for our sins, died for love of us, is risen."

Let us celebrate on Easter morning in the right manner. Nothing would be more pleasing to our Lord than to see each boy and girl approach the communion rail to receive Him into his heart. He will come with arms extended to us. Must we turn him away because our hearts are not pure—not free from sin?

A general confession is ideal for Easter. Our souls are then pure and Our Lord will come gloriously to us. No Catholic boy or girl can ask for greater happiness on Easter morning.—E. D.

**Who Will Be Our Next President?**

You open up a newspaper today and all there is in it is propaganda spread around about who will be our next president. It is my opinion that nobody knows who will run for president or who will be elected.

Roosevelt's running for president for his third term is a question in everyone's mind. Some think he will, while others think he will not. I think that he should not for the reason that no other president has done so, and it would be an unjust thing towards our country. However, I think Roosevelt would be elected if he ran for the presidency. President Roosevelt has done a great deal for this country since he has been in office and is well liked by the majority of the people.

Other great men who are making a stab for the presidency are Thomas Dewey, Cordell Hull, John Garner, Robert Taft, and James Farley.—B. Fletcher.

How many of you know the real significance of Easter Eggs? The baby chick emerging from the shell is a symbol of Christ's Resurrection from the tomb on Easter Sunday morning.

**Return of Spring**



What is that pleasant feeling?  
In which we all do share  
From where comes that sweet singing?

Oh, look! The birds are in the air.

Now I know why we're happy,  
And we, too, would like to sing,  
Not because it makes us peppy,  
But we have smelled the scent of Spring.

—A. Tworek

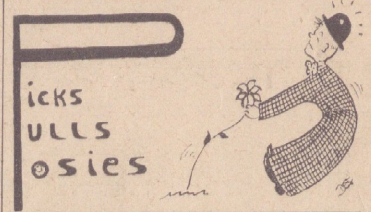
**My Dog**

My dog, he ain't like other dogs,  
He's strong, he's brave, he's smart.  
Mister, my dog's not like them,  
My dog—he's got a heart.

—R. Gattermeyer.

**STATIC . . .**

This is Station B-O-N-I coming to you again with all the latest li - news, I mean. Here's one for you—Tony's favorite color is—not red—auburn! Who is she, Tony? . . . If Mike acts strange sometimes, you'll know why—he has all his knee joints in his stomach—and that's straight from the Biology Class—Shirley (of the Freshman class) has so many friends among the boys she can't keep track—Caffrey's the most anxious right now . . . Connie is very lucky—she has two ready and willing escorts in the eighth grade . . . Well, boys, why all this talk about a certain race horse lately? . . . Hmmm, see where the juniors developed a sudden interest in Lincoln—or do they just need the points? . . . Why should St. Bon's be just a one-sport school—track, six-man-football, and baseball, all inexpensive sports, would provide the school students with more fun and give more of them a chance to be on a school team . . . So you think the paper is dry, eh? Well, then soak it in water when you get it . . . Sister, to C. Boyle: "Now, if the sun bothers you, pull it down." Why not just lower the shade? . . . Some of the girls in the higher classes are taking advantage of leap year . . . Here's a gem from the General Science class—the three kinds of teeth are "genuine, false, and gold"—The G. S. Class took opium two weeks ago—(in their textbooks) . . . The juniors are almost a cinch to win the inter-class basketball tournament . . . And speaking of tournaments, I see by my second-hand crystal that the class B state basketball tournament will be won by—Oh, Oh! I see my time's up. So I'll say so-long till next month.



**Warning to Bow Snatchers:**

We have inside information that certain girls, tired of being practically scalped every day, are plotting revenge. We don't reveal all we know but we happened to hear: "Don't be surprised if you see boys going around with Johnson's Wax on their head in the place where the 'wool' ought to grow."

K. A. Merz: "Sister, how do you spell M. Vermin?"

Did the seasons get mixed up or what's wrong? Didn't know it's peach season, but there's plenty of "peach fuzz" growing around in the Senior room.

When M. Mimick and T. Kosiba walked in dolled up in their green and white outfits, someone was heard to remark: "They look too much like one, and not enough like the other."

Laverne P: (In English class reciting an imperative sentence) "March!"

Walter C: "April!"

Hey, Fini, isn't it nice to be rich enough to be able to hire a chauffeur? And what do all those marks on your calendar signify?

Poises to Fr. John Joseph for the free day for making the goal selling tickets, and for the half day in Washington's honor.

Smoke issuing from the kitchen of the gym one night during basketball practice not only attracted Fr. Colman and Coach Paul Ernst, but also resulted in a siege of dish-washing for certain boys the following day.

Margie, since when do we burn FOOL in our furnaces.

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# Athletics

## Shamrocks Cop 3d Place in Tourney

The St. Bonaventure Shamrocks had to be satisfied with third place in the recent Platte County tournament, as Duncan regained the championship by defeating St. Francis of Humphrey.

St. Bonaventure entered the semi-finals in the tourney by defeating Holy Family of Lindsay. In the semi-finals the Irish were downed by St. Francis, and in the play-off for third place the Shamrocks defeated Monroe.

At the close of the meet, the ten best players in the tourney were awarded ribbons, of which the Irish boys were able to get three. The St. Bon's boys receiving awards are Lou Briggs, Bill Jaworski, and Leo Syslo.

### Plans Made for Class B Basketball Tournament

The district Class B tournament will be held in Columbus at the Kramer gym on March 5, 6, 7 and 8.

The teams entered are: St. Bonaventure, St. Edward, St. Francis, Leigh, Osceola, Cedar Bluffs, Silver Creek, Genoa, and North Bend.

Trophies will be awarded to the winning and runner-up teams. Valley, the champion team last year, is participating in the tournament elsewhere. The winning team will play in the state meet for the Class B. championship.

Officiating at the games will be C. E. Dallam, Platte Center superintendent and Delbert Miller, instructor at Kramer high school.

### Shamrocks Victorious In Only One Game of Month

The Shamrocks defeated the Platte Center Explorers for the second time this year, the score being 30 to 11. Lou Briggs paced the Irish with 14 points. Bill Jaworski played a great defensive game.

The Irish Reserve chalked up another win as they defeated the Platte Center Seconds 25 to 5. Adrian "Buckshot" Smolen led the St. Bon's Seconds with 8 points.

The Irish ran into a tough Third City team on the night of February 23 and as a result the Shamrocks lost 25-17.

The boys from St. Mary's were hot, their first six attempts at the hoop netting them 12 points. Bill Jaworski and Bill Putnam were the Irish hot-shots.

The Shamrock's hopes of avenging an earlier defeat in the season were quelled by a hot Norfolk five on the afternoon of February 25 at the Sacred Heart gym in Norfolk.

The green and white boys fought Norfolk on rather even terms during the first half, the score at the half being 12-9 in favor of Norfolk.

In the second half the Norfolk boys put on the steam and after the smoke cleared away the Irish were on the short end of a 28-15 score. Lou Briggs was the Irish leading man.

After the game a delicious lunch was served by the students of Sacred Heart High school.

## On The Subject of Hats

Easter is coming! What does that remind you of? New hats??? Oh, to think of it! The boys think they are the only ones who have to suffer—looking at them! They never think of what the girls go through wearing them!!!

First of all they have to go through the painful process of finding one that fits, and one that is strictly different from anyone else's. Ah, at last—just the thing! I always wanted something with a bird-like effect—something flitty! . . . Get it??

Then comes the exasperating vigil for Easter. For you can't possibly wear it before—it would spoil the effect. But it is worth the anxiety when finally the awaited day has come. Oh, how proud you feel, strolling down the avenue, all decked out in your new clothes, especially the hat!!!

But wait a minute—what seems to be the trouble? Take it easy there, lady—come on, snap out of it and tell Uncle Ned all about it. What's that? Oh, you poor dear! I'd faint, too, if Nellie strolled out with a hat exactly like mine!

The Irish suffered another setback at Leigh on the night of Tuesday, February 27 when a fast Leigh quintet trounced the Irish 45-31.

Leigh jumped to a fast lead early in the game, the score at the end of the first quarter being 14-1 in favor of Leigh.

### Biology Buzzes

Did you ever smell those perfectly lovely odors that creep from under the biology door some days? Shows what some people will endure for the sake of education . . . Gerald S. always gets a chance to ruin his fingernail polish by pulling the "pickled" specimens out of the alcohol . . . You ought to hear James D. yell for first course when the specimens are being dished up . . . The girls who formerly got the "willies" during these "operations" now can carve a fancy starfish . . . The chief bottlewasher is Lois W., who usually gets the delightfully gooey job of washing the pans when the fun is over . . . Wonder why Leo S. kept smacking his lips when Sister was mixing soda water and hydrolic acid. Must like his drinks mixed . . . New theory told by Mike N.—The abdomina cavity contains the legs, feet and toes . . . Heard during a scribble session in our lab manuals — Dolores S.—"What causes 'flat feet?'" Barbara S.—"You ought to know!" . . . Those cute little bugs that you can see under the microscope must have intrigued Polly K. who stayed until 5:00 to play with 'em . . . Biology may be the "buggiest" study in school but ask one of Sr. Richardis' students and they'll tell you it's the best.

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# Venturettes

## SOPHOMORES STUDY CIRCLES

The geometry class seems to be going around in circles. It's their brains, not they themselves, for they are studying circles.

For the past semester the members of the class have been wondering why they had to part with that dear old nickel just to buy a compass, which they hardly ever used. But now they have solved the mystery, because they can not very easily construct a circle without a compass. The sophomores are finding circles very interesting.

## NOONAN WINS CONTEST

Congratulations, to Margaret Noonan, freshman, for being chosen first out of one hundred entrants in the True-False Contest related to George Washington, conducted by The Daily Telegram.

This is an example of the fine ability of the students of St. Bon's—even of the lower classmen.

## SENIORS SELECT CLASS COLORS AND INVITATIONS

At a recent class meeting the seniors selected turquoise and silver as their class colors. After closely examining the many invitation samples, they finally decided on plain pressed paper with an emblem in their colors.

## SOPHOMORE BOY MOVES

Derold Sheridan has moved to Norfolk where he will attend Sacred Heart High School. He has attended St. Bonaventure all his school life. The sophomore class misses his presence, but wishes him all the luck possible.

## COMMERCE ROOM CHANGES

The beginning of the second semester brought an entire change in the commercial room. The typewriters which formerly were arranged lengthwise in two rows are now arranged in groups of two and three in this way affording a freer passage to the students while changing classes.

## MISS LANE ENTERTAINS

Rose Ann Lane was hostess to a group of senior girls Wednesday night, February 21, who put on a surprise birthday party for Margaret Morgan and Rose Gonka. Visiting and dancing were enjoyed. The delightful evening closed with the serving of a delicious luncheon.

## PORTRAITS TO BE TAKEN

If anyone wonders why the seniors look so unusually "sweet" these days it is only because they are practicing. Each member of the class will visit Daniel's Studio before the end of March to have an individual portrait taken.

## St. Francis Followers Gather in Church Den

With the recitation of the office of St. Francis, the junior Third Order members opened their regular monthly meeting Thursday, February 15. Following the benediction with the Blessed Sacrament, the group retired to the Church den to discuss business matters.

Many interesting points were brought up, chief of which was the suggestion to assist the senior branch of the Order with a food sale to be sponsored in the near future.

The members also decided to select an entertaining committee, to prepare a program for the next assembly. Those chosen were Connie Dickey, Beverly Rich, Veretta Schroeder and Billy Putnam.

## Alcohol Toll Mounts

Coming through the halls after school in the afternoon, you might be surprised to hear a happy yell issue from the freshmen room. But don't be alarmed. It is probably only a freshie or a sophomore from the General Science class, happy because he has discovered a new protozoa (one-celled animal) under the microscope.

Many strange specimens, such as Rhizopoda, Flagellata, Infusoria, Foraminifera have been discovered. Let me tell you the sad tale of an Infusoria (about one twenty-fourth of an inch long, and looks like a caterpillar.) At first he rushed about the slide, happy and carefree. But—then came his downfall—he fell in with bad companions (the Freshies and Sophs) and these fair-weather friends treacherously led him into evil ways, and gave him some alcohol. Alas! He couldn't take it—he up and died.

## High Priest Caffrey Presides at Meeting

A strange and eerie meeting took place in the Freshman room on Friday, February 16. Walter Caffrey, the high priest, decked out in an invisible silk robe, glided up the aisle, softly and quietly, like a steam roller, took his place at the wooden altar and made ready to torture the poor, defenseless pupils.

At the first solemn, dignified words of the high priest, all the members began talking at once because they were so anxious to speak. When order was restored, various experts told interesting and wonderful things, such as Professor Tagwerker's learned discourse on how fast you must run to escape the police after throwing snowballs, and Professor Terne's talk on how much Wheaties a fellow must eat to be able to carry a girl's books.

Your correspondent was able to enter the sacred portals for this meeting only because of his fine reputation. (ahem, ahem).

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# THE VENTURE

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## Students Attend Diocesan Meeting

### Discuss Problems of Modern Youth

"The Student, A Christ-Bearer" was the general theme of the tenth annual Spiritual Convention under the auspices of the Omaha Sodality Union held in Omaha, Saturday, March 30.

Delegates from various high schools in the Omaha diocese gathered at Creighton University. Those representing St. Bon's were, Connie Dickey, Ellen McNair, Maxine Kamm, and Virginia Krzycki, accompanied by Father Coleman.

After the 9 o'clock High Mass, during which an address was delivered by His Excellency Bishop Ryan, an interesting program filled the day. Talks centering around the Catholic youth in action included "The Christ-Bearer Developing, Contacting, In the Home, In the School, In Social Life, In the Parish, In Extra Class Activities, A Crusader for Decent Literature, A Missionary, With the Press, With the Sodality and Acting."

Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament by Rev. Joseph O'Brien, followed these addresses.

## CHORUS ENTERTAINS AT C. D. A. MEET

A chorus composed of the junior and sophomore members of the Girls' Glee Club provided the entertainment at the C. D. A. meeting Sunday evening, April 7, held in the gym.

The program included the following numbers: "Anchored," Watson; "Woodland Echoes," McDonough; "The Old Refrain," Kreisler; and "God Bless America."

Virginia Krzycki, the accompanist, also played the piano solo, "Prelude in C Sharp Minor."

## Prom Theme Will Feature Ice Palace

Juniors are busily engaged in making plans and preparations for the Junior-Senior prom.

On Tuesday, May 14, the two upper classes will feel very much refreshed when they step into the gym which will be converted into an Ice Palace. On the Ice Throne, or orchestra pit, will be seated Joe Fiala and his Royal Blue Coats.

The chairmen of the various committees are as follows: invitations, Marie Woerth; decorations, Adrian Smolen; refreshments, Elizabeth Craig; and entertainment, Orpha Dietering.

Buy a ticket for the Senior Class Play, May 5, 1940.

## His Excellency to Confer Sacrament

His Excellency, James H. Ryan, Bishop of Omaha, will be at St. Bonaventure Church April 21 to administer the sacrament of Confirmation, according to an announcement made by Father John Joseph last Sunday.

The confirmants consist chiefly of the children of grades two to six. However, there will also be a large number of adults.

The ceremony will take place at 3:00 P. M. The entire class is to receive Solemn Communion at the 9 o'clock Holy Mass.

## Girl's Glee Club Enjoys Guest Party

Glee Club girls and their guests assembled Wednesday evening, April 3 in the gym for an enjoyable evening of dancing and fun. A slogan quizz was the main feature of entertainment. Those selected for questioning were: Anita Jaworski, Laverne Pokorski, Lucille Savage, Myron Novicki, and Elizabeth Craig. A box of candy went to Lucille Savage, the winner. Laverne Pokorski came out second.

A delicious lunch was served later in the evening. The committees in charge were: Refreshment committee: Vernetta Schroeder, Camilla Moersen, Phyllis Boyle, Frances Craig and Dorothy Nosal; Entertainment committee: Frances Prosofski, Elsie Sokol, Jackie Boettcher, Mary Ann Staroscik and Ruth Boettcher.

## ALUMNI STAR IN COMEDY HIT

St. Bon alumni starred in a three-act comedy "The Absent Minded Bridegroom" presented in the school auditorium. Three performances were given, Sunday afternoon and evening and Monday evening, March 31 and April 1.

The actors are members of the well known De Soto Players under the direction of Fr. Coleman.

## When the Census Taker Calls Just Take a Census of the Census Taker

Rap! Rap! (knocking at door)

"Oh dear! I wonder who it is, (I hope it isn't the lady next door borrowing, she already owes me a sack of flour.) Why Good morning! What can I do for you? Oh you want to take the census? Well, come right in."

"Well, you're just a young fellow, aren't you? Just graduated, eh? From what college did you graduate? Oh yes, isn't that in Iowa? No, well what state is it in? Oh dear, just a minute, I must shut off this radio. (Snap) You know all I hear lately is about the presidential election. Who do you

## Senior Class to Present Second Play, "Ace High"

### Cast of Ten Selected After Several Tryouts

The Seniors will present their second class play entitled, "Ace High" to the public on May 5.

The play, a three-act comedy, involves a typical American family named Jones, who, through the efforts of Mr. Jones and a fertilizer plant, have become enormously wealthy. Upon becoming so wealthy, Mrs. Jones turns high hat and does all she can to get her favorite daughter, Gladys, married into nobility. Through a turn of fate, instead of entertaining Lord Ranleigh, an English nobleman and Gladys' prospective husband, Mrs. Jones plays host to Mack, the ace, a notorious crook. From here on the play takes many complicated and hilarious turns until the usual happy ending.

The cast is as follows: Parker Jones, the retired fertilizer king, Bob Frischholz; Catherine, his wife, Florence Mimick; Gladys, their elder daughter, Alice Johnson; Kit, their younger daughter, Ellen McNair; Morey, their son, Bennie Nosal; Mrs. Maxfield, a guest in the Jones home, Vernetta Schroeder; Blair Challman, the ragaman, Bill Putnam; Mack, the ace, Ted Wozny; Fulton, the butler, Lawrence Kolbush; Dora Cowan, the gardener's daughter, Virginia Krzycki.

## OUR LADY'S CLIENTS ASSEMBLE IN GYM

Sodalists gathered for their monthly meeting on Wednesday evening March 27 in the gym.

Alice Loeffler spoke on World-Wide Sodality Day. Elaine McNair, representing the Blessed Sacrament committee, gave a reading "The Lord Is Waiting For Me." Delores Woerth, on behalf of the Good Literature committee, reviewed the book "Grapes of Wrath."

Moderator Father John Joseph answered the questions in the Sodality Question Box. He distributed leaflets on the life of Eleanor Flynn, the well known Catholic actress.

The entertainment committee then presented their program. Joan Sanders recited "Da Besta Frand." Alice Johnson read, "A Letter from Fritz to Hans." A playlet entitled, "In the Photographer's Gallery" was enacted by the sophomore girls. Marie Woerth played a piano solo, "Careless."

After lunch was served by the freshman girls, dancing was enjoyed.

FLASH!  
Senior Class Play, May 5, 1940.

## Skunk Holloweers Visit Columbus

Hairless Joe and the Dogpatchers, assisted by Si, that heart throb of every woman, leading the Skunk Hollow Band, visited Columbus on Thursday, March 14. The Dogpatchers, all students of St. Bon's were Marie Woerth, Dolores Bonk, Elsie Sokol, Vernetta Schroeder, Gloria Gerber, Camilla Moersen, Virginia Warholoski, Helen Jostes, Emelia Donnelly, Dolores Woerth, and Dolores Schroeder. Hairless Joe was no other than Carroll Melliger, while Si was Gerald Savage. The Skunk Hollow Ladies' Band was under the supervision of Mr. Barnes and Walter Mosier.

Starting at the Recreation Center the band paraded through Main Street, stopping at various corners and in some stores playing Bohemian music.

With their extreme costuming and rude colorful make-up, the group provided much hilarious entertainment for Columbus citizens.

## "Perpetual Sacrifice" Ushers in Holy Week

In preparation for the sublime mysteries of Holy Week, St. Bon's students enjoyed a rare treat when they witnessed the talking picture, "The Perpetual Sacrifice," Sunday, March 17.

The scenes in our Lord's time shown alternately with the various parts of the Mass helped give the real meaning of this daily Sacrifice. The information gained helps everyone to assist at Holy Mass in a more devout manner.

An added feature showed the coronation of our present Holy Father, Pius XII.

think will get in office? Gracie Allen? Oh, by the way are you old enough to vote? And another thing that bothers me is that war news, whom do you think is to blame?"

"What? Did you say you have to be going? Well that's too bad, do you live here in town? Are you married? Do you have any children? Well, stop by some time and bring your wife. Goodbye. (slam) That's funny, what did he want anyway? Oh yes, a census taker!"

"Well, I'll have to hurry, Henry will be home for dinner any minute now."

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## EDITORIAL POLICY

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## Advice of a Venturer.

Little do any of us realize in our high school days that the routine tasks we do in school may mean a chance for a position when we're out of school. To the wise among you students, therefore, I say, don't refuse any little side jobs the instructors or student leaders have to offer you. There'll be a pay-back somewhere, some time.

The business world is one of "give and take"—it's a great deal of both, but mostly "take." There's no place for grumblers who despise taking orders or hold grudges against their superiors. The most convenient place to learn to "take" is in high school, and the kindest people to learn to "take" from are the instructors.

One of the world-wide traits of a high school student is to "know it all." He doesn't—no one does! The greatest drawback a young man or woman who is seeking a position could have is the know-it-all complex. I have found through my short experience in the business world that an employer appreciates a humble, quiet, good-mannered boy or girl who makes his worth known by efficiency.

If any of you have a chance to go to college, business school, night school, or even to take college extension work, take it! That is, take it if you desire to get anywhere except in a rut! It is only a highly ambitious boy or girl who is able to advance himself in the business world without the aid of the above mentioned complements to a high school education. I say "advance."

Let's I forget, if anyone has ever sought to tell you that because you're the product of a Catholic high school, you will have a difficult time to obtain employment because of prejudices, let me say that in Columbus this is rarely the case! This is probably duplicated in every city in the United States. We still live in an American democracy.

There is a common prejudice among youthful job-seekers that a boss is some terrible monster that will devour them on sight. I shared that prejudice and nothing could change my attitude until I met a goodly number of the managers of our Columbus concerns. I can say verily that EVERY ONE of them was the epitome of courtesy and friendliness.

If they have no opening, they don't chase you out of their office or turn you down with a cold scowl. They inevitably give a few minutes of their precious time to discuss the situation with you, or at least listen patiently to your application. They promise to remember you when there is an opening—and they do!

It pays to be cautious of one's reputation during high school days, for the men who hire a person find out all these is to know about one. They have to do this in order to safeguard the good name of their business.

These are just a few pointers and experiences I have encountered and suggest that you students put them away for future reference. All of us are told these things, but usually they go in one ear and out the other. We think they sound fine but are hardly practical. I have found through experience that there's something to them after all!

BEVERLY RICH, '39.

## It's a Man's World, Or Is It?

From the very beginning of time down to the present day man has been the guiding spirit and hand of the home, state, and nation. This is truly a man's world.

"Don't be an old fool," a tiny little voice said, "the world today is no more a man's world, than you are a college professor. In fact, ever since Eve was created, women have been the power behind the throne. Take this for an example: last week Mr. Plushbottom, the great financier, completed another deal which netted him a cool \$100,000. Is he smart? I should say not, he hasn't enough brains to fill a teaspoon. Mrs. Plushbottom is the real financier, she tells her poor brainless, lame-brain husband what to do and he does it—or else."

"It's the same in every station of life," continued the tiny voice, "even in the schoolrooms throughout the nation. If there are any important matters to settle, the girls usually are the ones who settle them if not by the sheer force of number, by direct voting, they usually decide the vote indirectly by turning loose their charm on the poor, defenseless, love-struck boys and win their point."

"Oh yes, indeedy, this is truly a man's world." Then I awoke from my spirit breaking day-dream.—B. F.

## STATIC . . .

This is station B-O-N-I coming to you this month with all the news hot from the fire . . . Spring fever has arrived here with a bang and everybody shows the effects—(Some have felt it all year, but it's worse now) . . . Well, here's what little news there is this month . . . The class in General Science is getting smart—90's and 100's flew all over the place in the last test . . . All the big league baseball stars hold out for more money—let's hold out for a few more free . . . The senior boys were trying to pattern themselves after peaches—for a while they showed fuzz—but what happened?—A killing frost?—Or what? The Boys' Glee Club really sounds like something—but I won't say what! . . . All the juniors used to go around singing "Nobody Loves Me,"—until the Principal convinced them differently . . . Heard that R. L. (senior) took time out during class period to inform a certain senior girl that he has a horse named after her . . . So M. N. claims he is the best "fixer-upper" in seven states—but admits his ignorance in the State of matrimony . . . Geraldine Gottberg thinks summer is a month of the year—(What is it, anyhow?) Well, I guess I'll be signing off now—So Long.

## The Way of the World

The pitcher winds up—the pitcher throws,  
The batter swings—and there it goes!  
It's 'way up there—do you think he can—  
Yes, it's a home run! What a man!

What? He didn't touch second?  
You mean the run don't go?  
Well, of all the lousy players  
The worst is that so-and-so!  
—R. Gattermeyer

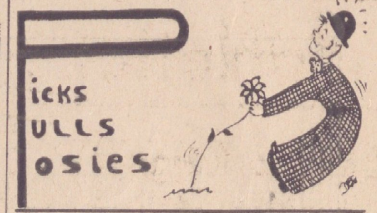
## Radio Announcements

Just about everyone listens to the radio and gets in on the ads. "If you try this it will help your cough—if you eat this it will help you reduce—if you take this medicine it helps your liver—if you use this soap it gives you that 'school-girl complexion—if you use this oil your car starts quicker in cold weather—if you use this shampoo it gives life to your hair" (as if it were artificial). These and many more are heard on the radio every day. These are things that bring us our radio programs but most people don't pay any attention to them. You use what you want to anyhow.

"If you send in a box-top, or a label with your name and address, and 25 cents we will send you a lovely compact," which is usually no better than what you buy at the ten-cent store.

Radio contests are always being conducted and the announcers waste all their time telling about the rules and prizes when you are waiting to hear your favorite radio program. However, the best part is always continued until the next day. But that's just radio!

The Chimes, St. Cloud, Minnesota, give this definition of a "Senior"—One who is supposed to be too dignified to admit he ever was a freshman.



## Of All Dumb Questions!

Frank—(In Chemistry class) Does leather stretch when it gets wet?

Ted—Does a cow expand when it rains?

For the definition of "concentration" see R. Reifenrath.

And if you want the definition of "guano" ask Claudie—she guessed it!

The sophomres must be surrealists. In their geometric constructions you can't tell, sometimes, what is which and how is that.

Have you noticed how Orpha's red jacket always reflects on her face?

We hear that P. J. washes her hair in Rinso. Do you get it four or five shades whiter, Pat?

At the last school dance a certain junior girl was surrounded by several big husky boys when along comes "Half-pint" Tony asking solicitously: "Are these boys bothering you?"

M. W. would make a good teacher. She was heard to remark that she likes to mark with a red pencil.

Sr. (in Literature) "What makes the modern drama so interesting and effective?"

Wilfred J.—"Music, Lights, Camera, and ACTION."

We wonder why Kenny always speaks on airplanes when called on to give a talk.

## They Know Their Geography

Sr.—(In History Class) "Where is Mexico?"

Sophs—(In unison) "South of the Border."

Ted: The U. S. government then laid—

Francis: (Having just returned from an Easter egg hunt) Eggs!

The author of the following verse is unknown, but it surely could be dedicated to certain St. Bonites:

"I love its ceaseless gurgle, I love its steady flow;  
I love my mouth in motion, I love to hear it go."

Boettcher say: When girl laugh sound like "he-he-he," when boy laugh sound like "she-she-she."

Korgie say: Woman lovelier than man—thanks to cosmetic counter.

Jaworski say: Ever hear of woman great enough to put name along side of Lincoln or Washington?

Smollen say: Every place look, see woman doing work man should do. Pretty soon see woman leaning on shovel.

Syslo say: Husband must keep in good physical condition, so can beat wife to cashier's desk when pay check comes.

Caffrey say: Amount polish you give apple for Teach' depend on which Teach'.

# Athletics

## Seniors Reign as Interclass Champs

### Title in Three Straight Victories

Seniors emerged as victors in a very interesting interclass tournament, beginning March 19 and ending March 28.

The seniors won their first game when they upset the heavily favored juniors by a score of 14 to 11.

The sophomores furnished the competition in the seniors' second game. The game was very close and played on even terms, but when the final whistle blew the upper-classmen were in the front by a score of 8 to 6.

In the last game, the seniors breezed through a freshman aggregation by a score of 28 to 10, and thereby cinching the title.

### Bill Putnam Elected Honorary Irish Pilot

Bill Putnam, senior guard, was elected honorary captain of the 1939-1940 basketball team on Tuesday, March 19, at a meeting held in the school gym.

Putnam, who held down a regular guard position this year, played with the Shamrock Reserves for two years before he was promoted to the first team. "Dago," as he is called by his team mates, played great defensive ball for the Shamrocks throughout the season.

### Ten Players Earn Letters

Earning the coveted letters, were ten players of the 1939-40 basketball team.

Letters were awarded on the basis of sportsmanship and actual basketball ability.

The following received letters: Sophomore: Leo Syslo; Juniors: Lou Briggs, Bernie Fletcher, Dennis Placek, Bill Jaworski, and Vic Terasinski; Seniors: Bill Putnam, Ted Wozny, Lawrence Kolbush and Francis Murphy.

Overheard after certain freshman girls sang "God Bless America": "The way it sounded it should have been "God bless the pupils who had to listen to it."

## THEY WILL USE 'EM

Teacher: "Children, we will now have Slanguage class. Oh, nuts, I dropped my book. Joe, recite the first sentence in our lesson.

Joseph: "Oh dear, aren't you going?" It is incorrect. Should be, "Oh heck! Ain't you goin'?"

Teacher: "Boy! that was swell. The next one, Jo Ann."

Jo Ann: "Tell me, or I'll hit you." Incorrect; should be: "Spill the beans or I'll slug ya."

Teacher: "Atta girl! You're some kid. Helen will ya tell us guys how the next sentence should be."

Helen: "Hey, you! Cut it out."

Teacher: "Swell! Now kids when your mom and pop asks ya where your report card is at, tell 'em you ain't gonna get it cause the head man is went out of town."

Children: "Okay, teach'. We're darn glad we ain't gettin' our cards yet."

Teacher: "We will now put our books in the groove and anyone of ya that is goin' to singin', beat it!"

## Sophomore Smiles

Miles of smiles make the world happier. A laugh usually begins or ends with a smile.

First, we might classify the laugh of Leone Smythe as one typical of her sex, the tee-hee, and Jimmy Dineen's, the heartiest and most contagious. Tony Zabawa wears a perpetual grin that makes you think he was born smiling. Dolores Woerth begins her laugh at low "C" and inevitably ends on high "X." The ace practical joker, Mike Syslo, continually wears a sly grin, but doesn't get a grin in turn for his practical jokes. Helen Jostes puts the finishing touch to a funny incident by, making a queer noise. They're different every time.

Myron Novicki has a genuine ear-to-ear smile, though he won't admit it. Virginia Warholoski shows only six teeth when she smiles. Richard Reifenrath fondly displays his one-sided grin anywhere and everywhere. Gloria Gerber's cackle makes one muse on the "goose that laid the golden egg."

It's really worth the trouble to crack a joke because the sophomores really appreciate it—at least it sounds like it.

## MAGIC MIRROR

Do you wish to see yourself as others see you? If so, take the initial of your first name and match it in the first column, the initial of your family name in the second column.

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| F-erocious   | F-reak          |
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| H-elpless    | H-eathen        |
| I-diotic     | I-dol           |
| J-ealous     | J-itterbug      |
| K-ind        | K-id            |
| L-azy        | L-emon          |
| M-usical     | M-ouse          |
| N-osey       | N-itwit         |
| O-omphy      | O-utlaw         |
| P-ious       | P-umpkin        |
| Q-ueer       | Q-uack          |
| R-respectful | R-ascal         |
| S-mart       | S-cout          |
| T-imid       | F-atterdemalion |
| U-gly        | U-surper        |
| V-iolent     | V-acuum         |
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# Venturettes

## MISS VIRGINIA KLUCK IS CONTEST WINNER

Miss Virginia Kluck, senior was the first place winner in the contest conducted in connection with the Birthday Anniversary Sale. She was awarded the 22-piece set of aluminum cooking utensils.

Finding misspelled words, of which there were 80, in the circulars distributed to advertise the Birthday Sale was the task. Out of the 80 errors, she detected 79. The sale was held by Fricke's Drug Store.

## CANDY SALE SUCCESSFUL

Mary Ann Staroscik proved her ability as a saleslady when her table carried off the top honors at the candy sale Friday, April 5. The girls in charge of the other tables were Claudie Placzek, Evelyn Dietz and Pauline Korgie.

This sale, sponsored by the juniors and third in a series, netted \$11.50.

## STAFF ENJOYS LUNCHEON

In place of the regular weekly meeting on Monday, March 18, the Venture Staff members enjoyed a covered dish "newspaper" luncheon in the gym. The girls provided the "eats", and the boys provided the entertainment in payment.

The newspaper theme was carried out in the tablecloths, and the hats which each member wore throughout the meal.

## JUNIORS SPONSOR SECOND VICE-VERSA DANCE OF YEAR

Another vice-versa dancing party was sponsored in the school gym Friday, March 29. The dance was well attended by students as well as by a group of alumni. A delightful evening was provided for all.

Faculty members chaperoned.

## NEW PUPIL ENTERS

The freshman class welcomes a new pupil, Dorothy Liss. Dorothy comes to St. Bonaventure from Silver Creek high school, Silver Creek, Nebraska.

## SOPHS STUDY SHAKESPEARE

Laughter leaking from the sophomore room these days is the result of the quaint language of Shakespeare's time. The class is studying "As You Like It."

In a few weeks a modern version of Acts I to III will be presented under the direction of Helen Jostes, Jackie Boettcher and Frances Prosocki, respectively.

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Then the apple must be polished. To do this, so as not to ruin the taste, use only the highest quality furniture polish on it. Then touch it up with iodine in the spots where it does not look very bright. This will also add an unusual flavor to the apple, making it taste like h—honey.

Then walk up to the teacher and say "Here's an apple for you, Teach", and bow down till your head touches the floor. (Feels funny, doesn't it?) Then lay it on the desk and stare at the 65 on your paper till she changes it to 85. Bow again, say "Hi-yo Silver." (This is absolutely necessary), and go to your desk.

Then, if she doesn't treat you nice, sneak up to the desk when she isn't looking, and filch the apple. Wait until school's out to try this, because, believe me, you'll be leaving in a hurry.

For further directions write to Feeble-minded Frank, Insane Asylum, Norfolk, Nebraska, enclosing two saw blades.

## Sodalists Plan Party for Holy Name Boys

"When will it be?" What will we have?" What shall we do?" These are a few of the many questions that are to be answered in the next few days by the selected committees of the Sodality. The girls are all seniors who are having their last chance to show what kind of a party they can give and make a great success of it. Many big surprises will surely be in store for you.

The selected committees are: Refreshment, Chairman, Vernetta Schroeder and Florence Mimick, assistant; Entertainment, Chairman, Connie Dickey and Virginia Krzycki, assistant; and Invitations, Chairman, Angeline Tworek, with Margaret Morgan assistant.

For the definition of "Concentration," see R. Reifenrath.

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