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Girls' Sodality Choose K. Merz As President

The first sodality meeting of the year was held on Tuesday evening September 22, in the gymnasium. The meeting was conducted by the president, Miss Patricia Hayes.

The main business of the evening was the election of new officers. The result is as follows: Kathryn Merz, president; Regina Ebner, vice-president; Winifred Moersen, secretary; Phyllis Boyle, treasurer. The following are the chairmen of the various committees: Rita Frischolz, Helen Mae Wass, Helen Reifenrath and Camilla Moersen. Edifying talks were given by the outgoing and incoming officers. The new members, pledged to abide by the spirit and rules of the sodality. The newly elected president, Kathryn Merz, in a brief talk, stressed the ideals to be practiced during the ensuing year.

Father John Joseph, in a short talk, thanked the out-going officers for the zeal and fidelity they had shown during the past year. He encouraged the new officers and wished them success in all their undertakings.

Underclassmen Envy Privileged Seniors

The seniors shun the common thoroughfare of the classes and make use of only the steps known as "the back stairs."

When the freshies come treading fearfully upon them, they gaze with wonderment and awe at the mighty, condescending seniors and we hear Sister Gerard saying, "Make way for the dumpings." Then the seniors remark, "Look at all those freshies; aren't they little!"

The sophomores timidly approach the stairs and think wistfully of the day, far away, when they may claim them as their own; whereas the juniors take a more optimistic view knowing that in just one more year the fulfillment of their dream will come true.

Thus prevails the respect held by all classes for the seniors who continue to enjoy the full glory of this admiration year after year.

Smiles Are Forced

We, so-called green Freshies are quite aware of future happenings. Just picture thirty-seven boys and girls walking past the mob of other high school students, who keep saying "Freshies, Freshmen," but all we can do is walk by and smile. The smiles are big and almost pleading as we walk past the seniors. This will come to an abrupt stop after initiation because there'll be smiles of revenge.

ST. BONAVENTURE STUDENTS VALUE SECONDARY EDUCATION



ST. BONAVENTURE HIGH SCHOOL

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BUILDING IMPROVED FOR NEW SCHOOL YEAR

St. Bonaventure students were greeted by a pleasing sight as they entered the building on the first day of school.

The school building had been cleaned and remodeled. The most noticeable change was the new linoleum covering the halls of the school. For this we owe a debt of thanks to St. Ann's Society. In all classrooms the desks and floors had been varnished, blackboards had been slated.

All in all, it was a real pleasure for the students to be back in such a clean, fresh-looking school.

Mixer Is Grand Success

The first school dance of the social season at St. Bonaventure was held Friday, September 18, in the gymnasium.

A large number of high school students attended. All of the newest records were played and the students enjoyed themselves throughout the evening. Novelty dances and also games added enjoyment for everyone.

The proceeds of the dance will be used for the annual Junior-Senior Banquet and Ball, which will be held early next May.

Chaperons for the dance were Mrs. Leo Locher and Mrs. Ben McNair.

VICTORY QUIZ ORGANIZES

If current events aid us in making a high V. Q., we are sure Uncle Sam will be in search for the Senior and Junior History class. They have formed a club with the purpose of being better informed of world-wide and local news.

The club placed faith in Doris Jaax by electing her general chairman. The various committees will arrange for discussions of the more important events of the week. To guide them in their work, the class has elected Helen Mae Wass, as chairman of the International News Committee, Ronald Locker, chairman of the National News Committee, Verna Mae Mielak, Chairman of the local News.

At the next meeting Sylvia Boruch, Marcella Wieser and Anita Jaworski, will entertain the club with a picture biography of Roger Williams.

New Superintendent Chosen For Diocese

Rev. Paul Schneider, M. A., is now superintendent of the Omaha Diocesan School System. He succeeds Father Ostidiek. The school's system consists of 29 high schools and 81 elementary schools. St. Bonaventure grade and high school are included in these.

Seniors Prepare For Initiation

To whom it may concern, and also the freshmen: The most esteemed senior class is now preparing for the annual freshmen initiation. The initiations of the last few years will seem like kindergarten classes compared to this one, (no offense, ex-grads). Let this warning be enough for you, freshmen! Your fate is in your hands. More respect regard-

ing the seniors is to be expected, or else we may break a few bones or bruise you slightly, but you'll see it's all in fun. Ha-ha, ha-a-a! We shall have a doctor present at all times, also several registered nurses will be on hand to help with a few of the minor wounds, (gruesome, isn't it?) This warning is to be heeded!

THE BLACK HAND,
RASTUS BROWN.

Largest Enrollment Of Boys in History Of St. Bonaventure

This year, the enrollment at St. Bonaventure High school again maintains its usual standard by reaching a total of 144 students. This enrollment is an increase of one student over last year's and indicates that the youth of today realize the value of secondary education.

In spite of the fact that several students have joined the armed forces, the number of sixty boys enrolled shows an increase of six over that of last year, and is the largest enrollment of boys in the history of St. Bonaventure High School. The number of girls enrolled is eighty-four which shows a decrease of three from that of last year.

Juniors lead the classes with a membership of forty-eight; freshmen class numbers thirty-seven; sophomore class, thirty-two; and senior class, twenty-seven.

St. Bonaventure's is proud of its enrollment and knows that every student has come back to school with the ideal to develop a staunch character, to fight against the foes in spiritual and temporal affairs of life, and to strive to help make his country—a STRONG AMERICA.

STUDENTS ASSIST AT ANNUAL BAZAAR

In response to an appeal by Father John Joseph for workers to help in the various stands at the annual church Bazaar, Sunday, Sept. 13, the following loyal students answered his request: Camilla Moersen, Phyllis Boyle, Frances Craig, Kathryn Merz, Helen Wilczynski, Lillian Dietz, June Stoll, Joe McKown, Helen Reifenrath, Bud Hauser, Jim Gerhold, Walter Caffrey, Dick Ternes, Harold Mielak, Ray Syslo, Ray Gattermeyer, Dick Boettcher, Kenneth Langan, Myron Zabawa, Doris Vanek, Angeline Johnson, Allen Lohr, Dave Speicher, Billy Ebner, Bob Gutzmer, Carroll Donaghue, Dorothy Thiele, Angeline Kula.

Three Cheer Leaders Chosen By Students

The musical voices of Camilla Moersen, Ruth Ewert, and Phyllis Boyle are now turned to peppy "Rah, rah!" and "Fight Team Fight!"

At an election held in the auditorium the three were elected without competition. How disappointed we were for not getting to use our ballots. Next year, let's have some competition.

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A MESSAGE

My dear High School Students,
It cannot be denied that the higher and more beautiful ideals of life, ideals that interpret life's sublime end and aim, are cultivated in our Catholic institutions of learning. They are inculcated into the mind and heart of the Catholic student by teachers who possess these ideals themselves.

Students attending such institutions may well be congratulated and consider themselves most fortunate. The Catholic high school is such an institution. Its unceasing endeavor is to mold students into truly Christian young men and young women, who eventually but assuredly will number among that band of ideal men and women who alone can benefit mankind and keep the world Christian.

My dear students, you are attending a school that meets the highest educational and Christian standards, a school that is accredited to the state, a school that is affiliated with the North Central Association of high schools and colleges, a school that is manned by highly certified teachers, a school, in fine, in which every art and science is permeated with the sweet perfume of heaven.

What an ideal school, what noble standards!

If I were to ask each one of you, why you are attending a Catholic High School, no doubt your answer would be, because a Christian education is prescribed by Holy Mother Church, whose mission it is to lead all men to heaven, because it is the wish of our Holy Father, the Pope, Christ's representative on earth, because by humbly and cheerfully obeying the laws of the Church we prove our loyalty to God and to our holy religion.

Unless the world acknowledges the Catholic Church and the Catholic School as mankind's teachers, there will be no post-war civilization. Stalin and Hitler are the fruits of godless, modern scientific teachings.

We pray for victory and for a democratic way of life. By this we mean the Christian way of life commanded by Christ, the fruits of which will inevitably be a better world.

May God's blessing attend you, my dear students, in the new scholastic year, may the spirit of St. Bon's gladden you and success crown your every effort!

—Father John Joseph, O.F.M.

Freshies Reveal First Impressions

Joseph Mimick: It was a thrill to enter an entirely new school. I was almost scared, but yet I was really eager to fall in line with the rest of my classmates.

Marie Reifenrath: The idea of walking up and down the stairs made a great hit with me. It is something great, sensational, and colossal.

Jack Caffrey: To me, high school is simply another promotion in life.

Edna Smolen: If we go to a Catholic High school we learn about the higher ideals of life.

Duane Deitering: The maneuvering—what little we have for the first year—made a nice change of scenery.

Evelyn Kopetzky: I've found the freshmen being called by the

Limericks

I've heard of a man named Ghandi
Who wore any sheet that was handy;
But if it should tear,
Oh, what would he wear?
That wrinkled old Indian dandy.
J. G.

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There was a small girl from Duluth
Whose name was Angela Ruth;
She was fighting, they say
With her sister one day,
And now poor Ruth has no tooth.
Kathryn Merz

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There was a young person from Pike
Who went for a ride on his bike;
He ran over some wire,
And punctured a tire,
And now he is having a hike.
Kathryn Merz

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There was once a young man from Duncan
Whose car looked like a pumpkin;
He stopped on the street
Then he heard a shriek,
And now he must walk back to Duncan.
Orma Euteneuer

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There once was a lad from Nome
Who set out the world to roam;
But he went out to sea,
In a boat so wee,
That he swam all the way back home.
R. G.

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There was a girl named Phil
Who sat on a window sill;
One day she took a spill
And then she lay there still,
And that was the end of poor Phil.
Frances Craig

higher grades as "green," but that's just their first impression. Pat McGowan: One thing in high school is the school dances. From now on I will be inside and not on the outside looking in. We have the best teachers and St. Bons is the best school.

Margaret Ann Melliger: I am glad to attend high school, but will like it better after initiation.

Arthur Nosal: To have a different teacher walk in when the gong rings for a change of classes, is something strange, but I like it.

Daniel Cerny: It seems strange to have only five subjects, but now I can find the right book at the right time.

Marcella Herink: I am no longer afraid of school. My teachers and classmates have made me fall in love with St. Bons.

Give Thanks to Christ Our King

The last Sunday of October has been set aside as the feast of "Christ Our King." This year it comes on October 25. Christ must first be King in our private lives, before He can "bless His people with peace," in the public life of our nation.

Our Lord Jesus Christ is King not of earthly treasures, but of the Kingdom of Heaven with its untold and everlasting spiritual riches. Give thanks to Christ Our King on October 25 for the blessing of being a member of His Kingdom.

Obey His rules here on earth, and your reward will come in both this world and in the next.

G. S.

Saturdays Set Aside for Devotion to Mary

The beautiful practice of dedicating the sixth day of the week—Saturday—to the honor of the holy Mother of God, is well known to all Catholics. It is the day on which the devoted children of Mary rejoice to lay special tributes of love at the feet of their good mother, and is likewise the day on which Mary has often delighted to bestow her favors on mankind.

A most pleasing means of honoring Mary is the devotion of the Fifteen Saturdays of the Rosary, which consists in receiving Holy Communion on fifteen consecutive Saturdays, in commemoration of the fifteen mysteries of the Rosary. One may ask at the same time for a special grace, such as that of a happy death, or any other special favor one may desire. It is essential also to pray for the Pope's intention, for the conversion of sinners, the propagation of the faith, and for the souls in purgatory.

The devotion of the fifteen Saturdays may be practiced at any time of the year, either with the intention of gaining some special favor, or as an act of thanksgiving for favors received, or from sentiments of love and devotion toward Mary. When one set of fifteen Saturdays is completed, another may be begun at once. The fifteen Saturdays are often made as a preparation for the feast of the Holy Rosary, the first Sunday of October. Those who find it impossible to practice this devotion on Saturdays may do so on Sundays.

R. E.

Why Not Get Down to Business Early?

Come on, stop your sobbing and get down to business, for after all we have had almost three and a half months of vacation. It's time to put away your memories of happy vacation days, and pull out your books for work. It may be hard to make our vacation brain work, but we, like the rest of the people on earth must do our part for Uncle Sam. We can do our part by building ourselves a strong foundation for success. This is obtained by beginning first, with God in Holy Mass, and second by always having our assignments.

Let's know our lessons and show our teachers how really smart and intelligent we can be even after our long rest!

D. S.

Support of Students Inspires Team

The opening of a new school term also means the opening of a new football and basketball season. There is only one way we can make these games a success and that is by having plenty of school spirit.

It's true that the players are the ones that make the team, but do you think that they are going to play their hardest, and try to win the game if the other students don't give their support?

We can show our school spirit by attending the games, and cheering for our boys, for when they hear a good cheer, it peps them up because, then they know that the school is banking on them to come out with high colors.

So come on everyone, and show what real school spirit is! Then when the boys finish a game they will say: "Our victory was due to those on the side lines, for they were counting on us to win and we couldn't let them down."

Camilla Moersen.

A SALUTE

The new Venture staff wish to take this opportunity to compliment the 1941-1942 staff for the splendid way they carried on the publication of the Venture during the past year.

It is our hope that we may prove ourselves as efficient, and be able to live up to the standard set last year.

The Editor.

Fighting Shamrocks Rally To Beat Luxemburg, 12-7

Lohr Makes Touchdown In Last Four Minutes

The fighting Irish journeyed to David City Sunday, September 20, and out-fought a heavy Luxemburg team 12-7.

The greater part of the game was played in Irish territory and twice the green and white boys stopped drives on the 5 yard line. Brezina went over for Luxemburg's only touch-down in the third quarter, from the one yard line after being held twice.

The Irish had to pull the game out of the fire for Luxemburg had a 7-0 lead going into the last period. Allen "Jitterbug" Lohr provided the spark the Irish needed and with him there the Irish went to town.

An 18-yard run by Lohr followed by a 2-yard plunge gave the Shamrocks their first touchdown.

The second and final touchdown of the day came with four minutes left to play. Lohr came around the line on the end sweep, with blockers ahead of him, Ray Syslo made a beauty of a block on the final two would-be tacklers and Lohr was off on his 75-yard touchdown run. The game ended about four plays later.

The starting line-up for the Irish consisted of Syslo and Gerhold at ends, Murphy at center, Fischer at quarterback, Ternes at halfback, and Tagwerker at fullback. Irish substitutes were: Korgie, Hauser, Lohr and Hittner.

Others making the trip included: D. Speicher, Mielak, Kryzcki, Langan, Woerth.

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FOOTBALL SCHEDULE	
Oct. 4—St. Mary's (Grand Island) here.	
Oct. 9—St. Edward. Here.	
Oct. 16—Shelby. Here.	
Oct. 21—At Palmer.	
Oct. 28—At Leigh.	
Nov. 6—Gresham. Here.	
Nov. 11—Platte Center. Here.	

Pigskin Tales

With the falling of the leaves and the howl of the wind, comes the ever popular football season.

The Shamrocks buckled down to practice routine work Tuesday, Sept. 8. A squad of 19 boys came out for the sport showing that the boys really want to get in and play the championship brand of football all season.

Things look fairly bright for the Irish, for ten lettermen are back. Ray Syslo, David Speicher, and Jim Gerhold, ends; Harry Mielak and Joe Fischer, quarterback; Dick Ternes and Don Hittner, halfback; and Frank Tagwerker and Allen Lohr, at the fullback position.

Other hopeful prospects are: John Korgie, Phil Kopetzky, Keny Langan, Dick Speicher, Charles Woerth, Harold Krzycki, Clarence Smolen and Pat McGowan.

Coach Paul Ernst Begins 7th Year

Paul Ernst, known as "Dutch," starts his seventh year as coach at St. Bonaventure. Ernst took over



the coaching chores in 1936. In 1937 his team copped the Platte county and District Class B tournaments. One game that stands out in '37 was the Shamrocks 27-0 victory over Monroe.

Since '37 the Irish have captured the Platte County runner-up spot twice, in '38 and '39. They landed a third spot in the '40-'41 season and last year picked up a fourth place position.

In the Spring of '41 Track was added and Coach Ernst rounded out a squad that rolled over Duncan, Monroe and lost by only three points to Platte Center in the Platte County Track meet. Last year the Irish enjoyed equal success.

In '41 the Irish added another sport, Football. This completed

a sports card of Football, Basketball and track. Coach Ernst hustled together a group of inexperienced boys and in their first game they downed highly favored St. Ursula of York 19-6.

This year the Football season is just around the corner, and although Coach Ernst will have a light team, it will be speedy and if he can develop a kicker and a passer or two, the Irish should really knock off their opponents.

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How Our Graduates Are Employed

Jacqueline Boettcher is the receptionist in the office of Dr. Triba. Maryann Boruch is clerking at the new Montgomery Ward Store. Jerome Coupens and Frank Kohlund are both employed at the Safeway Store. James Dineen, Gloria Gerber and Patricia Noonan clerk at the J. C. Penney Store, while Paula Pfeifer does bookkeeping at the same store. Patricia Jarecki has entered the St. Anthony Hospital at Denver for nurses training. Margaret Mimick and Phyllis Johnson are now employed at the Columbus Laundry. Helen Jostes holds a position at the Bell Telephone office as "Long Distance operator." Darlene Karges and Barbara Schumacher are working in Omaha. Wilfred Jahn holds a job at the Columbus Auto Supply Co. Patricia Hayes is employed in the Building Department at the Continental Telephone Co. Kathryn Krumei is the friendly clerk at Tellers Book Store. Alice Loeffler works at the Sweet Shop.

Myron Novicki has entered Creighton University and Elsie Sokol is attending business college in Chillicothe, Mo. Leona Speicher has turned domestic and is working at Mayor Lohr's home. Virginia Podraza has entered nurses training at St. Elizabeth's Hospital in Lincoln. Frances Prosocki is a stenographer at the Columbus Planing Mill. Richard Reifenrath is working for the Coca-Cola Bottling Co. Gerald Savage is deputy in the Register of Deeds office. Emelia Kosiba is employed at Swift & Co. Dolores Schroeder and Irene Korgie are working at Scotts dime store. Rose Sleva is a waitress at Nichols Cafe. Virginia Warholoski is working in a defense plant in Chicago. Delores Woerth has entered Van Sants school of business. Tony Zabawa works at the Lyman Ritchie Sand Pit. Bonnie Tomason and Leona Mimick are home at present. Philomae Foltz is in Omaha.

Curiosity Conquers Dignity of Seniors

The mighty senior boys' curiosity on the first day of school overruled their dignity. Under pretense of a desire to speak to Sister Richardis they were seen curiously inspecting the new arrivals in the junior classroom. The new fad seems to be—stand in the doorway of the classroom and glance "respectfully" over the pupils before addressing their teacher.

First Football Player: "So we get fed whether we win or not?"
Second Football Player: "Yes, but 'Dutch' says you can eat more when you win."

Boys Dominate Class Elections

On September 11, St. Bonaventure High held its annual class elections.

Walter Caffrey was elected president of the senior class. He will be assisted by Joe McKown who was elected vice-president. Bud Hauser will fill the office of secretary and Jim Gerhold's duty as treasurer will be to see that the funds are never low.

The juniors' satisfaction with their former president manifested itself by re-electing Paul Murphy. Sylvia Boruch received the office of vice-president; Rita Frischolz, secretary and Betty Ewert, treasurer.

The sophomores kept in step with the seniors by electing all boys to fill their offices. Harold Krzyski was elected president; Bill Gaffney, vice-president; and Albert Tucek finds himself taking two offices in one, secretary and treasurer.

The Freshmen entered right into the spirit of things by electing Pat McGowan, president; Joseph Mimick, vice-president; Marcella Herink, secretary and Jack Caffrey, treasurer.

Sister M.: "Why should we be kind to our teachers?"

Harold K.: "So we can get good marks."

Sophomores Measure "Defense"

The sophomores held an outdoor class in mathematics Sept. 22. Curious faces could be seen peeping through windows as the sophomores undertook the task of measuring their paces.

Bill Gaffney foretells that next week the class will be going out for "defense." Yes, they are going to measure "de fence" around the church, and he claims they will probably get "de feet" correct to the nearest fraction of a post.

Sister V.: "What did the Phoenicians contribute to civilization?"

Marvin Boyle: "Venetian blinds."

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Students Cooperate In City Scrap Drive

Scrap! Scrap! and more Scrap! Yes, that was the response of the Columbus people to the reserved Scrap Drive day.

By action of a special committee composed of representative firms, all business places in Platte County were closed Monday, October 12, from 8:00 A. M. to 5:00 P. M. All the proprietors, owners, managers, employees, and school students reported at the City Hall at 8:00 A. M., in work clothes, to help in this all-out scrap drive.

Little children could be seen pulling play wagons loaded with rubber, iron, tin, and other scrap—ranging from their own rubber dolls to their mothers' discarded cooking utensils. Within a short time a large pile of scrap of every description was accumulated in front of St. Bonaventure school, awaiting conveyance to the general scrap pile in the city.

No one can say we are not fighting to conquer the Axis. We've got a home front right here in America that we can be mighty proud of; and in Columbus we have a large front—the Junk Front. It covers one complete block on 14th street and 25th and 26th avenues—not mentioning the amount the junk dealers have collected. We are proud of such a successful scrap drive just as we are proud of our beautiful Land of the Free and Home of the Brave!

Ternes Elected President of Holy Name Group

Dick Ternes was elected president of the Junior Holy Name Society at its regular October meeting. For the past three years, Dick has shown his interest and dependability by faithful attendance at Holy Mass and Holy Communion and by his active participation in the monthly meetings.

Other officers elected are: Paul Murphy, vice-president; Albert Tucek, secretary; and Ray Hauser, treasurer. Walter Caffrey and Ray Gattermeyer head the refreshment and entertainment committees.

Honor Students

Seniors—Kathryn Merz, Marcela Wieser, Anita Jaworski.

Juniors—Sylvia Boruch, Rita Frischolz, Mary Ann Iwan, Doris Jaax, Germain Jarecki, Ronald Locher, Verna Mae Mielak, June Stoll, Catherine Lachnit.

Sophomores—Ruth Johnson, Virginia Kerr, Dolores Smagacz.

Freshmen—Terry Robb, Dorothy Wozny, Gloria Korgie, Pat McGowan, Evelyn Kopetzky.

THE VENTURE STAFF



—Courtesy, Daniel's Studio.

Standing—June Stoll, Raymond Syslo, Anita Jaworski. Seated—Ruth Ewert, Harold Mielak, Margaret Noonan, David Speicher, Raymond Gattermeyer.

Fetters Speaks On Fire Prevention

In observance of Fire Prevention Week, held October 5th to 10th, Mr. Joseph Fetters, Nebraska Fire Instructor, lectured to the entire student body on Thursday, October 8, in the auditorium.

In his timely talk, Mr. Fetters brought out the necessary fact that while searching through our homes to rid it of fire hazards, we should collect the various scrap, including rubber, and iron. "In this way," he remarked, "we would be killing two birds with one stone; namely, we would help safeguard our homes and at the same time, we would be doing our part in the war by salvaging for scrap."

Juniors Learn Facts About Third Order

Where—Gymnasium.

When—October 14.

What—Third Order meeting.

Why—To interest the Juniors in the Third Order of St. Francis and to point out to them a few of the many interesting facts pertaining to it.

The meeting was in charge of Terry Messing. After the talk by Father Colman the office of St. Francis was read. Preceding the office it was agreed that the new members would have to entertain their elders. Those chosen to head the committee are Dave Speicher, Paul Murphy, Doris Vanek and Lillian Dietz.

At the next meeting the new members will be welcomed into the Third Order.

McAloon Speaks on Catholic Action

The students of St. Bonaventure school were given an opportunity to listen and to learn inspiring ideas about Catholic Action in a talk by Mr. Vincent McAloon in the school gym, Thursday, October 15.

His words "If we look very closely, we will find that today everybody is out to conquer the world," contains the substance of his talk. He stressed that Catholics should be out to conquer the world. "Hitler," he said, "is out to conquer the world. He started out with only seven men. Even our friend the Fuller Brush man is out to conquer the world. It takes only a few to start a revolution; Christ started with only twelve."

In pointing out the many things that Catholics are unaware of, Mr. McAloon said, "The Catholics of this country have been led around by the nose, but 70% of our people do not realize it. Our methods of dancing, the songs we

sing, the clothes we wear, and the literature we read are dictated to us."

Catholics in high school in this country are also unaware that the comic magazine, "Super-Man" is ruining the minds of children from nine to twelve. Three young boys are being detained from making their first Holy Communion because they cannot get it into their little heads that "Super-Man" is not superior to Christ. Youngsters at this age are coming to the point of believing that "Super-Man" actually exists.

Neither do Catholics know that there is a tremendous demand on the part of non-Catholics for a knowledge of our Religion. To verify this point, Mr. McAloon told of a letter a father received from his son in Australia. The postscript impressed the speaker most, "For God's sake, please send me my Catechism. The non-Catholics are 'blitzing' me."

EDITOR'S CHAIR HELD BY BOY FOR FIRST TIME

Gattermeyer Heads
1942 Venture Staff

For the first time in the history of the "Venture," a boy has assumed the role of "Editor-in-Chief."

Raymond Gattermeyer succeeds Frances Prosocki. As you read the school paper in the past years, you undoubtedly read some of the fine news and feature articles written by Ray. He formerly held the positions of News Editor and Feature Editor. Ray has lots of original ideas and makes good use of them. One of his essays recently won a \$50.00 prize.

Assisting Ray in the publication of the school paper are: June Stoll, News Editor; David Speicher, Make-Up Editor; Harold Mielak, Sports Editor; Ruth Ewert, Advertising Manager; Ray Syslo, Business Manager; Anita Jaworski, Feature Editor; Margaret Noonan, Typist.

Last year's feature editor, June Stoll, has been promoted to News Editor. Her articles contribute much to the success of the paper.

Another junior, David Speicher, will display his artistic ability in the Make-Up of the "Venture." Previously, Dave was Assistant News Editor.

Harold Mielak, the Sports Editor, is with you again for the third time. He, being an athlete will inform you of the success and failure of the "Shamrocks." Besides, a lot of entertainment will come from our capable Sports Editor.

Ruth Ewert is for the second year filling the position of Advertising Manager. Her job is to get ads for the "Venture."

Raymond Syslo takes over the job of Business Manager left open by the graduation of Myron Novicki. It is Ray who solicits and distributes your paper. Ray also does his share in writing for the "Venture."

All feature articles appearing in the paper receive approval from Anita Jaworski, the new Feature Editor. Anita has the job of providing the paper with a few humorous articles.

Margaret Noonan takes over the job of Typist. Margaret types copies of all the articles appearing in the paper and this is a real task, but Margaret is willing and capable of performing her duties.

Sympathy

"The Venture" extends the deepest sympathy of the students to Marilyn Messing in the loss of her grandmother, Mrs. John Messing.

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OUR FLAG SPEAKS

Dear Fellow Students:

During the infancy of this nation I was born and as each state was founded, another star was added to me. Now at my highest glory the sun never sets on the land over which I wave. My colors are full of significance; red for fearlessness, white for purity and blue for loyalty.

I also represent the Declaration of Independence. I stand for the Constitution of the United States. My folds wave over the land of opportunity. I am the badge of the nation's greatness and its emblem of Destiny and when the other nations threaten me, millions spring to my defense. Yes, these are a few enumerated points for which I stand. There are many more, but think these over and you will realize how lucky you are to be beneath my protecting folds. So to keep me flying, please buy defense Bonds and Stamps.

Yours truly,
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Thanksgiving



Upon a frosty November morn
A land of liberty was born;
As Pilgrim Fathers knelt in thanks
That they were now in freedom's ranks.

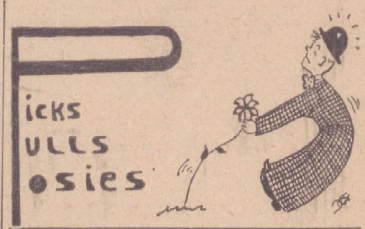
They treated the red-skin as their brother
Working hand in hand with one another;
Till by sweat and toil their work was done
A bountiful harvest, a victory won.

And so we have the first Thanksgiving Day,
Which we celebrate in much that way;
By giving thanks for blessings imparted
Ever since our nation was started.
M. N.

AUTUMN



Autumn leaves to earth are drifting;
Dyed in brightest gold and red;
Caring not for hues of mourning
Though the summer fair is dead.
From the bare trees birds are singing,
Telling of their journeys long;
Soon will warmer climes be ringing
With their sweet melodious song.
R. G.



Sister in English class: "What is omitted in an imperative sentence?"

Joe McKown (expressively): "You."

Sister R. "Now, Allen I will forgive you for anything I hold against you if you will win the game."

John Snedeker: "Guess I will join the football squad."

Allen Lohr: "That's asking too much, Sister, because I'm not the Lone Ranger."

We wonder what Richard Speicher was dreaming of when during study period Sister V. tried to arouse him from his day dream by tapping on the desk and saying "here."

Richard quickly responded with "where."

Helen W., reading her shorthand notes, said: "Four savages were sent to the wife to be eaten."

It would have been an awful lunch; but, the word means "sandwiches."

Sister G. (After explaining the difference between Biblical and Classical Greek): "Do you know the title of a Greek Classic?"

Geraldine: "Homer's Odyssey."

Jack: "The Lady of the Lake."

Sister: "That's not Greek! Aren't you reading it this week during your English class?"

Jack: "Yes, but it's Greek to me!"

Why Be Thankful?

As Thanksgiving rolls near this year, we find ourselves in a country at war. There are plenty of reasons for all of us to be thankful. The students of St. Bonaventure were asked what they were thankful for. Here are their answers:

James Johnson—That I go to a Catholic school and live in a free country.

Marjorie Glur—That I'm not a Jap.

Dorene Sliva—That we girls can still get lipstick.

Allen Lohr—That we are able to live a free life.

Helen Wilcynski—I would be if turkeys were rationed.

Pat McGowan—That there are plenty of girls for everybody.

Gloria Korgie—That ice cream isn't rationed.

Charles Woerth—That I am able to take part in school athletics.

Gloria Fischer—That I can get fingernail polish.

Kenny Langan—That I am in good health, and not blind or crippled.

Edna Smollen—That the war is as far away as it is.

John Korgie—It's a military secret.

Theresa Tworek—That God hasn't permitted any bombs to fall on Columbus.

Ruth Johnson—That there is no lack of food.

Wilbert Thiele—That there are some tires and a small supply of gas left.

Jean McNair—For everything.

Verna Mae O'Kane—That I can still go pleasure riding.

Phil Kopetzky—Should I be?

Wishing Won't Make It So

In the beginning, God created the sun, planets, birds, animals—everything. He created them, which means that he made them out of nothing. He simply willed that they be there, and there they were.

Sad to say, however, the government of the United States can't do that. They can't create something out of nothing. They can't make guns, planes, tanks, and ships out of wishful thinking. They need scrap rubber, iron, steel, copper, zinc, tin—all the scrap we and all the other millions of Americans can lay our hands on.

Our plants can't make guns or tanks or planes out of nothing. But out of our old bedsprings or broken kettles or cracked boilers they will make sleek planes and fine guns and mighty battleships. The more scrap we pile up in front of the Axis armies, the harder it will be for them to jump over it.

It's time for all of us to bear down. Let's get those embryo guns and tanks in now!

R. G.

Save a Soul on All Souls Day

On All Souls Day, November 2, through the help of our prayers, many of the Poor Souls in Purgatory are alleviated of their suffering and pain and are admitted into heaven, their everlasting home. The Poor Souls must suffer untold pain to atone for their sins—the pain of the battlefield is as nothing in comparison. Freedom from the scourge of Purgatory and the infinite reward of a home in heaven are the results of their suffering and our prayers.

We too receive a reward for our part in the battle. The Poor Souls intercede for us with God and in their heavenly home will do all in their power to aid us on the battlefield of life.

Marcella Wieser.

Beauty Is the Splendor of Order

You have probably all heard this famous quotation: "Beauty is the Splendor of Order." (St. Augustine). Don't you think we could use that same slogan for the order in our school and in that way increase the school's beauty?

A. J.

Why Not Do Better This Time!

The second six weeks of the school term have started! How was your report card for the first six weeks? Were your marks satisfactory to yourself and your parents? Did you really use all the effort in you to reach the highest possible scholastic standing? Or, did you let too much valuable time idly slip away during these first weeks of school?

You may have been one of those who emitted a sad, downcast "Oh," when you looked at the fruit of one and one-half month's labor, the report card. Whatever surprise overcame you, be it good or bad, resolve now, since your last report may have been spilt milk, you will prevent your remaining reports from becoming likewise. Be fair! Do not blame the teacher for your marks. Credit is earned, not given by the teacher.

Now that the second six weeks are under way, it is high time for you who have received satisfactory marks to keep them there, and for those who either failed or just "got by" to really "buckle down" to work.

Let Us Make Ourselves Strong

Many a great man's life is recorded in history. We read of men's heroic deeds and marvel at them; but the person who conquers his own desires is also great. If the student takes advantage of opportunities offered him in high school, he will after graduation, have built a strong character for himself. For example, every one feels a natural urge to talk when he is not supposed to; to mark on desks; not to put chairs in place, and paper in the basket. The overcoming of such desires is evidence of interior strength which will be indispensable for later life, while giving in, is evidence of weakness. Although these are simple things, yet they are a definite means of molding character since little things pave the way for greater ones.

Irish Avenge 1941 Defeat; Stampede Leigh, 41 - 12

Lohr Sparks Shamrocks To Lopsided Victory

With the lingering thought of last years final minute defeat by Leigh, the Irish took to the field Sunday, September 27, and tore the Leigh defense to threads by piling up a 41 to 12 victory. The Irish started out with a bang, by taking the opening kickoff and marching to a touchdown, Lohr going over from the 3 yard marker. Lohr plunged the extra point.

Early in the second quarter a punt of Tagwerker's was fumbled by Moran on the Leigh one and Syslo recovered for the Irish. The next play Tagwerker went over to score. He ran over the extra point. Later in the quarter Moran crossed the goal for Leigh. Their attempt for the extra point failed.

The third quarter the Irish went to town. They crossed the Leigh goal three times. A pass to Syslo, lateraled to Gerhold, was good for one. Gerhold took a pass for the extra point. Later Lohr took a Leigh punt on his fifteen and raced back 65 yards to score. Syslo made the extra point. The final touchdown of the quarter was a pass to Kopetzky who lateraled to Langan and Langan raced the remaining yards to a touchdown. Kopetzky made good the extra point.

Leigh came back fighting and crossed the Irish goal early in the final quarter. Moran went over from the Irish 2 yard line. Tagwerker later broke through the left side of the Irish line and streaked 30 yards to score.

Shamrocks Thump Grand Island, 31-6

The Shamrocks played Grand Island on the home field October 4, and rambled over them to the tune of 31-6.

St. Mary's took the opening kickoff and marched down the field to the Irish 18 yd. line, but were stopped on downs, from here the Irish took over. On the first play Allen Lohr cut through the line then streaked for the sideline and raced 62 yards to a touchdown. The second quarter was strictly all defensive and the half ended 6-0 in favor of the Irish. In the third quarter Tagwerker took the ball and raced 27 yards to the 3 yard line. From here Fischer passed to Syslo for a touchdown. Again about five minutes later Fischer tossed a 25 yard pass to Gerhold for the third touchdown of the game.

Tagwerker started the fourth period by racing 37 yards to the St. Mary's 2 yard line. Fischer tossed to Syslo for another touchdown. Gerhold made good the extra point.

Here Grand Island started to move and Braun climaxed a down the field march by going over for a touchdown from the 8 yard line. Grand Island's kickoff was returned to the 32 yard line by Mielak. Hittner and Tagwerker brought it to the Grand Island 30. From here Mielak tossed a 30 yard touchdown pass to Gerhold.

St. Edward Hands Irish First Defeat

The Irish had their 3 game winning streak snapped by St. Edward here October 9, in a night game, the final score being 52-12.

All State, Cletus Fischer sparked St. Ed. to victory by going over the goal five times. St. Ed. led 26-0 at the end of the first quarter.

The breaks of the game were against the Irish. Two touchdown passes, Fischer to Langan and Mielak to Fischer were called back. Later Mielak ran back a kickoff and was tripped by the last possible St. Ed. tackler or he would have gone over.

The Irish did score in the fourth quarter when Hauser took a pass on the St. Ed. eight, and on the next play Fischer tossed to Langan for a touchdown. About four minutes later Mielak intercepted a pass on the St. Ed. 30 and ran back to the 2 yard line. Fischer went over on the next play.

Allen Lohr, star Irish fullback, received a fractured leg and will be out of action for the remainder of the season.

IRISH SPANK SHELBY, 25-0

The Shamrocks won their fourth game out of five starts by defeating Shelby on October 16 at Pawnee Park by a 25-0 count. Jim Gerhold, senior end, was game captain.

Frank Tagwerker sparked the team with his hard plunging and running, getting away for several gains. Center Paul Murphy was the defensive star.

The play of the Irish was ragged, and it was easy to see that the team felt keenly the loss of Fullback Allen Lohr and Quarterback Harold Mielak. Both are out for the season, Lohr with a broken leg and Mielak with a broken collarbone.

The more scrap you give, the louder the cannon will roar.

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Physics Class Weigh Ozone

There they were, a room full of huge shouldered, rugged-built fellows. Occasionally one would arise and speak. They all sounded like babbling brooks on a spring day. Then everything grew grave as the instructions were given them. The sun dashed behind a cloud and the room was filled with weird shadowy figures as still as steel.

Then one fellow started working furiously in one section of the room and was creating a tremendous amount of noise. A slight grin crept over his darkened face showing his flashing white buck teeth as he completed his task.

A suspicious-looking object was raised and placed upon a spacious table and immediately everyone lunged for the table. Then almost as quickly they fell back to their places, shocked. The attempt had failed.

A new plan was put into operation at once and after another session of grunts and groans from our hard working fellow associate, he remarked that he had finished his job.

The object was again raised and again followed the mad scramble toward the table. A new event occurred. All raised their hands and shouted, "Ugh!"—a satisfaction, no doubt that their mission had been successfully completed.

That is how the physics class found out how to weigh air during a period last week in the laboratory.

All the noise came from the air pump as it was operated by Joe Fischer.

Four Pupils Leave School

St. Bonaventure High school has suffered the loss of four students.

From the midst of the freshmen has gone Dorene Sliva, and her sister Verlene has said "goodbye" to the Juniors. The Juniors have lost also Dan Zapla and Anastasia Murary. Anastasia has moved to Omaha with her parents and Dan has quit school to work. "The Venture" staff is sorry to lose his services as a reporter.

The students wish their former classmates success in their new homes and careers.

Sophomores Sponsor First Candy Sale

"Right this way! Come on Jack! Hey Pat, remember—you said you'd patronize my stand." These were some of the expressions heard throughout the gym Friday, September 25. Yes, the sophomores sponsored the first candy sale of the year and they did a good job of it.

Dolores Smagacz with her committee proved to have the best salesmanship, for her table carried off the top honors. The leaders in charge of other tables were: Bill Gaffney, Albert Tucek, Marilyn Dickey and Joan Pokorski.

A sincere "thank you" from all the sophomores to all those who helped to make it a success.

DUCKLINGS, NOT DUMPLINGS!

Sister Gerarda: "I have never called a high school student a dumpling; and, I never will."

The blockading of the stairway by the seniors so the freshies could not pass reminded Sister of the Caldecott Prize picture book for 1942: "Make Way for Ducklings," by McClosky. In this lively book a duck makes several futile attempts to take her brood of ducklings across a highway to get a good dinner. She is quite flustered until a burly policeman stops all traffic and sees to it that she and her little family get to their meal in safety.

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The Good Samaritan

To Africa I went one day
To capture me a lion;
And there I found upon the ground
The King of beasts a-cryin'.

To him I said, "You silly thing
Whatever makes you cry?"
"Oh, me, my paw a bee did sting
And cry you ask me why?"

The lion's paw I held to see
And take the stinger out;
His gratitude he showed to me
He clutched me in his mouth.
H.M.

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New Girls Received In Sodality

On December 8, the Feast of the Immaculate Conception, the new members were received into the Sodality of Our Lady.

"It is always an edifying and inspiring ceremony when young ladies are enrolled into the Sodality of the Blessed Virgin Mary, for that enrollment means that Holy Mother Church deems you worthy of being enrolled among her favorite children and friends." With these words Father John Joseph opened his address. Father encouraged the sodalists to keep in mind the words of St. Bonaventure, a great doctor of the church, "He, who is honored with Mary's friendship has his name inscribed in the book of life."

After the candidates recited the Acts of Faith, Hope and Charity and the Act of Consecration, the entire congregation participated in invoking the protection of the Blessed Virgin on our soldiers, sailors, and airmen.

Members received were: Helen Wilczynski, Clarice Dohmen, Wildrena Helms, Sally Prosocki, Dorothy Liss, Lucille Kush, Barlene Langan, Sally Liss, Irene Boroviak, Lucille Brezenski, Virginia Carter, Loretta Herink, Marcella Herink, Maxine Hookstra, Joan Jiranek, Patricia Kerr, Evelyn Kopetzky, Gloria Fischer, Gloria Korgie, Margaret Mellinger, Delores Mohr, Rosemary Prosocki, Marie Reifenrath, Mary Lou Sanders, Geraldine Savage, Edna Smollen, Betty Snedeker, Dorothy Wozny, Gail Langan.

Library Gets Books

A fine collection of books has been donated by the Catholic Daughters of America as a Christmas gift to St. Bonaventure library. The new books include biography, historical narratives, and fiction.

The faculty and students sincerely thank the Catholic Daughters for their generous contribution.

Honor Students

Seniors—Kathryn Merz, Anita Jaworski.

Juniors—Sylvia Boruch, Marilyn Gahan, Doris Jaax, Verna Mielak, Dave Speicher, June Stoll, Dorothy Thiele, Charmagne Pfeifer, Ronald Locher.

Sophomores—Ruth Johnson, Virginia Kerr, Jean McNair, Dolores Smagacz.

Freshmen—Geraldine Savage, Marie Reifenrath, Gloria Korgie, Irene Boroviak, Terry Robb, Pat McGowan, Virginia Carter, Dorothy Wozny, Betty Snedeker.

Holy Name Adds 18 New Members

Reception of new members into the Junior Holy Name Society was held in the church November 3. After the sermon by Rev. Father Colman in which he urged the boys to live up to the solemn promises made when joining the Holy Name Society, the new members pronounced their promises.

Those received were: Jack Caffry, Daniel Cerny, Duane Dietering, Leland Koch, John Korgie, Kenneth Langan, Pat McGowan, Joseph Mimick, Lawrence Mimick, William Morgan, Emmett Noonan, Arthur Nosal, Stanley Podraza, Terry Robb, John Snedeker, Richard Speicher, Wilbert Thiele, Arthur Waiter.

Immediately following this service the regular Holy Name meeting was held in the gym. Talks were given by Ray Gattermeyer, Dave Speicher, Albert Tucek, and Joe Fischer.

On December 9th, the Holy Name members met for the last time in 1942. Terry Robb spoke on "Mary Our Hope," Harold Kryzcki on the "Prince of Peace," Don Hittner, "Good Will," Allen Lohr, "A Gift for the Savior."

"If we want to prepare for the coming of Christ we should do penance," stated Father Colman. Father asked the boys to remember to send only Catholic Christmas cards.

After the business meeting the boys enjoyed playing bingo.

Seniors Proud Of Class Rings

If someone flashes a sparkling object in your face don't be surprised to find it's a senior proudly "showing off" his class ring. The girls' rings have a pearl set with oyx underneath the year, 1943, and the letter, B.

The boys' rings are of a two-tone combination, plain and rose-colored gold, and also have oyx under the same inscription as the girls'.

Junior Third Order Adds 19 Members

On November 12, 19 members were taken into the Junior 3rd Order by Rev. Father Juvenal Emmanuel.

New members are: Francis Micek, Ronald Locker, Paul Murphy, Don Hittner, Dave Speicher, Myron Zabawa, Joe Fischer, Robert Gutzmer, Doris Vanek, Agnes Wieser, Lillian Dietz, Wildrena Helms, Genevieve Wieser, Marilyn Messing, Lorraine Burzynski, Sylvia Boruch, Doris Jaax, Betty Ewert, and Frances Craig.

Entertainment was presented by Paul Murphy, Dave Speicher, Ruth Ewert, Marilyn Messing, Betty Ewert and Doris Vanek.

Phyllis Boyle Honored As Irish Grid Queen



Courtesy of Daniels
PHYLLIS BOYLE

Senior Cheerleader Crowned at Party

The outstanding event of the football season took place on Friday evening, November 19, when Phyllis Boyle, senior, was crowned football queen.

Phyllis was selected by the football squad who also chose Sylvia Boruch, junior, for maid of honor; Theresa Tworek, sophomore, and Virginia Lee Carter, freshman, for attendants.

The activities began with a grand march led by the queen and her escort, Honorary Captain Ray Syslo, senior. Escorts for the other girls were Paul Murphy, Frank Tagwerker and Kenneth Langan. The whole student body took part in the march which ended with the entire group forming a "V" and singing the Victory song. The royal party then proceeded to the throne where the queen was crowned by Harold Mielak, master of ceremonies. He also presented the queen with a miniature football which had been autographed by all members of the team.

Famous Names Come to Life

The U. S. history class welcomed some highly renowned as well as entertaining guests on Tuesday, November 18.

To the amazement of the students, after each guest had introduced himself, their new patriotic visitors were recognized as the signers of the "Declaration of Independence."

Samuel Adams told of his many failures in business and of the amount of money he would often have to pay because of his easy methods as a tax-collector.

The sympathy of the class for Samuel Adams was aroused when he told them of his feelings after returning from his mission to England.

The students were sorry the civics class could not be present to hear Roger Sherman recount his experiences as a Representative and as a Senator.

It was of interest to hear Richard Lee relate his reasons for proposing the 10th Amendment.

Why did the class chuckle when Robert Paine said, "I was admitted to the bar in 1759." Picture Phyllis Boyle speaking these words.

No, it wasn't the dead that came back to life; neither was it their spirits, but the students themselves impersonating the "signers."

THE FACULTY'S WISH

To the students of
St. Bonaventure

This Christmas tide—
May the Divine Child
Bring contentment and
cheer

And strength and guidance
Throughout the New Year.

Students Plan For Christmas

At the December class meetings, the officers and students made plans for a Christmas program to be held in their home rooms on December 18.

The classes each drew names for the exchange of gifts which will be part of the program. Each home room will have Yuletide decorations.

Banquet Held For Grid Team

On Monday, November 23, the St. Bonaventure football team was honored at a banquet in the school gym, given by Rev. Father John Joseph.

In his address Father congratulated the boys for their fine sportsmanship. "You were gentlemen all the way, in victory and defeat," he said.

Rev. Father Colman was master of ceremonies. He also congratulated the team on its fine season, and on its winning the "N" club plaque.

Brief talks were then given by Paul Murphy, junior and center on the team; Ray Syslo, honorary captain; Coach Paul Ernst; and Dr. P. H. McGowan.

Rev. Maximilian Klotzbucher and Rev. Stanley Jaworski were special guests. Other guests were the fathers and mothers of the players.

After the banquet a short program including songs and skits was presented by a select group of high school girls.

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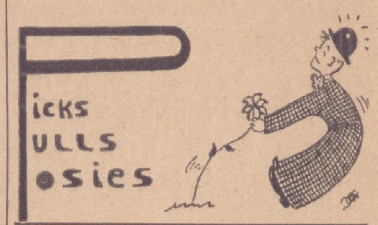


Christmas Candle Identifies Itself

As you stroll down the street during the Yuletide Season, you see brilliant, inviting rays glistening from windows and doorways of dwellings.



These are my rays. You know the old custom of putting candles in windows to signify that although Joseph, Mary, and the Divine Babe could find no shelter in Bethlehem, they were welcome within that respective home. All night I send comforting beams into the darkness. I am a welcome sign to lonesome service men who might seek friends. Yes, I, the Christmas Candle, symbolize faith and love.



Jim G. (reciting his Religion) "The people in the Old Law shrank. (We wonder how much).

Sister V: "What makes a city beautiful?"

Joe Mimick: "Girls?"

Frank Tagwerker thinks that God, the angels and all holy people are his neighbors; Bill Gaffney thinks that they're his friends, teachers, etc.

Sister V: "Name some outstanding highways of our nation."

Terry Robb: "Highway No. 81, No. 44, No. 30, No. 36, No. —"

Jack Caffrey: "Bingo!"

Red: "How did they get the shape of the nation?"

Joan: "They sailed around it and drew it as they sailed."

Sister V. hearing a noise in the room and noticing that part of the pencil sharpener was missing, said, "Jack put that away."

Jack: "That's my teeth."

What's this we hear — Paul Euteneur goes up town every noon to visit Santa Claus.

A test question given to the Civics class was:

How old must an alien be before he can file his declaration of intention to become a citizen?

As Paul Mielak answered it: "He must be of age when he is no longer under the careful jurisdiction of his mother."

"Slim" to Doctor: "Say, doc, can you recommend any exercises I can use to reduce?"

Doctor: "Yes, indeed! Just turn your head slowly from side to side when offered a second helping."

There will be one satisfaction with the sugar rationing. We'll all eat molasses and stick together.

Sister V: "If you have no self-control then you can never join the Army, or Navy."

Joe Mimick: "Then I'll join the Marines."

Let's Have No More Red Christmases



For hundreds upon hundreds of years, the story of Christmas has been loved by people all over the world. It is a beautiful story—the search of Joseph and Mary for a place to stay, their occupation of the tiny stable, the great star which led the Magi, and the angels who appeared to the frightened shepherds singing, "Peace on earth good will to men."

Let us pray on Christmas day that the peace the angels sang of, may steal into the hearts of the leaders of the warring nations, showing them the useless pain and bloodshed and tears caused by this terrible war to all of us all over the world. God grant that the hatred of men for each other may be changed to simple good-will, and that no more Christmases be sullied by the bloodshed of young men who lost their lives when they had the most to live for.

R. G.

Offer the New Year to God

I'm not very good at arithmetic, but some simple multiplication is right up my line. If I multiply 365 by 24, the answer is 8760.

Yes, that is the number of hours there are in the new year before us. Wouldn't it be a wonderful resolution to spend each one of these hours in the most profitable way? To offer them to God at the opening of the new year, and tell Him we don't want to be stingy with Him—we want to be with Him always?

When Christmas is over, it will be time to think of those resolutions. If you can't think of anything, how about studying harder and trying to make yourself a better student for the remaining school year?

J. S.

Do We Realize How Lucky We Are?

Liberty is something we must have in order to be happy. Remember the old saying, "You never miss the water until the well runs dry." So it is with liberty. When we lose it we suddenly feel as if we had actually stopped living.

Remember when you were little, and took some cookies from the cookie jar, or broke one of your mother's best dishes, and she told you that you couldn't go uptown until you were good again. Remember how you felt; you felt hurt, unwanted and sad because your liberty had been taken away from you. How would it feel if your freedom was taken from you now by someone like Hitler? You would be filled with hatred and revenge because you are an American and to be an American means to be "free."

Wouldn't it seem funny not to hear the sound of the daily paper thrown on your porch each day, or to see a picture of Hitler in place of your radio, to have your table stand empty while previously it had been filled with pork chops, gravy, potatoes, bread and milk? Yes, it would seem strange and it would be strange. Why? Because in America we are truly free.

LILLIAN DIETZ.

Athletes Make Good Soldiers

Today more stress is being put upon high school athletics than ever before. Sports have the outstanding quality of building bodies and morale. A student taking part in competitive sports will study his lessons more earnestly in order to play with the team. Many army officials agree that those soldiers are more keen and alert whose high school training included such sports as wrestling, football and track. Such preparation enables them to handle their men in enemy combat because it has built up a competitive spirit that will urge them to win.

Another thing must be said of athletics; it is a builder of good sportsmanship. We must always remember, "It isn't the score that counts."

R. S.

Students Resolve To Amend Lives

'42 is almost over.

'43 is almost here.

Here are some students' resolutions for the bright and happy New Year.

Dorothy Wozny resolves to stop giving away pencils so she'll have something to write with.

Doris Jaax is going to remember to thank God for having given her the will and way to come to St. Bonaventure school.

Evelyn Kopetzky resolves to stop one habit and start another. Here is hoping that it is a good one.

John Snedeker's resolution is not to make any more. Maybe he is better off.

Anita Jaworski resolves to quit borrowing typing paper because she can never keep track of her creditors.

Patriotic Duane Dietering promises to buy more war savings stamps.

Joe Fischer resolves to be just a little more attentive in class.

Marilyn Gahan resolves to come to mass oftener.

Margaret Noonan resolves to buy an eraser so that she will not have to borrow Orma Euteneur's all the time.

When '43 is over

And '44 takes its place

Here is hoping all the students Will still be in the race.

A Christmas Diary

Dear Diary:

Santa asked me to be his representative around St. Bon's this year so while roaming the campus and managing to squeeze in a question here and there without arousing suspicion, I finally got the following list:

For Dick Ternes a pair of rubber heels so he won't wake up the senior class when he gets the notion to take a stroll.

John Korgie would like an errorless typewriter.

Doris Vanek will settle with a toy sandpit truck with a cute little "toot-toot" whistle on it just as a reminder.

Leave Marian and Angela Johnson a recording set. They love to dance.



Jay Carrig will be satisfied with a book of absense excuses.

A box of magic reducing pills would be just the thing for "Slim."

Heinz wants just 57 of the brands he is advertising to see if he is advertising the correct products.

Margaret Melliger wants a farm (I didn't understand, until she added, "with a farmer on it.")

Bill Gaffney solemnly says he must have a new permanent wave.

Rita Frischholz requests more news from California.

Sally Liss wants to retain her girlish figure but still wants a box of chocolates.

Clarice Dohmen wants a doll that cries and says "mama."

Mary Ann Iwan wants a train and lots of gas.

Well, diary, I couldn't squeeze any more requests without betraying my position, so off I am to mail Santa my list.

Goodbye

Cage Team Inexperienced But Speedy

Guard Joe McKown Only Regular Back

To offset the cold winds and snow of the gray December days, has come the thrilling sport of basketball.

Coach Ernst has around twenty-five boys and will show us a fast team, but one that will lack height. Joe McKown, only regular back, will probably be shifted to center, at least for the center jumps. Others that landed a starting position are Jim Gerhold who rated a forward spot; Joe Fischer or Bob Gutzmer will be the other. Jack Ross may see action at center. Joe McKown and Ray Hauser will hold down guard spots. There are two fine boys that could clinch a starting position and they are John Korgie and Paul Murphy.

The season starts with the Shamrocks playing Monroe on Dec. 15, at Monroe. This leaves very little time for practice and the boys are working hard to get in shape for the game.

"Dutch" can put out a team with a good defense but is worried as to what kind of offense the team can put together.

For the past two years the team has starred on the defense but lacked offensive strength and ended up on the short end of the score many times. Coach Ernst therefore will probably try to get a scoring punch into his lineup somewhere.

Without doing any crystal ball gazing or star gazing, one can tell that although the team is small they will be well schooled in ball handling and speed and these two factors should give the Shamrocks a number of victories this season.

Basketball Schedule

Dec. 15—at Monroe
 Dec. 18—at Kramer Reserves
 Jan. 5—at Creston
 Jan. 8—Genoa here
 Jan. 11—St. Mary's (Grand Island)
 Jan. 15—at Duncan
 Jan. 22—Leigh here
 Feb. 12—St. Edward here
 Feb. 16—St. Francis here
 Feb. 19—at Platte Center

Pigskin Tales

SUMMARY OF SEASON

The Irish closed their 1942 football season here on Nov. 11 in an afternoon tilt with the Explorers of Platte Center. The Irish played nine games and came out victorious in five contests. The Shamrocks had a tough schedule with such teams as St. Edward, the state's champs, and Gresham, the state's No. 2 team.

Everyone feels that if the Irish had not been so injury riddled they might have taken eight of those nine games. Allen Lohr who broke his leg and Harold Mielak who broke his collarbone were on the sidelines from the fourth game on. Dick Ternes was either suffering from a hip or foot injury most of the season. Ray Syslo had one bad leg; Clarence Smollen had a broken blood vein and had to take it easy for a while and Jim Gerhold had a couple of front teeth knocked loose.

The leading scorer for the Irish was Jim Gerhold, end, who racked up 57 points. He was followed

Gridders Receive "N" Club Awards

Six football players received "N" pin awards from the University of Nebraska "N" club. The school also received a plaque. Those who won awards were: Ray Syslo, Jim Gerhold, Harold Mielak, Ray Hauser, Don Hittner, and Harold Kryzcki.

by Tagwerker, Lohr, Syslo, and several others who made one or two touchdowns.

FOOTBALL CAREERS

Six seniors ended their football careers here this season: Ray Syslo, Jim Gerhold, Dick Ternes, Harold Mielak, Ray Hauser and Clarence Smollen.

Following is a short sketch of each one's football career:

Ray Syslo, end: experience, two years. Ray was a good pass catcher, sharp catcher, sharp tackler. Ray also ran some flies from the fullback spot.

Jim Gerhold, end: experience, two years. Jim topped the scorers with 57 points. Jim was also a fine defensive player.

Dick Ternes, halfback: experience, two years. Dick was playing with some kind of an injury all season, but gave a good account of himself. He was outstanding on blocking and tackling.

Harold Mielak, quarterback: experience, two years. Harold was fast and a neat ball handler. Harold was a fine passer and defensive player. He suffered a broken collarbone midway in the season and was out of action from then on.

Ray Hauser, end: experience, one year. Ray was the outstanding kicker on the squad and many times pulled the team out of a jam with one of his kicks. Ray was also one of the better tacklers.

Clarence Smollen, center: experience, one year. Clarence also served as fullback towards the end of the season.

LETTERS AWARDED

The following football players won letters: Ray Syslo, Jim Gerhold, Dick Ternes, Harold Mielak, Paul Murphy, Joe Fischer, Dave Speicher, John Korgie, Don Hittner, Phil Kopetzky, Allen Lohr, Frank Tagwerker, Harold Kryzcki, and Kenny Langan.

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A Day at The Races

Last summer I was a frequent patron at the race track during the two-week season. Every day I haunted the barns, the paddock and the jockey's quarters, trying to get hot tips. Sometimes I did, mostly I didn't.

One day before the first race I was in the paddock, reading a Clocker and trying to decide which horse I should buy oats for in that race. I was about to go and bet on Bloodshot Eye to win when a ragged, seedy-looking man approached.

"Hey, buddy, got a cigarette?" he asked, with what was supposed to be a friendly smile.

"Yes," says I, and gave him one. This seemed to make him happy, for he looked almost human for a minute.

"Thanks a lot," he says, "now I'm going to give you something in return. Bet all your money on Hangover to win this one."

"What!" I says, "this nag is forty to one. The guy that owns him says he is the worst headache he ever had."

"Listen," says he, tapping me on the chest; "Hangover couldn't lose if he broke a leg."

That was good enough for me. I rushed over and bought three win tickets on Hangover.

The race started. As they came around the turn I looked in vain for my horse, Hangover. He was not in sight.

I rushed over to find out what had become of him. Then I looked at the judge's stand. He was standing by it watching the race with one of the judge's pair of field glasses.

The race ended with Hangover eighth. There were eight horses in the race. Bloodshot Eye came in first, paying \$15.60.

Then I saw the ragged man who had given me the tip. "Listen," I says, "you told me Hangover couldn't lose if he broke a leg."

"That's right," he says, "but he didn't break any."

Then he walked away laughing.

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Care of Teeth Is Discussed By Dental Technician

On Friday, Nov. 13, the student body heard Miss Lehn, a dental technician, discuss a subject that is of vital importance to the health of every individual. Miss Lehn, who based her talk on the general care of the teeth spoke about the importance of having and keeping our teeth in the best of condition. In order to masticate the food properly, the teeth must be strong and capable of doing so.

Miss Lehn expressed how the army regulations restricted the soldier to at least 16 teeth, but such particularism is not carried out any more because a person may have only 2 teeth and still be taken in.

Besides lecturing to us, Miss Lehn showed a number of charts illustrating the three parts of a tooth, namely, root, pulp, cavity and crown.

Hail and Farewell

St. Bonaventure students welcome into their midst: freshmen, Gail Langan and Junella Ramaeker; sophomores, Barlene Langan and Richard Ramaeker.

While we welcome these new students, we regret to say farewell at the same time to two former students: Catherine Lachnit, junior, who has moved to California; and Dick Boettcher, sophomore, who has moved to Oregon.

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Kidnapers Threaten St. Bonaventure Girl

One night when I was walking home after a school dance, I heard a steady step, step, step, behind me. I calculated that whoever it was, could not be more than a half block behind me, so I turned around to see. It was a huge dark figure and I was positive he was following me. I kept on walking, just a little faster. When I came to the corner I turned. To my astonishment I saw a big black car. At first I thought it belonged to the people who lived on the corner. All of a sudden somebody called out, "Quick, grab her!" Then everything went black. All was quiet—I thought I must surely be at their hideout. One of them said, "Get up now; it's 7 o'clock." It had all been a dream.

Many a man who can lift a ton has not strength enough to turn over a new leaf.—Anonymous.

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Let's
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And Live Up
To Our Past!



Patriotism Emphasized At Program

Washington And
Lincoln Honored

To commemorate the anniversary of Washington and Lincoln, the foremost heroes in the history of our nation, the high school pupils are preparing a patriotic program to be presented Monday, February 22, in the high school auditorium. The program will consist of the following numbers:

Presentation of the flag by the boy scouts; Flag Salute by high school students; "America the Beautiful," chorus; Address by Don Hittner. "Tribulations of Biddy Malone," by Margaret Noonan; "The Wind at Night," song by senior girls; "Making Him Feel at Home," monologue by Theresa Tworek; "Miss Jones and the Burglar," recitation by Doris Jaax; "Come on America," song by boys; "Beulah at the Ballgame," reading by Marilyn Messing; "Schakob's Lament," recitation by Carol Donaghue.

To conclude the program Reverend Father John Joseph will address the students.

Historians Prepare Washington Program

To render to Washington the immortal place that he holds in history and in the affections of the American people, the senior-junior history class is preparing appropriate exercises to be given during their history class on February 22.

Doris Jaax, who has charge of the program, announces the following numbers: "Character of Washington," Dorothy Thiele; "Naturally," Regina Ebner; "February 22," Angeline Kula; "Information About Old Glory," Sylvia Boruch; "Quotations about Washington," Clarice Dohmen; "Dear Tin Lizzie," Phyllis Boyle; "The Cruise of the Homo Sax," Doris Jaax.

Ballet Practiced As Play Prelude

Glissando! Pirouette! Arabesque! are again heard from the stage of the high school auditorium. Practice for a ballet dance to be presented as a second feature on the night of the senior class play has started.

The following girls will participate: Marian Johnson, Doris Vanek, Lillian Dietz, Charmagne Pfeifer, Betty Ewert and Helen Mae Wass.

Typists Strive For Efficiency

Rat-a-tat-tat
Machine guns?
No!

What is it then? Just pass by the typing room when the junior speedsters are typing and you will have the solution.

Right now they are striving for mailable business letters. Germaine Jarecki has been leading the race since the beginning.

Sylvia Boruch, Billy Ebner, Rita Frischholz, Mary Ann Iwan, Verna Mae Mielak, Charmagne Pfeifer, Dave Speicher, and June Stoll are vying with each other for second place.

This honor has passed several times from one to the other as the papers were checked after each typing period.

S. B. H. Graduate Poses for Picture

A recent edition of the "Coplanter," a paper published by the employees of the Cornhusker Ordnance Plant, operated by the Q. O. Ordnance Corporation at Grand Island, Nebraska, carried a picture of Miss Orpha Deitering, a graduate of St. Bonaventure school. Miss Deitering, personnel stenographer at the plant, demonstrated the proper salute to the flag by civilian women.

Dance Successful On Lincoln's Day

The students of St. Bon's High enjoyed a whirling good time at Lincoln's Birthday dance held on February 12, in the gym.

The Juniors have sufficient funds in their treasury for their Junior-Senior Prom which will be held next May. Although the prom will be informal it will provide maximum pleasure at minimum expense.

The proceeds from the dances given in the future will be donated towards the needs of the school.

Seniors Commence English Literature

English literature is the important study for the seniors since the beginning of the second semester. Former experience in studying English has acquainted them with stories, novels, and poems, but in the present study many facts are revealed to them which they have not met before. It is interesting to learn that English literature begins long before there were any printed books to read, before any but a very few people could read, in fact, before the authors themselves could read or write. Many thrills are derived from the old English poems and ballads.

Anxious Defendants Receive Verdicts

It was like a dark cloud hanging over the building, black, gloomy, and foreboding, something not quite tangible, but none-the-less ominous in the tense stillness. There was an air of coming catastrophe about the place.

A number of grim-faced people were trapped in a certain room. The doors were not locked; the windows did not have iron bars; and strange enough, no guards were posted around. Still, those entrapped people could not escape.

They sat in rows of seats arranged in orderly fashion. The faces of all had a strained look, nervously tense, expecting the worst to happen.

A judge sat at a bench in the

front of the room, calling out the names of the occupants with maddening slowness. Each person came forward as his name was called and received a written sentence from the judge, who smiled kindly and spoke words of encouragement, completely ignoring the frightened looks on the faces of the charged.

Then smiles of relief lighted their faces and sunshine seemed to flood the dark room as the "charged" read their "sentences" and were found "not guilty" of failure.

Yes, those Juniors of St. Bon's High School certainly dreaded to look at their report cards after mid-term exams!

Honor Students

Seniors: Anita Jaworski, Raymond Gattermeyer, Kathryn Merz, Marcella Wieser.

Juniors: Lillian Dietz, Marilyn Gahan, Rita Frischholz, Sylvia Boruch, Charmagne Pfeifer, June Stoll, Doris Vanek, Verna Mae Mielak, Betty Ewert.

Sophomores: Dolores Smagacz, Virginia Kerr, Ruth Johnson, Jean McNair.

Freshmen: Dorothy Wozny, Geraldine Savage, Joan Jiraneck, Margaret Ann Melliger, Gloria Korgie, Jimmie Johnson, Terry Robb.

DEDICATION

The staff of the Venture, the school faculty, and the entire student body take pleasure in dedicating this issue to our Reverend Pastor, Father John Joseph, who will celebrate his nameday, March 5.

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Let Us Pray for the Men Behind the Guns

Do you want Hitler, Mussolini, or Hirohito to dominate America and order you what, where, when and how to do things? Surely you don't, not if you have any of the American fighting spirit. But what are you doing to prevent this? Do you go easy on the sugar, and say "No" when tempted to eat another luscious pork chop? Are you careful with your clothes and other precious possessions?

How much complaining are you doing, or are you a person who can see beyond your nose and realize that it's high time to complain if we do not use the means God gave man to obtain an Allied Victory?

Prayer has moved mountains; it can move a Jap farther than a bomb. The boys are doing their share but they need the best of ammunitions, prayer. Why not be present at the services for them and attend Holy Mass and Holy Communion more frequently? Come on, don't be a slacker. Serve your country and Christ the best way you can. By being a little soldier on your knees, you can help the big soldier on his feet.

Doris Jaax.

Use St. Thomas for a Pattern

Don't say, "I can't get my lessons. I guess I was just born dumb."

Did St. Thomas Aquinas ever say this? Although his school chums nicknamed him "the dumb ox," he proved to be the first scholar in his class and the first scholar in Europe.

While St. Thomas was slow, he was sure; this should be a consolation to you who can truthfully say, "I did my level best although my work isn't complete." Like St. Thomas, keep on trying; if he had lived up to his name, "dumb ox," he would never have become the "Prince of Christian Schools," and his philosophy and splendid books would not be found in our Catholic universities and seminaries of today. As a student, choose him as your patron and ask his intercession especially on March 7.

GERMAINE JARECKI.

Plant Gardens to Supplant the Axis

Have you ever thought about it?
About what?
A victory garden, of course.

With food rationing and the great need for American-grown food for our allied fighting forces and war workers what could better facilitate the recruitment, training and full utilization of manpower than a contribution from your victory garden?

You don't need to be an expert gardener to raise a "Victory Garden" but you do need to be resolute to

carry it through. To fail would be to defeat our high hopes of tomorrow. The 3,000,000 trained for war industry must be fed; the 27,000,000 on the home front need food. We must increase production, so test your patriotism, determination and perseverance by picking up "de shubble and de hoe."

Try These Antidotes for the Blues

Get the blues? So do I. Everybody does at times. Feeling low is just one of those many things that help to fill in our lives; but there are just as many ways to overcome them.

Why don't you try going for a peppy walk in the crisp February weather? But keep your chin and nose out of your collar.

Tell your troubles to the telephone but don't dial.

Write a little letter to someone not-so-dear to you, telling him your staunch opinion of him—but don't mail it.

Turn on the radio, and learn a new joke, or hear a popular song.

Buy yourself a new hat or dress.

Take in that movie you wanted to see.

Read a short story.

If you have it at your command, play the piano.

Sing.

Work.

Down a fudge Sundae.

But above all, don't play Sucker for Old Man Blues by sitting around and letting him win over.

Vernetta Johnson.

Uncle Sam's Letter Gives Valuable Tips

Dear Americans:

This is your old Uncle Sam, the man you meet in the cities, on the streets, in the factories and mills. My visit will be quite short because I have a lot of things to do, things that will help win the war.

Your Uncle Sam reports that there are many soldiers and sailors that are not receiving any mail from the folks at home, so I'm asking a favor of you. Write every day if possible. Be sure to make your letters cheerful. Sad letters should never be sent to soldiers; they have one big worry already, "winning the war."

Another favor I have to ask of you might be a little harder but I am sure you students won't let me down. Whenever possible walk to school. If you are compelled to drive a car to school pick up your friends who live near you; you will be helping them and me.

The last favor I have to ask of you is to buy more and more war stamps. Keep these thoughts in mind:

By buying bonds you are guarding your freedom. Our planes are beating down the enemy, but to keep them down, we must buy bonds to buy equipment; better material means lesser loss of life. First remember each bond you buy means more men will come back from over there.

Thank you for your purchases.

Yours for Victory,

UNCLE SAM.

THE ARMY LIFE OF PVT. BROWN

Said young Ed. Brown to his cousin Jake,
"The freedom of our fair country is at stake."

So he headed for the recruitin' station fast,

Took his exams and they said he passed.

They gave him a new uniform to wear

And shaved his lil' head all bare. They drilled and marched all the day.

Too much work for so little pay!

"Boy, I'll sleep forever," said Brown that night.

Eut the bugle sounds when it isn't even light.

He ate his breakfast and shined his shoes

And waited for the postmaster with the news.

He got a letter from his best gal, Ann

And one from his mom, and his brother, Dan.

He sure felt sorry for one poor lad No one ever wrote him and it made him mad.

The homesick spell was broken soon

When the men lined up for inspection that noon.

"I want ten volunteers for a little work out,"

Said the loud voiced Sergeant both mean and stout.

Pvt. Brown was one of the honored ten

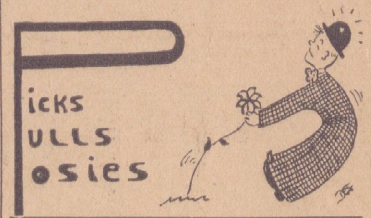
Of these hard models of fighting men.

The Sergeant told them in a voice very low,

"We attack in one minute, let's go."

They charged to the kitchen with a lusty shout

The poor enemy had better watch out.



Tom Caffrey: (to a girl freshie) "Shut the door."

Sister T.: "That's a fine way for a gentleman to act."

Tom Caffrey: "You gotta train 'em early."

Joe M.: "How did the Indians send messages?"

Loretta H.: "Pony Express."

Verna Mae O'Kane, according to a scale, made a bar graph "10 blocks long."

Sister V.: "Phyllis, would you like to take the part of Mr. Rand in the play for the sodality?"

Phyllis B.: "Mr. Rand—oh yes! and shall I ask Marcella to be my wife?"

Wanted: The reason students answered in whispers during certain bookkeeping and short-hand classes. Were they trying to save their voices?

Sister R.: "How would you revive a person who has fainted?"

Dick S.: "Lay them on their back and give them a bottle of ammonia."

Teacher: All boys kindly roll down your sleeves.

Phil K. (with half sleeves): What shall I do?

Why is Jack R. so popular since the second semester?

Joe: "Can't you see the solution of an algebraic equation?"

Sister V.: When did the Whig party come into existence?

Dorothy T.: During Jackson's time they wore wigs.

No, we can't judge one's strength merely from looks. When Paul Euteneur stretched out to the end of his desk, he not only fell out but the desk almost "came tumbling after."

"God gives us our faces; we give ourselves our expressions," wrote witty John Ayscough. In other words, a "sourpuss" is made, not born.

Blessed is he who can laugh for he shall have company.

FLASH

Reverend Father Servace Ritter will conduct a retreat for the high school students on April 19, 20, 21.

When they finally awoke to reality They found they were members of the K. P.

But Army life really isn't too tough I don't think I'll ever have enough Of that old army chow and good company,

And you can soon get used to a K. P.

Well, Brown's a real soldier, a true blue

And he wrote me a message to give to you.

He says, "Buy more war bonds and stamps,

And we'll soon rid the world of a bunch of tramps.

R. S.

S. B. H. Captures Third In Platte County Meet

McKown, Luis Chosen For All-Tourney Team

The Irish opened in the first round of the Tournament by playing Humphrey. It was one of the Shamrocks "hot" nights and they piled up a 44-25 victory.

The Irish took a 8 to 1 first quarter lead and increased it to 21-13 at the half. The third period the Irish countered eight points while holding Humphrey to three. In the final period the Irish turned on the gas and racked up 15 points while Humphrey was getting 9.

Joe McKown tossed in eight fielders for 16 points and Jack Ross racked up 10 points. Harper with 14 points was Humphrey's outstanding offensive player.

The Irish swung into the second round with one night's rest, and tangled with St. Francis who took the game easily, the score being 41-21.

The Irish started fast and held a first period lead 6-5, but St. Francis came surging back and was on top 14-10 at the half. In the third period St. Francis made 17 points to put the game on ice. The Shamrocks made only seven. The final period the St. Francis cagers tossed in 10 points while holding the Irish to 4 points.

Bob Gutzmer and Francis Luis each tossed in six points to lead the Irish offensive attack. Braun hit the hoop for 16 points and Preister for 13 to lead the St. Francis scorers.

In their final game of the Meet the Irish encountered a tough Platte Center team but managed to hand them a 25-17 setback.

The game was close but the Irish were always out in front. The half time score was 15-6 in favor of the Irish.

Albert Tucek tossed in 8 points, while Jack Ross swished in 4 fielders and a free throw for 9 points. Joe McKown starred on defense. Pillen took top scoring honors on the Platte Center team with 7 points.

Two Shamrocks were honored in the selection of the tournament's ten outstanding players. They were Joe McKown and Francis Luis.

Genoa Triumphs In Fast Contest

In the Shamrock's first home tilt the high ranking Genoa five trampled them 37-21.

The score meant little other than to determine the winner for both teams played very well. The game was fast and thrilling to watch.

Jack Ross was the Irish offensive standout with 7 points. Joe McKown played a fine defensive game. Francis Luis was in suit for the first time and appears to be headed for a starting guard position.

District Tournament Slated for Columbus

School officials have received word that the District Class B tournament will be held here in the Kramer gym on Feb. 24-27 inclusive.

O. L. Webb, secretary NHSAA, has designated Columbus as one of the Class B Tournament locations after receiving votes by several surrounding schools for the tournament to be held here.

Tournament official stated that twelve teams have entered the meet. They are Clarkson, Creston, Duncan, Monroe, Leigh, St. Francis, St. Bonaventure, Silver Creek, St. Edward, Shelby and Platte Center.

The winner will be paired with four other District winners on March 3-6. The winner of this will go to Lincoln to compete for state honors.

Shamrocks Victorious Over Reserves Twice

In two games with Kramer Reserves the Irish cagers came out on top. The final scores being 26-25 and 26-9. The difference in the scores shows the vast improvement in the Irish in the past few games.

Albert Tucek was top man in the first game with 13 points.

The second contest was all Irish as they led from start to finish. Joe McKown, and Jack Ross both performed well in the front line while Hauser and Korgie turned in a good defensive game.

Irish Split Tilts With Monroe

The Shamrocks played two scheduled games with Monroe this season and broke even. The first game was the opener for the Shamrocks and they played a ragged brand of ball, which led to their down fall as Monroe trounced them 29-16.

The Irish found the Monroe forward wall too big for them and were on the defense most of the game. Joe McKown, game captain, was the best Irish performer on the floor.

In the second game played here the Irish found sweet revenge in a 41-18 victory. The Irish were hitting the hoop from all angles with McKown and Luis doing most of it. The game was the Irish best up till then, and they played smooth, "fast, ball."

Joe McKown and Francis Luis with 14 and 12 points respectively led the Irish offense.

Irish Defeated By Creston, 37-26

The Shamrock's journey to Creston was an unpleasant one as the Conyer boys, Creston stars, really poured in the points to help knock off the Irish cagers 37-26.

The Irish managed to stay near Creston through the first half which ended 18-11 in favor of Creston.

In the final two quarters Creston sailed on to an easy victory.

The Conyer boys between them accounted for 30 of Creston's 37 points. McKown with 13, Ross with 8, and Bob Gutzmer with 5 did all the Irish scoring.

The game was the last for Jim Gerhold, who graduated and has entered Iowa State University.

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Dear Diary . . .

Here I am with a little of this and a little of that to tell you, that is if it isn't censored before it gets into print.

Exams are gone but not forgotten by many. The students are really studying hard; just so they continue.

The seniors are thrilled about the coming class play which will be presented some time in April or May.

Here's something from the Junior room: they have decided to have an informal prom with an orchestra and decorations.

Sunday, February 5, the sophomores dusted the "Mighty Seniors" by a score of 17-11; beware juniors, the freshmen plan to do the same next year.

St. Patrick's feast will be celebrated March 17; since our boys are known as the Irish, I certainly think they should win a few more basketball games.

March 10 is the beginning of the Lenten Season so now is the time to contemplate on how to practice self denial.

If news isn't rationed next time, I will be back with more for you then. As a parting thought I think we should:

BUY MORE BONDS AND STAMPS SO WE CAN TAKE THE AXE TO THE AXIS.

Goodbye—

Look Him Over; What a Man!

If all the boys were marching to the tune, "We're in the Army Now," with the exception of one which Uncle Sam was kind enough to leave for us girls at St. Bon's, our choice would be:

Trix Smolen's physique.
Bill Gaffney's black wavy hair.
Joe McKown's sparkling eyes.
John Korgie's poise.
Jimmy Donaghue's good nature.
Joe Fisher's captivating smile.
Paul Murphy's personality.
Bill Morgan's modest reserve.
Daniel Cerny's cleanliness.
Paul Mielak's politeness.
Jay Carrig's consideration for others.

Walter Caffrey's neatness.
Albert Tucek's reliability.
Jimmy Johnson's industry.
Leland Koch's punctuality.
Jack Ross' penmanship.
Ronald Locker's grades.
Francis Micek's sweet tooth.
How wonderful if we could have one boy with all these characteristics. Oh! forget about it; we can't make a superman.

HAVE YOU MET THE MADAME?

Could it be possible that any of you missed the opportunity of meeting Madame Beatrice?

If so, don't hesitate a day longer as her stay is indefinite pending word from the local ration or salvage board; until she receives word, Beatrice will remain here at St. Bonaventure.

The boys working in the library the day she arrived, considered themselves quite fortunate in making her acquaintance. She proved to be the sole source of their amusement, the most prominent of suitors being Dick Speicher. He was simply aghast when he saw her? Do you blame him? —Just a minute boys; the library

is crowded now so wait until I finish telling you about her.

"No, Dave it's no book; if it were I'd tell you the author. And Francis don't be too disappointed for she is no teacher.

Especially charming are her facial features and style of hair dress. No doubt the girls will imitate her latest fashion.

Being of short stature, her clothes are most becoming. Beatrice already stated that she would help Uncle Sam by doing her part in the shoe rationing. She makes a mighty fine appearance as she gazes at you from the bookshelf on the north wall. That's right —our Beatrice is only a statue.

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Junior-Senior Prom Scheduled For May 7

The Junior-Senior prom scheduled for Friday, May 7, will this year be in compliance with the government's war-program. On account of food rationing the juniors and seniors have decided to forego the annual banquet. The prom dance will be informal and instead of being held in an elaborately decorated gym, it will be given in the high school auditorium. The structure and size of the latter will be better adapted to appropriate but inexpensive decorations. By using all their ingenuity, the juniors will show how the appearance of the auditorium can by far be made to surpass that of the gym.

The chairmen of the various committees are as follows: dance programs, Helen Mae Wass; invitations, Dave Speicher; decorations, Charmagne Pfeifer, Don Hittner, and Lillian Dietz.

Music will be furnished by Jack Keller's orchestra. In spite of economy, the juniors promise the seniors a gala evening.

High Masses Sung By Student Body

On St. Joseph's day, congregational singing of the High Mass was in actual performance for the first time.

Missa de Angelis was rendered by grades 3 to 12 inclusive; boys and girls alternating various parts.

All future High Masses and Requiems will be sung by the entire student body.

Congregational singing should be touching and impressive to all because sacred music is most pleasing to Almighty God.

School Entertained By Norfolk Octet

An octet of eight young women from the Norfolk Junior College of Norfolk presented a program on Wednesday, March 17 in the school auditorium.

Their opening number, "Wild Irish Rose," was in keeping with the theme of the day, St. Patrick.

Tom Caffrey felt very important when Ruth Truex, mistress of ceremonies, dedicated a number, "Tommie" to him.

The closing number of the program featured patriotic songs written in medley form.

IN SYMPATHY

"The Venture" extends the deepest sympathy of the students to Sister M. Verona on the death of her sister; to June Stoll on the death of her grandmother; to Daniel Cerny on the death of his aunt; and to Frances Micek on the death of his brother.

Christ is Risen



Christ is Risen today!
Hail to our King!
Come, your adoration pay,
Receive the blessings He doth bring.

RELIGION TAUGHT BY FATHER MAX

For the past weeks, Father Max has been making daily trips through the corridors of St. Bonaventure on his way to the various classrooms. Father Max is taking Father Colman's place as instructor of religion.

History Class Submits Essays

To climax the study of the Civil War, members of the American history class participated in an essay contest on "Abraham Lincoln." Doris Jaax submitted the most original story depicting Lincoln's view toward slavery. She received the essay award, a plaque of Lincoln.

The essays which received honorable mention were those of Phyllis Boyle, Angeline Kula and Verna Mae Mielak.

There's Something Funny Going On

Almost every night about seven o'clock, eight or nine quiet figures may be seen approaching the school, entering it, and stealing quietly up the dark stairs to a large, dimly-lighted room where they are met by a dark-robed figure who occasionally reproaches them for being late.

The newcomers divest themselves of coats and hats and grimly begin work. They go up on a brightly-lighted platform, speaking strange words and calling each other by strange names. They come and go, speaking what has been ordered for them by their leader, who sits there watching

Senior Class to Present Comedy "Down and Up"

Cordial Reception Given Father Arno

The students of St. Bonaventure extend a hearty welcome to Reverend Father Arno, the new assistant.

Father Arno was formerly of St. Joseph's in Omaha. He was very active and took deep interest in all sports. Many pupils will perhaps remember him from the time when St. Bonaventure team played St. Joseph team in both basketball and football.

Sociology Students Hold Labor Debates

Who is it that is responsible for sweated labor conditions? Will there be any sweated labor in the future? Should the family allowance system be introduced into the United States?

From the results of their lively debate, the members of the Sociology class will solve these questions for you. The sophomores gave the pro's and con's on the topic, "The Consumer is Responsible for Sweated Labor Conditions." Arguments on the affirmative side were given by Lucille Kush, Elizabeth Coupens, Theresa Tworek, Sally Liss, and Gail Langan; those on the negative side were Bernice Smollen, Marjorie Glur, Joan Pokorski and Verna Mae O'Kane.

"The Family Allowance System Should Be Introduced Into the United States" was the topic of the freshmen debate. Those arguing on the affirmative side were: Billy Morgan, Wilbert Thiele, and Jimmy Johnson. On the negative side were: Duane Deitering, Kenneth Langan, and Joe Mimick.

The sophomores acted as judges for the freshmen debate and the freshmen judged the sophomore debate.

Hilarious Farce Slated For May 2

"Down and Up," a hilarious farce in three acts, has been selected by the seniors as their class play this year. Presentation of the comedy is scheduled for Sunday, May 2, in the high school auditorium.

Characters in the play are Mrs. Arlene Archer, who has decided ideas, Helen Reifenrath; Carlotta Archer, her charming daughter, Camilla Moersen; Chester Archer, her son, Ray Gattermeyer; Gay Gorham, Carlotta's girl friend, Helen Wilcynski; Diana Maybe, who embroiders the truth, Lucille Tworek; Goldie Blondell, maid at the Archers, Margaret Noonan; Everett Barnes, a young aviator, Ray Syslo; Eddie Breeze, who suffers from a weak heart, Dick Terne; Luella Hurst, of "The Daily Blade," Kathryn Merz; Boots Meredith, an athletic girl, Dolores Jarecki; Bonnie Briar, a vampish young girl, Marian Johnson; Leander Rivers, her fiance, Joe McKown.

The play was written by Wilbur Braun and is being presented by special arrangement with The Northwestern Press.

K. C.'s Bestow Gift

The Knights of Columbus Council No. 938, distinguished for its generosity and its deep interest in youth, made a generous donation of one hundred fifty new books to the Library. They are mainly of reference value for science, literature and history classes. The faculty and student body express deep gratitude and sincere appreciation.

To the Students And the Faculty

As I say farewell to the faculty and students of St. Bonaventure, I would like to say that for the past four and one-half years, our association has been a very happy one. I will carry with me through the coming years many happy memories of St. Bonaventure's struggles and triumphs, of her defeats and victories. May God in His goodness, bless every student and make him and her a good citizen of our beloved Land and a future citizen of the glorious Land of Heaven.

May God bless you all.
Cordially,
FR. COLMAN, O. F. M.

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Make This Easter a Peaceful One

Holy Week is near at hand; this means that all good Christians are preparing for the glorious and triumphant rising of Christ from the grave. Christ, "King of Peace," and "Lover of Man," gives forth a shining example, for He is symbolic of justice, truth, sincerity and charity.

Will our world emerge from the clouds of the present conflict, glorious and triumphant? Perhaps not—and why? Because the people are not preparing to do so. Just as there will be no Easter for you unless you have prepared for it during lent, so there will be no lasting peace unless all nations prepare for it by living the Christian principles of justice, truth, sincerity, and charity. Peace cannot reign in the heart where these virtues are not practiced; and what is war but the breakdown of peace? Acclaiming Pope Pius XII as the apostle of justice, the Most Rev. Peter Ireton, Coadjutor Bishop of Richmond declared that "if the leaders of peoples in these last 100 years had been receptive to the principles of justice, truth, sincerity, and charity given to the world for its guidance of men, the first World War would never have been, nor this, its aftermath."

Man has tried almost every form of rule, yet history proves that the world has always been involved in conflict. But has the Rule of Christian Principle ever been tried? If all other methods have failed, isn't this worth a try? Practice it in your own daily life and find out for yourself that it proves successful; then you can convince others.

D. S.

"Are You a Saint?"

What! me a saint? I'm just a student. Last night I studied an hour on my history, and today flew off the handle when I didn't make a hundred on the test. I'm still young and want to have my fun. Saint! oh no, the road is too steep for me.

True, but did you ever hear any one come right out and say, "I want to be a saint?" And why? Simply because he thinks a saint is a freak who must live in a spooky place, spend days and nights in prayer, seldom eat or smile, and in the end is persecuted.

Now, a saint is simply a person who loves God and tries to show his love by being good. On April 19, 20 and 21 there will be an excellent chance for you to show this love. Resolve during these days of retreat to root out the seeds of your petty faults and plant the seeds of sainthood. In her Wellesly address, Mrs. Chiang Kai Shek said, "Our Savior taught us to hate evil in men but not men themselves."

Begin each day by assisting at the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass to implore the grace of enlightenment. By keeping yourself recollected your soul can hold intimate intercourse with God. Christ says, "I will lead her into the wilderness and there I will speak to her heart." When thoughts begin to wander from the Divine Lover, retrace them by spiritual reading.

It isn't enough to plant your seeds but they must be watered each day with your good works; thus soon they will blossom into "Sanctity." Elizabeth Coupens.

What Does Spring Mean To You?

Spring, 1943.

What do these two words mean to you? Do they bring visions of working in victory gardens and yards, or do they bring dreams of fun, baseball, and track?

Spring, 1943, will mean other things—more rationing, continued war, fewer amusements, more giving up of the things that will benefit our men in the service. Yes, spring, 1943, will see the change of our former way of living.

But what will spring, 1943, mean to your soul and also the souls of your fellow men? Spring which heralds Easter should mean for you the dawn of a new spiritual life. Receive Holy Communion more often; be on time for Mass each morning; and remember the frequent renewal of your good intention.

Pray that God will always keep you in His loving care. Your charity should extend to your fellow men, especially those in the service, who every day face death on the battlefield. But if God wills that they die, pray that they will die in His grace.

Dedicate this spring of 1943 to Mary, Queen of Peace, and pray to her for world-wide peace.

The souls of your fellowmen in purgatory should be included in your prayers; more than anyone else they will return your charity.

Virginia Kerr.

Dear Mother ...

Dear Mother:

This is a letter from one of your millions of friends—one of your children from St. Bonaventure High. I know I am not worthy to salute you, the "Queen of Heaven and Earth," but I come to implore your assistance, not for myself but for the heroes of our country.

Of course, you know that day after day countless thousands of men and young boys leave for the army, navy or air corps. These young men go willingly to fight, yes, even to die for their country.

Day by day hundreds of families receive telegrams stating, "_____ has been reported as missing in action." How these mothers must feel! Of course, they are consoled with the thought that their son was called to make the supreme sacrifice for the cause of freedom.

Dear Blessed Mother, won't you make them feel that their sons died on the battlefield for the salvation of democracy just as your Son gave His life for our salvation?

I know that death upon the cross and death upon the battlefield are far from one and the same thing, but you and the heroines of America have known the same sorrow when their sons were called to give "their last full measure of devotion."

Your loving daughter,
DOROTHY THIELE.



We Promise, Soldiers

As I sit here eating this simple meal

My thoughts are of you brave lads on the battlefield.

Do you have enough good food to fight?

Enough green vegetables to insure good sight?

Did you have your coffee today? Or did my selfish hoarding steal them away?

We didn't have any butter today. Hope that sent just a little your way.

Five weeks a pound of coffee must do,

So you boys can have just a little too.

We don't get all the canned goods we think we need.

But we're SO PROUD we've got an ARMY to feed.

Complain—No—Not us—we're the best fed nation today.

We're glad to be helping you boys fighting, to keep it that way.

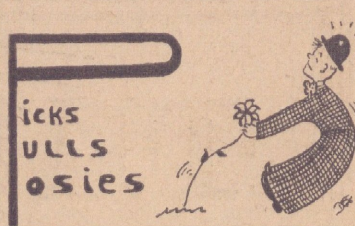
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M. N.



Sister R.: "Lorraine Koch!"
(Leland Koch sure did blush).

Junella R.: (reading a sentence in English class) "I had enough last night to last me for a week."

Terry R.: "Gee, Sister, look how hard it is snowing."

Daniel C.: "I wanna go home."

Sister G.: "What is a spirit?"

Gail L.: "A spirit is somebody who is somewhere where you can't see him."

In Doubt

Teacher: "Junior, what did you have for breakfast?"

Junior: "I et six eggs."

Teacher: "Why, Junior, I'm surprised. You should say 'ate.'"

Junior: "Well, maybe it was eight that I et."

Flash—

Bob in his new yellow sweater.

Evelyn K.: "What is Geometry like?"

Marjorie G.: "Oh, it's a study of figures."

Evelyn K.: "Do you take it?"

Marjorie G.: "No—I thought my figure didn't need remodeling, so I signed up for general math."

You don't mean we have a bully at St. Bonaventure.

But we hear, "Paul Euteneur beats up on little Leonard Loeffler."

Tom rushing to school called to Joe, "Come on Joe, we can't be late any more!"

Rather late New Year's resolution.

Sure sign of spring—the presence of the sweater girl, Marcella H.

The sophomores regret there is so little chance for achieving a high scholastic standing.

Now they have more competition with Marilyn's double eyes.

Did You Notice ...

The bookkeeping projects the seniors have completed? They are on display in the Typing room.

Joe McKown's big black cruiser on the campus lately?

How the dancers enjoy whirling to the melodies of the new nickel-odeon?

Helen Marie Karges at the last school dance?

How one of the senior girls has been praying for the "mumps" lately?

How much the students miss Philip Kopetzky, Carroll and Jimmy Donaghue? Phil has quit school to help his dad; Carrol and Jimmy have moved to Grand Island.

Tony Zabawa, who was home for ten days after which he returned to the Great Lakes Training School where he will be stationed for a few weeks before being transferred?

What Do You Think?

I'm one of the question and answer men. I've decided to do a little investigating in affairs that concern everyone. I wonder how wide awake you are on world affairs?

What do you think was the foremost thought in Eddie Rickenbacker's mind when he and his companions floated for 21 days on a raft?

"He thought of how his life would be a sacrifice for his country."—Edna Smollen.

"Getting back to the good old U. S. A."—Geraldine Savage.

"What a terrible thing war is!"—Dorothy Wozy.

"Where he would get his next meal."—Charles Woerth.

Wait a minute, here comes a history student. Surely he will give us the right answer. Correct, Ronald, but don't you think the mid-Pacific was a queer place for Rickenbacker to prepare his speech on the "Victory Corps?"

How about Rickenbacker's statement "this is everybody's war"? Do you agree or do you think victory requires fighting?

"We need trained men and women so it depends on schooling"—Gloria Fischer.

"Money is essential. Therefore, we must buy more War Bonds and Stamps."—Joan Jiranek.

"I think keeping up the morale on the home front is as important as actual combat. (Am I doing my part?)—Lorraine Burzynski.

"Victory must be backed up by prayer."—Evelyn Kopetzky.

From the responses of the stu-

dents, it seems they realize Uncle Sam needs them. But can you imagine millions of people working without a leader?

Just what type of leader would you desire to lead you?

"I want an officer in charge of my Co. to be just the same as my teachers with the exception that he give me credit and promotions."—Walter Caffrey.

"One who inspires confidence, because the war will not be won without it!"—Agnes Wieser.

"I would expect a hard boiled sergeant."—Arthur Schmid.

Since we are involved in a war we hear many planes rumbling overhead.

What is your first thought when you hear an airplane?

"I wish I were in it."—Gloria Korgie.

"I get as thrilled as a ten-year-old boy viewing his first circus parade."—Doris Jaax.

"Who's up there?"—Marilyn Gahan.

"I marvel at the co-operation of the Americans who produced it."—Marie Reifenrath.

Your inquiring reporter has given you a chance to express your thoughts: now let me express mine especially on the last question.

Why not henceforward resolve to use the sound of a plane as a reminder to pause and say a prayer for peace?

Remember, with every roar, an uttered prayer Brings victory closer—do your share.

The boisterous sea of liberty is never without a wave.—Thomas Jefferson.

Return of Spring Easy To Notice

Don't look now but . . . sure signs of Spring are: the tracksters lampering up on their jogs to the airport . . . the way the freshies act when a senior walks by, no more respect . . . the talk about the prom, class pictures and other details concerning graduation . . . the rumble, clatter, and bruises of roller-skating . . . the grade school boys on their knees shooting—I mean playing marbles . . . the V formations of geese flying north . . . the green cushion sprouting up on the school lawn; blue grass I hear . . . the senior boys writing poetry in odd moments . . . the renewed vigor in which the students take part in lessons? . . . the charming increase in "spring fever" cases . . . Ho, hum. Just too much—Spring!

The last hope of human liberty in this world rests on us.—Thomas Jefferson.

A Girl Writes To a Soldier

"Jim,"

"I Cried for You" "When You Went Away" because I know "There Will Never Be Another You."

I'm so "Proud of You," I'm going to "Keep That Smile," which I kept for you. "I Care for You More than I Knew."

"I Had the Craziest Dream" last night and wondered, "What Does a Soldier Dream of?" "It's a Lonesome Old Town Without You" but I guess "I Can't Get Out of This Mood."

"When You Are a Long Way From Home," "Remember Me."

"I'm Getting Tired" so "I'll Just Kiss Your Picture Goodnight" and "Hit the Road to Dreamland."

"Marie."

Honor Students

Seniors: Marcella Wieser, Kathryn Merz, Anita Jaworski.

Juniors: Dave Speicher, Ver-na Mae Mielak, Sylvia Boruch, Germaine Jarecki, Doris Jaax, June Stoll.

Sophomores: Delores Smagacz, Winifred Moersen, Jean McNair, Harold Krzycki, Virginia Kerr, Ruth Johnson, Germaine Schumacker.

Freshmen: Margaret Ann Melliger, Virginia Lee Carter, Gloria Korgie, Marie Reifenrath, Junella Ramaeker, Dorothy Wozy.

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Irish Tracksters Set For Action

Field Outlook
Worries Coach

Track, perhaps the most competitive sport of all, has come into the limelight of the sports world. Along with all the rest, the Irish hopefuls are getting into condition as best as possible, until old man winter is licked by old "Sol."

RACING EVENTS

On the cinder pads the outlook is fairly bright. Ray Syslo, miler for the past two seasons, along with David Speicher and Albert Tucek should be able to handle their event. The half mile will probably be run by a couple of the milers. In the shorter races there are quite a number of boys out, topped by Dick Ternes, star 220 and 100 yard dash man. Teaming with Dick for the short races will be Allen Lohr, Dick Speicher or Phil Kopetzky. The quarter mile is still anyone's race.

In the hurdles, the Irish have Ronald Locher, who has been doing fairly well the past two seasons.

FIELD EVENTS

The field offers Coach Ernst his greatest problem. The graduation of Jahn and Novicki, leading field men on last year's team, will be hard to replace.

A couple of sophomores, Frank Tagwerker and Allen Lohr, may be the solution to Coach Ernst's problem; both boys can handle the shot, discus, and javelin fairly well. Then several other boys like Phil Kopetzky and John Korgie may be able to plug the gap. The high jump has always been a troublesome event for Ernst to find a contender. This year it looks like there is no promising jumper. The pole vault is another question this year; with Jahn, last year's star gone, there is no vaulter left. In the running broad jump are two vacancies but either Tagwerker, Lohr, Kopetzky, Korgie or some other hopeful will be able to take care of it in a satisfactory manner.

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The fast season has been an up and down affair for the Irish. They started out bad but finished in a flashy style.

They managed to get third place in the Platte county tournament but came back the next week and against almost identical teams copped the runner-up spot in the District Class B Tournament. St. Francis beat the Irish and went on to win the State Class B title.

The Irish managed to rack up eight victories in seventeen tries, counting tournament games.

Joe McKown, only first stringer graduating, was the leading scorer with 144 points. Behind Joe was Jack Ross, only other player to hit over a hundred, and Albert Tucek.

The players who carried on the first ten through the season are: Joe McKown, Ray Syslo, Jack Ross, Bob Gutzmer, Joe Fischer, Paul Murphy, Francis Luis, John Korgie, Albert Tucek and Harold Krzycki.

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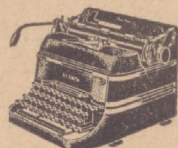
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"Hurray! She made it. Careful! That was Ruth Ewert, not

the ball."

Yes, I suppose you guessed it; sophomores vs. seniors.

But did you hear that the freshmen are getting almost as good as the juniors?

Trophy is Object Of Great Interest

"Come on, let's go see it." Down the hall they paraded until they came to the end of the corridor; here they stopped, hesitated for a moment and then walked in.

In the room all was quiet; students were deeply absorbed in selecting books for Wednesday's reports.

"Where can it be? I hear it is pretty big."

"Then at least we will have something to be proud of."

Suddenly their faces lit up; they had found it. They gazed upon a shimmering golden "Basketball Trophy" for runner up in the District Tournament.

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School Closed During County Scrap Drive

The school was deserted that morning of May 17th so that one would think something mighty queer was happening, especially with everyone of the odd 400 students enrolled at old St. Bon's absent.

To further mystify one, we might change our scene to the City Hall on the same morning. There they were, seniors, juniors, sophomores, and freshmen and an estimated 1,000 other people.

A huge caravan of trucks stood ready for quick movement, and a loud speaker was barking out orders.

When the 8 o'clock whistle blew the mass of people, children, students, and men piled onto the waiting 45 trucks and within a short time were off on their way to pick up scrap, for the Second Platte County Scrap Drive was underway.

First reports of the day's labor was 401,000 pounds of scrap. Mayor Lohr expressed his appreciation and thanked everyone who helped to make the drive a success.

Refreshments were served in the City Hall and in the night a dance was held for those who participated in the drive.

Seniors Enjoy "Sneak Day"

On Tuesday, May 18, the seniors enjoyed their traditional "sneak day." Some members of the class journeyed to Omaha by train or car, while the rest preferred to stay in "de olde town" and sleep.

Among the various places visited in Omaha were: St. Joseph High School, U. P. Headquarters, the Joslyn Memorial, and the Orpheum Theater. The Nebraska Light and Power Co. in Council Bluffs was also visited.

After a busy and thrilling day, the seniors were all eager to come back to study during the remaining week of school.

HONOR STUDENTS OF THE YEAR

Here they are! The honor students of the year! Twelve students who have been successful in retaining a standing on the Permanent Roll of Honor throughout the year.

Seniors: Kathryn Merz, Anita Jaworski.

Juniors: Sylvia Boruch, Doris Jaax, Verna Mae Mielak, June Stoll.

Sophomores: Ruth Johnson, Virginia Kerr, Delores Smagacz.

Freshmen: Dorothy Wozny, Gloria Korgie, Marie Reifenrath.

To the Graduates

We leave you with this thought:

"You have each been given a bag of tools,

A formless rock and a book of rules,

And each must make, ere life has flown,

A stumbling-block or a stepping stone."

Goodbye and good luck,
THE FACULTY.

Annual Breakfast Held Mother's Day

The annual Mother-daughter breakfast was held in the school gymnasium on Sunday, May 9. The group received Holy Communion at the 7:30 Mass, after which followed the breakfast.

The breakfast was served on long tables decorated with red roses. Father John Joseph Brogger served as toastmaster, and Marilyn Dickey gave a Mother's Day tribute.

The breakfast was prepared and served by the men of the parish. They were assisted by five high school students: Donald Hittner, Clarence Smolen, Ronald Locher, David Speicher, and Bob Gutzmer.

ANNUAL JUNIOR-SENIOR PROM HAILED AS GRAND SUCCESS

In a galaxy of gay colored streamers and an atmosphere of festivity, the juniors of St. Bonaventure high school paid their compliments to the seniors in the annual class prom, May 7.

The grand march to the auditorium began promptly at 8:15 p. m. Leading the group of charmingly attired junior and senior girls and their escorts were Paul Murphy, junior class president, and Miss Genevieve Wieser, followed by Walter Caffrey, senior class president, and Miss Anita Jaworski. As the cortege arrived at the church premises, they were joined by Reverend Father John Joseph. From the auditorium which had been transformed into a scene of enchantment, soft strains of romantic music from the orchestra wafted to the merry crowd and lured them into the magnificently prepared ballroom. Entering, the magic spell was wrought, and all enjoyed a gala evening of dancing.

The patriotic theme "Victory through Mary, Patroness of the U. S. A." was chosen by the juniors for their prom theme. It was effectively carried out by using the colors of "Our Lady of Victory" and by forming large "V" structures in box-shape effect which were illuminated from within by small blue electric bulbs and which cast a soft glow over the crepe covered "V" structure. One of these "V's" occupied a prominent place on the right wing of the stage and served as a shrine for the statue of "Our Lady of Vic-

Baccalaureate Services Prelude To Commencement on May 27

Plans Formulated By Third Order

On Thursday, May 13, the Junior-Third Order met in the gym with Rev. Father Arno presiding.

During the meeting questionnaires were given to all the members concerning Catholic Action and the fruits derived from the Third Order. It was decided to elect a new prefect, preferably out of school to sponsor the Order. Plans were made to hold several picnics during the summer.

After the meeting Frank Kohlund and Gerald Savage presented several musical selections.

NEW IMPROVEMENTS MADE IN LIBRARY

A charging desk, a magazine rack, and 42 feet of shelving have increased the usefulness of our library. The faculty and students thank Mr. Carroll Marljar, whose skill and generosity made this improvement possible.

Twenty-Seven Students To Receive Diplomas

Commencement exercises next Thursday, May 27, will mark the end of four years of high school for twenty-seven seniors.

The graduation activities began with baccalaureate services at St. Bonaventure Church last Sunday, May 23. All seniors in caps and gowns were present at the 7:30 Holy Mass and received Holy Communion in a body.

On Thursday at 8:00 p. m. the seniors will march to the Church for their commencement exercises. Four small boys dressed in white suits will precede the boy graduates, and four small girls—two in blue and two in pink, carrying flowers will precede the girl graduates in procession. As in previous years the girls will wear white and the boys will wear black caps and gowns.

Reverend Albert Limacher, O.F.M., of St. Francis Church, Humphrey, will deliver the commencement address and Reverend John Joseph Brogger, O.F.M., pastor, will confer the diplomas.

The St. Bonaventure Church choir under the direction of Mrs. Uerling will render the music for the following program:

Processional during which the graduates will march into the church; "More Love To Thee," chorus; commencement address; conferring of diplomas; Benediction with the Blessed Sacrament; "Holy God We Praise Thy Name," chorus by congregation.

The following seniors will receive their diplomas: Phyllis Boyle, Walter Caffrey, Frances Craig, Orma Euteneuer, Ruth Ewert, Raymond Gattermeyer, James Gerhold, Raymond Hauser, Dolores Jarecki, Anita Jaworski, Marian Johnson, Frances Kropatch, Joseph McKown, Kathryn Merz, Harold Mielak, Camilla Moersen, Margaret Noonan, Marjorie Noonan, Helen Reifenrath, Clarence Smolen, Raymond Syslo, Patricia Speicher, Richard Ternes, Arnold Thiele, Lucille Tworek, Marcella Wieser, and Helen Wilczynski.

The little boys and flower girls are: Tommy Lakers, Robert Gaver, Billy Murphy, and Dean Soullierre, Dolores Rupperecht, Kathleen Murphy, Phyllis Higgins and Dorothy Gladfelder.

School Dance Given By Sophomore Class

The sophomores held a school dance May 14 in the school gymnasium. The nickelodeon broke down, but Mrs. George Karges came to the rescue and furnished piano music until repairs were made.

The affair was chaperoned by Mrs. Dickey and Mrs. William Gerhold.

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Think It Over, John

Dear John Doe:

Over a year has passed since the United States was plunged into war. I wonder if you realize yet that we're in it. A lot of Americans don't seem to.

"It sure doesn't seem like we've been at war that long." Maybe it doesn't to you, John, because perhaps you really haven't been in it at all. Oh, sure, you've gone without that extra cup of coffee and that little bit of sugar and those long, pleasant Sunday afternoon rides. But you haven't lived on a handful of food for a week, or lived in a stuffy, unhealthy fox-hole, or matched yourself against a dozen well-armed Japs. You didn't live and fight and die on Bataan or Corregidor or Wake.

Maybe you have paid your taxes and bought a few War Stamps. I hope so. Are you one who is not only a 10 per center but a real patriot who doesn't stop at 10 or even 20 per cent, or, are you one who goes to the movies in some nice well-heated theater and sees the living hell our boys are going through in so many places? Maybe you cuss a little under your breath and say bravely, "Boy, I'd like to get a crack at those — Japs and Nazis!" Then, after it's over and you and your friends are sitting around with cigars and cards, you start the same old refrain, "I can't understand what those guys in Washington think they're doing! Why, those taxes" can't you see you're getting your crack at them that way? Can't you see that you're giving Hitler and Tojo and the Mussel a kick right in the Axis every time you pay that new tax or dig down and buy another War Bond?

Don't you understand that besides doing everything the government tells us we've got to do everything we absolutely can; we've got to get in and give it that little extra something that may spell the difference between victory and defeat? I only hope that you and I and every other American can and will go all out now till the war is won.

Yours for Victory,

R. G.

Never Forget How Lucky You Are

We, who are students of a Catholic High school, should fully realize just what a wonderful opportunity we have—that of attending a Catholic High school. Because of this, we are capable of knowing our Religion, one of the greatest gifts our Lord bestowed on us. We need a thorough knowledge of Catholic principles, especially now, since the world is in a great turmoil; these can only be obtained through a Catholic education.

To our parents, we are very grateful for providing us with a Catholic education; to our pastor, Rev. Father John Joseph, to our instructor of religion, Rev. Father Max and to our teachers, we extend our gratitude for toiling so laboriously in such a noble cause.

To the seniors of next year and the underclassmen, we leave one parting thought, "always make use of the opportunity of attending a Catholic school; you'll never regret it."

R. E.

What Can You Answer To These Questions

As we seniors finally come to the great goal of graduation, we must take a final look at our high school life to see whether we have made the most of all the chances we have been offered here at St. Bonaventure.

Have we studied our assigned lessons faithfully, taking an interest in them and doing them well? Can we truthfully say that all the work we have handed in is our own, and not someone else's?

Have we always been polite and obliging in school, both to our teachers and to our classmates? Have we always been willing to do a little extra in addition to what we absolutely had to do?

Have we always been careful to set a good example to the younger students, never in any way shocking them or giving them the idea that just because we did something wrong it gave them the privilege to do it too?

Have we taken full advantage of the religious instruction offered us here at St. Bonaventure? Have we regarded religion as a study just as important as English or history? Have we begun each school day by assisting at the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass?

It's our hope that we seniors can truthfully answer most of these questions in the affirmative. And even more, we hope that you upper-classmen will take these questions to heart, so that when you too reach your goal you will be able to answer them with a strong and proud "Yes!"

R. G.

Favorable Comment Heard Upon Retreat

The retreat given by Father Arno was greatly appreciated as was revealed from the interviews. The following are some of the students remarks:

"The retreat was all that we hoped it to be."—Walter Caffrey.

"The retreat settled many little doubts in my mind and made me feel closer to God." — Marilyn Messing.

"I thought that the retreat was very inspiring and Father Arno was a very good retreat master. Everything was worth while." — Regina Ebner.

"The retreat enlightenend me to know God better and to love Him more."—Harold Krzycki.

"It was time well spent and I'm sure that if everyone benefited from it as much as I did, they will never regret it."—Dorothy Thiele.

"The retreat to me was the starting of a new life."— Jack Ross.

"The three days of the retreat were inspiring and unforgettable."—Betty Ewert.

"The retreat taught me how to go through the troubles and temptations with the help and forgiveness of God."—Ruth Johnson.

"It was the first three days I ever kept so quiet."—John Korgie.

"This was my first retreat. It inspired me with prayer."—Genevieve Wieser.

"I thought it was one of the best things that happened to me."—Paul Mielak.

"It gave me some time to catch up on some back prayers."—Jack Caffrey.

Ten Conduct Rules Given For Juniors

To the juniors of this year, we seniors leave as a guide for them next year when they shall be seniors, these rules of conduct:

1. Be neat. Do not leave papers lying on the floor, but put them in some empty desk where they won't be noticed.

2. Be studious. Keep busy all the time, and even if you do run out of comic books, find yourself something to do.

3. Be polite. Do not swear in school if you drop a book or something, just take the book and tear it up. Or, if you must swear do it under your breath.

4. Be cooperative. Do what the teachers tell you, or, if you don't feel like it, at least think up a good excuse. And if a classmate wishes to copy a lesson let him, of course, first getting the assurance that he'll let you copy from him when the need arises.

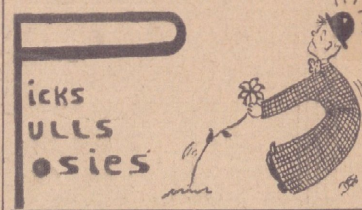
5. Be punctual. Remember that school begins promptly at a set hour, and if you can't come on time, don't come at all. Just stay home and sleep a little longer.

6. Be helpful. If you see that someone has too many pencils or too much history or typing paper, you should be always willing to take some off his hands.

7. Be persevering. If you keep getting caught chewing gum, keep trying. You'll soon get the knack of chewing it without being detected.

8. Be kind. If a freshman happens to get in your way, don't slug him. Just kick him.

9. Be loyal. Insist that your school is the best in the country, and be ready to fight anyone who says it isn't. Of course at first



In the process of pulling his desk back, Joe Fisher also moved Virginia's. She turned and complimented him saying, "My, what a strong man you are."

In explaining the British dominions, all eyes turned toward Virginia K., when Sr. V. mentioned that Newfoundland is an island about the size of Virginia.

If you ever hear the word "egg-head" mentioned, you will know that it refers to Ray S., Ray G., Trix S., Harry M., Duane D., or Joe F. They are the players on the South Side Eggheads base ball team.

FLASH

School closes Thursday, May 27. All awards will be made in the morning.

POSIES

To Kathryn Merz and Anita Jaworski who have never missed being on the honor roll during their four years of high school.

To Dorothy Wozny and Marie Reifennath for their efficient and faithful performance of their duties as assistant librarians.

To John Korgie, Virginia Kerr, Germaine Schumacher, Geraldine Savage and Gloria Korgie for their perfect attendance at both, school and Holy Mass; to Camilla Moersen, Dave Speicher, Patricia Kerr and Leland Koch for perfect school attendance.

To Kathryn Merz and Anita Jaworski who have never missed being on the honor roll during their four years of high school.

To Albert Tucek, only St. Bonaventure representative at the state meet, who ran the mile there in 4:59, his best time of the year.

To Ronald Locher, who ranked highest in the weekly current news quizzes.

Orchids (a whole armful of them) to Ruth Ewert, star add-getter for the Venture.

Farewell To the Venture

We seniors of the staff of the venture wish to take this opportunity to express our thanks to the other staff members, the student body, and the faculty for the cooperation they have shown in our publication, and for the interest they have given us in our efforts to make the Venture a bright and readable example of a Catholic high school paper.

We hope that next year's staff will keep the Venture at the same high standard.

—Senior Staff of '43.

make sure he weighs under a 100 pounds.

10. Be cheerful. Always be willing to tell jokes to the one sitting around you so they won't become bored by the lesson.

(Note: These rules are released through special permission of the war propaganda board. If you follow them, there'll be war.)



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First Row

Phyllis Boyle—Lovely and Cordial. Class Secretary, 3; Glee Club, 1, 2, 3; Sodality, 1, 2, 3, 4; Sodality Treasurer, 4; Third Order, 3, 4; Cheer Leader, 4; Football Queen, 4; Choir, 1, 2, 3, 4.

Walter Caffrey—Mischievous but Good-hearted. Class President, 4; Glee Club, 1, 2, 3; Athletics, 2, 3; Holy Name, 1, 2, 3, 4; Third Order, 3, 4; Acolyte, 1, 2, 3, 4; Choir, 1, 2, 3, 4.

Frances Craig—Stately and Polite—Glee Club, 1, 2, 3, 4; Athletics, 1, 2, 3; Sodality, 1, 2, 3, 4; Third Order, 3, 4; Ballet Dance, 3; Choir, 1, 2, 3, 4.

Orma Euteneuer—Eager and Shy. Glee Club, 1, 2, 3, 4; Sodality, 1, 2, 3, 4; Choir, 1, 2; Biology Club, 2.

Ruth Ewert—Small but Independent. Class President, 3; Class Vice-President, 1; Glee Club, 1, 2, 3, 4; Athletics, 3, 4; Sodality, 1, 2, 3, 4; Sodality Secretary, 2; Sodality Vice-President, 3; Third Order, 3, 4; Venture Reporter, 2; Advertising Manager, 3, 4; Cheer Leader, 4; Choir, 1, 2, 3, 4; Biology Club, 3.

Raymond Gattermeyer—Ingenious and Wise. Glee Club, 2, 3, 4; Holy Name, 1, 2, 3, 4; Holy Name Vice-President, 3; Third Order, 3, 4; Dramatics, 4; "Down and Up"; Venture Staff, 1, 2, 3, 4; Venture Editor, 4;

James Gerhold—Persistent and Active. Class Officer, 1, 2, 4; Glee Club, 1, 2, 3, 4; Athletics, 1, 2, 3, 4; Holy Name, 1, 2, 3, 4; Third Order, 3, 4; Venture Staff Reporter, 2; Acolyte, 1, 2, 3, 4.

Raymond Hauser—Scholarly and Cheerful. Class Treasurer, 4; Glee Club, 1, 2, 3; Athletics, 1, 2, 3, 4; Holy Name, 1, 2, 3, 4; Holy Name Treasurer, 4.

Harold Mielak—Upright and Mighty. Class Officer; Glee Club, 1, 2, 3, 4; Athletics, 2, 3, 4; Holy Name, 1, 2, 3, 4; Dramatics, 4; "Down and Up"; Venture Staff, 1, 2, 3, 4; Reporter, 1; Sports Editor, 2, 3, 4.

Camilla Moersen—Charming and Obliging. Glee Club, 1, 2, 4; Athletics, 2, 3, 4; Sodality, 1, 2, 3, 4; Dramatics, 4; "Down and Up"; Choir, 1, 2, 3, 4.

Lucille Tworek—Lovable and Cooperative. Glee Club, 1, 2, 4; Sodality, 1, 2, 3, 4; Third Order, 3, 4; Dramatics, 4; "Down and Up"; Choir, 4.

Marcella Wieser—Helpful and Capable. Glee Club, 1, 2, 3, 4; Athletics, 3, 4; Sodality, 1, 2, 3, 4; Third Order, 3, 4; Biology Club, 2; Dramatics, 3.

Helen Wilczynski—Rythmical and Naughty. Glee Club, 3, 4; Class Vice-President, 1; District 9, 1, 2; Athletics, 4; Sodality, 3, 4; Dramatics, 4; "Down and Up"; Choir, 3, 4.

Third Row

Margaret Noonan—Reliable and Alert. Glee Club, 1, 2, 3, 4; Sodality, 1, 2, 3, 4; Dramatics, 4; "Down and Up"; Venture Staff Typist, 4; Choir, 1, 2, 3, 4.

Marjorie Noonan—Quiet and Trustworthy. Glee Club, 1, 2; Platte Center High, 1, 2; Athletics, 1, 2; Sodality, 3, 4; Third Order, 3, 4; Ballet Dance, 3; Choir, St. Joseph, 1, 2; G. A. A., 1, 2; Latin Club, 1, 2; Pep Club, 1, 2.

Helen Reifenrath—Versatile and Artistic. Class Officer, 4; Glee Club, 1, 2, 4; Athletics, 2, 3, 4; Sodality, 1, 2, 3, 4; Good Literature Committee, 3; Refreshment Committee, 4; Third Order, 3, 4; Dramatics, 4; "Down and Up"; Venture Staff, 2; Choir, 1, 2, 3, 4.

Clarence Smolen—Strong Physique and Happy-go-Lucky. Glee Club, 1, 2, 3, 4; Athletics, 3, 4; Holy Name, 1, 2, 3, 4; Third Order, 3, 4.

Patricia Speicher—Neat and Pious. Glee Club, 1, 2, 3, 4; Sodality, 1, 2, 3, 4; Choir, 1, 2, 3, 4; Biology Club, 3.

Raymond Syslo—Energetic and Brisk. Class Officer, 3; Glee Club, 1, 2, 3, 4; Athletics, 2, 3, 4; Honorary Captain, 4; Student Manager, 3; Holy Name, 1, 2, 3, 4; Third Order, 3, 4; Dramatics, 4; "Down and Up"; Venture Staff Reporter, 1, 2, 3; Business Manager, 4.

Fourth Row

Richard Ternes—Talkative and Noisy. Glee Club, 1, 2, 3, 4; Athletics, 1, 2, 3, 4; Holy Name, 1, 2, 3, 4; Holy Name President, 4; Dramatics, 4; "Down and Up"; Acolyte, 1, 2, 3, 4.

Arnold Thiele—Short and Vivacious. Glee Club, 2, 3; Athletics, 4; Holy Name, 1, 2, 3, 4; Orchestra, 1; Band, 1, 2; Acolyte, 1, 2, 3, 4.

Second Row

Dolores Jarecki—Jovial and Prompt. Glee Club, 1, 2, 4; Athletics, 4; Sodality, 1, 2, 3, 4; Third Order, 3, 4; Dramatics, 4; "Down and Up."

Anita Jaworski—Friendly and industrious. Class President, 1; Class Vice-President, 2; Glee Club, 1, 2, 3, 4; Athletics, 1, 2, 3, 4; Sodality, 1, 2, 3, 4; Literature Committee, 3; Feature Editor, 4; Choir, 1, 2, 3, 4.

Marian Johnson—Cute and Lively. Glee Club, 1, 2, 3, 4; Athletics, 4; Sodality, 1, 2, 3, 4; Dramatics, 4; "Down and Up"; Ballet Dance, 3; Choir, 1, 2, 3, 4.

Frances Kropatch—Naive and Dignified. Glee Club, 2; Sodality, 1, 2, 3, 4; Dramatics, 2; Osceola High, 1, 2.

Joseph McKown—Athletic and Optimistic. Class President, 4; Class Vice-President, 2; Glee Club, 1, 2, 3; Athletics, 1, 2, 3, 4; Basketball Captain, 4; Holy Name, 1, 2, 3, 4; Holy Name Vice-President, 3; Holy Name Treasurer, 2; Third Order, 3, 4.

Kathryn Merz—Studios and Accurate. Glee Club, 1, 2, 3, 4; Athletics, 4; Sodality, 1, 2, 3, 4; Sodality President, 4; Dramatics, 4; "Down and up"; Choir, 1, 2, 3, 4.

There Can Be Only One Answer To This

Who are these eight supermen with brilliant minds? Who are these men with bulgy muscles and strength of steel? Who are these students that go around smoking pipes that hold the contents of one can of tobacco? Who are they that carouse around all night in new cars with a set of new tires and a "C" card? Who are these fellows who give everything the "once over" and their verdict on it without being asked for it? Who are they that go around calling everyone, "Egghead," "Moron" or "Hay-Seed?" Who are these eight that sleep late only on school mornings? Who are these super fellows who show no respect to the freshmen, sophomore, or junior class members?

Editors Note: We regret to announce that before completion of this article the author was shot. In fairness to the readers who are unable to find out who those eight fellows are the Venture will award to anyone submitting the correct answer, one Brooklyn Raspberry through the courtesy of the eight senior boys.

Syslo Leads Irish To Track Triumph

The Shamrock tracksters emerged victorious in a triangular meet with Monroe and Kramer Reserves.

The meet was fairly close; St. Bon's ended up with 56 points, Kramer Reserves 42½, and Monroe 40½.

The Irish won the meet by capturing seven first places. Dick Ternes and Ray Syslo led the Irish to victory. Dick won the 100 and 220 yard dashes and ran in the winning 880 relay team. Dick was later chosen as Honorary Captain of the 1943 track squad.

Ray Syslo carried off top honors in the 100 yard low hurdles, the high jump and 880 yard dash. He also placed fourth discus and ran on the winning 880 relay team.

Sophomore Albert Tucek, St. Bon's only representative at the state meet this year, ran away to an easy victory in the mile.

Boys receiving letters in track were: Dick Ternes, Ray Syslo, Harry Mielak, Clarence Smolen, Ronald Locher, Albert Tucek, Allen Loehr, Frank Tagwerker, Pat McGowan, Duane Deitering, Terry Robb and Kenneth Langan.

Don't Get Around Much Any More" could very well be used by Dick Ternes, for a theme song. He certainly hasn't been, because after a 10-day period of mumps, he came to school one day, only to find the next morning that the other side of his face had swelled up, necessitating another stay in bed.

Sister G.: (In Latin Class) Get out, all of you or I shall kill you. (Don't be alarmed for she was only translating.)

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