

# THE VENTURE

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## SCHOOL BOND DRIVE HITS THE \$40,000.00 MARK



LEADERS IN BOND SALE

First row, left to right: C. Pfeifer, I. Boroviak, L. Dietz, D. Smagacz.  
Second row: J. Jiranek, B. Snedeker, B. Ebner, B. Morgan, J. McNair, C. Houser.

Courtesy of Daniel Studio

### L. Dietz Wins Title "Miss Deanna Durbin"

Lillian Dietz, St. Bonaventure senior, was named "Miss Deanna Durbin" at a bond premiere staged in the Columbus Theater on September 28. Other candidates contending for the honor were three Kramer students, Barbara Hockenberger, Joan Browitt, and Sylvia Stevens.

#### Goal Reached

The friendly rivalry between the two high schools ended September 28 at noon, when the deadline was marked for casting votes.

Proceeds from the sale of bonds was \$91,875. The final standings of the four girls were not revealed, but figures of students show that St. Bon's school alone raised over \$40,000.

The contest sponsored by the American Legion Auxiliary with the cooperation of the Columbus Theater was the means by which the Columbus youth did their part in the Third War Loan.

#### Award Presented

Lillian Dietz was presented a \$25 war bond as winner's prize, and a lovely corsage. The other contestants received \$2 war stamp corsages.

Father John Joseph supported this patriotic movement wholeheartedly. To encourage the sale of bonds, he promised the students a free day and dance.

The students supported their candidate and put great efforts into the task of selling war bonds. They were spurred on by a spirit of patriotism, loyalty to school, and a friendly rivalry between the two schools and between classes.

#### Seniors Lead

Leading all classes in the sale of bonds were the seniors who were able to gain the lead by the help of three successful bond sellers, Bill Ebner, Charmagne Pfeifer, and Lillian Dietz. Following the seniors were the sophomores. The juniors and freshmen were next in line. All cooperated in a united effort. Their victory proved that in unity there is strength.

### Senior Class Tops Enrollment

The senior class of '44 has captured from the class of '42 the proud title of "Largest Class in the History of St. Bonaventure High School."

The class of '42 was represented by thirty-six students, while the present senior class boasts of forty members.

For the past three years the present seniors have enjoyed the distinction of having the largest class enrolled in the high school.

Although the present enrollment has decreased from 144 last year to 140 this year, it must be considered that some boys have been called to the armed forces, while others found it necessary to remain on the farm in order to aid Uncle Sam's project.

Enrollment by classes is: seniors, 40; juniors, 31; sophomores, 33; and freshmen, 36.

### D. Thiele Scores Highest

Who—Students of St. Bon's High.

What—Took diagnostic tests in English.

When—September 16, 1943.

Where—In their respective classrooms.

Why—To enable the instructors to know just which points require the most drilling.

Highest Scores—Senior, Dorothy Thiele, 84; junior, Virginia Kerr, 79; sophomore, Geraldine Savage, 82.

### Regina Ebner Serves Third Term

Regina Ebner was elected president of "Our Ladies Sodality," Thursday, September 30, at the Sodality's first meeting. With the completion of this year she will have served three years as a sodality officer. The other elected officers are: Winifred Moersen, vice-president; Rita Frischholz, treasurer; Gloria Korgie, secretary. The leaders of the other committees are Sylvia Boruch, Virginia Kerr, Charmagne Pfeifer, Doris Jaax and Germaine Schumacher.

Inspiring orations were given by Sylvia Boruch, Charmagne Pfeifer, Verna Mielak, June Stoll, and Doris Jaax. An informal discussion on future activities followed. It was moved and carried that Scapulars be stitched, Penny Pam Circles be formed, and Sodality Pins be considered.

The evening was spent playing bunco. Prizes were awarded to Catherine Hauser, Joan Zapla, Eleanor Lakers, Marguerite Zimmerer, and Sylvia Boruch.

### Pastor Makes Big Improvements

Father John Joseph has always taken an active interest in the advancement and improvement of St. Bonaventure High School. Every year, since 1939 when he was first welcomed to this parish, he has made a marked improvement in the high school.

In 1941 with the help of St. Ann's Society, Father John Joseph gave to the school the two laboratories, where the students now learn the facts about biology, physics and chemistry.

Last year the floors of the halls on the first floor were covered with inlaid linoleum, and many improvements were made in the library.

This year the hall-way walls on the third floor were completely rebuilt with wall-board.

Both the faculty and the students express their thanks to Father John Joseph for the excellent improvements made in the high school.

### New Principal Takes Charge

Sister M. Florisenda, former principal at Olpe, Kansas has taken over the principalship of St. Bonaventure High School. She replaces Sister M. Theresa, who has been transferred to Olpe, Kansas, where she will assume her new duties as principal of St. Joseph High School.

Sister M. Theresa will long be remembered by both the faculty and the students for the six years of faithful service which she rendered to the school and the community.

Under her capable management many improvements were made. The most outstanding are: In 1937 "The Venture," which has added much to the life and spirit of the school, made its first appearance. In 1941 St. Bonaventure was admitted to membership in the North Central Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools.

Sister M. Florisenda will maintain the high standards which have been established in the school, and under her guidance additional goals will be reached.

### MARJORIE GLUR ENTERTAINS

The first school dance of the season was held Friday October 1, in the gym. A whirling good time was enjoyed by all. In addition to the games that were played, there was one special attraction added. Marjorie Glur (Kate Smith) entertained the group by a few solos.

Father Arno took the responsibility of taking care of the nickel-odeon. His kindness was greatly appreciated. The dance was chaperoned by Mr. and Mrs. Phillip Krzycki.

### SYMPATHY

The Venture extends deepest sympathy to Marcella and Loretta Mae Herink on the death of their grandmother.



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## Join the October Rosary Crusade

This October will see 30,000,000 American Roman Catholics join in the mid-war Rosary Crusade.

In normal times the rosary gets plenty of hard use, but in times such as these many a rosary is worked overtime. Strange as it may seem, there is an acute rosary shortage. The shortage is emphasized by the lack of new rosaries and the impossibility of securing a metal chain to repair old rosaries.

The October Rosary Crusade seems to have its origin from reports brought from battle zones by khaki-clad chaplains of various faiths. One priest on returning from North African duty reported:

"The boys are doing two things over there—cursing and praying—and I'd be hard put to say which they do most. Certain it is I've never heard so much prayer. I've found men, caught in fox-holes with nothing but their breeches and a gun, saying their beads."

Is it not possible that October, the month of Our Lady's Rosary, may shorten the war with its great chorus of prayer—the prayer of peace?

R. F.

## The "Why" of a Catholic Education

Frank J. Sheed in his book "A Map of Life" pointedly advocates that two questions be asked of any religious or social teacher who offers some system of life for the acceptance of men. The first is: What, according to you, is the purpose of man's life? The second is: How do you know? Mr. Sheed urges, "When he answers the second, be very insistent."

All education has but one purpose, namely, to perfect man's intellect and will that he may grasp the true purpose of life and to equip him with the means whereby he may fulfill that purpose. This is the only valid reason for any education, whether it be in the field of arts or in the field of the sciences.

By using Mr. Sheed's rule of measure, one can determine what education will answer the two proposed queries. And it will not take any deep investigation or long study to arrive at a correct solution, for there can only be one answer—a Catholic Education.

Any other education besides a Catholic Education fails to impress upon man the true purpose of life. It is true that it will enable him to attain financial, social and mere material prestige, for after all this is the only purpose why the non-Catholic system of education is advocated. But any sane thinking person can clearly see that the real purpose is entirely omitted. The salvation of man's immortal soul, the real purpose of life, becomes the algebraic x, the unknown and uncared about quantity. Upon investigating the authority for such an education, we find that it is the product of a few individuals whose minds are warped by purely material, erroneous and sometimes anti-religious thinking. You ask proof for these statements? Our modern-day Public High Schools, Colleges and Universities supply it in abundance.

A Catholic education does offer a purpose of life. The salvation of our immortal souls is the one and only purpose why we are in this world. And all that we do should be centered in this purpose. Every branch of learning, whether it be chemistry, biology, English, mechanical drawing or even animal husbandry should reveal to us the good and gracious workings of an All-Good and All-Provident God. This revelation should instill in man the faith, hope and confidence to work out his life that one day he may gain possession of the very same God in the life to come. A Catholic education is built upon the immutable and eternal laws of God. And it is this divine coloring in education that makes life worth living for.

In the science of logic, one of the most important rules is that a conclusion is as strong as its weakest premise. In the matter at hand, the premise is: Catholic education gives man the real purpose of life, namely to save his soul. We know this from God Himself. Therefore, our conclusion can only be that a Catholic Education is the only education that equips a man to carry out this purpose successfully.

Fr. Arno Hartman, O.F.M.

"Employ thy time well if thou meanest to gain leisure; and since thou art not sure of a moment, throw not away an hour."

—B. Franklin.

## True Americans Show Reverence

I waved a cheery good morning to all my classmates and kept my place at the front of the room. I have been a leader for many years, so you see I am quite busy. Then too, this is war time; therefore I am busier than ever visiting new places and taking over new duties.

My classmates said their prayers, turned and greeted me. I could not thank them, for I cannot speak, so I simply waved and bowed again. Perhaps you think I am very stupid because I cannot talk, but true Americans do not think so. You see, I am the American flag. I am every scholar's loyal friend.

## Seniors Get Lost

I could begin this column by telling you that the first day of school went smoothly, but as this isn't the truth I will begin to tell you why.

In the freshmen, sophomore, and junior classes everything was running as scheduled, but no one could understand what happened to the seniors. They weren't in their home room and hadn't reported to their classes.

After careful investigation some were found in the library and others in the labs. The students after being questioned confessed shyly, "I didn't know where to go, so I just went to the nearest room, sat down and started to study."

It could happen to the freshmen but the seniors! Tsh! Tsh!



## ALUMNI

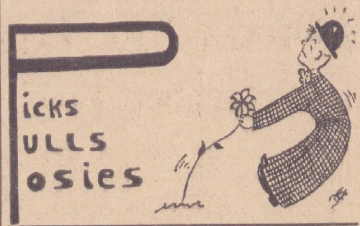
### AID

## UNCLE SAM

There's many a lad from our old school,  
Who's lending a helping hand,  
Who's giving his heart, and mind,  
and soul,  
To the aid of Uncle Sam.

Be it north, or south, or east, or west,  
You'll find a boy you know,  
And just to prove this statement true,  
You'll find their names below.

Pfc. Carroll Boyle, North Camp Polk, La.; T. Cpl. Louis Briggs, Camp Crowder, Mo.; Pfc. Bernard Caffrey, Camp Polk, La.; Jerome Coupens S 1/c, San Francisco, Calif.; Sgt. Bernard Fletcher, Pyote, Texas; Pvt. James Gerhold, Camp Roberts, Calif.; Pfc. Bill Jaworski, New Guinea; Pfc. Harold Mielak, Sioux Falls, South Dakota; Paul Murphy, F 3/c, Pleasanton, Calif.; Pfc. Myron Novicki, Fort Meyers, Ky.; Cpl. Dennis Placek, overseas; Laverne Pokorski, Hospital Apprentice 1/c, Philadelphia, Pa.; Pvt. Richard Reifenrath, North Camp Polk, La.; Pvt. Gerald Savage, Mount Vernon, Ia.; Pvt. Adrian Smollen, Drew Field, Tampa, Fla.; Pfc. Leo Syslo, Fort George Wright, Washington; Pfc. John Tagwerker, overseas; Tony Zabawa, S 1/c, Jacksonville, Fla.



## Campus Cut-Ups

O. K. Junior boys, you're in the clear. No one saw that black '36 Chevrolet cruising around the night of the bazaar.

While other farmers husk rows of corn, Charmagne Pfeifer shucks up and down the aisles of a cornfield.

Virginia, where's that flashy ticker you were waving around a few weeks ago?

Say, Gaffney, make up your mind, two on the string are enough.

"Green Freshies," are you kidding? Some of the senior boys don't think so.

### WHAT WOULD HAPPEN IF

Bill Gaffney wouldn't use wave-set every night?

The freshmen could get even with the seniors?

Borrowers weren't so mysterious about Joe M's compass?

George Kniefel had Allen Lohr's "gift of gab"?

Jay Carrig didn't bring Lorraine B. to school at noon?

Bill Ebner took Theona Kozak seriously?

Allen Lohr waltzed?

Jack Ross was not a good mathematician?

Joe Mimick would know his biology just once?

### A SENIOR SPEAKS

And now, we are seniors. We have fought a good fight for three long years and have emerged triumphant seniors of St. Bonaventure High School. We feel that we have a right to this triumph and so shall you feel, undergraduates, when you have attained our goal. Still, under all this pretentious glory, lurks a tinge of sadness. Sadness, that we must soon leave St. Bonaventure High never to return as carefree students.

We shall regret leaving St. Bonaventure, but we shall leave with the knowledge that we, the class of '44, shall not be forgotten. We shall go into the world well-prepared to follow diverse paths, but always our thoughts will stray back to the days at good old St. Bon's.

### THANKS!

The new Venture staff wish to congratulate the 1942-1943 staff for the splendid way they carried on the publication of the Venture during the past year.

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

THE EDITOR.



# Shamrocks Take Victory In Opener; Defeat Fighting Leigh Team, 30-8

## Fischer, Game Captain, Scores First Touchdown

St. Bonaventure Shamrocks opened the 1943 season with a 30-8 victory over Leigh.

Joe Fischer, game captain, took the opening kickoff, and behind good interference, ran 77 yards for the first Irish score. Before the quarter ended, Fischer had scored again. In the second quarter, Don Hittner caught a pass and scored making the half-time count, Irish 18, Leigh 0.

In the third quarter the Irish slowed down and Leigh made its first and only score. In the fourth quarter the Irish scored again with Allen Lohr eating up the yardage and finally going over the goal.

Second team took over and made the last score as Dave Speicher crossed the goal from the one yard line.

Kenneth Langan was outstanding as was Johnnie Korgie in his all-round play.



Courtesy of Daniel Studio  
Father Arno Hartman, O.F.M.

### FOOTBALL SCHEDULE

- Oct. 10—Marietta (here).
- Oct. 15—Shelby (here).
- Oct. 22—At Platte Center.
- Oct. 29—Leigh (here).
- Nov. 5—At Gresham.
- Nov. 11—Platte Center (here).

### CHEER LEADERS WIN BY LARGE MARGIN

Jack Ross, Lillian Dietz and Betty Ewert defeated their opponents June Stoll, Doris Vanek, Charmagne Pfeifer and Sylvia Boruch by a margin of eighty votes.

Due to the absence of Father Arno, Ronald Locher, the senior class president, conducted the assembly.

Coach Ernst outlined the football schedule and introduced the squad.

A rousing cheer for Coach Ernst and the team concluded the assembly activities.

### SHAMROCKS BECOME JUNIOR COMMANDOS

There wasn't much order about it all, but they called it "army style." By "it" I mean our football players, clad in their gauky, green helmets with white shamrocks decorating them, parading around on the school campus and shouting "Invasion! Invasion!"

No, they weren't just playing soldier; they were in earnest about the invasion. But the only battles they intend to fight are with their grid opponents.

Sr. F. (looking questioningly at Jack C.): "Are you new here?" (meaning "Do you always sit here?")

Jack C. (thinking Sr. mistook him for a new pupil): "No, Sister, I've been here all my life."

Doc (Pat McGowan) was putting merthiolate on the boys' scratches after the game. When he came to Allen, Charlie W. said, "Look at him grit his eyes!"

Doc has a lot of fun watching the "Boys" jump when he daubs them up with merthiolate.

# Grid Prospects Look Bright

The rah-rah of the cheer leaders, and the signal for the quarterback sneak are here again. Yes, football is officially here.

St. Bon is looking forward to its best season since the sport was introduced three years ago. Last year's backfield is here again and is more experienced; therefore the Shamrocks will have plenty of offensive power.

Coach "Dutch" Ernst, who is beginning his eighth year here, has named Langan, Korgie, Hittner, Fischer, Tagwerker, and Lohr for the first team.

Injuries marred last year's record, otherwise the Irish might have won eight out of nine games. A heavier lineup will be presented this year, as most of the squad have put on weight. The team averages around 150 pounds. Considering more weight and more experience, the Irish should have a good season.

## New Director Takes Charge

Father Arno, new athletic director at St. Bon, is no "rookie" in the field of sports. For a number of years, he coached basketball and baseball at St. Joseph School, Ill. Last year he was athletic director at St. Joseph, Omaha.

The Shamrock squad met Father Arno about a year ago, when he brought his grid squad here and they handed defeat to the Irish.

Father said, "If the boys keep training and the students back them up, St. Bon will have a successful year." If the cheer leaders have as much influence over the student body as they did on the day they were elected, there will be plenty of school spirit this year.

Father Arno attended most of St. Bon's track meets last year.

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**ST. BON WELCOMES NEW STUDENTS**

"Who's that girl over there?"  
 "That one??? Oh, that's a new student."  
 "Well, who's that boy in the front desk?"  
 "He's a new student, too."

No doubt you have seen new faces in the halls and study rooms that make you curious. St. Bon welcomed twenty-one new students to its ranks. We will introduce them to you.

The seniors enjoy the presence of Delores Schmit from Bellwood High School and Gloria Blaser from Duncan.

The junior class welcomes Marguerite Zimmerer, Lindsay and Bernard Lisko, Osceola.

The sophomores hail Greg Diederich, Kramer High; Deloris Zapla, Kramer High; Genevieve Feik, Cedar Rapids; and Janet Jarecki, Duncan High.

The greatest number of new students is among the freshmen. They are: Josephine Teterus, St. Michael's School, Tarnov; Lucille Syslo, Richland; Margaret Iwan, Osceola; Lester Nosal, St. Anthony; Bernadette Feik, Cedar Rapids; Rosemary Wass, St. Anthony; Bernadette Feig, Cedar Rapids; Theona Kozak, District 34; Helen Podraza, District 55; Joan Mahoney, District 8, Richland; Bernice Schmit, District 36; Vernon Pelter, Richland; and Helen Marie Ryba, Duncan.

**Alumni Follow Diverse Paths**

Anyone interested in diamonds? Phyllis Boyle will gladly sell them to you, for she works at Froemel's Jewelry Store.

Walter Caffrey just couldn't leave St. Bon's. He's taking a post-graduate course.

Frances Craig is caller for the Union Pacific in Omaha.

Ruth Ewert's experience acquired by working on "The Venture" is coming in handy. She is proofreader for the Columbus Telegram.

James Gerhold and Harold Mielak are in the armed forces. Jim is stationed at Camp Roberts, Calif., and Harry is in Sioux Falls, South Dakota.

Raymond Hauser and Dick Terres are both waiting for good news. Bud is waiting for his call into the Navy Air Corps and Dick into the Army Air Corps.

Anita Jaworski is attending Duschene college in Omaha.

Kathryn Merz is a secretary at the Gamble warehouse in Fremont.

Camilla Moersen and Raymond Syslo are employed at Reece's Wooden Shoe Factory.

Joe McKown is a busy man counting all those points. He's working at the Safeway Store.

Marjorie Noonan is a typist at the Nebraska Tuberculosis Association in Omaha.

Margaret Noonan clerks for Woolworth's 5 and 10c Store.

Helen Reifenrath and Lucille Tworek are employed at the Nebraska Continental Telephone Company at the auditing department and the switchboard respectively.

Helen Wilcynski is a clerk at Scott's 5 and 10c Store.

Those who preferred to stay at home or who have part time jobs are: Orma Euteneuer, Marion Johnson, Marcella Weiser, Dolores Jarecki, Frances Kropatch, Raymond Gattermeyer, Clarence Smollen, and Arnold Thiele.

**Freshies Suffer Two Days Initiation**

Two days of initiation. Ooooo! That's terrible! This statement might have been heard coming from the ninth grade room September 15.

Events started happening early both mornings and continued until late. During the course of these days the girls were forbidden to wear ribbons or hair pins by order of the supreme rulers, the seniors. Furthermore any girl seen with cosmetics on was to be prosecuted to the highest degree. Eleanor Lakers, however, disregarded the command of the seniors and was seen with a hair pin in her tresses. For this grave offense she was later made to suffer. (Did I say she suffered?) H-m, I wonder!

The freshie boys turned out to be a very patriotic group. They helped to conserve the gas supply of the senior boys by pushing their cars around the town. Don't think they went unrewarded. No indeed! Each boy was generously awarded one belt strapping through the courtesy of the senior boys.

Finally came the High Court on Friday night, conducted by His Honor Ronald J. Locher and his assistants Jack Ross and Donald Hittner. Willis Kolbush was found guilty of impersonating a movie actor, Alan Ladd. Imagine! Willis had to go fishing. Up to this time he still hasn't had a bite. (He's waiting for a senior).

Ceremonies were conducted by Chairman Marylin Messing and her assistants Doris Jaax, Joe Fischer and John Korgie.

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In a lonely little tent on a dreary country side stood a Yankee soldier gazing dazedly into the distance.

Outside he heard the rat-a-tat-tat of the machine guns, the thud of falling shrapnel, and the explosion of destructive bombs.

That was outside, but inside, inside of him were thoughts of home, of mom and pop and of his girl friend, Mary. Oh, if he could only be there now, for this was Christmas eve.

Just then a soldier entered and in his arms was that box from home.

Johnny turned. His eyes glistened. A smile crept to his sober face. They had not forgotten. They, too, were wishing he could be home with them to share their Christmas joys.

Are you going to make some serviceman happy? If so, you had better hurry. Send your Christmas gift before October 15. Remember!

Helen Ann Podraza—"It will be fun later on."

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## Holy Name Society Admits 13 Members

Thirteen members were received into the Holy Name Society during services held in St. Bonaventure Church on October 8. After a brief address in which Father Arno urged the boys to remain faithful to the promises made when entering the society, the new members pronounced their Holy Name pledge.

Those received were: J. Dineen, J. Dunn, G. Diederich, J. Gaffney, D. Greenly, A. Johnson, J. Johnson, W. Kolbush, E. Kneifel, L. Nosal, V. Pelter, J. Schroeder, and B. Speicher.

Immediately following the services the regular Holy Name meeting was held in the gymnasium. The main feature of the evening was the election of officers for the ensuing year. Bob Gutzmer was elected president. During the past three years, Bob has been an active member of the society and during his entire high school career he has given an edifying example to all by his perfect daily Mass attendance. Other elected officers are: Jack Ross, treasurer; Albert Tucek, vice-president; and Pat McGowan, secretary.

## Sophs Clear \$15.20 In Fifteen Minutes

In fifteen minutes the sophomores cleared \$15.20 at the candy sale held on October 15. After serving the first five grades, they closed shop and hung up the "Sold Out" sign.

Marie Reifenrath was the chairman of the winning table. Her assistants were: Leland Koch, Duane Deitering, Arthur Nosal, Junella Ramaekers, Patricia Kerr, Gloria Fischer, and Genevieve Feik.

In spite of sugar rationing the candy sale was a grand success, and it appeared from the enthusiasm displayed by the crowd that students really feel the effects of sugar rationing.

## Honor Students

**SENIORS**—Sylvia Boruch, Gloria Blaser, Regina Ebner, William Ebner, Rita Frischholz, Marilyn Gahan, Mary Ann Iwan, Doris Jaax, Germaine Jarecki, Verna Mae Mielak, Charmagne Pfeifer, Dorothy Thiele, Agnes Wieser.

**JUNIORS**—Ruth Johnson, Virginia Kerr, Jean McNair, Germaine Schumacher, Dolores Smagacz, Marguerite Zimmerer, Winifred Moersen.

**SOPHOMORES**—Gloria Korgie, Geraldine Savage, Dorothy Wozny.

**FRESHMEN**—Catherine Hauser, Eleanor Lakers, Lester Nosal.

## Sodality Leaders of 1943



—Courtesy of Daniel Studio  
First row, left to right: R. Ebner, G. Korgie, V. Kerr, W. Moersen, G. Schumacher.

Second row: D. Jaax, S. Boruch, C. Pfeifer, R. Frischholz.

## Juniors Win Exciting Biology Contest

A close and exciting biology contest took place between the junior and sophomore classes on October 15.

The contest started when Jimmy Johnson, sophomore, took the chairman's seat and began asking questions. The juniors were unable to earn many points since Jim had the knack of asking the most insignificant questions, yet demanding the most exact answers. Finally Joan Pokorski, junior chairman, gave the sophomores their chance to score. They, too, were rather hard put.

When the contest was over the score read: juniors, 26; sophomores, 23.

## Seniors Sponsor Book Week Program

"Books Are Weapons" was the theme of the Catholic Book Week program which was enjoyed on Nov. 7 by the Seniors.

Ideas which were brought out very forcibly in the talks delivered by Betty Ewert, and Lillian Dietz were: Catholic Action is promoted by furthering the cause of good books; To be a Catholic leader one must first be a reader of Catholic literature.

Other facts contributed were that books can be a stabilizing influence in the world of today. Stories of heroism and beauty can help to counter-balance the horrors of war, and inspire others with a sense of faith, courage, and fair play, so essential for the better world toward which all should strive.

A dash of humor was added by Bill Ebner in "Ode to Selective Service," and by Doris Jaax in a humorous selection entitled "You Know What!"

## Students Observe Educational Week

These are just a few of the hows, whys, and wherefores that the members of the sociology class assembled before beginning a unit on Education. What is the place of the home and school in providing an education? Why should the state supplement private provision for education? Why do Catholics provide their own schools? How much education do we have a right to?

These questions were discussed during National Education Week November 7-13.

To summarize their study, panel talks were given on Thursday, November 11. The reports were: "The True Meaning of Education," Sylvester Czuba; "Education for Victory," Vernon Pelter; "Changes in Education During War Time," Fernadine Pokorski; "Educational Facilities in the United States," Jerome Dunn; "The Most Important Function of Education," Genevieve Feik; "Organization of Public Schools in the United States," June Stoll; "Horace Mann," Gail

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## Jury Pronounces Verdict 'Guilty'

The Citizenship class held several mock trials on October 27. The Shemek-Nosal Murder Case was the most serious.

Barbara Shemek was accused of the murder of Lester Nosal's squirrel "Blackie." The evidence was the presence of poisoned nuts found by several members of the class. Eugene Nickolite, druggist, sold the arsenic to her. The bottle of poison was found in her possession by Aloysius Johnson. After the jury found her to be guilty, Judge Vernon Pelter pronounced the sentence which was to dust all freshmen desks for one week. Jerome Dunn was her attorney.

## Sodality Promises Year of Activity

### Youth Promote Catholic Action

Activities started with a flourish. With Regina Ebner, president of the society, and with seven dynamic characters heading the various committees, the 1943 calendar promises a full year of Catholic Action for our Lady's Sodality.

### Breakfast Served

On Nov. 5, C. Pfeifer, chairman of the Eucharistic committee, and her assistants, M. A. Iwan, E. Kopetzky, J. Ramaekers, M. Melliger, M. Reifenrath, G. Fischer, G. Korgie, E. Smollen, and M. L. Sanders, served breakfast to approximately 150 grade and high school students.

The purpose of this enterprise is not to raise funds for the treasury, but to further devotion to the Blessed Sacrament by making it possible for the students to have a warm breakfast after receiving Holy Communion.

### Literature Provided

V. Kerr, chairman, and the members of the Good Literature committee, J. McNair, D. Thiele, L. Kush, G. Jarecki, R. Johnson, P. Kerr and B. Coupens have answered the call to Catholic Action by supporting the Catholic Press and by placing at the disposal of the students Catholic books, magazines and pamphlets.

### Circles Aid Servicemen

Penny Pam Circles have been organized to provide means to purchase pamphlets which will be sent to Catholic chaplains who will distribute them to servicemen.

The girls also have sewing circles. After meetings they stitch scapulars for the boys in service.

## Venture Dedicates Service Column

Beginning with this issue the "Venture" will carry a Service Column dedicated to the boys and girls of St. Bonaventure who are now serving Uncle Sam in the armed forces.

This column will contain notes from those in the service, and will announce promotions, furloughs, and transfers.

The editor invites the servicemen and ladies to write to the "Venture" about their interesting experiences and camp life. Letters will be published in whole or in part.

The faculty and students will feel both proud and happy to hear from those who only yesterday were "kids" playing pranks on one another, but who today are men and women fighting for the establishment of world peace.

A copy of the "Venture" will be sent to those boys and girls with best wishes from the alma mater.



# THE VENTURE

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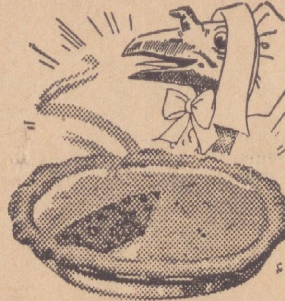
Dear Boys and Girls,  
Congratulations! I have just finished reading the report of the splendid part you played in the Columbus War Loan Drive. What a fine spirit of patriotism, loyalty to school and co-operation among students, teachers, and your esteemed principal, Father John Joseph, was displayed by your work in this contest. We here in Denver are proud of you and are very happy about your success, and with this note send our very best wishes. If you will continue to display this spirit of determination and energy, you will accomplish great things, not only in school contests but in the affairs of life as well.

We always look forward to receiving "The Venture"; it is one of the best school papers we know, always interesting, excellently edited, dignified yet friendly in tone. Congratulations, too, on the large senior class this year—we remember when the senior class was only half that size.

May God bless you and Our Lady guide and protect you!

Sincerely,  
MOTHER M. BASILIA  
SISTER M. LINA

## The Rebuttle



The pumpkin to the turkey said,  
As a smile shone on his face,  
"T'won't be long and you'll be dead,  
"You know that 'Human Race'."

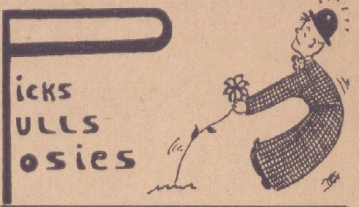
The turkey thought with deep concern,  
And growled, "Oh yeh, wise guy!  
Just be careful what you say,  
'Cause you'll be pumpkin pie."  
—Theresa Tworek.

## Explosion In Lab Alarms Students

"Is everything ready?"  
"Don't let it burn your hands."  
"Alright here it comes. Now be careful. Quick, get the test tube over it. Now, light the splinter and stand back. See how nice it burns; see the—Poof!! Bang! Pop!!"  
"Is everything alright?"  
"An explosion?" "Yes."  
"Very bad?" "No."  
"Anyone hurt?" "No."  
"Well what happened?"  
"Oh, nothing. The chemistry class was just testing the reaction of sodium in water, and then they were burning the hydrogen that escaped."  
"Why all the noise?"  
"Oh, we blew up two test tubes, filled the lab with smoke, and set everyone to coughing for awhile."

## THANKS

The "world series fans" wish to thank Sister Florisenda for permitting them to listen during study periods to the game broadcasts over the radio in the library.



Attention! O.P.A. Joseph Fischer is in possession of three shot gun shells and Francis Luis is said to be hoarding gun-powder.

Sister V.: "Sylvester, move into the front bench."

Sylvester: (After five weeks) "Oh, Sister, I'm just getting acquainted."

When the prodigal son repented, what did he do?

Marjorie: "He packed up and went back to papa."

"What did the Magi bring to Christ?"

"Gold, Myrr and Frankenstein."

I wonder why business math students laughed when Sr. C. said to Marjorie G. "Put 875 over 1,000 and REDUCE."

Charles W. thinks seven days of Business Math makes one "WEAK."

Wise philosopher Hittner says, "If poison won't kill, try book-keeping."

Sr. C. "Then the Pope investigates the person's life and—"

Student—"Does he put the F. B. I. on his trail?"

Doris Jaax is all-a-twitter since the Marietta lunch and dance.

Larry Conneally is giving some certain senior girls the "Catch me if you can glance."

It can't be spring fever that has June Stoll in the clouds, so it must be Gresham.

Hey Juniors! Let's have that school dance!!

## What's In a Name

Joe could have been "Hunter" instead of Fischer.  
June could have been "Lost" instead of Stoll.  
Jack could have been "Betsy" instead of Ross.  
Marilyn could have been "Dressing" instead of Messing.  
Francis could have been "Clark" instead of Luis.  
Geraldine could have been "Dennis" instead of Morgan.  
Clarice could have been "Yeoman 3rd Class" instead of Dohmen.  
Marvin could have been "Blister" instead of Boyle.  
Virginia could have been "Mason" instead of Kerr.  
Doris could have been "Jill" instead of Jaax.  
Bernard could have been "Crisco" instead of Lisco.  
Eleanor could have been "Rivers" instead of Lakers.  
Terry could have been "Thief" instead of Robb.  
Marilyn could have been "Collar" instead of Dickey.  
Geraldine could have been "Cannibal" instead of Savage.  
Billy could have been "Lil Abner" instead of Ebner.  
Charlie could have been "Worthless" instead of Woerth.  
Albert could have been "Too Sick" instead of Tucek.

## Thank God Today, Tomorrow, and Every Day

You may ask, "What have I to be thankful for? The world's at war. Sugar is rationed. I can't have this and that pair of shoes. I can't drive my 'Blitz Buggy.' My brothers and loved ones are over there fighting."

But listen, friend, there is so much more to be thankful for than to complain of—you are a Catholic and have been educated as such. You have good parents, a nice comfortable home, and plenty of nourishing food. You are an American, the best thing in the world.

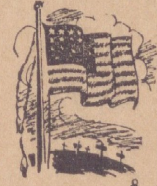
Furthermore you need not look beyond your own personal self to find sufficient for which to be thankful for the remainder of your life. You have a perfect body, the use of all five senses, and a perfect mind. All these God-given gifts you take for granted. You are as ungrateful as the nine lepers who were cured by Our Lord from their malady and forgot to say "Thank You."

Practically every state has its insane asylum, feeble minded homes, and charity hospitals. Why? Because there are others who are less fortunate than you are; others whom God has not blessed with perfect bodies and good health.

Don't you honestly think that you should get down on your knees today, tomorrow, and every day to thank God with your whole heart, for all the personal gifts he has given you? T. T.

## A Dead Soldier Can Be the Best Soldier

Our soldiers, sailors, pilots, and marines may give their lives for their country, but their souls live on. They have died only to be reborn. This rebirth is entering into the world beyond and they need our help to succeed.



Our spiritual supplies can reach Purgatory more surely, more safely, and more satisfactorily than we can ever hope our material supplies to reach Stalingrad. Angels, not airplanes, convoy our spiritual stuffs. Those soldier souls in Purgatory are suffering cells in our own Mystical Body.

When we injure our arms or muscles we doctor them. We have wounded limbs in Purgatory to heal. They are doubly our arms and our muscles. They were struck down defending us!

If we ask God to release our soldier boys from their sufferings in Purgatory, they in turn will help us not only to gain a just victory and a lasting peace, but also in our spiritual conflicts. A prayer, a plea from Purgatory to the Maker in our behalf carries more dynamite than a squadron of fortresses with loaded trucks.

We must pass plenty of dry powder to the boys at the front. But we must also pass plenty of spiritual powder to the boys in Purgatory. Make it a habit to pray daily for the repose of their souls and beg them to obtain for us a lasting and just peace.

After all a dead soldier can be the best soldier. M. Z.

## Profit by Diligent Study

Because our country is at present plunged into total war, many high school students, especially boys nearing draft age, are apt to neglect their studies. They argue that many of these studies will aid them little if they enter the armed forces. Another reason is that many of the high-salaried jobs of today are of the "strong back and weak mind" variety. High school girls may also, to a lesser extent, share in this casual attitude toward various studies—an attitude which is entirely wrong.

There is nothing of greater value than a wide and well-balanced education. Those entering the service will find that, if they have studied and tried to learn during high school, they will be rewarded by higher rankings and more rapid advancement than those who have neglected their studies during school life. It is the same way in the many jobs now available in war industries. An education which is thorough and enables one to adapt himself to a job will be quickly recognized and rewarded.

Besides, it will be of inestimable value during the post-war era. Our country will have need of clear and alert thinking to solve the thousand and one problems which will arise after the war—problems which must be taken care of by those who have high school and college training.

Students should therefore regard high marks in all studies as a proof that they are serving their country by taking advantage of the educational opportunities now offered them. It is a duty which must not be shirked.  
Ray Gattermeyer.



# Irish Hand Explorers First Defeat Of Season Before Large Crowd

## Shamrocks Score In Every Period

St. Bonaventure's undefeated Shamrocks handed Platte Center its first defeat of the season by a 34 to 24 score.

The Shamrocks scored in every period and lead throughout the fracas.

Game was a see-saw affair from the second quarter on and was a typical football contest. It was full of hard blocking, tackling and running. Long runs, fumbles and good pass plays were frequent.

Tagwerker kicked the extra points. In the second quarter the Irish scored again on a run by Tagwerker. Dawson scored for the Explorers just before the first half ended.

Irish scored first in the second half on a pass to Langan, but P. C. made two touchdowns in succession to bring the count to 22-18 in St. Bons favor. Tagwerker took the next kickoff and ran back 70 yards to give the Irish a 28-18 third quarter lead. In the fourth quarter Dawson scored on a pass but Tagwerker scored on a run, so when the final whistle blew, the Irish were leading 34-24.

Johnny Korgie and Lanan were the defensive standouts for St. Bonaventure. Tagwerker was the top ball lugger.

## MARIETTA ENTERTAINED BY ST. BON'S STUDENTS

St. Bonaventure High School students entertained the Marietta football team and visitors at a luncheon held in the gym following the Marietta—St. Bonaventure football game on October 10.

Father John Joseph, Father Cooper and Coach Ernst spoke on sportsmanship.

After the luncheon the remainder of the evening was spent dancing to the music provided by the nickelodeon.

## Pigskin Tales

The 34-24 victory of St. Bons over Platte Center was the first time the Shamrocks defeated the Explorers since football relations began three years ago. This victory brought St. Bons state ranking to eighth place. A victory over Leigh a week later boosted the Irish ranking to sixth place.

Catholic teams form one half of the leading teams in the state: St. Joseph's, Omaha; St. Patrick's, North Platte; Lincoln Cathedral, Lincoln; Dwight Assumption, Dwight; and St. Bonaventure, Columbus are the five Catholic teams in the state ranking.

The new football jackets have arrived and are really swell. They are of duct material and are khaki color. They have a hood attached to them. They were first worn at the Platte Center game.

Some St. Bon boys must be thinking of the Platte Center girls. I wonder what the P. C. girls will think of the Heinie haircuts!!

# Shamrocks Take Third Straight Win

The Shamrocks won their third straight victory on October 10, by defeating Marietta by a score of 38 to 20.

The first quarter went scoreless, but in the second quarter Langan raced 40 yards for the first Irish touchdown. Shortly after the next kickoff Tagwerker intercepted a pass and scored giving the Irish a halftime lead of 12-0.

Marietta started strong in the second half and went to the Irish one yard line before being stopped. However, on the first play Tagwerker ran 79 yards for his second touchdown.

After the next kickoff Kosch scored for Marietta on a 40 yard pass, but the Irish scored right after on a pass to Langan.

In the last period Schmidt scored for Marietta, but Tagwerker did the same for St. Bon. A bit later Lohr ran through the whole Marietta team and then the Irish led 38-20.

# Shamrocks Keep Record Clean

The Irish rolled back another victory over Shelby by trimming the Huskies under the arcs at Pawnee Park by a score of 44 to 13.

Irish regulars saw about 15 minutes of action and the full squad of 16 boys saw considerable service. Scoring was divided among seven boys.

John Korgie made his first touchdown of the season, and Allen Lohr made another of his famous runs.

Coach Harry Lenhouts saw his youngsters tally in the second and final frames.

Touchdowns: Shelby—Kuntzelman, Jauch. Shamrocks—Tagwerker, Fischer, D. Speicher, Lohr, Korgie, Luis.

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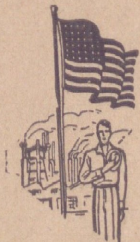
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**Enlistments**

Patricia Jarecki, Connie Dickey and Virginia Podraza have joined the Cadet Nurse Corps. They are in their third year of training at St. Anthony Hospital, Denver, Mercy Hospital, Denver, and St. Elizabeth Hospital, Lincoln, respectively.

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A/C V-5 U.S.N.R. Raymond Hauser reported for active duty at the U. S. Naval Flight Preparatory School at Liberty, Mo. on Oct. 27.

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Dick Ternes reported recently to Jefferson Barracks to begin his training in the Army Air Forces.

**Furloughs**

The following boys recently spent a furlough in Columbus with their parents: Pfc. Myron Novicki, Kenneth Dietering S 1/c, Pvt. Dennis Placek, Sgt. Wilfred Jahn, Pfc. Harold Mielak, and Pfc. Leo Syslo.

**Transfers**

Pfc. Myron Novicki was transferred to North Camp Polk, La., after graduating from radio school.

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A/S Fritz Gerber was transferred to Santa Ana, California. He is now in pre-flight school.

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Lavern Pokorski was transferred to the Naval Hospital in Norfolk, Virginia.

**Notes**

The following boys took time out during their furloughs to visit their alma mater: Pfc. Myron Novicki, Kenneth Dietering S 1/c, Pvt. Dennis Placek, and Pfc. Harold Mielak.

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Dear Students,

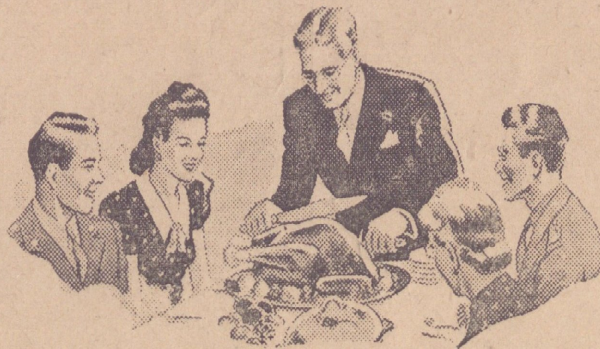
There isn't much which can be said about Army life that hasn't been covered by novelists, columnists, economists or the critics. However, there is one point that can't be stressed too often or too forcefully and that is education.

More than ever before, education is the prime factor for success, be it in the service or after this conflict is over in everyday life.

Advancement in the Army is easy providing one has the education. The best jobs are held by those men who took advantage of their early training in the home town high school or the neighboring college. Most of these men further their education by qualifying in Army Special Training schools and in so doing help their country as well as themselves.

Summed up it means one thing—the lax and negligent student will take the "left overs," whereas the hard working determined person who applies himself and makes use of his ability will be the one to walk off with the ratings and commissions.

Sincerely yours,  
Myron Novicki.



**A Thanksgiving Reverie**

Deep in thought I sat before  
Our turkey dinner well prepared;  
I couldn't help but think of war  
And how it had impaired:

Our peaceful homes, our loved ones dear,  
Our safe position, none of fear—  
Our dreams of days as yet to come

The days when we'd have lots of fun.

Now bombs and shells burst through the air  
Needless to say, we are at war,  
So on this next Thanksgiving day  
Let us this little prayer say:

"Dear God, please once again  
Have mercy on our soldier men,  
Guide them as You did before  
That soon we may win this war."

—Marguerite Zimmerer.

**BOYS DUBBED SCOTCH BY GIRLS TERMED DUTCH**

Well, boys, maybe you do call it "Dutch," when we girls go unescorted and pay our own way to the school dance, but when you boys go stag we call that just plain "Scotch."

You've got money for everything else you want and even some extra that goes floating off to heaven knows where.

Once in a while, though, it's an occasion for the records, you do date a girl to the dance. You flatter her to death until you have to spend a little of that now precious cash. You offer to buy her anything she wants while you cross your fingers under the table and hope she had a big supper. She drinks a bottle of pop while you devour a bacon and tomato sandwich—just for a teaser.

You escort your dream cookie home. She says, "Thanks, I had a super time." But you!!! You spend the whole week griping and sobbing how much she soaked you for a Wednesday night!!

Oh, sure, we're good enough for you to swipe our hair ribbons. When you meet us on the street you always whistle at us. That doesn't cost a cent!

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**Students Observe Education Week**

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Langan; "Medieval Education," Marcella Herink; "Schools in a Democracy," John Dineen; "Roman and Greek Education," Emmet Noonan; "Catholic Education," Joan Marie Mahoney; "Those Who Made Possible Our System of Education," Eugene Nickolite; "Bygone Education," Delores Smith; Importance of Character Training and Habit Formation," Geraldine Morgan; "Why We Must Be Educated," Helen Marie Ryba.

The best speakers were selected by popular vote, and on Friday, November 12, they delivered their orations to the American History class.

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**School-Spirit Record Reveals Tall Tales**

SENIORS are leading with thirteen members on the honor roll.

JUNIORS took the lead in selling adult tickets for the football game.

SOPHOMORES had the largest number of members present for the Sodality meeting.

FRESHMEN are leading in daily Mass attendance with an average of 72% and in school attendance with an average of 98%.

JUNIORS have had the largest number of choir members present during the past month.

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## Ladies Sponsor Harvest Shower

Under the auspices of St. Ann's Society, the ladies of St. Bonaventure Parish gave a "Harvest Shower" for the Rev. Fathers and the Ven. Sisters on Nov. 18, in the gymnasium.

Following the shower of gifts, the grade school and the high school entertained the adults for forty-five minutes.

The high school presented two numbers. "Whistle and Be Happy," a humorous reading, by Catherine Hauser. The following boys sang several favorite tunes: B. Ebner, J. Fischer, B. Gaffney, B. Gutzmer, J. Korgie, A. Lohr, F. Luis, J. Ross, D. Speicher, F. Tagwerker, A. Tucek, C. Woerth and M. Zabawa.

After the program Father John Joseph and Sister M. Florisenda expressed their thanks to the ladies for their generous gifts. Father John Joseph gave to each member present a little souvenir of "Daily Prayers."

## Freshies Triumph At Candy Sale

"Hurry! Hurry! While they last. Only one cent! Step right up! Only one left!" Thus called out the Freshies at their first candy sale on November 24. They cleared \$18.00.

Willis Kolbush was chairman of the winning table. Jack Gaffney, Bernadette Feik, and Aloisius Johnson were his helpers.

The extra attractions were a box of candy, won by Anthony Augustine; a jar of peanuts, won by Joan Zapla, who guessed the number of peanuts in the jar. No one guessed what was inside the angel food cake so it was cut and sold.

## Local High Schools Provide Program

The two local high schools, Kramer and St. Bonaventure, provided Christmas entertainment for the children of the city under 13 years of age at the city auditorium on November 26.

St. Bonaventure presented the following program: Dramatic Monologue: "At the Football Game" by M. Messing; Reading: "They Waited for Santa" by T. Tworek; Dramatic Monologue: "Christmas Woes" by C. Hauser.

Three selections, "Adeste Fedeles," "Tis Christmas," and "O Holy Night" were rendered by the following members of the Glee Club:

Sopranoes—S. Boruch, M. Glur, G. Jarecki, A. Johnson, V. Johnson, A. Kula, W. Moersen, C. Pfeifer, D. Smagacz; Altoes—E. Lakers, V. Mielak, B. Pokorski, G. Savage, L. Schmid, B. Shemek, B. Snedeker, and D. Wozny.

## Nursing Class Introduced

The "Home Nursing Course," sponsored by the Platte County Chapter of the Red Cross, was introduced at St. Bonaventure High School on November 16. St. Bonaventure is the third high school in Platte County to have introduced this course.

### Course Aims

The course, prepares the members to act in an emergency, to help in the home in case of illness, and to meet the problem of the shortage of doctors and nurses.

### Registered Nurse Instructs

Mrs. Lancaster, the instructor, is a registered nurse. After her graduation from St. Joseph Hospital, she did public health work in Omaha.

The class is conducted in the auditorium on Tuesdays and Thursdays from three to five o'clock.

Upon completion of the course each student who has not been absent from more than two meetings will receive a certificate and a home nursing pin.

### Members Enrolled

The girls taking the course are: G. Blaser, V. Carter, B. Coupens, G. Fischer, R. Frischholz, M. Glur, L. Herink, D. Jaax, J. Jiranek, A. Johnson, R. Johnson, V. Johnson, A. Kula, M. Melliger, W. Moersen, G. Morgan, M. Reifenrath, M. L. Sanders, G. Savage, G. Schumacher, B. Smollen, B. Snedeker, T. Tworek, H. M. Wass, M. Zimmerer, M. Herink.

## Team Honored At Banquet

The St. Bonaventure football team was honored at a turkey dinner given by Dr. and Mrs. McGowan and Miss Dolores Langan Sunday evening, November 21.

The members of the undefeated team, Paul Ernst, coach, Rev. Father Arno, athletic director, Louis Rambour and Dr. P. H. McGowan were present.

At five o'clock dinner was served at small tables. Centering the large table was a football helmet filled with chrysanthemums and centering each small table was a bud vase containing chrysanthemums.

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## Miss Pfeifer Crowned Football Queen of 1943



### GLAD TIDINGS

White snowy flakes fell to earth  
On that cold early morn  
The world below rejoiced with mirth  
To them, a Savior born!  
Then cheer and gladness filled the air  
Praises rang from everywhere.  
Today we celebrate this day the same  
Devoutly bowing at His name.  
Good cheer and God's blessing to you all  
And may this Christmas be  
One that with joy you may recall  
One untouched with misery.  
—Marguerite Zimmerer.

## Patricians And Plebians Clash

The Latin class had a vocabulary contest in their home room on Nov. 22. It was conducted in the order of a battle between the Patricians and Plebians under the leadership of Lester Nosal, captain of the Plebians, and Rosemary Wass, captain of the Patricians. After a hard fought battle the final score was four to two in the favor of the Plebians.

The victorious Plebians were: B. Feik, E. Lakers, L. Nosal, and B. Shemek. Those standing on the Patricians side were C. Hauser and R. Wass.

## Fischer Honored As King of Squad

The announcement and crowning of Charmagne Pfeifer as the Football Queen of '43 was the highlight in the fall social season at St. Bonaventure High; the coronation ceremony took place on Nov. 19.

Soft strains of music filled the gymnasium as the guards of honor stood at attention before the beautifully decorated throne awaiting the entrance of Miss Charmagne Pfeifer, queen of the undefeated football squad of 1943.

### Fischer Crowns Queen

Joe Fischer, honorary captain and king, escorted by Bob Speicher, Kenny Langan, and Frank Tagwerker, ascended the throne where they awaited the arrival of the royal cortege.

When her Royal Highness, Charmagne Pfeifer, and her attendants Lucille Syslo, Joan Jiranek, and Jean McNair entered they were greeted with loud applause.

Upon reaching the throne Miss Pfeifer knelt while His Royal Highness crowned her as the "Irish Grid Queen of 1943." He then escorted her to the throne.

### Queen Speaks

The king and queen then addressed the assemblage and gave expression to the happiness and pride which they experienced upon the occasion.

Charmagne said, "I am very happy to have been chosen queen of an undefeated football squad. May the teams of the future follow in your footsteps; may they be able to defend the honor which you have bestowed upon St. Bonaventure School."

### Guests Praise Squad

In brief talks Father John Joseph, Father Arno, and Coach Ernst paid their compliments to the king, the queen, and the victorious squad.

Father John Joseph said, "The football squad of 1943 has left in the records of St. Bons a golden page with a golden star upon it."

Jack Ross was master of ceremonies. Father Arno had complete charge of the Coronation Program.

## Sodality Scatters Christmas Cheer

The members of the Sodality of Mary have spread Christmas cheer to the missions in New Mexico. Three large Christmas boxes containing clothes, books, and toys were sent to the Indian and Spanish missions.

The Sodalists started their Catholic Christmas card campaign to show the true meaning and spirit of Christmas.

The Holy Father will be given his annual spiritual bouquet from the Sodalists.

## Irish Framed And Shot

Flash! News has just leaked out concerning the hanging of St. Bonaventure's football players, after having completed a victorious season. The bodies of the hanged were first discovered by excited students. No information as yet has been received revealing the time of the hanging.

At first inquiring authorities were led to believe that the vic-

tims were framed by their coach, Mr. Ernst. Further investigation disclosed that they were apparently shot by the photographer, Mr. Daniel.

The foregoing announcement has come from an unreliable source.

After an investigation it has been found that merely the picture of the undefeated team is hung on the library wall.



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### Let Christ Be Your Guiding Star

How were the Wise Men from the East able to make their long journey to Bethlehem to adore the Infant Jesus? They knew nothing of the country into which they must travel. They had no illustrated road maps or paved highways. They left this problem to God and He gave them a solution. In the heavens one star shone more brightly than all of the others. Its gleaming rays shone upon the Baby Jesus in the stable; it lead the Wise Men from their homes in the Orient to their Infant King.

We also must be lead and guided. Jesus Christ is our Guiding Star. In our hearts this Christmas let us silently say this prayer: "O, Infant in the Crib, Guiding Star, let us be led by Your Divine Light from temptations and danger. Let Your Light also lead our men and women in the armed forces, whether on the battlefield, on the sea, or in the air. Bring them and us ever closer to You."

D. W.

### Do Your Small Tasks Well

In the huge river bridges, the large steel constructions would not remain firm without the little steel rivets and screws. It is the same with many things in life. So if you have some task awaiting you, do it well, and do it willingly, for it may have the main parts concealed within its smallness. Small things build up our morale and lead us on to bigger and greater things.

M. Z.

### Insure a Happy Year

School is your business. How good are you at your job? Business people, factory workers, farmers, and all the men and women in the armed forces work on schedules, and they know how important it is to perform their duties well.

How about you? Do you get to school and to your classes on time? Are your assignments complete? Your business is to learn your place in the world.

School is your first big experience in living. It is there you learn the art of getting along with people. Will you let this chance slip by?

Sometimes it's hard to resist the temptation of whispering the latest gossip, but this whisper shows that you lack attention, and with the absence of attention little is accomplished.

You have had time to think about last year. No doubt you wish you could live it over, but last year is already in the annals of God. This year is yours. Do your very best now, so that next year you will have no regrets.

M. R.

### Give Me Back That Childhood Faith

Are you going to write a letter to Santa this year? No doubt most of you haven't given it a thought but if you do, why not write one like this?

Dear Santa:

It has been a long time since my last letter; high school students don't write Santa Claus, you know.

Perhaps if I write to you I can feel once again some of the old faith I had when I was a child. I am not asking for dolls and ice skates; the things I want aren't so easy to supply.

I want a world at peace, men living at home with their wives and families. I want a working peace that will keep men free. My Christmas this year will be the day that peace is won.

Patricia Kerr.

## Message to Santa

Lucky you! No worry about rationed goods. Poor us! Worry, Worry, Worry! That's all we do. So please, Santa, listen to our complaints and requests. Help us through this crisis by supplying these rationed items:

Sally Liss would like to have curls for Christmas, but she hasn't any curlers.

Daniel Cerny would like a ration stamp because he is hard on shoes. Really, Santa, you wouldn't like him to have cold feet?

Lawrence Mimick doesn't want much this Christmas. Just park a streamlined buggy in his garage.

Doris Vanek would love to have a pair of nylon stockings; she just hates to go bare-legged.

Eugene Kneifel wants suspenders but he didn't tell us why.

Bernice Smollen hasn't any bobby-pins; please bring her at least one.

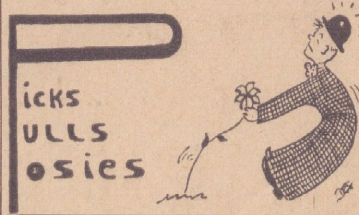
Paul Euteneur would like to have a few extra T gas stamps; you don't use all yours. (Hint)

John Korgie has prayed days and days for a nice big, fat, juicy, roast smothered in onions. If you can't supply this, he will be satisfied with just the aroma.

Germaine Jarecki has so much writing to do, please bring her a typewriter, so she won't have so much trouble.

The Juniors just have to get ration coupons to put on a prom banquet. You see to that, Santa.

The Junior Boys don't exactly want alarm clocks, but bring some any way, so they can break all records and be on time.



Did Joan Pokorski refer to her own brains when she said: "Only things not taxed nowadays are brains."

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Bill Gaffney, being undecided during a recent English test, flipped a coin to decide whether to put true or false.

Does it work, Bill?

\* \* \*

Jack G. (after working a long algebra problem): Gee, all that work for nothing. The answer is x equals 0.

\* \* \*

Jack Caffrey slowly lowered his hand into the aquarium to get a clam, but his hand came out ten times faster than it went in. "What happened?" he was asked. "It started coming after me," he said paling.

\* \* \*

Peggy Z. Is our school haunted, Betty?

Betty C: Why, do you ask?

Peggy: Well, I've been hearin' so much about this school spirit.

\* \* \*

Delores S: We're going to have a "Victory Dance" tonight.

Billy E: Is it free?

"Voice": You Scotchman!

\* \* \*

Student: Say, Billy! You shouldn't rob the cradle.

Billy: But I found a real LIVE DOLL.

\* \* \*

Evelyn K: I wouldn't want to be a WAC, because I don't like their block-type hats and their shoulder strap purses.

Betty S: Well, I'm the block type without the purse.

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Kenny L. (to a pupil across the aisle): Look! I got 88%! Isn't she a smart kid?



## Welcome 1944

Dear Mr. 1944:

Since you are taking Mr. 1943's place for the next 366 days (an extra day for Leap Year), I thought we ought to get acquainted. I feel that I didn't treat your brother, Mr. 1943, so well, and that is another reason why I am writing to you.

I was checking over things the other day and here is what I found. Mr. 1943 came around about this time last year and he offered me 525,600 golden minutes of opportunity. And what did I do with them? I am almost ashamed to say, but I guess I wasted most of them. Now here you are with your many days again.

Mr. 1944, I want you to know that I am going to use every minute of this year. Perhaps, I said the same thing last year, but this year I am going to try harder. You won't see me making a long list of resolutions, but I am going to make each day count.

Yours truly,  
A Repentant Student.

## Santa's Helpers Quiz Students

Since Santa is pretty busy "over there" this year, his little helpers are taking his place "over here." If you have been watchful you might have seen them around the campus quizzing the students. If you have been listening you might have heard an insignificant question being asked: "What do you expect to find in the toe of your Christmas stocking?" Here are a few of the replies:

Beverly S.—Six lessons on how to reduce.

Margaret M.—A bunch of holes.  
Eleanor L.—A candy kiss—candy??

Evelyn K.—A lot of air.

Joan Z.—Excuses for chewing gum.

Genevieve K.—That would be telling.

Geraldine S.—Probably something I don't want.

James S.—My toe.

Dorothy W.—Who's got stockings???

Joe M.—Hedy Lamarr.

Art N.—A report card full of "A's" would suit me.

Harold K.—A "paper doll" that I can call my own.



## Shamrocks Close Successful Season

### Irish Triumph In Eight Games

St. Bonaventure Shamrocks concluded their schedule on Armistice Nite with an 18-6 victory over Platte Center.

The Irish won every game, and they also became the first six-man team in Nebraska to win eight games without a defeat.

The Irish rolled up big scores all year and were second in the state with total points numbering 291. They were in the state ranking from the beginning, when the season ended they were in the number 8 spot.

"Fat" Tagwerker led the scoring with 115 points in 8 games; Jim Gerhold led last year with 57 points in 9 games.

Tagwerker, Lohr, and Fischer were the backfield for the Irish, and they handled it well. Tagwerker did most of the running, while Lohr and Fischer were used mostly for blocking. The latter two played great defensive ball all season.

Hittner, Korgie, and Langan formed the line on the first team and played outstanding ball all season. Hittner and Langan were on the receiving end of many passes, while Korgie broke up many plays with his defensive work.

Krzycki, Dave Speicher, Dick Speicher, Loeffler, Woerth, Zaba-wa, Bob Speicher, Boyle, Schroeder, Nosel, and Luis formed the second and the third team which played good ball throughout the season.

The Shamrock's successful season was attributed to no serious injuries, more experience, added weight, and cooperation.

## Dutch Ernst Puts Out Good Teams

Coach "Dutch" Ernst has started off the 1943-44 season of sports with a bang. His football team



went undefeated in eight games and claimed the eighth ranking spot in the state.

"Dutch" has always put out fairly good teams regardless of the material. In 1937 his basketball team

won the regional tournament and went to Lincoln where they lost to Atkinson 23-17. A number of years later his team upset the favored St. Francis five in the regional tournament. Three years ago his team registered a 12-0 shutout over the Kramer Reserves. Before this they had shut out another opponent 27-0, something very unusual in basketball. Last year they went to the finals of the regional basketball tournament by upsetting favored St. Edward 19-18. They lost out in the finals to the state champions—St. Francis, Humphrey.

Three years ago football was added to St. Bon's athletic activities. Dutch took a small number of boys and made them into a fairly good first year team; the next year they were better, and this year they were one of the best.

Sportswriter Gregg McBride in his column the other day, said, "Dutch Ernst leads a double life, athletically speaking, as he is sports editor of the Telegram and coach at St. Bonaventure." Dutch does both jobs well, so let's help him put out good teams in the future by showing real school spirit.

## Basketball Schedule

- Dec. 5—At Marietta.
- Dec. 10—Reserves (here).
- Dec. 15—Monroe (here).
- Jan. 4—Creston (here).
- Jan. 7—At Duncan.
- Jan. 9—At St. Mary's, (Grand Island).
- Jan. 14—Duncan (here).
- Jan. 21—At Leigh.
- Jan. 28—Humphrey (here).
- Feb. 2-4—County Tournament.
- Feb. 11—At Silver Creek.
- Feb. 15—At St. Francis.
- Feb. 18—Platte Center (here).

## Team Honored At Banquet

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The evening hours were spent informally. Music was provided by Louis Rambour and all the boys sang. A trio, "Down by the Old Mill Stream," was sung by Don, Kenney, and Pat.

Father Arno spoke in behalf of the team when he thanked Mrs. McGowan and Miss Langan for the dinner. He said, "This dinner shows that someone in the parish is thinking of our boys, and we appreciate it very much." Father also praised the excellent work done by Pat McGowan, as student manager for this season.

## Irish Court Drills Open

Shamrock basketball practice opened Nov. 15 in preparation for the first game with Marietta Dec. 5.

Twenty-five boys reported to Coach Ernst. Lettermen reporting were: Fischer, Krzycki, Tucek, Luis, Korgie, Ross, and Gutzmer, the last four being regulars on last year's club.

This year's team will be fairly tall averaging about 5 ft. 10 in. However, loss of Joe McKown, last year's leading scorer will hurt the team considerably. But the team hopes to make up in speed and scoring ability what they lack in height.

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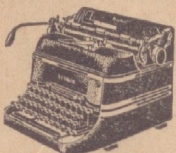
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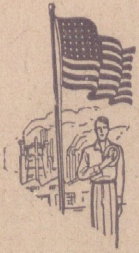
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### Bonaventure In the Service

The "Venture" extends heartiest wishes for a very merry Xmas to the boys and girls in the service and best wishes for a happy and victorious New Year.

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The Sodalists sent a spiritual bouquet to every boy in the service from St. Bons as a Christmas gift.

#### Enlistments

Jay Carrig, junior of St. Bonaventure, who recently enlisted in the U. S. navy reported for duty November 9.

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Virginia Warholaski has enrolled in the Cadet Nurse Corps. She began her training Sept. 1, 1943, at Huber Memorial Hospital, Pona, Illinois.

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Alvin Kolbush has enlisted in the Merchant Marines and left November 18 for New York to begin his training.

#### Transfers

Tony Zabawa S 1/c has been transferred from Florida to Norfolk, Va. On a recent visit home Tony was asked what he thought of Florida, he replied, "It's not what it's cracked up to be."

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Pvt. James Gerhold has been transferred to John McNeese College, Lake Charles, Louisiana, where he will study engineering.

#### Congratulations

Congratulations A/C Marvin Jahn U. S. N. R. on your graduating as a marine pilot.

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Congratulations Carrol Boyle on your promotion to the rank of Corporal. Here's wishing you many more promotions.

#### Furloughs

The following boys recently spent a 10 day furlough with their parents: Tony Zabawa S 1/c, and Pvt. Richard Reifenrath.

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Sunday Evening,  
England

Hi There Everybody,

It seems ages since I left St. Bonnies, and to come to the point it has been years now, but little did I realize I'd see another country so soon. Here I am in England though, and although it took a war to do it, a fellow gets the chance to do and see things that otherwise would have been impossible.

Great Britain is a country of winding roads, small rustic towns, and a few large bustling cities. London is a typical example of the latter; and although certain sections have been badly blitzed, busi-

### COMMERCIAL STUDENTS RECEIVE PROMOTIONS

Ready! Away they go. Click! Clang! Bang! The commercial students have enlisted in the army.

Each student enters the (typing class) Army as a buck private and tries to earn the distinguished title of General by submitting mailable letters.

Those who have won distinguished titles are: Generals—V. Kerr, W. Moersen; Lieutenant Colonel—M. Gahan, M. Zimmerer; Major—G. Schumacher; Captain—G. Blaser, B. Ebner, R. Ebner, G. Jarecki, B. Smollen; Master Sergeant—B. Gutzmer, H. Krzycki, D. Schmit, A. Tucek, A. Weiser; First Sergeant—M. Dickey, M. A. Iwan, J. McNair, J. Pokorski, E. Ryba.

ness still carries on at a terrific pace.

Most of the fellows spend their passes and furloughs there, as it's the gay spot of a wartime England. Besides numerous stage shows and late American pictures, the Red Cross clubs plan and conduct sight seeing-tours to such famous spots as Westminster Abbey, Tower of London, and St. Paul's Cathedral; they also hold boxing matches and dances for the fellows.

The English people treat the American soldier swell; although I'd love to be home, this will do O. K. until the end of the war. Until then, hello to everybody in Columbus.

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It makes this plea,  
"Pray for the soldiers  
Across the sea."

Dorothy Wozny '46.

### Music Students Honor St. Cecilia

The music students of St. Bonaventure High held their music recital on the feast of St. Cecilia, patroness of music, on November 27.

The high school students who took part were: C. Hauser—"Tannhauser Fantasie," by Wagner; E. Lakers—"Serenade" by Schubert; G. Korgie—"Dancing Doll," by Poldine; D. Wozny—"Valse Lente," by Tschailowski.

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## C. D. A. Present Books to Library

The C. D. A. presented to the students of S. B. H. their annual gift of library books.

Included in the list are *Little Women*, by Mary Louise Alcott; *Perfect Tribute*, by Mrs. Mary Raymond Shipman; *My Antonia*, by Willa S. Cather; *Stars in My Heaven*, by Grace Keon; *The Courage and the Glory*, by John Joseph Floherty; *Dogs Against Darkness*, by Kickson Hartwell; *I've Come a Long Way*, by Helen Kno; *Bombardier*, by H. B. Lent; *MacArthur of Bataan*, by Helen Nicolay; *Seven Came Through*, by Edward V. Rickenbacker; *Bombs Away*, by John Steinbeck; *Not Built With Hands*, by H. C. White; *Daniel Boone*, by Steward E. White.

Other books added to the library this year are *Come Rack! Come Rope!*, by Robert Hugh Benson; *Webster's Biographical Dictionary* which contains 40,000 biographical sketches; *Webster's Collegiate Dictionary* and 12 bound volumes of the *Geographic Magazine*.

## Seniors Take V-5 Tests

Five St. Bonaventure High School senior boys qualified for the V-5 Program by taking the mental and the aptitude tests given at Kramer High on January 10. Lieutenant Frank Kelly from Kansas City was in charge.

The five senior boys who made the tests successfully were Don Hittner, Ronald Locher, Francis Luis, David Speicher and Joe Fischer.

## Daley Speaks To Students

Tom Daley, W. O. W. sport announcer, spoke to the high school assembly in the school auditorium on January 24. He came under the auspices of the Columbus Lions Club and through the courtesy of Mr. Louis Rambour.

Mr. Daley stressed the importance of sports. He said, "Show me a man who has played the game and I'll show you a man who can smile, because he has learned to take defeat."

He related several interesting experiences in his sports announcing career and told how a sportscast is made up.

He closed with the slogan he has so popularized—"It isn't if you won or lost but how you played the game."

Mr. Louis Rambour, speaking in behalf of the Lions' Club, explained the work and purpose of the club. He praised the students and their fine school.

Fr. John Joseph introduced Mr. Daley and thanked him in behalf of the students.



## Lincoln Honored During Program

To commemorate the anniversary of Lincoln, one of the foremost heroes in our nation, the high school students are preparing a patriotic program which will be presented on February 11, in the high school auditorium. The program will consist of the following numbers:

Presentation of the Flag by the scouts; Flag Salute, by the high school students; "America the Beautiful", chorus; "Abraham Lincoln, the Boy", address by David Speicher; "Lincoln—A Man from God", address by Doris Jaax; "Anchored", song by a selected group of sophomores; "A Tribute to Lincoln", speech by Jack Ross; "Star Spangled Banner", chorus.

The highlight of the program will be the presentation of a humorous playlet, "The Love of a Bonnet". The cast of characters is as follows: Mrs. Clipper, a widow—Charmagne Pfeifer; Kitty, her daughter—Doris Vanek; Aunt Jemima Hopkins, a leetle inquisitive—Rita Frischholz; Mrs. Hortensia Festone, very genteel—June Stoll; Dora, her daughter—Angeline Kula; Katy Doolan, Irish Help—Theresa Tworek.

## Service Men Reveal Religious Spirit

As my mind wandered around on its aimless journey, a few thoughts struck me . . . Apparently some of St. Bonnie's boys in the service of Uncle Sam have imbibed the true Catholic spirit which their Alma Mater endeavored to instill.

Marvin Jahn in a letter to his parents writes, "I went on liberty Dec. 24, and went to Confession over on main base . . . We (Marvin and friends) stayed up until 11:30 and then we attended Midnight Mass which was celebrated in the auditorium on the main base . . . We have quite a large Catholic choir composed of waves, mates, etc. As large as the auditorium is, it was filled to capacity . . . Three priests said Mass, assisted by an officer, two cadets, six marines and navy men; all were dressed in their different uniforms . . . We got up late next morning and went to Church again before going to dinner."

Paul Murphy, in a letter to one

## Pastor Announces Parish Free From Debt

### Success Attributed To Two Factors

Rev. John Joseph Brogger announced in the yearly financial report that the parish debt of St. Bonaventure's had been liquidated.

When Father John Joseph succeeded Father Athanase in 1939, the parish debt stood at \$24,617. By January 1943, through the ardent zeal and untiring efforts of the pastor, Father John Joseph, the debt had been decreased to \$8,950. On January 16, 1944, Father John Joseph announced, "Your parish is now entirely free of debt."

Father John Joseph credits the success to the whole hearted co-operation of St. Ann's Society, whose monthly gifts to the parish played a major part in bringing about this announcement; and to the parishioners who gave so generously in the Christmas collection.

Father John Joseph urged the parishioners to continue with their generous support so that when the time was ripe for erecting a beautiful school for their children and a convent for the Sisters, they would have the funds to further their project.

## Gloria Blaser Receives Award

Gloria Blaser, senior, who entered the recent bookkeeping contest sponsored by "The Business Education World," was awarded an honorable mention and received a prize of fifty cents in War Saving Stamps.

From entries received from fifteen hundred students throughout thirty-six states and several Canadian provinces, her entry was judged as one of the fourteen best.

In the same contest the following students earned their "Senior Certificates": G. Blaser, R. Ebner, J. Fischer, D. Jaax, A. Kula, and V. Mielak.

Those who earned "Junior Certificates" are S. Boruch, C. Pfeifer, B. Ewert, B. Ebner, A. Johnson, L. Schmid, and H. M. Wass.

### COMING EVENTS

- Feb. 1-4—County Tournament.
- Feb. 11—Assembly, Lincoln Day Program.
- Feb. 23—Ash Wednesday, Lent Begins.
- Feb. 25—Panel, Educational Aspects of the Army and Navy.
- Feb. 28—District Tournament.
- Mar. 3—Program Dedicated to Father John Joseph.
- Mar. 17—Assembly, St. Patrick Day Program.

## Pfc. Leo Wielgus Killed In Action

Leo Wielgus, killed in action in the performance of his duty for his country, was the first member of the alumni of St. Bonaventure to make the supreme sacrifice.

He enlisted in the Marine Corps in January 1942, and was sent to Camp Elliott, San Diego, California. Last June he was sent overseas, and landed somewhere in the South Pacific area. It is believed that Leo took part in the Battle of Guadalcanal and the Gilbert Islands attack.

Leo attended St. Bonaventure High and graduated with the class of '37. Leo took an active part in athletics and other school activities.

## Biology Students Complete Project

The biology students completed their projects for the first semester on January 14, when each student handed in a written theme on a biological subject in which he was particularly interested.

Outside references were used and a complete bibliography was included in each theme. The honor of having the most attractive booklets went to Jim Johnson and Theresa Tworek. All of the booklets were displayed on the bulletin board in the biology laboratory. Oral reports covering the contents of the term papers were given to the class by each student.

of his former teachers, writes, "Sister, I wish you would say a prayer for me frequently, as I cannot go to Mass as often as I would like," and LaVern Pokorski writes, "Keep on praying for us—for it is your prayers that count."

One invariably finds that practically every service man, who is home only on a brief furlough, manages to set aside the little time necessary to attend devotions for our "Men and Women in the Service."

And then a very special thought came. It seems that we are leaving it all up to the boys in service. They give up their homes and comforts; they risk their lives, and apparently they must do their own praying, too.

What are we waiting for, to wake us from our complacency? Bombs, starvation, oppressive fear . . . And then my thoughts wandered on.

G. J.



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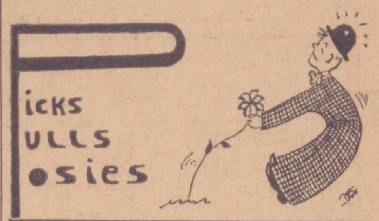


## Moron Nicknames Newest Number

When **Betts** tasted a hamburger, she knew it was too **Salty** so she and **Smagie** took a **Pill** so they wouldn't get sick. Then they put water on to **Boyle** and tuned in on **St. Bon's Jitterbug Band**. The music was **Red hot** and **Jopa** wanted to be a bit **Corky**, so he tried a new rumba.

Some of the gang played **Jaax** and others listened to **Barney** and **Butch** sing. Our **Glamour Boy** did a fancy step but **Oinks Desperate** act was really comical. Some of us kids were feeling plenty sick and **Twerp** said the laughter and noise caused it all. You couldn't see **Stinky's Dimples** any more, and all the girls' **Beanies** were on sideways. **Peggy** thought the room was too **Smoky** from the scorched hamburgers. With great **Speed Nitro** ran to the phone to call **Doc**. **Dummer** was with him, so they joined in the party. We wished **Superman** would have come sooner to get us out of this **Moron** mixup.

NOTE: If you do not know your buddies' nickname, nudge your neighbor. He does.



Orchids, armfuls of them, to **Father John Joseph** for doing such splendid work in clearing the Parish from debt.

—Students of St. Bonnies.

Teacher: "How are the 'Apostles' divided?"  
**Junella R.:** "Into the Patrician half and the Plebian half."

### FOUND:

My heart throbs.—**Jack Caffrey.**

A letter from Gen. Fiek's "Georgie."—Certain soph boys.

A junior girl with Superman's power.—A junior boy.

A soft bed in the auditorium.—Three senior boys.

### LEAP YEAR TELLTALES

The new modern romance is "Gentle chases gal" until leap year when she catches him.

During leap year it's great fun for the boys; the girls have to cross their fingers under the table now. Ha!! Ha!!

Isn't it funny that during the new year the boys are staying out of school in the mornings? I guess the girls keep them out too late at night.

It seems C. P. can't please some one, for she has a different hair-do every two weeks.

Now that it's leap year, B. E. is really going after her man.

### DID YOU EVER SEE?

Vernon Pelter when he wasn't helping a "Lady in Distress?"  
Allen Lohr without something to say?

Francis Micek going home from school with a book?  
Lillian's and Rita's chemistry experiments turn out right?  
George Kneifel with a girl?  
Betty Snedeker without a smile?  
Ruth Johnson absent from school?

Ronny Locher when he wasn't reading comic books?

Gloria Blaser without her shorthand book?

Charmagne Pfeifer without a new hair do?

Margie Glur when she wasn't a good sport?

Germaine Jareski cut up in school?

### SYMPATHY

The "Venture" extends deepest sympathy to **Kenny Langan** on the death of his brother, **Jack**, who was killed in action, and to **Geraldine** and **Billy Morgan** and to **Angela Johnson** on the death of their grandfather and grandmother.

### THANKS

Students of St. Bonaventure wish to extend their thanks to the **St. Ann Society** for their recent donation of books to the school library.

## Let Us Have More Men Like Lincoln

Opportunity failed to show itself; education, money, and influential friends were strangers to him. Nature dealt him a hard card; his face was homely; his body, awkward; his speech, a drawl.



This was Lincoln. His odds did not make him feel licked. Instead, he grit his teeth, dug in, and made himself a great national hero. It was not his presidency, nor his Emancipation Proclamation, nor his Gettysburg Address that made him great. They only brought him fame. His ideals—honesty, courage, integrity—were the stepping-stones to his greatness.

How many men and women of today have made so much from so little? Webster tells us a hero is one regarded as a model of noble qualities. If every boy and every girl would have grit enough to be true to his inner convictions or to his ideals, there would be more characters like Lincoln in the world of today—heroes, not famous perhaps but nevertheless heroes.

It would be well to keep in mind Lincoln's "Up man and try, never say die" spirit. His name will be remembered down through the annals of time. Will yours?

E. K.

## School Spirit Makes a School

At your first basketball game my attention was drawn to the St. Bonaventure cheering section.

You had twelve students out of one hundred and thirty which are in your high school. That's about nine per cent. My! what a crowd.

Your football team had a perfect season, and you also have a good basketball team.

There's many a school that would just love to have the teams you have, and I'd bet my bottom dollar that their cheer leaders wouldn't always have to say, "Come on gang; now, everybody yell."

A few of the boys are trying hard to give the school a name, but just what are you doing?

It takes school spirit to make a school, and according to that what do you call St. Bonnies?

Jack Ross.

## Catholic Literature Produces Crusaders For Christ

February is Catholic Press Month. The purpose of the Catholic Press is to instruct and to instill the correct ideals and moral principles of right living. The Catholic Press especially wishes to reach all the Catholic youth of America. The youth of today are the future men and women of tomorrow. Through the Catholic Press youth will be equipped to cope with the tasks of tomorrow's world and carry on as "Crusaders for Christ."

The saying, "Tell me with whom you go, and I'll tell you what you are," holds true for your reading list. You can be influenced by characters in fiction as well as by characters in real life. Reading good literature means reaping the harvest of good thoughts, words, and deeds. Two excellent Catholic papers, the "Sunday Visitor" and the "Register" should be in every Catholic home. These papers should not only be in the home but should also be read by every member of the family.

Minds are injured and souls lost by the reading of bad literature. You help yourself and you support the Catholic Press when you stick to good magazines and books.

D. W.

## Say a Prayer

There! You hear it. You listen eagerly for a few seconds and then you rush outdoors. Yes, there it is in all its shining glory. As you watch with a throbbing heart, a powerful bomber roars overhead.

"Gee, what a beauty!" you exclaim reverently, as the plane swiftly blends in with the distant horizon. You sigh audibly and then return to your task.

Wouldn't it be a wonderful practice if each time your dream-boat passed o'er the blue horizon you would say a prayer for the service boys all over the world, especially for those who may now be speeding towards some dangerous assignment? A whispered Ave Maria takes so little time and still, think of what help it may bring. Some day these boys may "come in on a wing and a prayer"—your prayer.

G. J.

## Exams Cause Heeby-Jeebies

A muffled groan, "Oh me! What have I done to deserve this?" came from behind a mass of books, precariously balanced.

Investigating this phenomenon, I discovered a student mumbleing vague phrases to himself.

"Sad case," I murmured as I walked off, and then it dawned upon me.

"Why, he has the 'semester-exam heeby-jeebies'."

Yes, someday your past—in this case lack of study—catches up with you, and woe betide you, if you haven't plied your trade.

"Ignorance is bliss but not for long!"



## A Little Bird Told Me That ...

Francis "Saltie" Luis is the tallest boy in high school. He's six-foot one and a half. . . . Romeo, Don Hittner, is very happy these days. Could be! . . . Dick Speicher's definition for ice is stiff water. . . . C. Pfeifer and L. Dietz each ate eleven "coney islands" one certain night. Tch! Tch! . . . This bit of news ought to be of great interest to the seniors. Tryouts for the senior class play will begin very soon. . . . Four-foot ten inches is the height of the smallest boy in school. The great he-man is Eugene Kneifel. . . . The senior boys have finally sworn off "heni" haircuts. . . . Most of the junior and senior "gals" are dead set on having a formal prom. Take note Junior Sponsor. . . . Chirp! Chirp! . . . So long for now. . . .



# Shamrocks Seeded In Platte County Meet

## Shamrocks to Play Monroe In Opener

St. Bonaventure Shamrocks are one of the four teams seeded this year to play in the Platte County basketball tournament which opens Jan. 31 and ends Feb. 4. There will be three nights of play, a first round, semi-finals, and finals.

Duncan, Creston, and St. Francis are the other three teams seeded in the affair; Humphrey High, Monroe, Platte Center, and Kramer Reserves are the other four teams participating.

In the first round the Irish meet Monroe and should win this one as they beat Monroe earlier 55-7. St. Francis meets Kramer Reserves and should annex this one. Duncan will meet Platte Center, and Creston will take on Humphrey.

If the Irish and Creston win their first round games, they will meet in the semi-finals. The Irish would probably be favored due to a previous victory over Creston. Then would come the finals with probably Duncan or St. Francis. If the games shape out this way, St. Bons might win the tournament.

## Shamrocks Win Eight Straight

St. Bonaventure Shamrocks hold a splendid record of eight consecutive wins with an average of 34 points per game. The Irish now rank 8th in the State Class C basketball ratings.

On January 4, St. Bons beat Creston 31-16. This game was marred with fouls, 21 being called on the Irish. Fischer had 8 points, Ross 7, and Tucek 6 to lead the green and white.

In the same week the Shamrocks went to Duncan and triumphed 24-14 in a very rough game. Ross scored 7 points while Luis and Gutzmer had 6 each.

On January 9, St. Mary's, Grand Island, fell to the Irish by 42-19. The Ramblers were good ball handlers and led at the half, but tired in the last 2 periods. Luis and Fischer scored 16 and 11 points respectively for St. Bons.

In a return game here on January 14, the Shamrocks downed Duncan 34-14. Bob Gutzmer, game captain, led the way with 10 points. Korgie had 7.

On January 23, St. Bons traveled to Leigh and won a close game 33-24. The Irish were never more than 6 points ahead until the last 2 minutes. Ross was outstanding for St. Bons as he scored 15 points.

## Shamrocks Capture Pre-Holiday Games

St. Bonaventure Shamrocks closed the pre-holiday schedule with three victories against no defeats.

The Irish opened the basketball season with a 31 to 17 victory over Marietta on the new David City floor. The following week the Kramer Reserves fell before the Irish 26-20. Six days later Monroe became the third Irish victim by a 55-7 score.

In the game with Marietta the Irish were outplayed the first half, but took advantage of the weariness of the Marietta boys in the second half and came out on the long end of a 31-17 score. Joe Fischer was the outstanding player of this game; he racked up 12 points and he was the most aggressive player on the floor.

In the Kramer Reserve game the Irish grabbed a 19-11 halftime lead but scored only 7 points in the last half; however, they won out 26-20. Bob Gutzmer scored 10 points. Johnny Korgie played a steady defensive game. The game with Monroe was a walk-away. The second five took over in the second quarter and for the rest of the game put on the best offensive show the Irish have had in 5 years. A fast break and splendid ball handling by the reserves accounted for the 55 points scored. Monroe scored only 7.

## Irish Face Rough Road

The Shamrocks face a rough road ahead, as they will meet two of their strongest opponents within the next four contests. The Irish shouldn't encounter too much trouble with the Humphrey team since they were victorious over them last year.

Silver Creek will be a real test for the Shamrocks as the Silver Creek boys won over the green and white twice last year and like the Irish have beaten Duncan this year. The game will be close but St. Bons should win.

St. Francis of Humphrey is one of the toughest teams on the Shamrock's schedule. They have lost four games this year, but will be a favorite in the Platte County tourney. The Irish will have to play good ball in order to win this one.

Platte Center shouldn't give St. Bons much trouble as they have lost a number of games this year. The Irish are favored on this one.

## Fischer Leads Irish Scoring

Joe Fischer, senior, leads the Irish scoring with 56 points, scored in eight games. He is followed by Francis Luis with 53 points, Ross with 50 points and Gutzmer with 43.

	Individual Games	Scoring Points
Fischer	8	56
Luis	8	53
Ross	7	50
Gutzmer	8	43
Korgie	8	30
Tucek	8	29
Krzycki	8	8
Zabawa	8	4
Locher	7	3
Boyle	6	2

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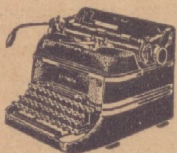
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**Bonaventure  
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Service**

Dear Students:

I've read a few articles from some of my buddies in the service in the Venture, and thought perhaps you would like to hear from a Marine in the South Pacific.

Naturally due to censorship regulation I cannot tell you where I am, but I can say, I am in a Dive Bombing Squadron in the Marine Air Corps.

I have been on several islands so far in my journey with the Marines. I have been on Johnston Island, the Island of Oahu, Territory of Hawaii and the Island of Hawaii.

I have spent some liberty time in Honolulu and out at the once famous Wakiki Beach.

I believe the one thing that struck me the most in Hawaii, was that almost all the children go to school barefooted.

To get where I am now located, we had to cross the equator and international date line, which is something I never thought I would do, but it took a war to do it.

There are many natives here, most of them are Catholics. The other day one saw me with a rosary and he made the Sign of the Cross and asked me "Savy?" I said, "Yes." He smiled and walked away.

In closing I wish to congratulate Coach Paul Ernst and the football team on their undefeated season, and hope the basketball team can do the same.

My regards to all in Columbus.  
**LESTER MORGAN.**

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Lambert Smollen '40 has been reported as missing in action.

He is a paratrooper and had been stationed in the South Pacific area.

He took an active part in school activities and sports during his high school career.

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Art Johnson has turned Englishman again—only this time it's the real McCoy.

Remember a few years back when he impersonated a proud Londoner in one of St. Bon's class plays? This time it isn't a play; he is really in England.

He is a Lieutenant Navigator in the Army Air Corps, and has won several ribbons for activity in the European Theater of Occupation. He likes England very much, but says the States rank one higher with him.

**Sodalists Discuss  
Maray's Virtues**

A lively discussion led by Dolores Smagacz on "Am I Striving to Imitate Mary in Her Virtues" was the outstanding feature of the Sodality meeting held January 19 in Room 4. Virtues one looks for in the life of a Sodalist were suggested and ways of imitating Our Lady in the practice of these virtues were discussed. In conclusion it was shown that enthusiasm for the cause of Mary is most pleasing to Christ and at the same time it is the highest compliment one can pay to her.

Sodalists were urged to bring Catholic magazines as these are badly needed by the Librarian of Camp Bennion, Farragut, Idaho; also, salvaged parts of broken rosaries and glass beads which will be forwarded to the Rosary Mission Unit to be made into rosaries for servicemen. More stamps are to be collected for the missions.

Talks were given by President Regina Ebner, Charmagne Pfeifer, Germaine Schumacher, Virginia Kerr, Sylvia Boruch, Betty Snedeker, Virginia Lee Carter, Gloria Fischer, Gloria Korgie and Geraldine Savage.

The remainder of the evening was spent stitching scapulars for men and women in the service.

**Class Rings Mark  
"Red-Letter" Day**

The arrival of the class rings marked a "red-letter" day in the school activities of the senior class.

The rings are gold. The center of the ring has a black upraised plaque upon which a large "B" and "high school" are engraved. Delicate emblems add to the beauty and style of the ring. On the opposite sides are engraved in gold and black the year and the owners initials.

The juniors have ordered their class rings. They will arrive next fall.

**Senior Class Leads  
In Honor Roll**

The senior class has again captured the honor of having the largest number on the honor roll.

The senior class is represented by 9 students while the junior class with 6, is its nearest rival.

The following are the students who have succeeded in getting on the semester honor roll: Five A's—seniors: Gloria Blaser, Sylvia Boruch, Doris Jaax, Verna Mielak; juniors: Virginia Kerr, Jean McNair; sophomores: Dorothy Wozny; freshmen: Catherine Hauser, Eleanor Lakers.

Four A's—seniors: Rita Frischholz, Germaine Jareski, Charmagne Pfeifer; juniors: Ruth Johnson, Dolores Smagacz, Germaine Schumacher, Marguerite Zimmerer; sophomores: Marie Reifenrath; freshmen: Lester Nosal, Rosemary Wass.

Three A's—seniors: June Stoll, Dorothy Thiele; sophomores: Margaret Melliger.

**Educational Films  
Shown By Fuller**

Moving picture films on the subject of health education were shown to the St. Bonaventure students January 20, in the high school auditorium by H. K. Fuller of Lincoln, assistant director of state public health education.

The show consisted of four short reels; namely, "On Your Feet", "Through the Day", "Proof of the Pudding", and "About Faces".

David Speicher expressed the thanks on behalf of the school to Mr. Fuller and the state health division.

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## Mystery Farce Chosen By Class

### Tryouts To Begin Soon

Anne What's-Her-Name, a royalty play and mystery farce in three acts, by Walter Ben Hare, has been selected by the seniors for their class play.

The story of the play centers around Tony Wheat, who flees from the police, hides in the home of Judge Bunby, and allows the family to mistake him for their nephew. The climax of his misfortune is reached when he is married, much against his inclination, to a masked lady with a deep bass voice, called Anne. The endeavors of the real Ebenezer, later followed by his wife and two children, add to the mystery and the merriment.

The play is full of wit, snappy lines, electrifying surprises and clean, comedy situations.

Tryouts for the various parts will be held soon.

## Panel Discussion Features Program

A panel discussion on the "Educational Aspects of the Army and Navy" was presented by the social science classes on February 25.

The program was opened by the presentation of the colors, flag salute and the signing of the National Anthem. The freshmen boys rendered two selected songs, "Army Air Corps" and "Merchant Marine."

The following educational topics were discussed: Army, by A. Tucek; Army Air Corps, by J. Ross; WACs, by D. Wozny; This Navy of Ours, by R. Locher; WAVES, by J. Jiranek; Navy Side Kicks, by Don Hittner; Coast Guard (SPARS), by V. Mielak; Marines, by D. Thiele; Nursing Cadet, by E. Lakers.

The girls' chorus sang, "This Is the Army" and "Anchors Aweigh." The boys added to the "M" formation in singing, "Say a Prayer for the Boys Over There."

The stage was decorated in patriotic colors, with red, white, and blue lights adorning the sides. A flag stood at the right of the stage and the Blessed Virgin's image at the left.

### DEDICATION

The faculty, staff and students dedicate this issue of "The Venture" to Father John Joseph in honor of his nameday and in grateful appreciation for his many favors and accomplishments.

## Father John Joseph Honored At Program

The Saint Bonaventure grade and high school presented a program in honor of Father John Joseph on March 3, in anticipation of his nameday which occurs on March 5. They also gave him a purse and a spiritual bouquet.

The selections in the program were as follows: Name Day Song, freshmen; Greeting, Geraldine Savage; Rhythm Band, grades one and two; Recitations, "A Windy Night," grades four and five; "Father John Joseph Comes to Dine," grade eight; Playlet, "A Medley of Feasts," grades four and five; Songs, "Topsy Turvy," grade six; "Tea Kettle's Song" and "Skating Is Fun," grade seven.

### ORATION CONTEST HELD BY HISTORY CLASSES

Dorothy Wozny and Don Hittner were awarded first place in the oration contests held January 26, 27, 28, by the American and World History classes.

Don's oration was delivered with great zest and enthusiasm; he portrayed vividly the advantages and values of preserving the ideals and principles of democracy. Dorothy's oration was a plea to the present generation to apply their best efforts in all undertakings for as "The morning shows the day, the child shows the man."

The second place winners were Albert Tucek and Geraldine Savage, while Ruth Johnson and Margaret Melliger ranked third.

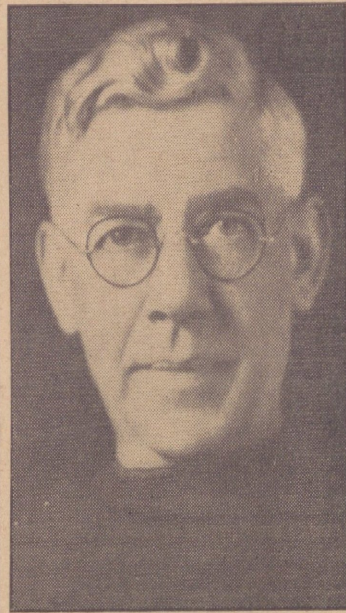
The contestants were judged on subject matter, delivery, and effectiveness. The judges were Billie Morgan, Marie Reifenrath and class sponsor, Sister M. Verona.

## Root For the United Nations' Team

We all cheered because our team was out there trying its best to chalk up another victory. Cheer followed upon cheer and as the echoes resounded through the hall the scene seemed to change. . . .

There were still two teams skirmishing; there was still a crowd cheering . . . cheering in spirit, if not with their voices, but there was something different about this team I now gazed upon. I wondered what they called themselves. I glanced at the scoreboard and there I read "The United Nations' Team" vs. "The Axis Team." I didn't quite understand what I was reading. Then the star players were being introduced. For the United Nations' team: Franklin D. Roosevelt, Winston Churchill, Joseph Stalin and Generalissimo Chiang Kai Shek. For the Axis team: Adolph Hitler and Tojo. Quite suddenly I realized what this meant. . . . The cheering crowds were all the people of the world. Both teams were fighting for a victory, but this victory is much more important because it doesn't

## Pastor Honored At Party By Parishioners



FATHER JOHN JOSEPH, O. F. M.

## Students Back the Attack With \$25,000

On the completion of the Fourth War Loan drive it was announced that St. Bonaventure grade and high school had backed the attack with over \$25,000.

Having successfully completed the campaign, the students plan to purchase a Training Plane for \$15,000. In the plane purchased there will be dedicated a panel to St. Bonaventure School. Jeeps will be bought with the remaining fund.

involve merely gaining a golden, engraved trophy, but it concerns everyone all over the world who stands up for freedom, peace and certain rights.

The players aren't up against a few teen-age boys; they are up against an enemy, perhaps one million strong, whose aim is to kill. These players are not facing a bruised knee or a black-eye; they are facing death.

I knew what would happen if we were not on the sidelines cheering our team on to victory. Our boys would not want to try to win that trophy to present to our school. Well, I thought, the same thing would happen if all the people on the home-front sidelines would stop working, buying bonds, and praying to the King of all nations who alone knows the outcome of this struggle.

When I looked up again, I only saw our own team trying to win that coveted trophy, I heard the crowds cheering and the cheers resounding through the hall.

D. W.

### Reifenrath Presents Purse and Plaque

As the words, "You Are My Sunshine," came from over one thousand lusty voices, Rev. John Joseph Brogger was ushered into the city auditorium, where he was taken by surprise by his parishioners who had gathered there to pay tribute to his capable executive ability.

When Father John Joseph came here in 1939, the parish debt stood at \$24,000. The party celebrated the liquidation of this debt.

Mr. J. O. Peck was master of ceremonies, and Pete Lakers was general chairman. The numbers on the program were community singing directed by Mr. Frank Shonka, and accompanied by Sister M. Anecita, pianist; addresses by Mayor Lohr, John Reifenrath, and Louis Rambour. Vocal selections by Saint Bonaventure choir and by the high school glee club; recitation, "Debt Cancelers," by four St. Bons grade school boys, Jackie Gladfelter, Kenneth Savage, Billy Jarvis and Marlin Bowe.

Messages of congratulation were read by Rev. Arno Hartman.

J. H. Reifenrath presented Father John Joseph with a plaque and a purse.

Mr. Louis Rambour, main speaker of the evening, sounded the keynote of the parishioners' gratitude when he said, "Father John Joseph in meeting this debt didn't cut down, but gave the best and finest standard. Our pastor will not remain with us always, but his fruits of success will remain with us forever."

Father John Joseph expressed his gratitude. He said, "I am deeply grateful; I only did my duty in liquidating the debt. Your cooperation and your loyal support made this possible."

Following the program attendants were asked to sign a guest book, which is to be bound and presented to Father John Joseph.

## Vocations Discussed By Father Francis

"Everyone is invited" were the opening words of Father Francis, Vocational Field Secretary, in an address to the students of S. B. H. on the subject of vocations to the religious life.

Father Francis pointed out the need for an increasing number of religious vocations. He said, "There is no great need in this country, but there is and will be an ever-increasing need in other countries."

Father urged the students to pray for a vocation, and he promised all those who prayed for the success of his mission a daily remembrance in his Holy Mass.



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 "Moby Dick"—Dick Speicher  
 "Sleeping Beauty"—Clarice Dohmen  
 "Invitation To Murder"—Archie Nosal  
 "Heidi Grows Up"—Lorraine Schmidt



## A Little Bird Told Me That...

The crowning of the Sodality queen will take place at a tea given for the mothers of the Sodalists . . . . Bob Speicher is really falling (no, thanks to leap year) for his books from the looks of the fall he took into the deep, cold snow . . . . Newcomers are certainly welcome to St. Bons, especially those from Grand Island . . . . Allan L. revealed his engagement to Theresa T. during English class. While she recited the Gettysburg address, he told her, "Now we are engaged"—Oh, pardon me, he was only prompting . . . . Eugene K. shoes got so thin he resorted to Jack Gaffney's piggy back rides . . . . The team is looking forward to a successful tournament . . . . A certain junior girl is trying her best to give Dick S. the bright eye . . . . Pat McGowan initiated a "heni" haircut when the thermometer fell to -20. The birdie says he wants to be less attractive because it's Leap Year—Could be! . . . . Bill Gaffney got a "heni" haircut but when the barber came to those waves Bill cried, "No, don't, I just can't part with them." Result he still has them. Chirp! Chirp! . . . . So long for now. . . .

## Insure a Happy and Holy Death

Saint Joseph lived a Christ-like life, because he lived close to Jesus and Mary; Saint Joseph had a happy death because Jesus and Mary were then close to him.

When your last sad hour has come, what will be your greatest desire? Beyond any doubt you will want God's representative, a priest, at your side, Christ in your heart, and Mary, your heavenly mother, near by.

The best way to insure a happy and holy death is to live close to Jesus and Mary during life, as St. Joseph did in his earthly sojourn. Then Jesus and Mary will be close to you at your hour of death.

Pray frequently to Saint Joseph, whose feast we celebrate on March 19, for the grace to live a good and holy life, and to die a happy death.  
Lester Nosal.

## Consider God First

St. John was great before God because he forgot himself and lived for God alone. But is this our way of life? Do we always do everything for God?

Most people think more often of themselves than of God. They would rather consider themselves first and God, second.

It is in God that we have our beginning; He is our last end. If like Saint John, we forget self and work for the honor of God, He will prepare for us an eternal reward, and we shall enjoy life everlasting with Him.  
Eleanor Lakers.

## Be a Soldier on the Home Front

"Say a Prayer for the Boys Over There," is the title of a new popular war song. I imagine more of us sing it than get down on our knees to do it.

We sit at home in an easy chair listening to the latest news, hot off the wires of the United Press. After we have heard some gory story we snap off the radio, and never fail to make our comments.

But gossiping is not helping to make amends. Are we praying and buying War Bonds? Can the boys count on our being soldiers with them, soldiers of prayer and soldiers of the home front?

I am reminding you that each task diligently performed and offered up to God with a good intention is a prayer. If each one of us would remember to "say a prayer" in this way, how many petitions would ascend to the throne of God begging Him to save a world that's upside down.  
Rose Mary Wass.

## Be Like the Saints Now

When the Saints examined themselves, they compared their qualities to the perfections of Christ. In order to be more like the Son of God, they mortified themselves by penance.

We judge our conduct by the standards of men. We feel satisfied with this because we have no higher ideal than that of sinful humanity.

But what of the last judgment? Are we to be judged by the standards of the world? No. Then we shall be judged by the standards of God, so let's be like the Saints now.  
C. H.

## World Needs Catholic Leadership

Today, when the world is pitched in a struggle against the evils of Communism, Facism, and Nazism, when all thought of the peace that Christ came to give is gone, we more than ever before need Catholic leaders.

Only in Catholic schools can we get the moral and religious training which when linked with the intellectual and educational training will qualify us to be strong leaders for the right.

In a few years we will be the men and the women of the United States—the leaders and followers. There are ninety-nine followers to every one leader. Will St. Bonnies' students be leaders or will they be followers?

If the peace which follows this war is to be lasting, if it is to be a real peace for all people, everyone of us Catholic school students will be needed, for the world is in urgent need of Catholic leadership.  
V. K.

## Spare or Share



Don't cry little boy  
 Mom needs it too—  
 Don't you realize  
 She has work to do?

She hasn't a car  
 It's gone to war.  
 She can't get delivery  
 As she did before—

Of course we know  
 You'd like to play—  
 But won't you be a sport  
 And spare it today?  
 M. Z.

## You Will Know Spring Is Here:

When there are more beanies and fewer bandanas.  
 When you see that dreamy look on so many faces.  
 When new "romances" break out as thick as measles.  
 When there are more temptations to play hooky.  
 When roller skates take the place of ice skates.  
 When you see the first robin.  
 When girls start thinking of their new Easter outfits.  
 When big yellow-faced dandelions smile at you from the campus grounds.  
 When students have to be told twice that the five minute bell has rung quite awhile ago.  
 When the clothes hooks in the halls are having a good rest.

## IN SYMPATHY

The "Venture" extends deepest sympathy to Don Hittner on the death of his grandfather, and to the Jahn children on the death of their mother.

## Beatrice Finds Duty Interesting

"I am the bust of Beatrice. You see me sitting, day after day, in the library. Some people think it is boring but I do not find it so. After all, look at what I get to see!

It is interesting to sit and watch people form their future. I sometimes wonder if Francis Micek will be reading funny books ten years from now? Will Ruth Johnson still be making the most of her time? I wonder if Daniel Cerny will still wear that dreamy look, or if Bill Morgan and "Desperate" will carry on their feud?

I notice some girls do nothing but chatter, chatter, chatter. Ten years from now they most likely will be worthy housewives "gabbing" over the backyard fence.

I may reasonably say that one half of the time is wasted. I guess Puck spoke the truth when he made the remark,

"What fools these mortals be!"

## Dare To Be Different

Do you dare to be different . . . .

When a new style of shoes comes in, or must you follow the crowd?

When plaid shirts are the fad, even though they look—oh, so sloppy?

When everyone wears anklets in winter, though you know it isn't healthy?

When all insist on another cocktail? You can't be a "wet-blanket."

When slang usage is tops? You don't know the diff twixt dee-gee or dee-gow, yet you use it.

Why be like the rest? Be different!!! It pays. I dare you to be different.



# Shamrocks Claim Best Record In Irish History

## Irish Enjoy Unbeaten Season

The football and basketball teams claim the best record in Irish history. The teams in the previous years have always lost at least four games every season.

St. Bonaventure Shamrocks have completed two-thirds of their athletic year with amazing success. In football the Irish won eight games without defeat and gained state recognition. The basketball team completed its regular schedule unbeaten, losing only in tournament play. This leaves only the track team which should be as good as previous Irish track teams. It is very rare that schools have great success in all three major sports.

St. Bons were seeded in both the Platte County and District Tournaments because of their previously good record.

## Shower Room Tales

Have you ever heard some of the remarks the coach makes to the boys and some of the wisecracks the boys fling around the dressing room?

Everyone is dressed; practice starts. The first thing is a little scrimmage in which you may hear these familiar phrases.

For gosh sakes!! Goony, (McGowan) jump up a little when you shoot, get off your big feet. Tucek, get in and rough it up a little, "get tough."

"Cry Bones" Gaffney! Quit your fouling or I'll have to get you a saddle.

Ross!!! When you go in for a set-up keep your mouth shut, or Fischer will stumble in.

Fischer, cut that slaphappy playing out.

Scrimmage is over; then comes the main act. Someone yells, "Fischer, have you got my shirt?" Then Joe takes off Boyle's shirt. Then another yells, "Fischer, where's my other pair of basketball shoes?" Joe meekly removes the shoes. Poor Joe can never keep track of his own clothes, but he always manages.

## All For You

"On the beam"  
Is our team,  
Honor claim  
At each game  
—All for you —Boys

We're for you  
Strong and true,  
And we cheer  
Loud and clear.  
—All for you —Girls

## Shamrocks Placed On Honor Team

Four St. Bonaventure players were placed on the Platte County-All Tournament team. Boys selected from the Shamrocks were Bob Gutzmer, John Korgie, Francis Luis, and Jack Ross.

Don Conyers, Creston star, was picked first and was named honorary captain of the all tournament ten. Others selected were Stovall, Creston; Thimmigan and Glauser, Reserves; Torczon and Robak, Duncan.

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## Track Practice To Begin Soon

Track opens at St. Bons in the near future. It can't be said what the outlook for the Irish is because graduation took Ternes, Syslo, and Mielak, top performers on last year's track team.

Tagwerker will handle the shot-put and perhaps run the relay. Dietering will run the half-mile and Tucek, the mile. Locher will most likely enter for both hurdles. McGowan is going out for the 100, 220 yard dash and perhaps for pole vaulting. Lohr will be in on some of the shorter races and will be a sure relay man. Schroeder, speedy freshman, is promising and will be in the freshman relay. Jack Gaffney is another candidate for the freshman relay. Bill Gaffney and Myron Zabawa are the others who will report.

## Irish Win Third Place In County

St. Bonaventure Shamrocks won third place in the Platte County Tournament. A 24-16 victory over the Reserves gave the Irish the third spot.

In the opener the Irish easily beat Monroe, 47-7. However, against Creston in the semi-finals the green and white started slow and ended up on the short end of a 27-19 score. This was the first Irish defeat after ten consecutive victories and the first athletic setback for St. Bons this season.

On the last night, when the Irish won third place, Creston defeated Duncan, 36-26, to win the championship.

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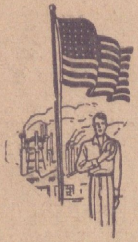
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## Bonaventure In the Service

Members of the Sophomore class will do their part this lent in having Masses said for the servicemen killed or missing in action. Their offerings will be dropped into a mite box, which will be placed in their classroom.

A large United States shield on which the pictures of the students' friends and relations in service are mounted is displayed in the freshmen home room. Above it is the prayer, "Merciful Savior, bless and protect our dear ones in our country's service," which is said daily by the freshmen.

### Promotions

Congratulations, Warren P. Meliger, on your promotion from Corporal to Sergeant.

Congratulations, Lieut. Arthur Johnson, on winning so many honors and medals. Lieut. Arthur Johnson is entitled to wear the "Air Medal," "Good Conduct" ribbon, "European Theater of Operations" medal with "combat-star" attached, and lastly a blue felt operational background (rectangular) behind his wings.

Congratulations, Jerome Coupens, on your promotion to the rank of Petty Officer 3/c.

Congratulations, La Verne Pokorski, on your promotion to 2/c Pharmacist Mate.

## Students Volunteer To Aid In War Effort

Dear Mr. President:  
We students at St. Bonaventure High School, Columbus, Nebraska, think that we could be an invaluable help in the war effort. We will explain what we mean. Whenever an airplane flies over our school nothing can stop us from running to the windows and identifying it. (Our teachers will vouch for that.)

"It's a liberator," someone says.  
"No, it's a P-38," another answers.

So, you can see that we could help. Call for us whenever you need us.

Sincerely,  
Students of St. Bon.

P. S. We forgot to say in what way we could help — AIRPLANE SPOTTERS.

## Oxygen Atom Relates Adventures

"Oh, I feel awful! I don't know what's the matter with me! They say I'm completely annihilated but I am not. I have only changed my identity. I'm really full of spirit. And I should be because I'm a ghost.

I had a very hard day at the laboratory. You see, I was flitting around the chemistry tables where Rita and Pill were heating mercury. I wanted to see what was going on, so I went real close to the tube. I didn't want to get mixed up in any jams, but something just pulled at me and my little feet traveled right into the test tube. In a minute I heard Pill say, 'Oh, here's our mercuric oxide.' Well, my mother told me there would be times like this.

Rita handed mercury and me to Salty and Don. They started to make things hot for us with a Bunsen burner. Geeeps!!!! Soon I was losing the red color. Hurray!! I was free again.

I was going to be a good boy, but I just had to see what Allen and Harold were doing with that

red piece of metal. I saw all the other little atoms running so I ran too. When I got closer I saw it was a fire, so I ran real fast. I got too close and Bang! just like that I saw that copper had hold of my hand. I was then copper oxide.

I was surely glad when I saw Marilyn and Doris sending my friend, hydrogen, in after me. I am very happy when hydrogen and I get together, because we always swim. We are water.

While we were swimming hydrogen said we should crawl up on the bank. Ouch! that wasn't a grassy bank; it was a live wire. Now my friend is gone and I'm all alone again.

I might as well go on and see what Ron and Myron are doing with that white metallic ribbon. I was about ready to pull up a magnesium ion and sit down, when Ron lit a match to the magnesium and Pop!

Here I am now just lying here —magnesium oxide. I'm just the ghost of an oxygen atom."

## Sodalists Contend For Coveted Title

Competition runs high as Sodalists vie for the coveted title, "Miss Sodality." In order to keep the identity of "Miss Sodality" a secret, a box has been sealed and placed in room one. Honor points are dropped into this box. The box will not be opened until the close of the contest.

The winner of the contest will be the girl having the most points earned by taking part in various Sodality activities. A few of the many activities by which contenders may gain honor points are by receiving Holy Communion on Sodality Sunday, attending the meetings, giving talks at the meetings, donating clothing for the missions, helping serve First Friday breakfasts, aiding in the collection of stamps and Catholic magazines, stitching scapulars, painting and repairing broken toys, reading pamphlets, making posters, and typing and duplicating letters to Sodalists, outlines for discussion and other material.

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Quit moanin'  
But start grinnin'  
'Cause we'll be winnin'  
Faster and surer Now!  
M. Z.

### CORRECTION

In the February issue "The Venture" staff thanked St. Ann's Society for the library books. The C. D. A. was the generous donor.

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## Virginia Kerr Wins Contest

Virginia Kerr, junior, was announced winner in the local judging of the essays, entered in the contest sponsored by the American Legion Auxiliary. Topic of the essay contest was "Pioneer Pattern for the Nation of Tomorrow." Essays will be judged by district judges before being submitted to the State and National Legions.

National winner.

The students have also entered the 9th National Meat Poster Contest sponsored by the National Livestock and Meat Board. "Meat Fights For Freedom" is the theme of the 1944 Meat Poster Contest. Each poster is to be accompanied by not less than a 200 word statement on "What making this poster has taught me about 'How Meat Fights For Freedom'."

## Junior-Senior Prom Scheduled For May 11

The Junior-Senior Prom scheduled for Thursday, May 11, will continue the traditional gayety of past years. The prom will be formal and will be held in the high school auditorium, which can be daintily but inexpensively decorated. The banquet will be served in the gymnasium.

Johnnie Russell's orchestra from David City will provide the music.

The chairmen of the various committees are as follows: general chairman on arrangements, Delores Smagacz; decorations, Theresa Tworek; refreshments, Jean McNair; programs, Marguerite Zimmerer; carpenter work, Albert Tucek.

The senior class completed the arrangements for the social event by choosing the gardenia for their class flower, green and white for their class colors, and "Victory Through Virtue and Valor" for their motto.

## Coming Events

- Apr. 5-11—Easter Vacation.
- Apr. 16—Miss Sodality Reception.
- Apr. 21—Columbus Invitational Meet.
- May 2—Platte County Track Meet.
- Apr. 28—Matinee, "Anne-What's-Her-Name."
- Apr. 30—Senior Class Play, "Anne-What's-Her-Name."
- May 1—Crowning of May Queen.
- May 7—First Holy Communion.
- May 11—Junior-Senior Prom.
- May 14—Mother-Daughter Communion.
- May 21—Recital—Senior Division?  
—Sneak Day.
- May 24-25—Final Exams.
- May 28—Baccalaureate.
- May 28—Commencement Exercises.

## Christ Is Risen



Jesus, Who, victor in the fight, Returnest to the realms of light, To Father, Spirit, and to Thee, Eternal praise and glory be.

## Bookkeeping Class Enters Contest

The Seventh Annual Bookkeeping Contest sponsored by the Business Education World provided a "break" from the usual bookkeeping assignments. The entire Senior Bookkeeping Class entered the contest. Their whole-hearted and enthusiastic attack of the problem was another demonstration of the spirit of class loyalty and cooperation which exists not only on the athletic field but also in scholastic endeavors.

The contest closed March 20. A silver trophy cup will be awarded to the school having the best set of papers. In addition to this award, there are many cash prizes, War Stamps, and certificates for individual students.

## Meet St. Bonnies Latest Pin-Ups

Johnny Korgie is a real ideal. He's next to Atlas in physique. . . . Marilyn Messing's picture adorns many a camp because of her "Kate Smith" voice. . . . Salty Luis because of his "Stonewall Jackson" frame makes a handsome eyeful. . . . Rita Frischholz with her "Florence Nightengale" ideals will make a wonderful nurse. . . . Don Hittner will be History students pin-up after he gets his M. A. . . . Charmagne Pfeifer is a favorite because of her vitality. . . . Joe Fischer with that captivating smile, puts his portrait in many magazines. . . . June Stoll because of her lustrous curls is Halo Shampoo's pin-up.

Our Editor Verna Mielak is Listerine's cover girl. Have you noticed her sparkling teeth? . . . Bill Ebner is a F. F. A. pin-up. . . . Sylvia Boruch is equal

## Senior Class To Present Mystery Farce Soon

### Pastor Honors Team At Banquet

In appreciation of the Shamrock's splendid work, Father John Joseph honored the basketball players at a banquet held at Swolek's Cafe during which Bob Gutzmer was named honorary captain of the Irish basketball team.

Members of the regular team; Pat McGowan and Kenny Langan, student managers; cheer leaders, Betty Ewert and Lillian Dietz; Coach Dutch Ernst, Coach Dutch Welch, Rev. Arno Hartman, and Rev. Max Klotzbucher, were the guests of Father John Joseph.

The table was simply but beautifully decorated. The centerpiece consisted of a huge basket carved entirely of ice. In the center of the basket was an assortment of delicious fruits.

After the dinner short talks were given by Father John Joseph, Father Arno and Bob Gutzmer. Each speaker highly praised the work of the team's splendid success throughout the season.

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

A chorus composed of the junior girls, and of the alto and second soprano members of the Girls' Glee Club provided the entertainment at the C. D. A. meeting Monday evening, March 27, at the K. C. hall.

The program included the following numbers: "Anchored," Watson, and "Waiting In the Shadows," Combs.

Mrs. J. C. Dickey, the accompanist, also played piano duets with her sister, Mrs. J. F. Malone of Madison.

### Ross Receives Leading Role

Jack Ross has been selected for the leading role in the Senior Class play, "Anne What's-Her-Name!" Tryouts for the play which is to be presented April 30, in the High School Auditorium were held March 1 and 2.

Characters in the play are Anthony Wheat (Tony), a victim of circumstances, Jack Ross; Judge Bumby, the head of the house, David Speicher; Aunt Julia, the Judge's sister-in-law, Charmagne Pfeifer; Gran'ma, age 82, with young ideas, Marilyn Messing; Marjorie, a very modern young woman, Doris Vanek; Mooney, the temperamental maid with nerves, Doris Jaax; Barbara, a young flapper, Angeline Kula; Willie Peabody, the boy from next door, Joe Fischer; Doran, a plain clothes detective, Francis Luis; Louise Byers, Gran'ma's companion, Marilyn Gahan; Nancy Brown (leading lady), the girl from Rosedale, June Stoll; Doctor Aked, a friend of the family, Bill Ebner; Ebenezer Whittle, the Judge's nephew, Myron Zabawa; Mrs. Ebenezer Whittle, looking for Ebenezer, Gloria Blaser; Burks, Tony's valet, faithful to the end, Albert Tucek.

The play was written by Walter Ben Hare and is being presented by special arrangement with Walter H. Baker Company, of Boston, Massachusetts.

The senior members of the Girls' Glee club will provide two vocal selections: "The Dance of the Pine Tree Fairies," trio chorus, by Forman; and a trio, "Around the Gypsy Fire," by J. Brahms. Other vocal selections will be rendered by the Glur girls, accompanied by Mr. L. Rambour, pianist.

## Musician, Lawyer Entertain Assembly

The assembly of St. Bonaventure high school was entertained by a program sponsored by the civics classes. Louis R. Rambour spoke on "Lawyers and Governments." Otto F. Walter not only spoke on elections and county and city governments, but also entertained the young people with his antics at the piano.

Misses Rosemary Dorothy and Marjorie Ann Glur sang numbers, "By the River of the Roses" and "People Will Say We're In School," the latter a parody of the popular song, "People Will Say We're In Love."

Joseph Fischer was chairman in charge of the program which closed with the group singing of "God Bless America."

Special guests were Ensign R. L. Dodendorf, jr., who made a few remarks, and Rev. Maximilian Klotzbutcher.

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## Shamrocks, We Salute You!

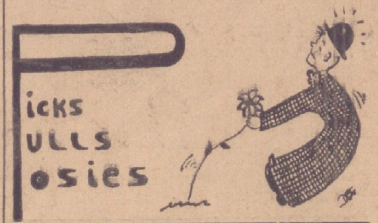
"For, when the one Great Scorer comes to write against your name, He writes not that you won or lost—but how you played the game."

SHAMROCKS—We salute you.

You have completed a victorious season fighting whole-heartedly for the honor and success of the team. Your efforts were not unrewarded for you have won the coveted District "C" Championship. You gave us something to cheer about. You were in there fighting all the way. You were second to none in sportsmanship. Few people remember the score of a game but they do remember how you played the game.

All of the students say "thanks" for the grand work that you have done this year in the field of sports at St. Bons.

You have glorified your name, "Shamrocks"!!!



## POSIES TO—

Father John Joseph for the banquet he gave the "District Champs."

Father Arno for the interest he took in the boys during the tournament.

Coach Ernst for his splendid work this season.

The basketball team for bringing home Oscar.

All the boys and girls cheering at our games.

To Charmagne Pfeifer, Dorothy Wozny, and Marie Reifenrath for their volunteer work in the library.

Pat McGowan says Washington's bed shortage has nothing on Lincoln (three to a single bed.)

"My Trip from Lincoln," or "How To Get Home The Hard Way," can be purchased from Professor Deitering for a small fee.

Billy Morgan surely is bright. He thinks N. B. (Note well) on the senior board means "No Brains."

## BUTTER PROBLEM SOLVED?

You can get butter. Make it from grass. All you need is a cow and a churn.

Students welcome Richard Savage to their ranks. He is a sophomore who formerly attended school at Spaulding, Nebraska.

## Meet St. Bonnies Latest Pin-Ups

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sonable facsimiles for Dinah Shore and Ginny Simms.

David Speicher is a mathematical genius. No problem is too great for him to master. . . . Angeline Kula is a real baby doll, but she says more than "papa" and "mama." . . . Vernetta Johnson is our conservative pin-up. She never says very much but what she does say is really entertaining. . . . Dorothy Thiele will make headlines as one of the nation's leading orators.

Gloria Blaser is the Powers' model favorite, with her figure. Well. . . . Bob Gutzmer is the Vim's vitamin pin-up. His good nature cheers everyone up. . . . A certain Junior boy has Dolores Schmidt all pinned-up for the year. . . . Agnes Wieser is shy but she doesn't lack charm. . . . Genevieve Wieser is a certain sailor's ideal.

Marianne Iwan is as neat as a pin-up should be. . . . Angela Johnson is Fred Astaire's ideal dancing partner. . . . Myron Zabawa always has a certain twinkle in his eye. . . . Geraldine Morgan is a living proof of the old favorite song, "When Irish Eyes Are Smiling." . . . Ronald Locher is a wave pin-up as a future navy ensign. . . . Regina Ebner is the ideal Sodality President. . . . Helen Mae Wass leads the Senior class in the field of artistic designing. Her drawing ability helped make the 1943 Junior-Senior prom a real success.

## Think of Your Soul's Ensemble

Style critics say: "The Dutch hat will be the leading style in hats this season. Suits will serve for every engagement—church, dress, afternoon, and evening."

Of course you'll be sitting on needles and pins until you have that hat and that suit, because you must be in style for Easter.

But what about your soul? Are you going to make it wear its last, or should I say past year's ensemble? You do so much fussing, and planning, and worrying about your Easter outfit. But the special outfit of grace for your soul—nary a thought does it get.

Begin now to fuss, to plan, and to worry about your soul's Easter outfit. That spiritual outfit will be in style and will endure for all eternity, but worldly styles change so often and clothes wear out so soon. Work for your soul's salvation! "For what doth it profit a man if he gaineth the whole world, and suffereth the loss of his soul?"

G. J.

## Peace Be To You

After His resurrection Christ remained on earth for forty days. During this period He appeared to many people and His greeting always was, "Peace be to you." How does this greeting hold today when the entire world is plunged in a brutal and death-dealing war? But Christ did say, "Peace be to you." By you did he mean only the very few neutral countries—countries who even though they proclaim neutrality hear the roar of cannons and the drone of bombers overhead?

Christ meant, "Peace be to you in your own soul." You can have peace in your soul even though the world is torn by nations at war.

What is peace of soul? When you have a difficult task to do and you complete it satisfactorily, you feel good; you feel at rest; you have peace of mind.

It may seem difficult to try to keep all the commandments Christ has given, but for the love of your Almighty Ruler you keep them and perform little acts that you know will please your Heavenly Father. You give that coin to the beggar. You help your less fortunate neighbor. You are tempted and you heed the little voice that says, "No, that's a danger sign." And you feel just as elated as if you had won a prize. This is peace of soul.

There would be no wars and the world would be a more peaceful place in which to live if each individual would silence the nagging tempter and heed the voice of conscience.

D. W.

## Effort Spells Success

Watch those "A" averages, students! They mean an exemption from your final tests. Isn't that worth working for?

Just remember "the difference between success and failure is just one more try" when tempted to slack a bit.

Soon we will be entering upon the last six weeks of a school term. To some students it will be their last of the good old school days and to others it will mean a foundation for the forthcoming school term. If you begin well, you are half way, and the next thing that counts is the finish.

Take note, students, if you have been slackers and if you have cheated yourselves, why not take this wee chance to amend?

Remember, effort spells success.

J. R.

## Promptness is a Must Both in Navy and School

The United States navy claims that tardiness accounts for more blots on a sailor's record than anything else. In the navy, promptness is required, and any offender is seriously punished. This is because the effort toward attaining victory is being retarded.

Is your aim toward victory being paralyzed by the commonest of all human failings—tardiness? Five minutes lost every day through inability to begin studies on time, means fifteen hours late every year. Are you going to cheat yourself of this valuable time?

M. R.



## A Little Bird Told Me That . . .

Jack Ross looks forward to practicing certain parts of the class play. (So sorry!! the bird didn't give a peep regarding Charmagne's and June's attitude) . . . Dave Speicher isn't fluttering around lately for he is minus his golden wings. Chirp. Probably gave them away. . . . Ish Ka Bibo has a double. Incidentally he is a junior attending St. Bons. . . . Jim Olivetti is surely fond of that bottle—the ink bottle I mean. . . . Ever hear about Sherman's march through Georgia? Then you can't miss Desperate's March through Nebraska. . . . Naughty, aughty Teresa T. is getting air minded. She even flies paper planes. . . . A certain boy keeps in trim for track doing the mile to his girl friend's house. . . . A certain senior girl will get a ring before a certain somebody leaves for the Navy. . . . The boys who walked to Lincoln are having a hard time proving to their feet that "All's well that ends well." . . . Chirp! Chirp! So long for now.

## HONOR STUDENTS

Seniors: Doris Jaax, Dorothy Thiele, Gloria Blaser, Sylvia Boruch.

Juniors: Virginia Kerr, Jean McNair, Ruth Johnson, Germaine Schumacher, Dolores Smagacz, Marie Toufar.

Sophomores: Dorothy Wozny, Marie Reifenrath.

Freshmen: Eleanor Lakers, Rosemary Wass, Catherine Hauser, Lester Nosal, Bernadette Feik.

## IN SYMPATHY

"The Venture" extends the deepest sympathy of the faculty, staff and students to the Rev. Fathers and Ven. Brothers on the death of Brother Lawrence.



# Shamrocks Win Title, District Champs of '44

## Irish Win Title For Second Time

St. Bonaventure Shamrocks won the District Class "C" Basketball Tournament by defeating the Osceola Bulldogs 26-25 in the Kramer Gym on Feb. 24. It was the first time since 1937 that the Irish have won the title "District Champs" and only the second time in the history of the school that the boys have received this honor. Irish got by the first two opponents without much trouble. Shelby fell to the Irish 72-6; Polk was beaten 27-10. Bob Gutzmer earned 16 points the first night and 11 the second.

In the semi-finals the Shamrocks outran Silver Creek to win 54-41. It was a fast game all the way. Fischer racked up 19 points to lead the green and white; Gutzmer scored 10 points and Olivetti followed with 7 points.

In the finals with Osceola, the Irish grabbed a 14-2 lead in the first quarter and led 17-7 at half-time. When the third quarter ended the Shamrocks still led by 10 points, but with four minutes to go, Osceola, led by Wayne Parks, pulled within one point of the Irish. Here the Irish clamped down and held the slim lead to win 26-25.

St. Bons played good ball throughout the tournament and gained a large following.

## Gutzmer Elected Honorary Captain

Bob Gutzmer was elected Honorary Captain of the basketball team of '44.

Bob has saved many a game by his accurate free throws. He scored 139 points this season, and he usually played a good floor game. Bob has lettered three years in basketball. Among the other boys that lettered in '44 are Jack Ross, Francis Luis, John Korgie, Joe Fischer, Albert Tucek, Harold Krzycki, Jim Olivetti, Myron Zabawa, and Ronald Locher.

## Irish Ranked Ninth In State

St. Bonaventure Shamrocks ranked ninth in Gregg McBride's final state basketball ratings. The Irish finished their season with seventeen wins and two defeats.

Wakefield, Class "C" state champion, was leader of the "C" division. They surprised the experts by upsetting favored Deshler 34-30, and beating Milford the next night to gain the finals. They defeated Culbertson 36-34 for the championship.

The Shamrocks scored 688 points for a 36 point game average. Shamrock opponents scored 352 points for an 18 point average. The Irish high was 72 points in one game and the lowest score was 19 points. The green and white held the Shelby team without a field goal during tournament play.

All around the Irish had a successful season. Next year's team has three lettermen returning — Krzycki, Olivetti, and Tucek. Only four seniors will be on the team next year as Bill Gaffney is the only other junior who played basketball this year.

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## Shamrocks Lose Class "C" Playoff

St. Bonaventure Shamrocks lost the Class "C" playoff game to Milford Eagles by a 34-28 score. This loss kept the Irish from the state meet at Lincoln.

Milford scored the first basket but were tied by the Shamrocks 6-6 at the first quarter.

The Eagles began moving and held a 14-8 lead at one time in the second quarter. Here "Ick" Zabawa entered the game for the Irish and set the team rolling with two beautiful shots. The Shamrocks were trailing only 16-14 at halftime.

At the end of the third quarter the Irish trailed by five points but put on a rally and were behind only 30-28 with two minutes to go. With less than a minute left, the Irish had three jumps called under their own basket but couldn't get the ball. Milford got the third tipoff to make a setup. They added two more free throws for good measure and won 34-28. Milford drew Minatare as their first opponent at Lincoln.

## Banquet Honors Local Teams

The chamber of commerce honored the two local basketball teams at a banquet at Hotel Evans on March 23.

Following the dinner the two local coaches complimented the teams on their successful sports' season. O. L. Webb, secretary of the NHSAA, praised the Columbus teams for their conduct on and off the basketball court.

Bob Gutzmer and Jim Rich, honorary pilots of their respective schools, spoke briefly thanking the chamber for the banquet.

Other short talks were given by Rev. Arno Hartman, E. P. Baruth and R. R. McGee.

Columbus was the only city besides Omaha in the state having two district winners.

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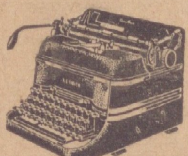
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Editor, Staff and Students:

I am going to take this opportunity to say "Hello" to the guys and gals at St. Bons. I've been in the Maritime Service or Merchant Marine for a little over two months. While here at the Training Station, I met Alvin Kolbush, a former student. Al and I went on one liberty in New York. He has since been shipped out on the Atlantic.

I am glad to hear about the Shamrock's winning the "C" tournament.

If anyone gets an education, he gets one here. I go to classes eight hours a day. I am also on the barracks basketball team, which means that I'm pretty busy. We go on a training ship within the next three weeks. It travels up the eastern coast for five weeks. After I get off this ship, I may get a leave or I may be shipped aboard a ship going across.

There are not very many men from Nebraska here. They are mostly from the Eastern states. In fact, some of these fellows from New Jersey don't know if Nebraska is a state or a country. I naturally tell them that every morning we Nebraskans shoot buffalo for breakfast and even have wampams for money. Two thirds of them believe me.

The Merchant Marine is a great branch of service (ahem). Too bad there aren't more Columbus men in it.

How about some of the students dropping a line to an old grad? Just between you and me high school is a pretty nice place to be.

Ray J. (Heinz) Syslo A/S

**Congratulations**

Lester Morgan, on your promotion to the rank of Corporal.

Myron Novicki, on your promotion to the rank of Sergeant.

Marvin Jahn, on your graduation from the Naval Air Training Center and on your commission as a Lieutenant in the U. S. Marine Corps Reserve.

Harold Mielak, on your graduation from radio school.

**Be Careful! It's Catching!**

Better watch out. It's catching. It's one disease that doesn't make the patient feel bad, and that is why it is so dangerous. What is it? Spring Fever. You would never know that you had it if you judged from the way you feel. In fact, when you feel so good that you don't feel like doing anything at all—well, that's spring fever.

Here is the way a Spring Fever patient thinks to himself or herself. (Yes, girls catch it as well as boys).

"Home work again. Study. Review. Test. Project. Why does

someone always have to be thinking up ways to spoil our fun? You can't expect us to spend all our time on books. I worked pretty hard all year. Now I'm going to coast along for awhile. I can catch up anyway."

Better watch out for signs of Spring Fever. There is no use in losing your head just because the weather is getting nice. You will either persevere and stick to your lessons or roll over and perhaps die of spring fever. Which shall it be?

**Junior Lads And Lassies Entertain**

In honor of St. Patrick, a program was presented on March 17, by the junior class.

Selections in the program included: Song, Wearing of the Green, Girls' Chorus; Poem, St. Patrick's Day, Marie Toufer; Song, Mother Machree, Joan Pokorski; Song, I'll Take You Home Again Kathleen, Marjorie Glur; Song, Johnny Doughboy, Girls' Chorus; Playlet, A Scene in Court — Selected. Characters were Judge Sober, Charles Woerth; Counselor Sharp, Harold Kryzcki; Bluster Snap, Bill Gaffney; Phelim O'Shaughnessy, Frank Tagwerker; Hans Pumpernickel, Allen Lohr; Frau Pumpernickel, Joan Pokorski; Constable Ferret, Leonard Loeffler; Terrence Brady, Albert Tucek; Bridget Spalpeen, Germaine Schumacher; Mrs. McJerk, Bernice Smollen; clerk, Bernard Lisko; bailiff, Richard Speicher; crier, Paul Euteneur.

**Duchesne College Praises Alumna**

The following note was received from Duchesne College concerning an alumna of St. Bonaventure:

Dear Sister:

We are pleased to notify you that Miss Anita Jaworski, a graduate of St. Bonaventure's High School in 1943 and now a Freshman in the Duchesne College Business School, received the highest grade given last semester in two courses: Book-keeping I, and Psychology.

Sincerely yours,  
Mother Vera Rogers,  
Dean.

**Students Provide Entertainment**

Margie Glur and Don Hittner provided vocal selections on March 6 for the Lions Club. The selections rendered by Margie were, "Say a Prayer For the Boys Over There" and "Mairzy Doats." Don sang "In the Blue of Evening" and "No Love, No Nothing."

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**Class Receives Certificates**

The St. Bonaventure High School girls who enrolled in the Home Nursing class, sponsored by the Platte County Red Cross Chapter, have successfully completed the course under the direction of Mrs. Lancaster, a registered nurse, and have received their certificates.

M. Melliger and M. Reifenrath attained the highest average, 98%.

Others who received certificates were R. Frischholz, A. Johnson, G. Morgan, H. M. Wass, A. Kula, B. Coupens, M. Glur, R. Johnson, W. Moersen, G. Schumacher, B. Smollen, T. Tworek, M. Zimmerer, V. L. Carter, M. Herink, L. Herink, G. Savage, J. Jiranek, and B. Sne-deker.

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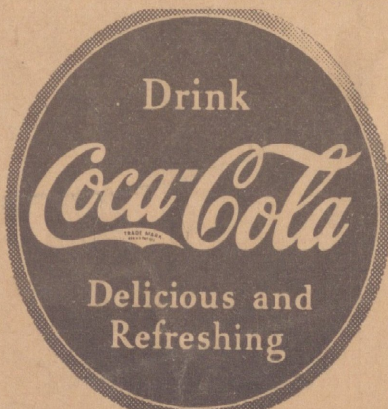
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## Virginia Kerr Wins State Essay Contest

Mrs. E. G. Hadley, president of the American Legion Auxiliary, announced that Virginia Kerr, St. Bonaventure high school junior, won first prize in the state essay contest on Americanism.

"Pioneer Pattern For the Nation of Tomorrow," was her topic. By winning the state award, Miss Kerr's winning essay will be entered in the national contest which carries a prize of \$100.00.

For winning the state contest she received 18 volumes of the World Book Encyclopedia. The contest was sponsored by the American Legion Auxiliary.

Virginia Kerr delivered her essay at the joint meeting of the Lions' Club, held at the Thurston Hotel, May 23.

## Rainbow of Hope Features Prom

St. Bonaventure Juniors Host to Seniors May 11

In an atmosphere of festivity 'mid myriads of gayly colored streamers, the juniors of St. Bonaventure high school paid their compliments to the seniors at the annual junior-senior prom May 11.

In the banquet hall, myriads of streamers of rainbow hues were caught in a graceful cluster and attached to a central fixture from which they fell in graceful twirls to central positions above the table, and from there were draped in alternating trios to the table where they were fastened to tall blue tapers. Sparkling vases with spring flowers lent a festive air.

The 15 large windows were draped with interwoven streamers of brilliant hues and attached to the sides by tiny orange bows.

To the strains of soft music played by Mrs. John Dickey, the sophomore girls clad in colorful ensembles, served the banquet.

At 8 o'clock Miss Dolores smagacz, junior class president, and her escort, Eugene Kosch, followed by the charmingly attired junior and senior girls and their escorts, entered the school auditorium which had been transformed into a colorful scene of beauty and gaiety.

"Rainbow of Hope" was chosen by the juniors for their prom theme. It was effectively carried out by using the six rainbow hues and by forming a large rainbow arch in box effect which gracefully spanned the arch before the stage and formed a fitting setting for Johnny Russel's nine piece orchestra. The rainbow was illuminated by means of concealed spotlights which were trained upon it.

The background of the orchestra pit was formed by a scene of an enchanting rose garden, centered by a sparkling water fountain and to the left stood a picturesque vine covered stone wall. Below the orchestra pit, graceful loops of brilliant twirling streamers were

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## To the Graduates

"This wish for you is a little prayer  
That God will keep you in His care  
And that His choicest blessings, too,  
Throughout your life will come to you."

THE FACULTY.

## Irish Cop Trophy In County Meet

Irish copped the traveling trophy from the Platte Center tracksters, who have held it for the past two years, by winning the Platte County track meet here at Pawnee park. Irish won by a margin of 10 points over Platte Center. Six teams took part in the affair.

St. Bonaventure won the meet by having a well balanced squad. Shamrocks won only four firsts but scored in all events excepting the high jump.

Three new records were established at the meet. One was made by Albert Tucek, St. Bonaventure junior, in the mile. Tucek broke his own mile record by running the event in 5:09. His old record was 5:11.9.

The Irish earned 18 ribbons—blue, red, white and yellow—and brought home the Jr. Chamber of Commerce trophy. The ribbons and trophy were formally presented at an athletic honor convocation on May 9.

Coach Ernst and several of the boys gave talks; the students gave a rousing cheer for the coach and the teams of '44.

## Pfc. L. Smollen Killed In Action

On Monday, April 24, a requiem mass was sung at St. Anthony's church for Pfc. Lambert Smollen who was killed in action at Bougainville, British Solomon Islands.

Lambert, a U. S. M. C. paratrooper, had previously been reported as missing in action.

He enlisted in the Marines in August, 1942 and received his training at San Diego. He left the states in 1943, and landed in New Caledonia. In October he was transferred to the Solomon Islands.

Lambert was graduated from St. Bonaventure school in 1940.

## Honor Convocation Slated For May 24

A general merit convocation at which awards will be presented to approximately fifty honor students is slated for May 24.

Awards will be given for outstanding citizenship, for high scholastic ability, for achievements in the field of commerce and journalism, and to those students having a perfect record in school and Mass attendance.

Father John Joseph will present the awards.

## Commencement Exercises To Begin With Baccalaureate Services May 28

### Thirty-Seven Students To Receive Diplomas

Commencement exercises, Sunday, May 28, will mark the end of high school days for thirty-seven seniors.

The graduation activities will begin with Baccalaureate services at St. Bonaventure Church. All seniors in caps and gowns will be present at the 7:30 Holy Mass and receive Holy Communion in a body. Rev. John Joseph Brogger, pastor, will give the baccalaureate address.

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—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 Paschal Rollman, O. F. M., pastor at St. Mary's, Humphrey, Nebraska, will deliver the commencement address and Rev. John Joseph Brogger will confer the diplomas.

The St. Bonaventure Church choir will render the music for the following program:

Processional during which the graduates will march into the church; "More Love to Thee", Rev. Floribert Jaspers, O. F. M.; Commencement address; conferring of diplomas; "Pax Dei," Coombs; "Gloria Patri," Paestrina; Benediction with the Blessed Sacrament; "Holy God We Praise Thy Name," chorus by congregation.

## Rev. M. Wernsing Conducts Retreat

Rev. Michael Wernsing from Cleveland, Ohio, conducted a two day retreat for the high school students and the eighth graders on May 3 and 4.

The daily retreat schedule began with the 8:00 o'clock Holy Mass and closed with Benediction of the most Blessed Sacrament at 3:00 p. m. Four instructive conferences were given daily and ample material was provided for spiritual reading.

## Sergeant Wilfred Jahn Receives Purple Heart

Sergeant Wilfred Jahn, who is in the army air corps and stationed in Italy, was wounded in action and received the Purple Heart. His injuries were a dislocated shoulder and bruised leg. Sergeant Jahn has been overseas since March.



CHARMAGNE PFEIFER  
Courtesy of Daniel Studio

## Charmagne Pfeifer Named Miss Sodality

Miss Charmagne Pfeifer received the title, "Miss Sodality of 1944," at a colorful ceremony held at St. Bonaventure gymnasium by Our Lady's Sodality.

Miss Regina Ebner, sodality president, introduced the attendants: Sylvia Boruch, Rita Frischholz, Virginia Kerr, Dolores Smagacz, June Stoll, Winifred Moersen, Doris Jaax, and Dorothy Wozny as they appeared on the stage and prepared to receive the titlist.

Gloria Korgie presented a little gift from the society to "Miss Sodality" and the attendants. An additional gift was given to Charmagne Pfeifer and Rita Frischholz for their outstanding loyalty to sodality ideals and objectives during their four years of high school. Regina Ebner received a golden chain and cross in recognition of her leadership.

Betty Ewert summarized the year's projects and activities. The following Sodalityists gave appropriate talks: Marie Reifenrath, Verna Mielak, Joan Jiranek, Ruth Johnson. Rev. John Joseph Brogger, spiritual director, urged the girls to remain faithful throughout life to the ideals fostered by the sodality.

Musical numbers were rendered by Marjorie Glur, Marilyn Messing and by the members of the senior girls' Glee club; a reading, "Somebody's Mother," by Geraldine Savage; a playlet, "Life's Gift Shop," by Theresa Tworek and Marilyn Dickey. "God Bless America" concluded the program.

"Miss Sodality" and her attendants then descended the throne to join their mothers at daintily appointed tables and a luncheon was served by the freshmen girls.



# THE VENTURE

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## Reap the Benefits

Are you keeping up the premium on your insurance policy? Don't try to claim that you haven't any, because you have. Your first day at school was the down-payment. The policy matures on Commencement evening.

Most folks fail in deriving benefits from their insurance because they don't keep up their payments. They eagerly and gladly pay that first premium, but as the idea grows old and the novelty wears off, they turn slack towards their duty. Some even get so bored they drop the whole thing; while others more eager to make a name for themselves pay a double premium by going to college or by taking extra courses.

Your high school or college diploma will bring an increase in cash value. It usually means the difference between a job or a position. In a sense, it guarantees a successful life; your diploma gives you confidence.

You've all taken out your policies; some of them have almost matured. Now reap the benefits. V. J.

## Watch For Summer Demons

The rays of the sun shine brightly on the opened pages of your book. The breezes waft in through the open windows. The warm air beckons you outside. You are thinking, "Why couldn't I be out there?"

In a few short days you will be out of school. For three joyful months you will give your mind a well-deserved rest. But one shadow falls upon the carefree, happy days of summer. This shadow is made by the temptations which idleness offers. You may call them the summer demons. These demons may influence you to be just a little bit careless in things concerning your own holiness. Don't forget your good and pure ideals of the school term. Pick your companions for these summer days scrupulously. Don't forget your obligation to "Keep holy the Sabbath Day." The closing of school should not mean the closing of your reception of the sacraments of Penance and Holy Communion for three months.

Summer is especially a time for rest. So give your mind a rest to prepare it for the forthcoming season of activeness. But do not allow your body and soul too much rest. Too much play for body and soul not only makes "Jack a dull boy" but will make anyone and everyone dull and listless.

When the school term begins again after vacation bring back with you a soul and body as pure and wholesome as the soul and body with which you began the vacation.

Don't satisfy the demons by committing sin, and lowering your high standards. D. W.

## Patience, Effort and Determination Guarantees Success

Suppose the fish don't bite at first? What are you going to do? Throw down the hook and bait and say your fishing's done? If you really like fishing, I'll bet you won't. You'll sit for hours until you've caught a nice "mess."

For the seniors another act of the drama of life has been completed. Now, as men and women, they are venturing forth into the world searching for success.

Gaining success is like fishing; it takes patience, effort and determination. Every graduate, if he will succeed, must bait his hook of ambition with the bait of work and effort and be patient and persistent until success bites his hook and he has "landed" it. V. K.

## Be True To Ideals Fostered During School Life

Seniors, the time has come for us to bid farewell to our Alma Mater, our teachers, our classmates, and our schoolmates.

We've had wonderful times together but at some time, all things must come to an end. We'll miss our school life. We may not think so now but just watch when September rolls around again; we'll find ourselves yearning for the "good old school days."

Very few of us will be able to satisfy that yearning. Some may go to college, business school, or a school of nursing. For most of us, however, our school days are a thing of the past. Some will be in the armed forces of our nation; others will be in defense plants aiding the fight for freedom; while others will be helping out on the home front.

But whoever we are, whatever we are, and wherever we are, let's not forget those important things we have learned during our twelve years of school life. Above all let's be true to our religious teachings. Let's be true to our ideals. Never falter! And remember our motto is "Victory through virtue and valor." G. J.

## THANKS

We extend thanks to Fr. John Joseph for giving us an opportunity to make another spiritual retreat; to Fr. Michael for the spiritual help received during the days of the retreat; to Fr. Arno for printing the tickets and programs for the class play; to St. Ann's Society for the year's subscription to the "Extension Magazine"; to the mothers of the juniors for the sumptuous banquet.

## Seniors Glance At Passing Review

The party's growing old, gang, and our fair hostess is anxious to bid us farewell.

Of course, no one wants to leave—we've all been having such a wonderful time. But like most other good things, our little celebration, too, must come to a conclusion. Even "The Wonderful One Hoss Shay" had its day of total collapse.

Our party had its gay times as well as its unhappy times—both seasoned with tensity, cooperativeness, and concentration, but jollity ranked by far the highest.

After formally initiating us into her management, our hostess hurried us on to organizing our own ball team, cheer leaders and all.

Before we knew it we were serving at '42's Junior-Senior prom.

Then we sponsored the school dances ourselves, or shall we give "Slim" credit for that? Planning '43's prom was work in wholesale packages, but there was fun in it, too—and worth it.

With the support of all Columbus, Lillian was crowned "Deanna Durbin of Columbus" as a result of the school's selling bonds. During this same act the boys ranked first in the District "C" basketball tournament.

A main attraction—the Junior-Senior prom—is awaiting us in the near future. That is why the girls have been spotting formals, and why the boys are "looking-over" the girls.

At Commencement Exercises we will lay our cards down and total the scores. Then the prizes will be distributed. Keep your fingers crossed against those consolation prizes.

The same night we will be reaching our fingers for the door knob, ready to leave. As you witness our wandering away, use your sense of hearing, too, and you'll hear a chorus of, "Don't forget us. So long; everything's been super."

## Farewell To the Venture

Graduation will soon be here and with it comes the last edition of the Venture we seniors will be producing.

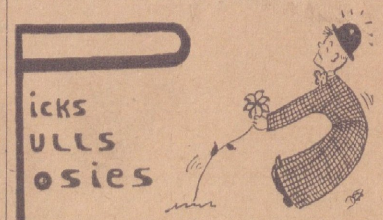
It has been our aim, as in past years to keep up the high standard it has attained. We have put forth much time and effort in editing it.

Underclassmen, next year this job will be yours. It will require time and patience, but don't fail us. By all means, don't let "The Venture" lose its high standard while it is in your hands.

Senior Staff of 1944.

## Congratulations

Congratulations Coach Ernst, for the wonderful teams you have put out this school term! This has indeed been a record breaking season in the history of St. Bon's sports.



## Posies

To Sylvia Boruch, Doris Jaax, Virginia Kerr, Jean McNair, Dorothy Wozny, and Catherine Hauser for their straight A report cards during this school term.

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To Charmagne Pfeifer, Myron Zabawa, Leland Koch, Geraldine Savage, Willis Kolbush, Catherine Hauser and Eleanor Lakers for their perfect attendance at both school and Holy Mass; to Rosemary Wass, Virginia Kerr and Rita Frischholz for perfect school attendance; to Doloris Smagacz, Ruth Johnson, Bill Morgan, Gloria Korgie, Duane Deitering, Dorothy Wozny, Jim Johnson, Betty Tagwerker, Aloysius Johnson and Vernon Pelter for perfect Mass attendance on the days they attended school.

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To Vernon Pelter and Emmet Noonan for their readiness to help out on all occasions.

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To Charmagne Pfeifer and Rita Frischholz who have never missed a monthly Sodality meeting or Holy Communion.

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To Virginia Kerr for winning the American Legion state essay contest.

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To the Shamrocks for winning the Platte County track meet.

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To Sylvia Boruch, Marilyn Gahan and Marianne Iwan for collecting ads for the senior class play.

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To David Speicher, Jack Ross, Francis Luis, Joe Fischer, Ronald Locher, Bob Gutzmer and Myron Zabawa who have appreciated the great privilege of serving at the altar of God during their four years of high school.

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To Rita Frischholz and Charmagne Pfeifer for their efficient typing of the articles for the "Venture."

To Sylvia Boruch for winning a prize in the Seventh Annual Bookkeeping Contest sponsored by the Business Education World; to Sylvia Boruch, Gloria Blaser, Clarice Dohmen, Betty Ewert, Joseph Fischer, Doris Jaax, Angela Johnson, Vernetta Johnson, Angeline Kula, Ronald Locher, Verna Mae Mielak, Charmagne Pfeifer, Jack Ross, and Helen Mae Wass for "Superior" rating; to the entire bookkeeping class for the Superior Achievement Certificate for their exceptionally meritorious solutions in this nation-wide contest.

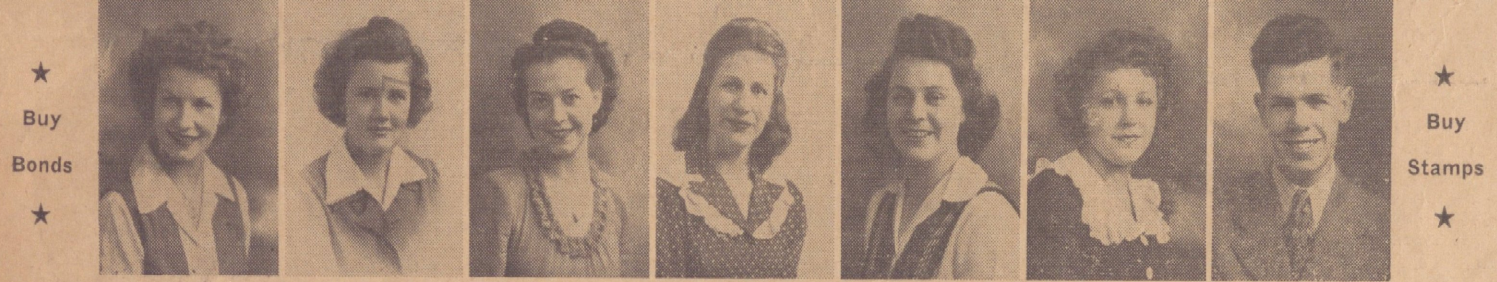
## SYMPATHY

The Venture extends the deepest sympathy of the students and the faculty to Bernice and Edna Smollen on the death of their brother, Lambert, U. S. M. C. paratrooper, who was killed December 9 at Bougainville in the performance of his duty.





CLASS  
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1944



First Row

**GLORIA BLASER**—Alert and Industrious. Glee Club, 1, 2, 3; Sodality, 4; Athletics, 1, 2, 3; Choir, 4; Order of Business Efficiency, 4; Dramatics, "Anne What's-Her-Name", 4; Duncan High, 1, 2, 3.

**SYLVIA BORUCH**—Lovable and Jovial. Class President, 1; Class Vice-President, 3; Glee Club, 1, 2, 3; Sodality, 1, 2, 3, 4; Publicity Chairman, 4; Miss Sodality Attendant, 4; Third Order, 3, 4; Football Queen Attendant, 3; Order of Business Efficiency, 4; Venture Staff, Advertising Manager, 4; Latin Club, 1, 2.

**LILLIAN DIETZ**—Rhythmical and Lively. Class Treasurer, 2; Glee Club, 1, 2, 3; Sodality, 1, 2, 3, 4; Third Order, 3, 4; Athletics, 1, 2, 3; Cheerleader, 4; Choir, 1, 2, 3; Ballet Dance, 2; Latin Club, 1, 2; Biology Club, 3; Latin Club Treasurer, 1; Venture Staff, reporter, 2; News Editor, 4.

**CLARICE DOHMEN**—Quiet and Demure. Glee Club, 1, 2, 3; Sodality, 3, 4; Athletics, 1, 2, 3; Order of Business Efficiency, 4; District 64, 1, 2.

**REGINA EBNER**—Reserved and Helpful. Glee Club, 1, 2, 3; Sodality, 1, 2, 3, 4; Sodality President, 4; Sodality Vice-President, 3; Sodality Secretary, 2; Choir, 1, 2, 3, 4; Latin Club, 1, 2; Order of Business Efficiency, 4.

**WILLIAM EBNER**—Friendly and Trustworthy. Glee Club, 1, 2, 3, 4; Holy Name, 1, 2, 3, 4; Choir, 1, 2; Order of Business Efficiency, 4; Latin Club, 1, 2; Venture Staff, Business Manager, 4; Dramatics, "Anne What's-Her-Name", 4.

**BETTY EWERT**—Vivacious and Neat. Class Treasurer, 3; Glee Club, 1, 2, 3; Sodality, 1, 2, 3, 4; Third Order, 3, 4; Athletics, 1, 2, 3; Cheer Leader, 4; Choir, 1, 2, 3; Biology Club, 3; Order of Business Efficiency, 4; Latin Club, 1, 2.

**JOSEPH FISCHER**—Captivating and Athletic. Glee Club, 1, 2, 3, 4; Third Order, 3, 4; Holy Name, 1, 2, 3, 4; Acolyte, 1, 2, 3, 4; Athletics, 1, 2, 3, 4; Football Captain, 4; Football King, 4; State Honor Roll in Basketball, 4; Choir, 1, 2; Order of Business Efficiency, 4; Latin Club, 1, 2; Dramatics, "Anne What's-Her-Name", 4.

Second Row

**RITA FRISCHHOLZ**—Efficient and Reliable. Class Secretary, 3, 4; Glee Club, 1, 2; Sodality, 1, 2, 3, 4; Sodality Treasurer, 4; Miss Sodality Attendant, 4; Good Literature Chairman, 3; Choir, 1, 2, 3, 4; Latin Club, 1, 2; Biology Club, 3; Venture Staff, Typist, 4; Dramatics, "Love of a Bonnet", 4.

**MARILYN GAHAN**—Happy and Energetic. Glee Club, 1, 2, 3; Sodality, 1, 2, 3, 4; Third Order, 3; Athletics, 3; Choir, 1, 2, 3, 4; Biology Club, 3; Order of Business Efficiency, 4; Latin Club, 1, 2; Dramatics, "Anne What's-Her-Name", 4.

**ROBERT GUTZMER**—Steadfast and Upright. Glee Club, 1, 2, 3, 4; Third Order, 4; Holy Name, 1, 2, 3, 4; Holy Name President, 4; Acolyte, 1, 2, 3, 4; Athletics, 1, 2, 3, 4; Honorary Basketball Captain, 4; Choir, 1, 2; Order of Business Efficiency, 4; Latin Club, 1.

**DONALD HITNER**—Frank and Mischievous. Glee Club, 1, 2, 3, 4; Third Order, 3; Holy Name, 1, 2, 3, 4; Athletics, 1, 2, 3, 4; "N" Club Award, 3; Choir, 1, 2; Latin Club, 1; Dramatics, 3.

**MARIANNE IWAN**—Capable and Unassuming. Glee Club, 1, 2, 3, 4; Sodality, 1, 2, 3, 4; Order of Business Efficiency, 4; Latin Club, 1, 2.

**DORIS JAAX**—Studious and Talkative. Class Vice-President, 2; Glee Club, 1; Sodality, 1, 2, 3, 4; Miss Sodality Attendant, 4; Entertain-

ment Chairman, 4; Third Order, 3, 4; Athletics, 2; Order of Business Efficiency, 4; Latin Club, 2; Dramatics, "Anne What's-Her-Name", 4; "The Kink in the Male Animal", 2; Declamatory Contest, 2. Shelby High, 1, 2.

**GERMAINE JARESKI**—Benevolent and Cheerful. Glee Club, 1, 2, 3; Sodality, 1, 2, 3, 4; Choir, 2, 3, 4; Latin Club, 1; Biology Club, 2; Order of Business Efficiency, 4; Venture Staff, Feature Editor, 4.

**ANGELA JOHNSON**—Dainty and Refined. Glee Club, 1, 2, 3, 4; Sodality, 1, 2, 3, 4; Choir, 1, 2, 3, 4; Order of Business Efficiency, 4; Latin Club, 1, 2.

Third Row

**VERNETTA JOHNSON**—Scholarly and Accurate. Glee Club, 1, 2, 3; Sodality, 1, 2, 3, 4; Choir, 1, 2, 3, 4; Biology Club, 2; Order of Business Efficiency, 4; Latin Club, 1; Dix High School.

**JOHN KORGIE**—Dynamic and Powerful. Class Treasurer, 1; Glee Club, 3, 4; Third Order, 1, 2, 3, 4; Holy Name, 3, 4; Acolyte, 1, 2; Athletics, 1, 2, 3, 4; Choir, 1; Biology Club, 1; Order of Business Efficiency, 4; Latin Club, 1; Dramatics, "You're in the Navy Now", 2; St. Joseph's College, Westmont, Illinois, 1, 2.

**ANGELINE KULA**—Wee but Independent. Glee Club, 1, 2, 3, 4; Sodality, 1, 2, 3, 4; Choir, 1, 2, 3, 4; Biology Club, 2; Order of Business Efficiency, 4; Latin Club, 1; Dramatics, "Anne What's-Her-Name", "Love of a Bonnet", 4.

**RONALD LOCHER**—Casual and Self-reliant. Class President, 4; Glee Club, 1, 2, 3, 4; Third Order, 3, 4; Holy Name, 1, 2, 3, 4; Acolyte, 1, 2, 3, 4; Athletics, 1, 2, 3, 4; Order of Business Efficiency, 4; Latin Club, 1, 2; Venture Staff, 2.

**FRANCIS LUIS**—Companionable and Peppy. Class Vice-President, 4; Glee Club, 1, 4; Holy Name, 1, 3, 4; Acolyte, 1, 3, 4; Athletics, 1, 3, 4; Choir, 1; Latin Club, 1, 3; Dramatics, "Anne What's-Her-Name", 4; St. Joseph College, Westmont, Illinois, 2.

**MARILYN MESSING**—Dramatic and Musical. Glee Club, 1, 2, 3, 4; Sodality, 1, 2, 3, 4; Third Order, 3, 4; Choir, 1, 2, 3, 4; Biology Club, 2; Latin Club, 2, 4; Venture Staff, 4; Dramatics, 1, 2, 3, 4; "Anne What's-Her-Name", 4; Shelby High, 1.

**VERNA MIELAK**—Eager and Oliging. Class Secretary, 1, 2; Glee Club, 1, 2, 3, 4; Sodality, 1, 2, 3, 4; Choir, 1, 2, 3, 4; Latin Club, 1, 2; Latin Club President, 1; Order of Business Efficiency, 4; Venture Staff, 1, 2, 3; Editor-in-Chief, 4.

**GERALDINE MORGAN**—Irish and Carefree. Glee Club, 1, 2, 3; Sodality, 1, 2, 3, 4; Latin Club, 1; Biology Club, 2.

Fourth Row

**CHARMAGNE PFEIFER**—Lovely and Cooperative. Glee Club, 4; Sodality, 1, 2, 3, 4; Miss Sodality, 4; Holy Eucharistic Chairman, 4; Athletics, 2; Cheerleader, 1; Football Queen, 4; Choir, 1, 2, 3, 4; Biology, 3; Order of Business Efficiency, 4; Latin Club, 1, 2; Venture Staff, Typist, 4; Dramatics, "Anne What's-Her-Name", "Love of a Bonnet", 4.

**BERNADINE POKORSKI**—Short and Optimistic. Glee Club, 1, 2, 3, 4; Sodality, 1, 2, 3, 4; Choir, 1, 2, 3, 4; Biology Club, 3; Latin Club, 1, 2.

**JOHN ROSS**—Happy-go-lucky and Teasing. Class Treasurer, 4; Glee Club, 1, 2, 3, 4; Holy Name, 1, 2, 3, 4; Holy Name Treasurer, 4; Acolyte, 1, 2, 3, 4; Athletics, 1, 2, 3, 4; Cheerleader, 4; Choir, 3, 4; Order of Business Efficiency, 4; Latin Club, 1, 2.

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## Rainbow of Hope Features Prom

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 caught at several places and fastened with clusters of yellow roses. A galaxy of gay colored streamers were attached to the center of the ceiling, and from there fell in twirling loops to the six ornamental chandeliers whose lights dimmed by decorative covering emitted mellow rays of lavender, green and blue. The streamers were then drawn to the side walls where they were attached to the colorful awnings.

Awning structures, shaped like open umbrellas were fitted into the 20 large arched windows. Each awning was divided into sixths and all six rainbow colors were effectively blended in the proper arrangement, giving the effect of glistening raindrops which had caught and reflected the colors of the glistening sun.

Centering the north wall was a large V, formed by draping blue crepe papers over a white background. Between the V was the seniors' motto "Victory through Virtue and Valor." Below the motto rested a large cross structure in box-shape effect which was illuminated from within by small electric bulbs which cast a soft glow of rainbow hues over the crepe-covered cross structure. A silk American flag was gracefully draped over the illuminated cross.

## Lieut. Art Johnson Held in Switzerland

First Lieutenant Arthur Johnson, navigator on a Flying Fortress, has been interned in Switzerland.

This is the second time Art has made a narrow escape from his enemies; once his crew came in on one of four motors.

Art recently completed his twenty-fourth mission and his group was officially awarded the unit citation for very outstanding achievement in its bombing missions.

Arthur was graduated from St. Bon's in 1939.

## Class History

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Club, 1; Dramatics, "Anne What's-Her-Name", 4.

**LORRAINE SCHMIDT**—Obedient and Conservative. Glee Club, 1, 2, 3, 4; Sodality, 1, 2, 3, 4; Choir, 1, 2, 3, 4; Order of Business Efficiency, 4.

**DELORES SCHMIT**—Genial and Spirited. Class Treasurer, 1, 2; Glee Club, 1, 2; Sodality, 4; C. Y. O., 1, 2, 3; Athletics, 1, 2, 3; Cheerleader, 3; Dramatics, Declamatory, 1, 2; "Hullabaloo", "Aunt Tillie Goes to Town", 3.

**DAVID SPEICHER**—Persistent and Courteous. Class Vice-President 2; Glee Club, 1, 2, 3, 4; Third Order, 3, 4; Holy Name, 1, 2, 3, 4; Holy Name Secretary, 2; Acolyte, 1, 2, 3, 4; Athletics, 1, 2, 3, 4; "N" Club Award, 3; Choir, 1, 2; Order of Business Efficiency, 4; Latin Club, 1, 2; Venture Staff, Assistant News Editor, 2; Make-up Editor, 3; Dramatics, "Anne What's-Her-Name", 4.

### Fifth Row

**JUNE STOLL**—Charming and Cordial. Glee Club, 1, 4; Sodality, 1, 2, 3, 4; Good Literature Chairman, 3; Miss Sodality Attendant, 4; Cheerleader, 1; Choir, 1, 2, 3; Latin Club, 1, 2; Venture Staff, Reporter, 1, Feature Editor, 2, News Editor, 3, 4; Dramatics, "Anne What's-Her-Name", "Love of a Bonnet", 4.

**DOROTHY THIELE**—Versatile and Prompt. Glee Club, 1, 2, 3, 4; Sodality, 1, 2, 3, 4; Choir, 1, 2, 3; General Science Club, 2; Vice-President, 2.

**DORIS VANEK**—Dignified and Alluring. Glee Club, 1, 2, 3, 4; Sodality, 1, 2, 3, 4; Third Order, 3, 4; Choir, 1, 2, 3, 4; Ballet Dance, 2; Biology Club, 3; Latin Club, 1; Dramatics, "Anne What's-Her-Name", "Love of a Bonnet", 4.

**HELEN MAE WASS**—Artistic and Neat. Glee Club, 1, 2, 3; Sodality, 1, 2, 3, 4; Blessed Sacrament Chairman, 3; Biology Club, 2; General Science Club, 1; Venture Staff, 3, 4.

**AGNES WIESER**—Pleasant and Kind. Glee Club, 1, 2, 3; Sodality, 1, 2, 3, 4; Third Order, 3; Athletics, 1, 2, 3; Choir, 1; Biology Club, 2; Order of Business Efficiency, 4; Latin Club, 1; St. Mary's High School, 1, 2.

**GENEVIEVE WIESER**—Earnest and Generous. Class Vice-President, 3; Glee Club, 1, 2, 3, 4; Sodality, 1, 2, 3, 4; Third Order, 3; Athletics, 1, 2; Biology Club, 2; Order of Business Efficiency, 4; Latin Club, 2; St. Mary's High School, 1, 2.

**MYRON ZABAWA**—Roguish and Active. Glee Club, 1, 2, 3, 4; Third Order, 3, 4; Holy Name, 1, 2, 3, 4; Acolyte, 1, 2, 3, 4; Athletics, 1, 2, 3, 4; Choir, 1, 2; Order of Business Efficiency, 4; Latin Club, 1, 2; Dramatics, "Anne What's-Her-Name", 4.

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