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Sister M. Theresa Returns to Former Position as Principal

Sister M. Theresa, after serving as principal for two years at Olpe, Kans., has returned to her former position as principal of St. Bonaventure School. Sister M. Florisenda has been transferred to Olpe.

During Sr. Theresa's first term as principal at St. Bonaventure, the school was admitted to membership in the North Central Association, and the first issue of "The Venture" made its appearance. Before this issue the school paper was a mimeographed copy entitled "The Bonaventure."

Sister Theresa has charge of the high school choir and the glee clubs and teaches mathematics and speech.

Sister M. Majella, who last year was stationed at Denver, has replaced Sister M. Helen Frances who is now at St. Bernard near Lindsay, Nebr. Sister Majella teaches history and English.

Sponsors of the various classes are Sister M. Theresa, seniors; Sister M. Colette, juniors; Sister M. Richardis, sophomores; and Sister M. Macrina, freshmen.

Pastor Installs Sodality President



Courtesy of Daniel Studio

MARIE REIFENRATH

Marie Reifenrath, senior, was formally recognized by Our Lady's Sodality as the newly elected president, Wednesday, September 26, at the installation of officers. Rev. Albert Limacher, Sodality director, installed the new officers.

The other officers and the various committee chairmen installed were Catherine Hauser, vice-president; Anastasia Ernst, secretary; Dorothy Wozny, treasurer; Joan Jiranek, Eucharistic Committee; Eleanor Lakers, Our Lady's Committee; Patricia Jarvis, Good Literature Committee; Gloria Fischer, Publicity Committee; Joan Fischer, Refreshment Committee; and Patricia Robb, Entertainment Committee.

According to the prescribed form for installation each officer pronounced her respective pledge before the statue of our Lady. The installation ceremony was concluded by the group recitation of the Act of Consecration.

Preceding the installation Father Albert spoke briefly.

The new officers immediately took over their duties and during the business meeting which followed the president, Marie Reifenrath, welcomed the new Sodalists and outlined the year's program of activities. Reports and talks were also given by Catherine Hauser, Anastasia Ernst, Dorothy Wozny, Joan Jiranek, and Eleanor Lakers.

Winifred Moersen Answers Call to Religious Life



Winifred Moersen '45 has answered the call to the religious life. She is now a member of the Community of the Franciscan Sisters of Perpetual Adoration at St. Joseph Convent, Denver.

During Winifred's high school career, she was an active member of "Our Lady's Sodality" serving as secretary in her sophomore year, vice-president in her junior year, and president in her senior year.

She also claimed the title of "Miss Sodality of 1945" which is awarded to the most active and faithful sodalist.

In her junior year Winifred became a member of the Venture Staff serving as reporter and typist respectively.

The Sodalists at an informal gathering expressed their pride at having one of their members become a religious and gave Miss Moersen as a parting gift a Shaeffer pen and pencil set.

Press Associations Award First Honors To "The Venture"

The Venture, St. Bonaventure student publication, won First Honors in the annual survey and rating conducted by the Catholic Press Association and International First Place Award in the Critical Service sponsored by the Quill and Scroll Society.

The following message was received from the Quill and Scroll: "The Venture has the staff and talent and produces a worthwhile school paper. Story organization is good; heads are varied and lively; news coverage is adequate."

The Catholic Press awarded First Honors on the basis of diffusion of Catholic thought, enterprise and service to the school and community, editorial content, physical appearance, uniformity and consistency in style, headline construction, and application of art.

Speech Class Plans Assembly Program

Members of the senior speech class, group one, will provide entertainment for the October assembly. The program will consist of the following selections:

"In Flanders Fields", Frances Sokol; "Uncertain Direction," Gloria Fischer; "The Arrow and the Song," Junella Ramaekers; "A Fishing Trip," Gloria Korgie; "Der Oak und der Vine," Arthur Nosal.

A one-act play, "Army, Tension!", will be dramatized by Arthur Nosal, Dick Savage, Terry Robb and Dan Cerny.

Student Enrollment Increases By Twelve

Student enrollment for the 1945 school term totals 142, which is an increase of twelve compared with last year's 130. Of the number registered 66 are boys and 76 are girls.

The freshmen lead the classes with 50 members. The sophomores number 39; juniors, 28; seniors, 25.

Twenty new students enrolled. Duane Deitering entered the senior class after serving with the Merchant Marine for a period of one year. Pat McGowan returned to St. Bonaventure for his senior year. Last year he attended Maur Hill School in Atchison, Kansas.

The new sophomore members are Alice Bernt, Schuyler, and Donald Siemek, Cedar Rapids.

The largest number of new students is among the freshmen. They are Juliann Jarecki, Clara Kaipust, Margaret Korgie, JoAnn Lassek, Theresa Moritz, Casimir Mostek, Helen Sliva, Sophie Sliva, St. Anthony; Florence Dohmen, Leigh; John Euteneuer, District 71; Laura Mae Gates, District 9; Daniel Jazwieck, Monroe; Lorene Shonka, Schuyler; Alice Syslo, Richland; Irene Wilczynski, District 9.

New Arrangements Provide Daily Use Of Library Books

Several improvements have been made in the library during the summer months. The large sliding doors between the freshmen room and the library are opened and the freshmen room has been converted into an assembly. This new arrangement provides daily access to reference material.

The library tables were rearranged and two new sections of shelving were added. Father John Joseph purchased a vertical file which is now in use. The Sodality and Holy Name have contributed funds for a large magazine rack to be placed in the library.

Sisters Florisenda, Colette, and Helen Frances spent the summer here accessioning the books and making shelf lists. Mrs. W. D. MacDonald, Lorraine Hoth, Dorothy Wozny, Winifred Moersen, and Marie Reifenrath helped type the library cards. Beryl Bamberg assembled and mounted pictures for the vertical file.

Thanks!

The faculty and students extend their sincere thanks to Father John Joseph for purchasing the vertical file; The Sodality and Holy Name for contributing funds for a magazine rack; St. Ann's Society for the subscription to the "Extension Magazine"; Burns Ellison, manager of the Columbus Theater, for presenting several books to the library; Sister Gerarda, registered librarian from St. Joseph Convent, Denver, for spending two weeks here assisting in the library;

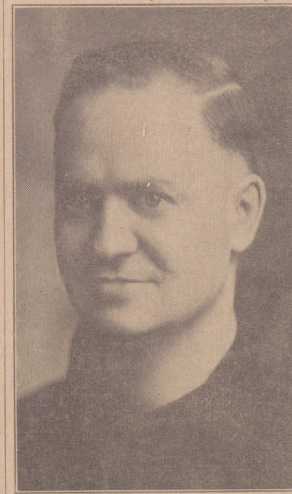
Sisters Florisenda, Colette, and Helen Frances for the many improvements they made in the library during the summer;

Carroll Marlar for making two sections of shelving, a pamphlet rack, a bulletin board, and dictionary stands for the library;

Mrs. W. D. MacDonald, Lorraine Hoth, Winifred Moersen, Dorothy Wozny, and Marie Reifenrath for typing library cards;

Beryl Bamberg for mounting pictures for the vertical file.

Rev. Limacher Replaces Rev. Brogger As Pastor of St. Bonaventure Parish



REV. LIMACHER, O. F. M.

Girls Edge Boys In Class Elections

The girls edged the boys 9 to 7 in the high school elections held on September 10.

The seniors, upholding the past tradition of having a male president elected Leland Koch as their representative. For his assistants they chose Dorothy Wozny, vice-president; Betty Snedeker, secretary; Dan Cerny, treasurer.

The juniors placed their confidence in girls' leadership by choosing Beryl Bamberg, president; Catherine Hauser, vice-president; Dolores Nickolite, secretary; Eleanor Lakers, treasurer.

The sophomores elected Bill Merrill, president; Donald Lakers, vice-president; Patricia Jarvis, secretary; Patricia Robb, treasurer.

The freshmen selected Dale Hittner, president; Bob Ross, vice-president; Bob Tooley, secretary; Joan Olivetti, treasurer.

Grads of '45 Follow Various Vocations

September, 1945, finds the 25 members of the class of '45 occupied in various ways.

The five boys to don Uncle Sam's colors are Dick Speicher, Allen Lohr, Marvin Boyle, Jim Olivetti, and George Kneifel.

Jean McNair works at the Columbus Bank; Marie Toufar is a saleslady at the Grace Shoppe. Albert Tucek is employed at the Columbus Fuel and Storage Co. Germaine Schumacher is a stenographer at Schweser's. Teresa Tworek clerks at Penny's. Edward Ryba is employed by Venger's. Lucille Kush is a long-distance operator at the Bell Telephone Company. Margie Glur works at Gloor's Bakery. Dolores Smagacz works at Montgomery Wards.

Those working in other cities are Bernice Smollen, Denver; Betty Coupens, San Diego; and Verna O'Kane, Lincoln.

Winifred Moersen entered Saint Joseph Convent, Denver, soon after Commencement.

Joan Pokorski, Virginia Kerr, Bill Gaffney, Harold Krzycki, and Marilyn Dickey are continuing their formal education. Marilyn is attending Duschene College in Omaha. Joan and Bill are studying at Creighton Medical School; Harold is taking a pre-engineering course at Creighton and Virginia is attending Grand Island Business College.

The two remaining at home are Bernard Lisco and Paul Euteneuer.

Students Welcome New Pastor at Convocation

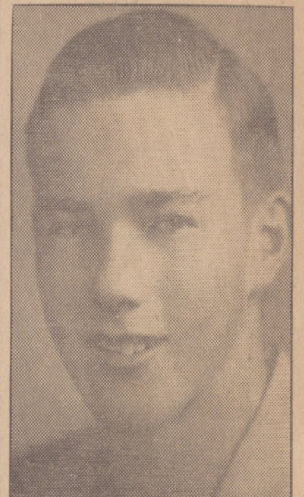
Rev. Albert Limacher, O. F. M., formerly of St. Francis Parish Humphrey, Nebr., has been appointed pastor of St. Bonaventure Church to replace Rev. John Joseph Brogger, who is now stationed at St. Paul, Minn.

Father Albert is a native of Joliet, Ill. He made his preparatory studies at St. Joseph's College, Teutopolis, Ill.; studied Philosophy in Cleveland, O.; and Theology in St. Louis, Mo. Rev. Limacher's first assignment was at Teutopolis. Since then he has been stationed at Hermann, Mo., Sioux City, Ia., and Humphrey, Nebr.

Students Welcome Pastor

The students formally met Father Albert at their first convocation, Friday, Sept. 7. The program consisted of a welcome extended by Dorothy Wozny and a song rendered by the junior and senior Glee Club members. Father Albert, in acknowledging the welcome, pointed out to the students the values of a Catholic education. During the course of his talk he revealed his enthusiasm for sports, and urged the students to show their school spirit and loyalty by attending all activities.

Father Arno was present at the assembly.



Courtesy of Daniel Studio

Terry Robb Heads Holy Name Society

Terry Robb triumphed by a close margin of 25 to 20 for the presidency of the Holy Name Society. His nearest rival, Pat McGowan, received 20 votes. John Dineen was elected vice-president and Bill Morgan, treasurer.

Dave Schumacher, Bill Merrill and Jack Miller battled out a tie of 15 votes each, with Dave surviving to become secretary.

Committees will be appointed and arrangements will be made for the reception of new members at the next meeting.

Father Arno, director, conducted the meeting. Before the ballots were cast, he advised the boys to choose candidates on their ability and not their popularity. Father then congratulated the boys on their splendid attendance on Holy Name Sunday.

Sympathy

The entire student body and the faculty wish to extend deepest sympathy to the John Dickey family on the death of Mr. Dickey, and to Y'Vonne Pfeifer on the death of her uncle, Mr. Edgar Webb.

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Editorial Policy

To uphold, promote, and carry out the honored traditions
of St. Bonaventure High School.

Let Christ Reign as King

On October 28, Roman Catholics will again celebrate the feast of Christ the King. Oh, if only everyone would permit Christ to be King of his heart! What lasting peace and international order would be achieved!

We know truly that unless all men permit Christ to reign over their desires and actions, the world cannot enjoy His choicest blessings. Archbishop Spellman declares: "Unless charters and pacts have a divine sanction, unless 'God is the Paramount Ruler of the World' then again and again as the waves upon the shore must catastrophe follow catastrophe."

On this beautiful feastday let us ask Christ to be our King. Pray that He may inspire the world and its rulers to keep the Commandments and also to heed the wise advice of our Holy Father, the Pope. Under his careful guidance international order and the lasting peace of Christ the King can and will be achieved.

R. W.

Attend Daily Mass

"Oh, Joe, it's time to get up! Mass starts at 8 o'clock, you know." But poor Joe, overcome by the wonderful feeling of rest falls back to sleep and just makes it in time for school.

This represents the story of many Joes and Janes in high school. They lack the will power to make a little sacrifice now and then.

I hope we are not included among these Joes and Janes, for there are a hundred and one good reasons why we should attend Holy Mass. Has not God given all that we have—our lives, our dear parents, our homes, health, peace and happiness? When do we thank God for these bountiful gifts?

Who among us does not have a multitude of petitions to ask of Almighty God? Mass, which is the center of Catholic worship, is the right time to request of God blessings on our entire future.

We all have many sins for which we must atone. If during Holy Mass, we tell God how sorry we are for our sins, and ask Him to give us grace and strength against temptations He will surely hear our prayers.

Now, during our school years, we have a splendid opportunity to attend daily Mass. Once school is completed and a position obtained we will no longer have this opportunity.

Why, then, not take advantage of what we are offered? It comes only once in a lifetime.

M. M.

Application Determines Future

Are you taking this school year seriously, or do you intend to slide through by the skin of your teeth? Are you groping blindly for your future goal in life, or are your eyes wide open?

Answer these questions truthfully. If you discover that you are groping blindly, determine now what you intend to do in the future; then set that goal before yourself and strive daily to attain it.

If someone were to ask you whether you would rather be a street cleaner or a highly paid technician, you would undoubtedly choose the latter. But if you are to reach your highest ambitions, you must take your school life seriously and not in a shiftless happy-go-lucky manner.

Remember, "The child shows the man as the morning shows the day." And just as truly will your application to duty in school determine your future.

T. R.

Stump Orators Develop Talent

Once or twice a week, the speech class, with Sister Theresa in the lead, trudges down to the auditorium. The ambitious speakers clomp into the hall, head for the chairs, wriggle and squirm until they are lounging in a comfortable position.

Sister then asks for a volunteer to give his speech, but nary a soul stirs. As a result someone is chosen. The unlucky student starts toward the stage, trips over the steps, and slowly approaches the center of the stage.

The first words are spoken. After he has massacred the first sentences, Sister corrects him and he starts the torture all over again. Sister says, "Use more expression." He says "I can't." So Sister proceeds to read the selection herself and produces the desired dramatic effect.

The wayward speaker humbly backs up a few steps. He stumbles through his selection, swallowing the last line and starts hurriedly off the stage. As he is just about to the steps, Sister announces to the weary, throat-sore speaker that he must try it again. One by one, the same procedure is repeated until everyone has had his turn.

But, my dear readers, do not laugh, for these humble, hard-working speech students are the politicians and soapbox orators of tomorrow.

Farewell Tribute to Father John Joseph

Father John Joseph will long be remembered by the students of St. Bonaventure. His interest and cooperation in all our activities has secured for him a warm spot in each of our hearts.

As he undertakes his new duties we wish him success, happiness, and God's blessing. May he make a multitude of new friends, but may he always remember his many true friends at St. Bons.

Alas!

The shades of night were falling fast,
As through the freshman room I passed.

I found him there—downhearted and blue,
Making up the lesson he didn't do.

Alas!
He thought relief had come at last;
He saw his hours of misery past.
But when he got a better look
He quickly reverted his eyes to his book.

Alas!
"Why should this happen to me?"
he said.

The next words, in his mind I read:
"Alone with a Senior, and no help in sight;
I see where I'm in for a workout tonight."

Alas!
I studied his countenance, a pitiful one;
And as to composure, why, he had none.
So my human side was the first to suggest:
"Go on, let him go; he needs the rest."

Alas!
He thanked me profusely as he went on his way,
And said: "I'll do something for you someday."
Moral: A freshman looks up to a Senior to lead;
And a friend in need is a friend indeed.

—Geraldine Savage
Parody of Longfellow's "Excelsior".

I Can't Refuse

Yes, today is the day. Oh why does it have to be! We did very nicely without them. But here someone comes down the aisle, passing them out, one by one. Soon she will be by me. There is no way out. I can't refuse. What did I do to deserve this history book?

(Editor's Note: Students don't mind being without books, but what about the teachers?)

KOBY'S RAZY COLUMN

Sister: "And this piece of land in Palestine is known as Sicum."
Willy: "Just 'Mush' for short."

Game of Cards

Three of a kind—Eleanor Lakers, Beryl Bamberg, and Catherine Hauser.

Straight—Bill Morgan, Terry Robb, Duane Deitering, Art Nosal, and Dan Cerny.

Full house—John Euteneuer, Royal flush—Dick Mielak.
Bust—Willy Kolbush.

Sister: (in English class) "Why is it that the early colonists didn't want to fight the Indians?"

Bright Junior: "Well, Sister, one likes to keep one's hair on one's head, doesn't one?"

Instructor: (to Jack Caffrey and Pat McGowan who seemed to be giving an exhibition of a wrestling match) "Will you two please stop necking each other?"

Fr. Arno: "What is an ascetic?"
Leland Koch: "It's a pain killer."

Catherine: "Marie, you look cold."

Marie: "It's just an obstacle illusion."

Junior: (to Sister Colette on registration day) "Well, Sister, what's the verdict?"

Sister: "Nine months of hard labor."

Pat McGowan, after figuring out that the nearest star was 15,300,000,000 miles from the earth, said, "Let's see now, on 16 miles to the gallon . . ."

(In glee class) Terry Robb: "I sing tenor."

Marion Thiele: "I sing bass."
Dick Hayes: "I sing songs."

Fr. Arno: "What is docility?"
Dick Hayes: (excitedly) "Oh, I know, Father, let me tell."

Father: "All right, Dick. What is it?"
Dick: "A bright pupil."

Sr. Colette: "What is evaporation?"

Jay Caffrey: "Anything that goes up in the air."

Sr. Colette: "If I jump into the air, will I evaporate?"

Jay Caffrey: "Sure, if we don't see you any more."

Fr. Arno: "The good old days when the father took the child to the wood shed to use the razor strap are gone."

Bill Merrill: (confidentially) "My father doesn't go that far; he does it in the room."

Eugene Nickolite: "The catacombs were evacuated in the fourth century." (He meant excavated).

Bob Tooley wants to know why we wouldn't be walking on our heads if we went down to the South Pole and why airplanes that fly over the south pole wouldn't be flying upside down.
Gravitation seems to have no attraction to Bob.

Take It Easy!

Ouch! Stop! Don't be so rough. Remember if you treat us kindly, we will be here much longer to serve you. We wait silently each day for the sound of your voices and the touch of your hands.

We enjoy having you come and we miss you when you don't—but take it easy, kids, so we'll be here when you need us.

Who are we? Why, we're just some little old typewriters.

Flash

Juniors will sponsor the first school dance of the year on October 12. Everybody come.

New Schedule Bores Student

As I walked through the automatic doors, I handed my cigar to the teacher in charge of disposing of cigarettes, cigars, etc.

I finished my pepsi-cola just in time to hear the gong for school. It was on time too, for I saw by my watch that it was 11:00.

I stepped on the escalator with the other students who were yawning because school started so early. But I didn't mind getting up at 10:30 because my ancestors taught that "Early to bed and early to rise makes Jack healthy, wealthy and wise."

I stepped off the escalator on the second floor where my motorcycle was parked and drove to Room 3. That is where I take my first class which is billiards. It's a pretty difficult subject and I still haven't figured out why I took it.

As I finished my malted milk and cigarette (in between class) I heard the gong for the next class, namely, sleeping. My motorcycle was out of gas so I had to skip that class.

Since there were no more classes in the morning I took the escalator down to the free lunch counter where I ordered the usual—chicken and all the trimmings, plus a stage show with Harry James and his orchestra and company. Some Company!

I finished my meal at the same time as usual, 2:30, and resumed my studies after the customary nap of one hour.

In the afternoon I have the hardest subjects. The first period is swimming which I dread. The second is fishing—a real bore. I wind up the day with my usual job of instructing youngsters how to eat bananas correctly.

Curious Student Solves Mystery

"Aha! me proud beauty," said the villain as he bumped into the girl with his car, "I've got you in my CLUTCHES!!!"

Oh-h-h-h! (moan) That did it!! I turned on my heel and beat it! But I mean, I beat it!!

All was quiet again as I was trying to concentrate on my chemical formulas, when—"But you DO love your Paulsy Waulsy, don't you?" came drifting up the stairs. Oh, no!

??? Up until that time your guess was as good as mine, but someone finally look pity on me and told me: "Calm down, it's only that Speech Class in session. You'll get used to it—eventually."

Cold Weather Finds Freshies Sweating

Do you remember the story of the timid rabbit that thought the sky was falling when an acorn fell at his feet? Well, those poor freshies (Poor freshies is my way of showing sorrow for them) feel as if initiation day were here every time a senior comes rambling down the stairs.

One day two freshies were standing at the bottom of the stairs and by chance overheard two seniors who were in a conversation about initiation.

It went something like this: "Well, Dan, it won't be long now and we can get our revenge on those freshies."

"I can still remember," said Dan to Bill, "and sometimes still feel the initiation we had. Boy was it rough! We have plenty in store for them eh, Bill?"

"You ain't only kidding, Dan." After hearing this, those two freshies really quivered and shook in their shoes.

The floor rattled as the two seniors progressed down the stairs.

"Do you really think they will do that to us," murmured one freshie.

"They might do worse than that," the other muttered.

"Do you think they can run as fast as we can?"

Before the question could be answered the floor shook again and two huge seniors were seen coming down the stairs.

"Maybe they knew we were listening," said one to the other.

"We! Where do you get that WE? I wasn't listening, I just overheard them," said the other.

The floor rumbled again and two sweating freshies timidly disappeared down the hall.

Shamrock Gridsters Defeat Omaha Club

Kenny Langan Scores Highest

The St. Bonaventure six-manners battered the weak West Omaha club to a 55 to 6 defeat at Creighton Stadium, before a good sized crowd.

St. Joseph gave very little resistance and the game was called early in the fourth quarter after the Irish were safely away with a 45 point lead.

Dave Schumacher opened the scoring and Leland Koch took a pass to make it 7 to 0.

In the second stanza the Irish marched across four times as the Omahans made their first and only touchdown of the game.

The half favored the Irish 35 to 6. The third period went scoreless but Koch raced 38 yards to set up a touchdown in the fourth, followed later by Don Lakers who rambled 75 yards to pay dirt ending the fracas.

Kenny Langan scored three times and played his usual defensive game. Schumacher and Lakers tallied twice and Speicher once. Fritz Loeffler made four extra points and Koch, Lakers, and Pat McGowan one each. Dan McNair played good at offense. Terry Robb, Art Nosal, Jim Schroeder, Dick Hayes, Bob Tooley, John Dineen, Jack Miller, Bill Merrill, Paul Gutzmer, and Don Greenlee also played.

St. Bons Should Cop Majority On Gridiron

By ALBERT TUCEK

With Leigh next on the Irish grid card, the outlook is fairly bright. By the time this article is read, St. Bons should have toppled Shelby, because they showed a marked improvement over the squad which lost the opener to Bancroft.

Leigh dropped its opener to Platte Center by a 46-0 count, so the Irish should be favored in this affair. St. Mary's, Grand Island, is next on the card. The Islanders are currently ranked tenth in the state, so they will be on par with the Shamrocks. Irish clipped the third city crew 33-0 last season.

Shamrocks should cop the Lincoln Cathedral contest unless the capitol city team is vastly improved over last year. St. Edward, a top ranker last season, will be favored over St. Bons due to more experience; however, loss of Ken Fischer through graduation will cut the Beavers down to the Irish size.

Gresham blanked the Green and White 18-0 last year but the Irish will be favored due to the fact Gresham was whitewashed 46-0 in its opener. Platte Center, fifth in state ranks, will be given the nod over the Columbus squad because of size; however, don't be surprised if the Irish topple the Explorers.

Veteran Ken Langan is leading the Shamrocks offensively and defensively. He is getting offensive help from Dave Schumacher and is being aided on defense by Terry Robb and Leland Koch. Freddy Loeffler, Don Lakers, Pat McGowan, Don Greenlee and Dan McNair looked good in the St. Joseph game as did Bob Speicher. However, Irish hopes still rest on whether Uncle Sam allows Langan to finish school.

Irish have yet to break into the six-man grid ratings which are headed by last year's champ, St. Cecilia of Hastings.

Cheerleaders of 1945



JOAN JIRANEK, BILL MORGAN, BETTY SNEDEKER

Irish Lose Opener To Bancroft Squad

Bancroft gridsters broke through the Irish defense midway in the last stanza to score what proved to be the winning touchdown of the fracas by a score of 20-26 under the arcs at Pawnee Park, before a good opening crowd.

Bancroft opened the scoring when G. Sorenson plunged over the one yard line. A pass to Hayne made it 7 to 0. After battling back soph, Dave Schumacher, went over from the ten. The Irish fumbled on the extra point and it stood 7 to 6 for the visitors.

Early in the second period Kenny Langan intercepted a Bancroft pass and went 50 yards to pay dirt. Soon after Sorenson picked up a Shamrock fumble and scored making it 13 all. Then Leland Koch took a pass and scored; Langan made the extra point. Bancroft tied when M. Repschlagler took a pass over the Irish goal and Stammer made the extra. The score was 20 all at the half.

The third went scoreless, then the fourth saw Bancroft recover a fumble and in three plays Stammer crossed the goal to victory. Langan and Terry Robb were the Irish standouts and halfback Sorenson did a fine job for the visitors.

Schedule

- Sept. 14—Bancroft.
- Sept. 23—at St. Joseph, Omaha
- Sept. 27—Shelby
- Oct. 5—at Leigh.
- Oct. 11—St. Mary's, Grand Island
- Oct. 21—at Lincoln Cathedral
- Oct. 26—St. Edward
- Nov. 2—at Gresham
- Nov. 9—Platte Center

Irish Work Out In Heavy Drills

The Green and White gridsters are back on the field to shape up for the rough schedule ahead of them. Reports point to a good season with a young fast team. Uncle Sam seems to hold the ace, for Ken Langan, only regular on the Irish Squad, reported for his physical examination and may not be here for the entire season.

Twenty-eight Boys Report

Twenty-eight boys have reported including nine lettermen—Leland Koch, Dick Hayes, Fritz Loeffler, and Terry Robb, line-men, with Dan McNair, Bob Speicher, Arch Nosal, Jim Schroeder and Langan, backs. Langan, star at end position for three years, has been shifted to fullback. Duane Deitering, who has returned to school after nearly a year in the Merchant Marine, is also working out with the Shamrocks. Before entering the service he lettered at end with St. Mary's of Grand Island.

First Team Features

In practice, so far, the first team features Hayes and Koch, ends; Robb, center; Nosal, quarterback; Dave Schumacher, halfback; Langan, fullback.

Second team includes Loeffler and John Dineen, ends; Pat McGowan, center; McNair, Speicher, and Schroeder, backs. Third lineup finds Don Lakers and Bob Tooley at ends; Dick Mielak and Gutzmer, alternating at center. Bill Merrill, Jack Miller and Morrie Melcher make up the backfield. Also reporting are Dale Hittner, "Chuck" Jaworski, Dick Kemnitz, Bob Ross, Don Greenlee, Edgar Gates, Eugene Nickolite and Everett Johnson.

Only change on the schedule is Bancroft, a strong opponent, listed for the first clash.

Fans Attend Omaha Game

Approximately one half of St Bonaventure High School students attended the St. Joseph-St. Bonaventure football game held at the Creighton Stadium in Omaha on Sunday, September 23.

The majority of the grid fans traveled to Omaha in Thiele's Transfer, the others, in private cars. The players journeyed in a chartered bus.

Before the game students visited the down-town district. Some of the interesting places viewed were Joslyn Memorial, Woodman of the World Building and St. Mary Magdalene Church.

New Cheerleaders Demonstrate Skill

During the assembly held in the auditorium, September 14, the new cheerleaders, Joan Jiraneck, Bill Morgan, and Betty Snedecker, demonstrated their skill by giving several cheers. Father Arno spoke briefly, encouraging the students to put on a solid demonstration of school spirit by attending every game of the sport season.

Coach Ernst introduced the football squad and Kenny Langan, game captain for that evening, gave a short talk. The student body saluted the players with a rousing cheer after which the assembly activities were concluded.

The cheerleaders have organized a pep club for the purpose of improving the cheering section. The football squad chose the members on grounds that they had attended the games of the previous sport season. Students comprising the pep club are the following: Genevieve Feik, Gloria Fischer, Janet Jarecki, Patricia Kerr, Gloria Korgie, Margaret Melliger, Junella Ramaekers, Marie Reifenrath, Geraldine Savage, Frances Sokol, Dorothy Wozny, Catherine Hauser, Beverly Schroeder, Bernadette Feik, Lucille Syslo, Beryl Bamberg, Eleanor Lakers, Dolores Nickolite, Patricia Jarvis, Joan Fischer, Y'Vonne Pfeifer, Patricia Robb, Joan Olivetti, Harriet Reifenrath, and Alice Syslo.

Irish Open Season With New Equipment

St. Bons opens its football season with \$250 worth of new equipment. The equipment includes six new practice suits complete with pads, eighteen white game shirts, six green shirts, and six pair of green pants.

This new equipment makes it possible for the first eighteen players to be clad in green pants and white jerseys for home games and complete green outfits for out-of-town games.

Father Arno, athletic director, after attending a practice commented on the team's speed and lightness. He also made this remark, "I look forward to a great year. The mainstay of the team are Koch, Robb, Nosal, Langan, Hayes, and Schumacher."

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Struggle-Buggies Versus Cruisers

What are those things that go rolling so gently up to St. Bons High School front walk with a crash, and a boom and then finally come to a halt?

Yes, it's all those struggle-buggies, blitz-buggies, and cruisers that shoot off every noon and evening for some unknown destination. There are quite a number of them this year, and the slightest change in any of them is noticed by almost all students.

When Dick Savage first came here everybody commented on that swell paint job, (that the car had, not Dick). "She may look good," he says, "but she's just a pain in the neck."

Dan Cerny's radio is a trump in that Packard of his.

When Leland Koch painted his car's wheels red with white side-wall tires and had his trunk taken off everybody knew about it as soon as Karchie himself.

You know, the best cruiser in the bunch is surprisingly not driven by a boy. Frances Sokol proudly cruises around in a real boat. What a cruiser!

Wilbert Thiele's brown Chevrolet "buzz-bomb" is the one which has taken the most and is still staying together. A most remarkable cruiser. He and Dan Cerny have a pick on cars. Cerny champions the Nash or Packard; Thiele, the Chevrolet or Model-A.

Speaking of Model-A's, Carol Euteneuer's is new to the students. A new crate is always noticed.

Nosal's "Tank Destroyer" has so much junk hanging around that he could go better if he threw some of it out. His excuse is that he has to stop somehow.

This year more than ever cruisers bring the kids to school. Three cheers for those beautiful hunks of junk.

Students Schedule Two Candy Sales

Candy sales are scheduled for October and November. The proceeds will be used to help finance the school paper.

Last year an all-time high record of \$69.81 was established by the freshmen and sophomores. Rumors are that this year's total will exceed last year's all-time high.

The sophomores will sponsor the first candy sale; the freshmen will be in charge of the second. The winning group of the candy sale which has netted the highest proceeds will have their picture taken for the paper. This picture will appear in the December issue of the Venture.

Dutch Ernst: (to the football team) "The next time you go on the bus don't take any dice along. It isn't nice and it doesn't pay."

Dick Hayes: "You can say that again; I lost plenty."

Father Arno told a certain religion class he was in the market for a gun. Wonder what he wanted that for?

Eight Crates Bump Bumpers

Our school-bound convoy of honking cars was cruising, oh, so luxuriously down fifteenth street when—Oooops!!! What was that blur of yellow? Was it a stop sign?

Thinking we had brakes we tried to stop. Oh, gosh! Dan forgot to put them in.

In desperation we threw out "Old Faithful," our trusty anchor which we always keep in readiness for such daily emergencies.

Our anchor took hold but gave way as the eight cars behind us took advantage of the opportunity to use us as a bangboard. (They were conserving their brakes.)

Sixteen (figure it out, we're right) bumpers locked simultaneously.

Twenty-seven people piled out of the eight crates and glared at us accusingly. Just in time we pointed to the shiny hexagonal sign with its glaring black letters, "School Zone, Stop."

We were proud that we were law-abiding citizens even though:

1. We lost our back bumper,
2. The pavement is slightly dug up,
3. We need retreats,
4. A slight odor of burnt rubber still prevails,
5. The front and back seats are now one and the same,
6. We had a windshield once,
7. The steering wheel extends through the floorboards,
8. Our hearts refuse to come down from our throats.

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Rev. Snyder Visits School

Rev. Father Snyder, diocesan superintendent of schools, visited St. Bonaventure grade and high school Friday, September 21.

After school was dismissed a faculty meeting was held in the library with Father presiding.

Schedule Offers Two New Subjects

Two subjects—speech and world geography—have been added to this year's program.


Speech is being offered to the seniors for the first time since 1937, when it was taught by Sr. M. Ethelfrieda. Out of a class of 25 seniors, 21 have enrolled for the course. At present the class is engaged in preparing selections for the assembly programs which will be held during the year.

In compliance with the state outline or suggested studies, world geography is being introduced as a freshman course; next year Latin will be offered as an elective to the junior and the senior students.

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High School Loses Twelve Students

Twelve of St. Bons students failed to return this school term.

Otto Hembd is working on his father's farm. Frank Toufar attends Kramer High. Max Flaherty is now at St. Edward where he is attending West Hill school. Veronica Chlopek is working at home. Edward Bandur attends St. Joseph's College, Westmont, Ill., where he is preparing for the priesthood. Jack Gaffney and Deloris Wemhoff are attending school in Omaha. Marcella and Loretta Herink attend St. Francis High in Humphrey. Edna Smollen is in Denver, and Irene Boroviak is working at Tellers.

World Geography must not be interesting to John Zuroski. He says the equator is in the horrid zone.

History Instructor: "During the Dark Ages they had knights."
Bev Schroeder: "They have nights now, too."

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Sophomores Shatter Previous Records; Clear Total of \$45.75

The sophomores established an all-time high record of \$45.75 at their candy sale held October 3 in the gymnasium. The present juniors set the mark last year at \$38.25.

Dick Hayes, with Jack Miller, Ralph Czuba, Tom McKown, Donald Siemek, Mary Brock, and Patricia Mielak, set a new table record of \$11.27. Beverly Schroeder's table held last year's record of \$10. Beverly was assisted by Eleanor Lakers, Bernadette Feik, Delores Nickolite, Vernon Pelter, and Margie Iwan.

Pat Robb took second highest honors with a total of \$8.14. Other tables and their respective totals are Joan Fischer, \$8.04; Everett Johnson, \$6.92; Fritz Loeffler, \$6.19; and Dave Schumacher \$5.19.

Special attractions contributed much to the success of the sale. A novelty grab bag sponsored by Jack Miller was sold out in 10 minutes. A seventeen pound watermelon, won by Edgar Gates, attracted a large crowd to Everett Johnson's table where the interested members guessed the weight. A box of candy was raffled by Dave Schumacher's group. The prize went to Therese Savage. A cake was raffled at Pat Robb's table and won by Bob Nickolite.

Supervisor Explains Justine Ward System

Miss Dorothy Rullman, Justine Ward Supervisor from the Catholic University, explained the Justine Ward System of Music at a meeting of the Sisters of the diocese held at St. Bonaventure School on Saturday, October 20. According to the Justine Ward System each teacher is expected to teach music in her own room. Various school topics and problems were also discussed.

Rev. P. E. Schneider, superintendent of schools of the Archdiocese of Omaha, accompanied Miss Rullman, who will visit some of the schools of the archdiocese during the next few weeks.

Sisters from Sacred Heart School, Olean; St. Francis School, Humphrey; St. Stanislaus School, Duncan; St. Michael School, Tarnov; St. Anthony School, Cedar Rapids; St. Bernard's School, Lindsay; St. Mary's School, Humphrey; St. Anthony School and St. Bonaventure, Columbus, attended the meeting.

Two New Statues Adorn Sanctuary

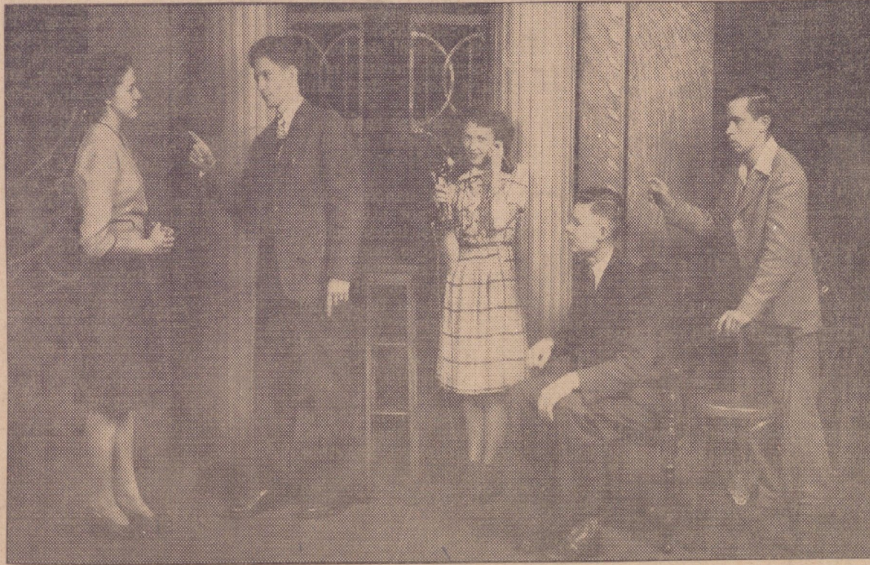
Two new statues now adorn St. Bonaventure church. They are St. Francis and St. Bonaventure, patron of this parish. St. Francis stands on the Gospel side on the high altar and St. Bonaventure, on the pedestal where St. Anthony previously stood. St. Anthony now occupies a place on the high altar opposite St. Francis.

These statues were blessed Sunday, September 30, at 2:30 p. m. Father Albert conducted the services. First he blessed the statue of St. Francis and then the statue of St. Bonaventure.

In his talk Father Albert dwelt on the life of St. Bonaventure since he thought that St. Bonaventure parishoners were familiar with the life and works of St. Francis.

The ceremony was concluded by Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament.

Who Gets the Car Tonight?



Left to right: Marie Reifenrath, Pat McGowan, Joan Jiranek, Jack Caffrey, Leland Koch.

Class Plans To Present Play Soon

"Who Gets the Car Tonight?" a hilarious one-act play will be staged at the next assembly by the senior speech class. The plot centers around the Jones family. Mrs. Jones wants to go to a party; Mr. Jones wants to stay home; Mary wants the car for her date; Paul means to have it for his. The scrambled situation isn't improved when Dad suddenly goes old-time parent on them and tells Mary and Paul that they've been staying out too late and driving too far and too fast and that they can't have the car! Tonight Dad drives the car! Though Mary wheedles and Paul bribes, Dad sticks to his ruling, up to the funny surprise ending.

The characters in the play are Mr. Jones, a seemingly old-time and unsociable parent, Pat McGowan; Mrs. Jones, his persistent wife, Marie Reifenrath; Paul and Mary, two popular children deep in the dregs of puppy love, Leland Koch and Joan Jiranek; Jack, object of Mary's affection, Jack Caffrey.

Other selections on the program are "The Master is Coming," by Dorothy Wozny, and "Mr. William," by Geraldine Savage.

Johnson Heads Science Club

Jim Johnson, senior, was elected president of the chemistry club at its first meeting, October 12.

Other officers elected were Marie Reifenrath, vice-president; Catherine Hauser, secretary and Pat McGowan, treasurer.

A committee of four was appointed to suggest and choose an appropriate name for the organization. Another committee was assigned the task of drawing up the constitution and by-laws which will be presented for approval at the next meeting.

The aim of this organization is to develop a practical interest in science.

Holy Name Society Admits New Members

Fifteen new members were admitted into the Junior Holy Name Society Wednesday evening at 7:30 at St. Bonaventure Church.

Father Arno spoke to the group about the importance of the Holy Name Society and its ideals and aims.

After the new members pronounced the Holy Name Pledge Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament was given.

The new members admitted are as follows: John Euteneuer, Paul Gutzmer, Charles Haney, Dale Hittner, Charles Jaworski, Daniel Jazwieck, Maurice Melcher, Richard Keifer, Richard Kennitz, Donald Langan, Kenneth Moersen, Ambrose Speicher, Rex Rupprecht, Bob Ryan, Bob Tooley, and Richard Urban.

After Benediction the members of the Society went to the freshmen room where they conducted a business meeting, with Terry Robb presiding.

Father Arno spoke to the group and told them it was up to them to make a success of the society; he then gave them several pointers.

The group decided that future meetings would be held once a month on the Wednesday before Holy Name Communion Sunday.

After a few minor details were discussed, the meeting adjourned.

Dedication

The faculty, staff, and students of St. Bonaventure dedicate this issue of "The Venture" to Father Albert in honor of his nameday, November 15.

Speech Class Stages Assembly Program

The senior speech class enacted a humorous one act play "Army Tention" with a cast of four ludicrous and misfit soldiers at a Columbus day assembly. Several selected recitations were also presented by members of the class.

In "Army Tention," Art Nosal portrayed Corporal Beans an overconfident and incompetent commander of three saucy and unsoldierly privates—Skip, Bill Morgan; Hike, Terry Robb; and Limp, Dan Cerny.

Kenny Langan, announcer, introduced the other selections on the program.

Gloria Fischer in "Uncertain Direction" inquisitively seeks the reason for the captain's solemn declaration that his ship would either "go up or down" and learns that "The old boat's leaky so she may be going down" but "then again her engine is poor so she may go up instead."

Gloria Korgie in "A Fishing Trip" poetically explained why Jennie had done much better than Joe who had caught "8 or 10" fish. "For—Jennie, she caught—Joe."

In "Der Oak Und Der Vine" Art Nosal dramatically stated the human truth that women are usually the sturdy oaks and men the cinging vines.

A tone of solemnity and thoughtfulness was added to the program by the recitations, "In Flanders' Field," by Frances Sokol and "The Arrow and the Song," by Junella Ramaekers.

A musical selection, "Beautiful Dreamer," was rendered by the Freshmen Glee Club members.

The students' enjoyment of the program was demonstrated by loud applause, unsurpassed fits of laughter and sincere compliments.

St. Bonaventure Parish Holds Forty Hours Devotion

St. Bonaventure parish began its annual Forty Hours Devotion on the feast of Christ the King with a Solemn High Mass, Father Albert officiating.

Rev. Father Samuel Martin, pastor of St. Bernard Church, St. Bernard, Nebraska, delivered the evening sermons.

At three o'clock each afternoon the high school assembled for their hour of adoration.

Girls' Choir Sings New Mass, Nov. 1

The girls' choir of approximately 40 members is preparing a new Choral Mass to be sung for the first time at the 9:00 o'clock Mass on the Feast of All Saints, November 1. The Mass was written by W. J. Marsh in honor of the Infant Jesus. It will be sung in two voices, soprano and alto.

Sister M. Theresa is director of the choir and glee groups. Glee periods are held three times a week, and about half of each of these is devoted to learning hymns and Masses and the other half to three-part songs in preparation for assembly programs and similar occasions. The alto, the second soprano, and the soprano groups have individual practice periods.

First Junior Mixer Proves Big Success

The juniors sponsored the first school dance of the year on Friday evening, October 12, in the gymnasium. The dance was the best ever seen at St. Bons. Its great success was due to a timely idea of Beryl Bamberg's. She introduced a new fad called a "trap dance." It was enjoyed by all and was used the greater part of the evening.

The juniors in charge were as follows: Ticket makers, Catherine Hauser and Beryl Bamberg; Announcer, Willis Koblush; Publicity, Barbara Shemek; Ticket-sellers, Eleanor Lakers, Delores Nickolite, Beryl Bamberg, and Catherine Hauser; Refreshments, Bob Speicher and Jerome Dunn; Nickelodeon, John Dineen; Ticket collectors, Eleanor Lakers and Theona Kozak.

The records for the evening were furnished by Pat McGowan and Norma Matya.

Chaperons were Mr. and Mrs. Albert Tucek, and Mr. and Mrs. Martin Speicher.

The Venerable Sisters and the Reverend Fathers were guests.

Honor Roll

Seniors
Dorothy Wozny
Juniors
Rosemary Wass
Sophomores
Alice Bernt
Anastasia Ernst
Donald Lakers
Therese Savage
Freshmen
Jo Ann Lassek

Grade Students Plan To Present Program In Honor of Pastor

In honor of Father Albert Limacher, the grade school students will present a Namesday program Thursday evening, November 15, in the auditorium at 8:00 p. m. for the public.

The program will consist of the following numbers: Rythm Band, Grades 1 and 2; What's In a Basket, selection, Grade 3; Mother Goose, playlet, Grade 4; Festoon Drill, Grade 5; Feast Day Greeting, song, Grade 6; Columbus Parsons, skit, Billy Messing and Billy Jarvis; Choral Speaking, Grade 7; Funiculi, Funiculi and Blessing of St. Francis, songs, Grade 8; An Interruption, dialogue, Betty Ann Dischner and Lester Savage.

Editors Interview Wilfred Jahn, '42, Staff Sergeant

"Military experience is invaluable and cannot be gained through mere books and study," says Staff Sergeant Wilfred Jahn, '42, U. S. A. A. F., the first St. Bonaventure alumnus to be discharged from military service.

Wilfred was inducted Jan. 8, 1943 and received his training at Miami Beach, Florida; Seymour Johnson Field, North Carolina; Fort Meyers, Florida; Salt Lake City, Utah; Almagordo, New Mexico; and Charleston, South Carolina.

While traveling enroute to Italy by way of Cuba, South America, and Africa, Wilfred stopped at Natal, Brazil where he learned many of the customs and habits of our southern neighbors. However, these people did not deeply impress Wilfred because of their low standard of living.

Flying time from Natal to Decars, Africa was eleven hours, forty-three minutes.

Headquarters in Italy was a wine cellar, used in the morning for briefing and in the evening for services and movies.

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To uphold, promote, and carry out the honored traditions
of St. Bonaventure High School.

Analyze the Word Thanksgiving

Have you ever noticed the appropriateness of the word Thanksgiving? Considering the word in two parts we have **thanks** and **giving**.

You give **thanks** when someone gives you a present. You give **thanks** when someone does you a favor or does something you appreciate. You are constantly **thanking** people for earthly favors. How much more you should **thank** God for His spiritual gifts.

People **give** presents to those they love. Christ **gave** His life because He loves us. We **receive** gifts from God's hand each moment of our lives. Every breath, every heartbeat, is a new gift. He has made us, and given us our parents to care for us; He feeds and clothes us; He has redeemed us, made us Christians, and He is preparing for us a mansion in heaven. All these gifts He **gives** us because He loves us.

Thanksgiving is a day when both young and old, rich and poor should bow their heads in reverence to **give thanks** to God Who has **given** them all that they have.

C. H.

Read Good Books

The purpose of Catholic Book Week, Nov. 10-14, is to familiarize Catholics with the good literature at their disposal and to campaign against obscene and indecent books, magazines, newspapers, and periodicals.

Characters in fiction are as influential as characters in real life. You choose your friends with the utmost care, considering their good points, their ideals, and merits. In fiction, why not do likewise?

The pagan, materialistic, selfish philosophy of life which has resulted in the sad condition of the world today owes much of its popularity to the fictional characters depicted in books and magazines of the day.

You need go no further than your high school library to find the very best in Catholic literature. On the magazine rack you will find such magazines as The True Voice, The Sacred Heart Messenger, The Catholic Digest, The Grail, Ave Maria, The Companion, Leaves, and many others. The book shelves are filled with countless volumes of good books which are at your disposal, and don't forget The True Voice which should be in every home. It is not enough that it be in the home; it should be read by you and every member of the family.

Many minds are injured and souls are lost through the reading of bad literature. By reading good books you help not only yourself, but also the Catholic Press.

C. H.

Can You Weather the Ups and Downs?

"Life is a grindstone, and whether it grinds a man down or polishes him up depends on the stuff he's made of."

If you place a poor grade of metal to a grindstone, it will be chewed and roughened. But if a good grade of iron or steel is applied to the stone, a smooth, polished surface is obtained.

The life of a man can be compared to the metal facing the grindstone. At every turn man meets obstacles which test his qualities. If he yields to his lower tendencies of selfishness, cowardice, and dishonestly he is ground down like the inferior metal. But if he overcomes his bad traits and cultivates his good qualities the trials of life's grindstone will strengthen his character and like the precious metal he will be all the better for the grinding.

If a man can weather the ups and downs of life's grindstone and still come out on top, smiling, his life is a success.

T. R.

St. Bons Students Show Preference For School Dances

Students of St. Bonaventure showed their preference for school dances over Eagle-sponsored canteen dances by an overwhelming vote of 64 to 47.

The freshmen and the juniors, who swung the election, voted almost unanimously for the school dances. Sophomores and seniors cast a divided vote with their preference leaning towards the canteen dances.

The following are typical comments made by the students explaining their preference:

"I prefer the school dances to those of the canteen because more of my pals are there."—Jack Miller '48.

"I like the canteen because I meet more people and establish new friendships."—Helen Shemek '48.

"I prefer school dances. Any student who does not attend his own school dances lacks school spirit. The canteen is open every Friday and the school dances are held only once a month. St. Bons students should attend the school dances."—Beryl Bamberg '47.

"I would like to see the school dances go on because it gives the school more activities."—Kenny Langan '46.

"Membership is not limited to a particular group at the canteen, so I prefer the canteen."—Arthur Nosal '46.

"I prefer school dances because they give the St. Bonaventure students an opportunity to become better acquainted with each other."—Barbara Shemek '47.

"I prefer St. Bons dances; but, if it is expected that all students come, something must be done to make the dances livelier. Let's have more solos and entertainment."—Jerome Dunn '47.

"I prefer canteen dances because all I have to do is walk across the street and fall in."—Geraldine Savage '46.

"School dances are all right, but I think we should have them on Wednesday or Thursday, so we could go to the canteen on Friday."—Paul Gutzmer '49.

"We should have both ours and the canteen dances, but I suggest we get some new records."—Pat McGowan '46.

Many thought it only fair to give the juniors an opportunity to raise money for the Junior-Senior Prom by continuing the school dances; but others suggested presenting a junior class play, having basketball games between the various classrooms, selling refreshments at football and basketball games, sponsoring candy sales, selling pop at the noon hour and selling chances.



Hallowe'en

She stirred and stirred
Without restraint,
Her cauldron, steaming and hot;
A pinch of this and a pinch of that,
Went into her boiling pot.

She waved her hand
Above the pot;
And called to the spirits below;
When out came bats, mice and
black cats,
All ready for their midnight show.

They hovered above
And filled the air,
With weird and eerie show;
They did not cease 'til dawn awoke,
For 'twas Hallowe'en, you know.
—Geraldine Savage '46

You better not eat too much ice cream, Terry Robb. You have to watch that football figure of yours.

Who's Yehoodi?

"Hurry, light it quickly."
Everyone was tense, the room was silent. He had to light that candle. That was the order.

He plunged the burning stick into the beaker that contained the candle. Why wouldn't it light? He tried again and again, but no success.

"Yehoodi," cried the expectant class, "come out of that glass!" Paul Diederich took the burning stick and lit the candle. Yehoodi was gone and so was the carbon dioxide that prevented his lighting the candle.

Yehoodi wasn't through for the day—he had to have his revenge.

You have heard the song, "I'm forever blowing bubbles, pretty bubbles in the air." Imagine two big husky sophomores, Jack Miller and Eugene Fischer, entertaining the class with their version of that song. In this case they were blowing into a test tube of lime water.

Above the laughter of the class, one embarrassed huskie, Eugene Fischer, inquired timidly, "Is that enough; do I have to blow some more?"

"Yes, blow harder," came the order.

After a great deal of blowing combined with a few assorted huffs and puffs, Yehoodi did the trick again, for the lime water turned milky and the class knew that carbon dioxide was present again.

Campus Cut-ups

Students are sporting magnificent hunks of plaid shirts. Oh boy-oh boy-oh boy!

"Clap-clap-clap went the not the trolley" but those boots displayed by some of the boys. Fritz Loeffler's are Russian G. I's. The girls seem to have developed a liking for boys' sweat shirts. The bigger the better.

The students have a larger vocabulary this year. To "boing" they've added "hubba-hubba" and "atta bo!" Examples—a pretty girl passes, Hubba! Hubba! Dick Hayes cracks a really funny, not a corny joke, Atta bo', Dick!

The sophs seem to have a passion for nicknames. For example, Dave Schumacher, "Ox"; Ralph Czuba, "Turtle"; Rose Rita Podraza, "Pete"; Carroll Euteneur, "Oink". Ask them why. Some are pretty dense, so beware!

Don't the junior girls have a pair of shoes that match or do they always wear two different ones? Upon inquiry one replied "We're changing molecules." Let us drop the subject.

Were the senior boys trying to develop Frank Sinatra personalities or were they trying to provide a swoonable atmosphere for the girls? Oh well, which ever it was they were all very attractive with their bangs. Boing!

The boys haven't anything on the girls with their G. I. haircuts. Three-quarters inch hair-dos sprout from a good number of domes. Atta way, girls!

Seems as though the girls aren't contented with various shoes. They carry it up a little further with their "bobby socks." Oh well, if it makes them happy, "It's confusin' but amusin'."

Ho-Hum! Please Give Us a Rest

Why don't you give us excuses a break? Stop using us. Year after year it is the same old story; you are constantly depending on us for help.

Let us remind you of the many times we are forced to assist you.

When you don't have your assignment, you first call on "I forgot," and if it can't help you, you drag out that old faithful "I didn't understand," and on and on until you have used all in that bracket.

Then when you are caught talking you bring out the most common and most popular of all, "I was only getting the assignment."

Remember too, those hundreds of times when you arrive late and brought with you that old, old "My alarm didn't go off." This excuse has definitely served its term.

Why don't you all practice doing the right thing at the right time, in the right way, so we excuses can take our well-earned rest.

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Father Arno: "What are myths?"

Bright Student: "That's what they are before they are Mrs."

The Chemistry students get a bang out of experimenting. Students, beware!

Sister Theresa: "We will have to take up a collection to get Dick Hayes some erasers, pencils, and paper."

Dick Hayes: "Not pencils, Sister, I swipe those."

What's all this we hear about Art Nosal having a convertible?

Sister (in English class): "Catherine, what are you writing?"

Catherine: "Nothing, Sister."

Sister: "Would you kindly tell the class how you do that?"

It's funny how Dick Hayes gets all the answers to his mathematics and still doesn't remember how he gets them.

Instructor: "Now, Jim, read the words of the dying Turk. Read it with pep."

Jim: "I'll bet he didn't say it with pep, if he had a sword sticking in his side."

Sister: "If you were writing a business letter to the teachers of St. Bonaventure, what salutation would you use?"

La Vern O'Kane: "Gentlemen."

Charlotte Messing says that a desert is a place where rain is over-come by heat.

Kenney Moersen to Bob Tooley: "The train to Norfolk leaves at 4."

Bob Speicher was overheard saying, "Sure I shave. I've been shaving for the last three years, and I cut myself both times."

John Dineen (after looking at his report card): "I wonder if Father Flannigan will accept me?"

Jerome Dunn (after carrying old school books out for paper salvage and returning to his desk): "Oops! Here are some we forgot to take."

Father Arno: "What is Conscience?"

Henry Podraza: "It's a little voice in you."

Father Arno: "Well, how about these gangsters who kill men one after the other?"

Henry Podraza: "Oh, they're Conscience Objectors."

Students Resort To Success Recipe

Oh, woe is the day that is drawing near! Oh, how can I face it! What will Father and Mother say? I think I've tried my best, but when Dad and Mother look at those grades they won't think so. How can I explain that I have tried?

Let me see—if I could—sure I'll try that. Let's see. With a little curl at the end and a quick jerky curve to the right, a flip flop at the end and the period here. Oh, I can't forge my Father's name. That would never work. What will I do?

Yes, what will I do, is what all the students were saying to themselves when they got their report cards and were on their way home to get their Father's "John Henry" on the dotted line of the unexplainable report card.

Why didn't I think of studying before all this happened?

I resolve now to take the advice of one who knows and follow closely the "recipe" for a perfect report card:

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20 parts determination
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Soph (to fellow student): "I wonder how it feels to get dismissed from school on time?"

Fellow Student: "I don't know; I never had that experience."

Gresham and Explorers Close Irish Grid Year

Platte Center Strong Favorite

With Gresham and Platte Center on top of the Irish grid card for November, the 1945 grid campaign will come to a close. St. Bonaventure lost to both clubs last year. Gresham handed the Shamrocks their only whitewashing last season when they recorded an 18-0 triumph. Comparing scores shows the Irish to be on par with Gresham.

Traditional Rival

Platte Center is a traditional rival of St. Bonaventure. A strong interest has developed over these two clubs since football relations began in 1941. The Explorers were victorious over the Columbus crew through 1941-42. In 1943 the Shamrocks had a dream team which went undefeated in eight games and for the first time edged the Explorers, 34-24. On Armistice night of the same season, the Irish again rolled past Platte Center with an 18-6 triumph.

Irish the Underdog

The Shamrocks will be the underdog this year since Platte Center holds the more impressive record. The Explorers rank second in the state at the time of this writing. St. Bonaventure hasn't looked impressive against strong competition although they have rolled up large scores against weaker opponents.

The Irish faltered badly in the second half against St. Mary's and their showing against Lincoln Cathedral doesn't brighten matters, so Platte Center will be a favorite.

Teen-Agers Come Prepared for Game

The teen-agers are always ready for a good game and a good time.

As to dress, they wear nothing but the best, namely, bluejeans and plaid shirts, size 40.

They are also prepared for the boring intervals in the games, for example, the half and quarters.

For these occasions they have plenty of popcorn, peanuts, and lolly-pops to nibble on.

They all get excited at the kickoff and stand up and yell as loud as is humanly possible.

Throughout the entire game they try to prove that their lung power is greater than that of their opponents.

If their team loses they try to smile through the disappointment; if their team wins their shouts and cheers show the boys they appreciate them.

Yes, football is a wonderful sport and bobby-soxers are wonderful people even though some people claim that both the game and the younger generation are crazy.

Thanks

The entire student body wishes to extend sincere thanks to Father Albert for installing the two drinking fountains in the high school.

They also wish to thank Father Albert for the free day he gave them to attend the out of town football game.

The faculty and students thank Mrs. Fred Sawyer who contributed a large number of books to the school library.

Shamrocks Bow to St. Mary's, 45-21

Led by speedy halfback, Bob Kunz who scored five touchdowns and one extra marker, St. Mary's of G. I. captured the hard-fought tilt by a 45-21 count, from the St. Bonaventure Shamrocks before an extra large crowd.

Kunz was the difference between the teams; the Irish could not keep pace with his shifty footwork and swift running. Shamrocks probably lost the half time lead by a mixup of signals.

Irish Score First

Irish received and scrambled down the field and Kenny Langan slammed across for the first T. D. of the game; a pass to Leland Koch made the extra.

St. Mary's received and soon after Kunz slipped away for his first counter. Extra attempt failed.

Shamrocks again received, and a pass to Koch was completed to the enemy five. A mixup resulted in a fumble with St. Mary's recovering. On the second play Kunz raced 70 yds. to tally. Mester converted.

Second period saw Mark Foreman take a pass and score with Kunz making the extra, and the count was 20-7.

Here Langan broke away and went 30 yds. to score as Dick Hayes connected for the extra marker.

Recovers Fumble

The visitors fumbled and John Dineen pounced on it setting up the next Irish score. Several plays later Langan smashed over from the five, Terry Robb added the extra making it 21-20 with 30 seconds playing time left.

Grand Island received and after three incomplete passes, connected on the fourth to tally and cop the half margin 26-21.

In the second half St. Mary's took the initiative counting once in the third and twice in the fourth.

Ken Langan lead the offense with all three touchdowns and some dandy passes.

Terry Robb and Duane Dietering sparked the defense. Jack Miller, Jim Schroeder, Bob Speicher, Bill Merrill and Don Lakers also saw action.

Shamrocks Throttle Leigh Gridders, 53-0

St. Bon's Green and White squad throttled the Leigh gridsters to an overwhelming defeat by a score of 53 to 0. It was the third win of the season with four tilts played. Irish tallied twice in the first quarter, adding two more in the second with all attempts for extras successful, and making it 28 to 0 for a half-time lead.

Third quarter went scoreless as the Shamrocks came back with four touchdowns and one extra point to end the fracas.

Ken Langan counted three times and made one extra point, while Duane Dietering sparked the Irish defense.

All substitutes saw action except Bill Merrill and Don Lakers who were injured in a car accident enroute to Leigh for the game.

Congratulations

The faculty and the staff wish to congratulate the sophomores on the all-time high record which they established at their candy sale; they also wish to thank them for their generous contributions which made their candy sale a grand success.

St. Bons Trounce Shelby Huskies, 32-7

St. Bonaventure gridders rambled through the Shelby Huskies in a driving rain, to victory by a 32 to 7 count at Pawnee Park.

Columbus scored in every period with the visitors scoring in the last minutes of the game. Fumbles by both teams quenched several drives on the goal.

Dave Schumacher sprinted 18 yards in the first to start the scoring and Ken Langan connected for the extra marker. Langan broke loose and dodged past the Huskies for a 60 yard jaunt to the goal, making the count 13 to 0 for the Irish at intermission.

In the third, John Dineen smashed through and churned up 40 yards to touchdown dirt. Langan crossed again and made the extra to make it 26 to 0.

In the fourth, Arch Nosal fielded a punt and went 40 yards for the final Irish tally.

Wills scored in the last minutes of the tilt and Ray added the extra for Shelby.

Sister: "What is a truck farm?"
Bob Tooley: "A place where they raise trucks."

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Irish Blanked By Cathedral, 12-0

Shamrock gridders blanked out to a 12-0 defeat at the hands of the Lincoln Cathedralites in a hard fought tilt on Lincoln soil.

The two clubs were well matched, but the Irish lost several touchdown opportunities by fumbles and penalties.

Irish threatened on the kickoff with a first down on Lincoln's 25, but a penalty halted the drive. Cathedral tallied in the first quarter and again in the fourth after recovering a fumble on the 12 yard line.

The Columbus boys took to the air in the first and third stanzas but with little success.

Dick Hayes, Ken Langan, Terry Robb, John Dineen, Jim Schroeder, Dave Schumacher, Arch Nosal, Leland Koch, Des Dietering, Bob Speicher, Don Lakers and Dan McNair all saw action.

Welcome

The students welcome Maxine Hookstra to the senior class. Maxine formerly attended St. Elizabeth School, in Oakland, California.

Jack: "Why don't the newts go over to the other side?"

Bill: "Because they want to stay on this side."

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Pep Club Selects Officers For Year

The Pep Club members chose Frances Sokol as their president for the school term. She received 14 votes out of a possible 25. Jean Gerber is vice-president and Bernadette Feik is secretary-treasurer. In previous years the cheerleaders presided over the meetings of the Pep Club.

To be eligible for an office in the Pep Club a candidate must have attended at least three games and must not hold an office in any other school organization.

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Happy Students Plan For Holiday

When the Sisters announced that Oct. 25 and 26 were free days, shouts of glee were heard throughout the entire high school building. Every student loves teachers' conventions!! Don't we???

Later, as I wandered through the halls, I overheard plans for the gala holidays.

Jody Olivetti, Jean Gerber, and Jackie Micek had their heads together chatting busily. Parts of the conversation reached my ears—"bikes—overhauled"—"Lincoln—long way." Oh, I see; they plan to ride their bikes to Lincoln. Happy landing, gals!

Cunning Dan Cerny said he just didn't know what he'd do, but by that know-it-all look on his face he must have had something up his sleeve. Secrets always come out in the end, Danny, so 'fess up.

Marie Reifenrath was heard mumbling to herself, "Oh well, I'll just go nuts." Poor girl, by the way, doesn't anyone want to join her???

In a complacent manner Pat McGowan remarked that he was going to Atchison, Kansas. Someone there you know, Patrick???

Virginia Lohr is a little undecided but Texas is her aim.

Dick Kemnitz and Kenny Moersen have different plans. By the sounds of their conversation, Dick must be hungry because he is going to eat candy bars and he is definitely not going to school. Solemnly Kenny declared he was going to Nick's and shoot pool.

Say, what do we have here? More bike hikes??? Dot Wozny, Gerry Savage and Gloria Korgie decided they were going on another twelve mile hike. Another? What's so interesting, you three? Pat Robb and Beryl Bamberg think Le Mars, Iowa, might have some attractions for them. Mmm, who is he—gals?

Gene Nickolite and Des Deitering declared that they will go hunting. Oh, oh, boys who are you hunting for now???

Vernon Peltier with a gleam in his eyes reached into his pocket and pulled out his rosary. He is going to church and pray that he never has to come back again. That's the spirit, Vernon!

Theona Kozak wants to go to Lincoln. Keep your hopes high, Theona.

Eddie Gates confidentially told me that he was going to build up his muscles and develop a Charles Atlas physique by staying home on the farm and working. Girls! Our he-man-to-be!!!

Ah, here we have our farm-minded friend. Don Lakers just can't get enough of the farm. Just what is that special interest, Don?

There are some students in this school that think vacation is a nice time to help at home—Honesty!! Florence Smith and Janet Jarecki are two of them.

Pat Jarvis thinks home has some other advantage. She wants to sleep—Sleep, Patty???

Junella and Lorraine Ramaekers have that sisterly-love we all hear about. Undecided as they are, they'll still be together "on the prowl."

Alice Bernt, our new home-loving gal, will be at her Home Sweet Home near Osceola.

Now, I wonder—will all our "dreams" come true???

Time will tell and we shall see.

Editors Interview Wilfred Jahn, '42, Staff Sergeant

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As flight engineer on a B-24, Wilfred fired top turret and is credited with nine missions which took him over Floesti, Munich and Styer, and Austria. Anzio Beachhead and Mount Cassino were also visited on the bombing runs.

In April 1944, Wilfred was shot down over Italy and seriously wounded. As a result he was hospitalized at Bari and Naples and later was presented the Purple Heart.

Wilfred said that the only army priests he saw during his whole stay in Europe were English with the exception of a native Nebraskan who visited him while in Naples.

Wilfred described life in Italy, which is 90% to 95% Catholic. On certain days they hold "big fiestas" during which time work is out of the question and wine flows freely.

The higher class Italians live in northern Italy and around Rome, while the poorer class cultivate the fields to the south in the heel and toe. However, nowhere in Italy is it uncommon to see the people driving ox-carts, getting water in wooden buckets from public wells, or buying at open markets. Sixty cents is considered a good day's wage. The few automobiles are worth a fortune. Eggs cost on the average of 21c each.

Conditions in Africa are about the same if not worse. There, too, inflation exists. So-called champagne that tastes like rain water is priced at \$6.00 a bottle.

Wilfred has many interesting snapshots of Italy. Pictures taken of the eruption of Mount Vesuvius show smoke columns rising 40,000 feet into the air while Naples lies under a blanket of ashes and soot one-half to one foot deep.

The citations and decorations received by Wilfred are the Purple Heart, Presidential Unit Citation, two Battle Stars, the E. A. M. E. Ribbon and the Air Medal.

Recalling his school days at St. Bona, Wilfred spoke freely and frequently. He said, "I realize now that what Sister Theresa said was true and that her advice is well worth following."

Biology Students Choose Alice Bernt To Lead Science Club

Biology students elected Alice Bernt to serve as president of the science club which they organized to promote interest in the study of living organisms. Other elected officers are Dave Schumacher vice president, and Luella Zabawa, secretary.

After the election, the club members planned activities for their monthly meetings which will be held on the second Thursday of each month. They decided that the class be divided into five groups each comprising seven club members under the leadership of a group chairman. Each group will conduct one meeting during which it will present demonstrations, exhibits, experiments or contests. The elected group leaders are Eugene Fischer, Patricia Jarvis, Joan Fischer, Jack Miller and Dick Hayes.

The first meeting was conducted by Bill Merrill, sophomore class president.

Sympathy

The faculty and the students extend sincere sympathy to the Haney family on the death of Mr. Carl J. Haney; and to Robert Speicher on the death of his aunt, Mrs. Hazel Kluck.

Students Give "Al" Cold Shoulder

Poor Al, nobody likes him. He's been in school for a long time and you can hardly find one person who really likes him. It really isn't his own fault that he's so unpopular, it's just that no one really understands him.

The girls don't like him any more than the boys. It seems every time they plan some fun he comes along and gets in the way and pesters them.

Many a time they've been tempted to annihilate him, so they wouldn't have to worry but the only thing that stops them is their parents and their teachers saying that he is a good influence and a worthy friend.

But it's hard to think that old AL-GEBRA could be anything more than a bore.



Thanksgiving

Our hearts are filled with gratitude. For the benefits large and small, Which the good God in His mercy, Has bestowed on one and all.

We thank Him for the blessings He has sent from heaven above. We thank Him for His favors, His kindness, His mercy, His love.

His Hand protects our harvests, Our homes, our lives, our friends; We look to Him for comfort, 'Til the course of our life ends.

—Geraldine Savage '46

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Commercial Class Elects Joan Jiranek President of Club

The business students of St. Bonaventure elected Joan Jiranek president of the Commercial Club. Gloria Korgie is vice-president; Junella Ramaekers, secretary, and Geraldine Savage, treasurer.

The class is divided into three groups. These groups will be called upon throughout the year to provide material for the meetings, which will be held every two weeks.

The groups are as follows: group one, Gloria Korgie, Marie Reifenrath, Geraldine Savage, and Dorothy Wozny; group two, Joan Jiranek, Betty Snedeker, Margaret Melliger, and Janet Jarecki; group three, Junella Ramaekers, Gloria Fischer, Genevieve Feik, and Maxine Hookstra.

At the end of each six-week period, one group will be selected as superior. This honor will be conferred on the basis of material content, educational value and variety in the program. The winning group will be treated by the remaining groups.

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Speech Class Will Stage Xmas Program Dec. 16

Two one-act plays, "Who Gets the Car Tonight?" and "The Pampered Darling," will be presented for the public by the speech class on Dec. 16, in the school auditorium.

In "The Pampered Darling," Victor Gibbons is only fourteen but how he can put on an act! When he learns that his two older sisters are going away on a weekend house party, leaving him behind, he writes a note stating that he has suddenly gone deaf and dumb. They become alarmed, of course, and shower him with all kinds of attention. Victor, however, can't put it over with Janet's fiancée, a young medical student who takes things in hand and advises an immediate "operation."

Cast of Characters

The characters in the play are Victor Gibbons, the pampered darling, Willy Kolbush; Janet Gibbons, his loving sister, Dorothy Wozny; Connie Gibbons, another sister who refuses to pamper her brother, Gloria Fischer; Norman Evans, Janet's young medical friend, Bill Morgan; Rudy Waring, Norman's masquerading friend, Dan Cerny; Dudley Field, a blundering young friend of Connie's, Kenny Langan; Mrs. Perkins, the dotting housekeeper, Margaret Melliger; Anabelle and Joy, friends of the Gibbons girls, Geraldine Savage and Junella Ramaekers.

Plot of Play

The plot of "Who Gets the Car Tonight?" centers around a humorous experience with the Jones family. Each member of the family has different plans for using the car, that is, up to the funny surprise ending.

The characters in the play are Mr. Jones, a seemingly old-time and unsociable parent, Pat McGowan; Mrs. Jones, his persistent wife, Marie Reifenrath; Paul and Mary, two popular children deep in the dregs of puppy love, Leland Koch and Joan Jiranek; Jack, object of Mary's affection, Jack Caffrey.

Two three-part songs will be rendered by the Girls' Glee Club between the one act plays, "Hodie Christus Natus Est" by J. A. Korman and "Jeanie With the Light Brown Hair" by Stephen Foster.

There will also be a recitation entitled "Der Oak und der Vine" by Arthur Nosal and another entitled "A Fishing Trip" by Gloria Korgie.

Thanks

Sincere thanks and appreciation to the grade and the high school pupils for the generous offering of Holy Masses for the repose of the soul of my father.

—Sr. M. Theresa

Freshies Establish New All-Time High; Clear \$63.10 at Sale

The freshies shattered the sophomores' month old record by setting up a new all-time high of \$63.10 at their candy sale.

Previous record established was \$45.75.

Competition ran high among all group leaders especially between Don Langan and Jo Ann Olivetti. Co-chairman Don Langan and Jo Ann Peck took top honors with a total of \$17.52. Their assistants were Dale Hittner, Clare Kaipust, Tom Hembd, Mary Ann Dunn, John Zuroski, Richard Keefer, and Margaret Korgie.

Other co-chairmen and the amounts cleared by their tables were Jo Ann Olivetti and Harriet Reifenrath, \$17.26; Bob Tooley and Jacqueline Micek, \$16.57; Bob Ross and Charles Jaworski, \$9.36; Kenny Moersen and Jean Gerber, \$6.25.

Four days prior to the candy sale, members of the freshmen class sold chances on special attractions selected by the group leaders. The following are winners of the raffled articles: Mrs. William Gerhold won a cake; Mrs. Charles Kaipust, Hazel Swan, and Charlotte Messing each won a box of candy.

Our Lady's Sodality Enrolls 27 Members

Twenty-seven prospective Sodality members will be received into "Our Lady's Sodality" Dec. 9 at 2:30 p. m. Rev. Albert Limacher, spiritual director, will officiate at the ceremony. As the new sodalists receive the badge of membership, they will pledge their love and fidelity to Mary, their Queen, and will promise to abide by the rules of the Sodality. Ceremonies will be followed by Benediction of the most Blessed Sacrament.

After the reception the Sodality members will attend the regular monthly meeting at which the following program will be given: Sodality Rules, Marie Reifenrath; Meaning of the Morning Offering, Joan Jiranek; Our Lady of Guadalupe, Catherine Hauser; Spiritual Returns, Beverly Schroeder; Renewal of Legion of Decency Pledge, Anastasia Ernst; Preparations for Christmas, Beryl Bamberg; Devotions to Our Lady, Eleanor Lakers; and Sodality and Leadership, Dorothy Wozny.

The prospective Sodality members are Alice Bernt, Florene Dohman, Mary Ann Dunn, Laura Mae Gates, Jean Gerber, Maxine Hookstra, Juliann Jarecki, Clara Kaipust, Margaret Korgie, Rosella Kush, Jo Ann Lassek, Virginia Lohr, Charlotte Messing, Jacqueline Micek, Lorrie Lou Mimick, Theresa Moritz, Jo Ann Olivetti, Jo Ann Peck, Anna Mae Pfeifer, Harriet Reifenrath, Verdian Romanek, Lorene Shonka, Helen Sliva, Sophie Sliva, Alice Syslo, Irene Wilczynski, and Adeline Wozny.

Rubinoff and His Violin Thrill and Inspire Pupils

By combining superb musical talent with a dynamic personality David Rubinoff, world famous violinist, brought to the high school pupils of St. Bonaventure one of the most entertaining and inspirational half-hours in their school lives. Mr. Rubinoff, a good judge of human nature, knew just what to play to keep his audience thrilled throughout the performance.



The first selection was one of his own compositions, "The Dance of the Russian Peasant," a light and gay melody characteristic of his native land. "Intermezzo," ever popular, kept the students in suspense until the very last note. Most popular with high school students, "Don't Fence Me In," brought down the house. It was played in nine styles—symphonic, Strauss Waltz, rumba, Scotland, Ireland, Palestine, Russia, John Philip Sousa, and boogie woogie. Mr. Rubinoff with his exaggerated animation made it even more enjoyable.

Professor Makofka Plays

Professor Alexander Makofka, Rubinoff's accomplished pianist, gave a preview of his afternoon concert solos—"Polonaise," "Clair de Lune," and "Etude on the Style of Boogie Woogie."

The attentive silence during the numbers and the hearty applause after numbers showed the students' thorough enjoyment of the performance.

Students Attend Afternoon Concert

After hearing the morning performance, students made a rush to purchase afternoon concert tickets which were on sale at the school. The St. Bonaventure students cooperated with the War Dads in their drive to raise funds by their large attendance at the 3:00 o'clock performance in the City Auditorium.

Commercial Club Features Playlet, Quiz at Meeting

"World's Worst Secretary," a short one-act playlet, and College of Commercial Knowledge, an educational quiz, were the featured highlights at the last Commercial Club meetings.

The skit, which was a dramatization of secretarial don'ts, was enacted by Geraldine Savage, Marie Reifenrath, Gloria Korgie, and Dorothy Wozny.

At the conclusion of the performance, the club members wrote down as many errors as they detected. Some of these were:

1. Don't wear flashy and unbecoming attire.
2. Don't apply cosmetics during office hours.
3. Don't interrupt others in their conversations.
4. Never be satisfied with incorrect work.
5. Don't gossip during office hours.

Joan Jiranek won the prize for detecting the most errors.

Other selections on the program were "The Novice Typist," Geraldine Savage; "How Fast," Dorothy Wozny; and "Wanted: A Secretary," Marie Reifenrath.

The second program centered around a "College of Commercial Knowledge" quiz, during which questions pertaining to commercial studies were put to the students by Gloria Fischer.

The remainder of the program consisted of the following numbers: "Tension," Genevieve Feik; "So You're Entering Business," Junella Ramaekers; "The Ten Commandments of the Shorthand Student," Maxine Hookstra; and "Business Portrays the Secretary," Gloria Fischer.

The next program to be given December 3, will be under the sponsorship of Joan Jiranek, Betty Snedeker, Janet Jarecki, and Margaret Melliger.

Winning Group Counts Money



Left to right: Seated: Richard Keefer, Joan Peck, Donald Langan, Margaret Korgie. Standing: Clare Kaipust, Mary Ann Dunn, John Zuroski.

Students Draw Up New Year Compact

We, the students of St. Bonaventure, in order to secure greater knowledge, obtain more perfect report cards, establish peace in halls and classrooms, and insure future prosperity, do ordain and establish this constitution.

Section I—Entire Student Body

1. Resolved—To attend all school activities and show real spirit.
2. Resolved—To be more attentive and studious.

Section II—Boys

1. Resolved—To keep in training for sports; leave all cigarettes alone.

Section III—Girls

1. Resolved—To stop all primping in classrooms.
2. Resolved—To stop bothering "Big Dan".

Section IV—Individuals

- A. Jack Caffrey and Pat McGowan
1. Resolved—To put our height

to its best advantage and play a good game of basketball.

B. Frances Sokol

1. Resolved—To drive under 35 miles per hour and take corners on all four wheels.

C. Joan Jiranek and Betty Snedeker

1. Resolved—To be more subtle in the Pursuit of Happiness (men).

D. Bob Speicher, John Dineen, and Jim Schroeder

1. Resolved—To become the most perfectly behaved trio in high school.

E. Pat Jarvis and Eleanor Lakers

1. Resolved—To stop sliding down banisters.

F. Tom McKown

1. Resolved—To give up my career of being the "strong, silent type."

Holy Name Appoints Committee Chairmen

Dan Cerny and Jack Caffrey were appointed committee leaders during the November Holy Name meeting. Dan will serve as head of the program committee and Jack as head of the refreshment committee.

After the business meeting Jerome Dunn spoke briefly on the "Value of Prayer." Dan McNair, in his talk, urged all to show respect for the Holy Name. Following the talks Eugene Kneifel entertained with a comical skit, which he had composed.

Terry Robb, president of the society, extended to the group on behalf of the Knights of Columbus an invitation to attend the K. C. breakfast on the following Sunday.

Biology Students Hold Discussion On Habits of Fish

Fish and their habits provided an interesting discussion for the Biology Club at its November meeting.

Among the unusual fish Bill Merrill emphasized the flying fish which can glide in the air and the climbing fish which is capable of scaling trees. "A sword fish," he said, "has been known to pierce a one-inch solid boat wall and withdraw its sword unbroken."

There are 12,000 species of fish in the world and in America alone, 3,623," Daniel McNair informed the club members in his talk on "Fish of This Vicinity."

Luella Zabawa displayed a pair of guppies, smallest tropical fish, and explained their habits, one of which is the unusual practice of preying on their own young.

Theona Kozak and Rosemary Wass mounted and exhibited a large number of pictures of deep sea fish.

Other speakers were Donald Lakers who explained the similar eating habits of fish, and Pat Nickolite who informed the club on their economic importance.

Alice Bernt, club chairman, presided. The date of the next meeting was set for the first week in December.

Civics Class Stresses Catholic Education

Catholic schools form good citizens by instilling in pupils' minds and hearts allegiance to God and country, the members of the civics class learned November 16, from their program.

The program developed the theme "Education to Promote General Welfare." Talks, given by the civics students, emphasized the fact that Catholic schools may lead the way for a restoration of spiritual values to our national life, for the betterment of family living, and for the training of economically competent and healthy citizens.

A Catholic school not only prepares its pupils to meet the demands of their relationship with God but also makes them aware of their duties to their fellow men, the class learned.

Students Give Dad a Vacation

The word "Advent" comes from the Latin and means "coming." The Ecclesiastical Advent is the four weeks preceding Christmas, set apart by the church to prepare for the coming of Christ. But while we are awakening a penitential spirit, there hovers over us a fear of another altogether different sort of advent, the school year mid-semester exams.

By this time you're ready to throw this paper down in disgust—"the mere mention of exams!" But facts are facts. Soon again we will begin to bite our pencils a little harder, scratch our heads oftener, develop for some queer reason, a rather peculiar crossed-eyed appearance, droop our shoulders in humble submission to our slaves, books.

At the same time, Dad, the vigilant apostle of A's and A+'s, concentrates a little harder on our lessons, and Mother, who shields us from Dad's wrath at our D's and X's, drills, while we, contrite innocents, look on.

What is the object of this episode? Well, you see, the school advent is a pretty tough pull on Dad who works hard all day (while we play hard all day). Therefore, we wish to extend an urgent appeal on behalf of all St. Bonnie Dads to their sons and daughters (but mostly sons). Please for just this once give Dad a real vacation from our math problems. He's been awfully dependable and faithful all year (only been wrong about five times). We feel he deserves a real rest.

Christmas Dawns On Peaceful World

The bells, which rang not long ago, announcing to the world that peace was declared, are now ringing to bring glad tidings of the Christmas season.

They tell us that the Prince of Peace stands high upon His throne, with arms outstretched, and garments protectingly enfolding the men of all nations.

They declare that this Christmas in a world at peace is one of the most significant of all times. More people, after this devastating war, are able to see reflected in Christ's life the glory and the grief which is the common lot of man.

They see the tender and the loving care with which Mary and Joseph raised their Son to manhood. Then they see this same Son in answer to His heavenly Father's call going forth to preach and to lay down His life for the salvation of the world.

Many fond parents have lavished this same loving care upon their boys. Then these boys in answer to their country's call went forth to fight, and many made the supreme sacrifice to regain peace for the world.

The parents of all these boys find it difficult to realize why their sons had to die. If these parents will kneel at the crib of the infant Babe, and there open their grief-stricken hearts to the "Prince of Peace" they will find in His life the answer to their queries and a solace which they can only find in resignation to His holy will.

Let those Christmas bells remind all to thank God for saving the world from spiritual destruction and to be proud of that son who helped to save it from physical destruction.

B. S.

Time Passes

Time passes. There are 31,536,000 seconds in a year. If the clock could be told that in advance, it would probably be too discouraged to go on. As it is, it gets over that big job nicely by taking one tick at a time. Already it has ticked away another year in our life. Everyone of those 31,536,000 seconds are gone and can never be lived over again.

We, like the clock, should take one job at a time and finish it to the very best of our ability. We should not skip half heartedly over our work but complete each task as it comes. If we do this we will find that no job is too difficult for us to accomplish. We won't leave jobs unfinished.

As we stand on the threshold of 1946 we look back at the happiness, sadness, failures, and successes of the preceding year. The future is in God's hands. We do not know how much of it is to be ours. Therefore, we should make the most of each moment as God gives it to us.

If we do this, our life will be not only a successful one here on earth but when the clock ticks out the last second of our earthly career we will be able to render to God an account of a life well spent.

B. B.

Make Worthwhile Resolutions

It is becoming a rather popular belief that New Year's Resolutions are made only to be broken. We enter into these resolutions lightly. We compose list after list of resolves. Of course, it is a laudable practice to start each New Year with a desire to leave some of our less desirable habits behind and to acquire new and better ones. However, what is the use of making these resolutions when in the very act of doing so and in the very same breath we remark, "I know I won't be able to keep these."

It is an absolute waste of time to make resolutions we intend to break. It weakens our character, for we don't even try to keep our aims. If we can't keep even minor resolutions now, we won't stand a chance when we have to make a really important decision.

Besides wasting time and weakening our character these unkept resolutions will make us think lightly of any resolution or promise we might make. It is a bad practice to promise something and then break our word.

So this year let's follow this plan. Let's make only as many resolutions as we know we will be able to keep. Let's make worthwhile resolutions. Let's not resolve not to eat watermelon, which we could never stand anyway.

Rather let's resolve to do something that will benefit us in our future lives. Let's do something that will be important and significant, something that will actually bring about a change for the good in us.

One good suggestion for a resolution is attending Mass every morning of the new year and starting the day right.

D. W.

Gloria in Excelsis Deo



Christmas Thoughts

In the cold, still dusk of evening
'Mong the hills of Bethlehem;
Little Lord Jesus, the Christ Child
came
To a world of sinful men.

For His throne He used a manger
bare
Nor His palace, but a stall;
Where the shepherds throng to
worship
Their Redeemer, weak and small.

—Geraldine Savage

Senior Boys Favor Compulsory Training

St. Bonaventure senior boys, possible candidates for compulsory military training, favor same by vote of 11-2, according to a recently conducted poll.

The following are comments made by the soon to be eighteen year olds.

"I favor a year's military training, for I believe it would help American youth to appreciate the comforts and privileges of home." (A veteran should know).

Duane Deitering
"Compulsory military training for eighteen year olds could do wonders for unskilled and inexperienced young men."

Dick Savage
"I believe a year's military training for every boy would be great. This training should be given to eighteen year olds who have just graduated, and not to 21 year olds who will be starting to settle down."

Dan Cerny
"A year's compulsory training would give us a powerful army that would make other nations think twice before starting something."

Jim Johnson
"I favor military training because such experience imparts with it discipline which would be a valuable asset to anyone."

Bill Morgan
"I believe training should be compulsory for every boy who is physically and mentally fit. However, some compensation or provision should be made for giving training to the urgently needed farm boys."

Wilbert Thiele
"I think military training is a necessity to safeguard our country. Besides this, boys will receive exercise and strict discipline that makes them physically, mentally, and morally fit Americans."

Art Nosal
"Such training might lower the moral standards of American youth who will be forced to associate with all types of people."

Greg Diederich
"Those boys, I believe, who intend to go on further in their formal education should be given mil-

itary training along with their college course."

Jack Caffrey
"I think military training would be one of the best things that could happen to the youth of America. It would teach them how to take care of themselves along with seeing some of the country."

Terry Robb
"Military training would provide a good solid foundation on which American youth could build their entire lives."

Kenny Langan
"I am in favor of military training, but it might interfere with the continuation of school work for those who now intend to go to college. Once they put aside their books, they might not like going back to them."

Pat McGowan
"Military training with its strict discipline would be an excellent opportunity for boys. It would add to their physical and mental development."

Leland Koch

CONGRATULATIONS

The faculty and the staff extend their congratulations to the Freshies on the all-time high record which they established at their cany sale. They also wish to thank them for their generous contributions which made this sale a grand success.

HONOR ROLL

- Seniors
Dorothy Wozny
- Juniors
Catherine Hauser
Rosemary Wass
- Sophomores
Alice Bernt
Anastasia Ernst
Donald Lakers
- Freshmen
JoAnn Lassek
Rosella Kush

Pessimist Tells Tale of Woe

In case you have never heard the raving of a pessimist, his speech goes something like this:

Life is not the bestower of good that the optimist makes it out to be. It is a demon who bestows all bad.

When a baby is very small this demon, Life, begins to place problems on his shoulders. When he feels the urge to cry, he must be very sure of the time because if it happens to be in the middle of the night Father is liable to be angry.

When he reaches the age of two, he makes his first visit to wealthy Aunt Susie. Her home is filled with bright and tempting knick-knacks, but of course he "mustn't touch"; he must just sit and smile sweetly and keep repeating "Aunt Susie" over and over.

Soon comes that eventful day when he starts to school. The day begins with a good scrubbing of the hands and face, which he hates. Then, when he arrives at school, even though he doesn't like to see his mother leaving him in the hands of a stranger, he can't cry because by this time he is supposed to be brave.

His grade-school days pass quickly and he finds himself entering a new phase of life in the roll of the well-known "green frosh." After the seniors are through initiating him, he decides to quit, but Father has other ideas, so he continues to attend. He finishes his freshman year, one credit short, and has to work that much harder the remaining three years to make it up. Then comes commencement day and he feels free and independent.

He starts out to look for an excellent job, but he is disappointed to find that it is impossible to begin at the top, so he patiently takes his position on the bottom rung and tries climbing the ladder of success. The rungs are slippery and he falls many times, but he persists and finally reaches the height desired.

Yes, the pessimist leads a tough life, but few feel sorry for him because he makes it tough for himself.

Sympathy

The faculty and the student body extend their deepest sympathy to Sr. Theresa on the death of her father; to David Schumacher and Connie Langan on the death of their cousin, Paul Schumacher; to Leland Koch on the death of his cousin, Glen Kirkwin; and to Jack Miller on the death of his grandmother, Mrs. Gertrude Wurzer.

Facts 'n Fancy

St. Bon's team is known as "The Irish" or "The Shamrocks" although only a small percentage of the players are of Irish descent.

The most popular girls' names are Joan and Pat. The girls having these names are Joan Jiranek, Joan Peck, Jo Ann Lassek, Joan Fischer, Joan Olivetti, Pat Jarvis, Pat Nickolite, Pat Kerr, Pat Mielak, and Pat Robb.

After a close observation it has been revealed that no grade in St. Bon's High is all right! According to the seniors Betty Snedeker, Leland Koch, and Junella Ramaekers are left-handed. The only junior south-paw is Bev Schroeder. The sophs have Everett Johnson and Mary Brock and the freshies, Bob Ryan as their left-handed members. No grade in high school is 100% right. Get the drift?

The tallest boy in school is Jay Caffrey who is six foot three. The shortest, Marion Thiele, is only four foot eight.

Sophomore, Donald Lakers, is the only boy on the honor roll for this school term.

Dick and John are tied for the most popular boys' names. Those having these names are Dick Hayes, Dick Savage, Dick Kemnitz, Dick Keefer, Dick Urban, Jack Miller, John Euteneuer, Jack Caffrey, John Zuroski, and John Dineen.

Dorothy Wozny is the only senior who has been on the honor roll since she entered high school.

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Shamrocks Move Into Eleven-Man Field in 1946

School Arranges Eight Game Card

St. Bonaventure will field an eleven-man football team in the fall of 1946, was announced by athletic director Fr. Arno. The Platte Center fray was the final six-man contest for the Shamrocks, who won 25 and lost 18 since adopting the sport five years ago. "The object of changing to the eleven-man game is to give more boys an opportunity to play," said Fr. Arno. He added, "27 boys reported for the grid sport this fall, and we expect about 33 out next year."

An eight game schedule is being arranged for the Irish. The home card lists Polk, Madison, and Genoa while Silver Creek, Clarks, and Schuyler are numbered as out of town games. There are still two vacant spots on the schedule.

Irish chances don't appear too bright in 1946, since it was difficult to get six good players this year, and it will be doubly hard to find eleven steady players next season. The fact that the Shamrock sport program lists eleven-man football should induce more boys to attend St. Bonaventure. This factor, along with a few seasons of experience, will probably enable the Green and White to produce winning teams in the near future.

Ken Langan Tops Irish Grid Scorers

Ken Langan, Irish star, tops the scoring card for the Irish with 82 points; Leland Koch added 48 counters and Soph Dave Schumacher holds third with 32. Dave scored the first touchdown of the first three tilts this fall. Irish had a total of 236 points to their opponents' 194.

Other scorers were as follows:

Player	TD's	E.P.	T.P.
Langan	13	4	82
Koch	7	6	48
Schumacher	5	2	32
Lakers	2	2	14
Nosal	2	1	12
McNair	2	1	12
Hayes	1	2	8
Speicher	1	6	6
Loeffler	1	6	6
Dineen	1	6	6
Schroeder	1	6	6
McGowan	1	1	1
Robb	1	1	1

Irish Gridsters Cop One; Lose Two

St. Bonaventure Shamrocks copped one and dropped two in their last grid stand of six man football.

St. Edward rallied for a 26-19 win in a bitter contest with the Irish. For a while it looked as though St. Bons boys were on the road to victory but the Beavers took to the air for two touchdowns in the last five minutes of the tilt. Leland Koch scored two TD's and had two more called back due to penalties. Dan McNair scored on an intercepted pass and a 35 yard run. Dave Schumacher made an extra point. Duane Dietering, Koch, and McNair turned in the best performances.

Irish Win

Irish emerged victor of the Gresham scrap by a 36-16 count. Leland Koch raced four times to score on runs of 45, 40, 37, and 10 yards as the Gresham boys were unable to nab him. He also added an extra point and tossed Hemphill for a safety. Langan and Schumacher added sizable gains, while Terry Robb put up a swell defense with McNair taking secondary play. Langan scored once and Don Lakers made an extra-counter as Fritz Loeffler added two.

Shamrocks Tumble

Shamrocks tumbled to an overwhelming defeat at the hands of the undefeated Platte Center Explorers by a 56-0 score. Led by speedy fullback LeRoy Schumacher the Explorers smashed through the Irish and scored almost at will. Schumacher tallied six times and converted three extra points for a total of 39 points for the evening. Irish air attacks were successful while running schemes hit and missed. Leland Koch had one long run of 40 yards. Kenny Langan was tops for the Green and White in every respect.



MERRY XMAS STUDENTS!
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Christmas Joy
And fill your heart with Cheer
And guide your footsteps
day by day
Throughout the coming year.
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Irish Lettermen Attend Banquet

Columbus football lettermen were honored by the Chamber of Commerce at a Thurston Hotel banquet, November 14.

Paul Ernst, St. Bonaventure coach, and Pudge Glenn, Kramer High coach, introduced their respective lettermen. The Irish lettermen present were Arch Nosal, Duane Dietering, Terry Robb, Pat McGowan, Jim Schroeder, Bob Speicher, John Dineen, Don Greenlee, Don Lakers, Dave Schumacher, Dan McNair, Dick Hayes, Fritz Loeffler, and Leland Koch.

Guest speaker, Patsy Clark, head coach at Nebraska U., was introduced by L. F. "Pop" Klein, assistant gridiron coach and head basketball mentor at Nebraska University. Patsy praised Nebraska sportsmanship.

Rev. Arno Hartman, St. Bonaventure athletic director, and E. P. Baruth, Kramer High assistant coach were also introduced.

Instructor: "How many angels can stand on a pin point?"
Jim Schroeder: "I don't know; that's pretty sharp."

Chemists Take Place In World of Success

It is wonderful to visit the Hall of Fame, and to recognize, among the great scientists, many of the former students of St. Bonaventure.

The walls are covered with the portraits of great men. There next to Louis Pasteur, you will find the profile of John Anthony Caffrey; side by side with Madam Curie, Geraldine Savage, one of the greatest women scientists of the 20th century, takes her place of honor; directly below that of Abbot Gregorv Mendel is placed a painting of Patrick Thomas McGowan, who reached the peak of fame in 1967. Then over to the right of Maria Mitchell we find a portrait of Eleanor Lakers, a great chemist of 1970; above the picture of Robert Koch hangs one of a man of the same name, Leland Koch.

As these great men and women look back, they see themselves as they appeared in 1945 and 1946. They remember the fear of those chemistry tests at the end of each six week term. They recall those lab periods when they would prove for themselves what their texts stated as true, and above all they remember how they would thrill at the thought of making important discoveries of their own.

Yes, all this study will be in the far past by 1999, after they have all taken their place at the top of the world of success, but as yet, they will continue to attend chemistry class to pick up the basic fundamentals for their great discoveries of tomorrow.

St. Bons Cagers Play St. Edward in Opener

St. Bonaventure cage squad will open its '45-'46 basketball schedule Dec. 7 against St. Edward. Opponents are identical with last year's card, though two openings are yet to be filled.

The Shamrocks are short of regulars due to graduation, but Irish mentor, Paul Ernst, will have a good string to choose from for the top positions, as a large number of St. Bons boys are out for the sport and eager to get to the top.

Schedule

- Dec. 7—St. Edward.
- Dec. 11—Monroe.
- Dec. 14—At Polk.
- Dec. 21—At Marietta.
- Jan. 4—At Duncan.
- Jan. 8—At Schuyler.
- Jan. 11—Newman Grove.
- Jan. 13—At St. Mary's (G.I.)
- Jan. 18—At Leigh.
- Jan. 25—Silver Creek.
- Feb. 1—Open.
- Feb. 8—Open.
- Feb. 15—Platte Center.
- Feb. 18—At Osceola.
- Feb. 22—At St. Francis.

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Morgan Praises Chaplains

Corporal Lester Morgan, '39, was discharged from the United States Marine Corps October 19, 1945. He left the States February 4, 1943, and served as a member of a ground crew on the islands of Hawaii, Johnston, Efate in the New Hebrides group, Russells, Bouganville, and Emirou in the Bismarck Archipelago.

This ground crew repaired Marine fighter planes that were shot down or damaged in their encounter with the Japs.

Lester commented that while he was overseas Catholic Chaplains were always around, ready to help in any situation. There was an opportunity to hear as many as six Masses on Sundays and usually an opportunity to hear a daily Mass. These Chaplains said Mass in every imaginable place—on logs and in driving rain or blistering heat. On rainy days a canopy had to be made and the boys held it over the Chaplain while he said Mass.

Corporal Morgan was awarded two battle stars, one for the consolidation of the Northern Solomons, and one for the Bismarck Archipelago.

McKown Relates Experiences

"I was in the worst Texas snow-storm recorded in fifty years when I was in basic training at Amarillo, Texas," said ex-Staff Sergeant Joseph McKown, while being interviewed following his honorable discharge. When this training was completed, he was sent to gunnery school in Arizona.

While he was at Savannah, Georgia, he was informed that B-17 crews were reduced from ten to nine members. "I, of course, had to be the tenth member," he explained, "and as a result I had to repeat some of my previous training with a new crew."

Joe left the States on the Queen Mary, Dec. 10, 1943, and docked at Glasgow, Scotland. He was impressed with the English train in which he traveled. He commented on the small, short cars and the small compartments with outside openings.

Sergeant McKown commented on the winding streets of England. He viewed Big Ben, Westminster Abbey, the Parliament building, and Cambridge University.

Joe said that one of his greatest disappointments was "pulling" K. P. on Christmas Day.

"I flew my first mission Jan. 5, 1945, over Germany," he said. Of his twenty-six missions he served twenty-one as a waist gunner and the remaining five as a tail gunner. Joe was in campaigns over the Rhineland, Ardennes, Central Europe, and North France.

Joe's hair-raising experience occurred on one of his missions when three enemy fighters came in at seven o'clock and his gun jammed. The planes were destroyed by the other planes in the squadron so Joe was safe.

Sergeant McKown was awarded the Good Conduct Medal, American Theater Ribbon, Air Medal with three Oak Leaf Clusters, and Euro-

S. B. H. Students Still Write to Santa, Eh?

Sh-h-h. Can you keep a secret? You can? That's good; so can I. Hey, have you heard the latest? You haven't? Well, I'll let you in on it.

It all began when I (with my big nose) was emptying the high school waste paper basket and, as my nose pushed its way through the notes, it picked out the best, and here I read between scribbled and crossed out words, pleadings to Santa for Christmas gifts.

First comes one signed, Bob Ross. Dear Santa, Please send me two or three size 44 plaid shirts and a few flashy ties, also a book on "How to Dance and Swing it, in Ten Easy Lessons."

My nose shoved that one aside and nosed out another, that of Bob Tooley's, sending for one dozen books on, "The Adventures of Dick Tracy" (with Itchy), one dozen Superman Comics, and a-a-a (at this point the paper was singed by his breath).

My nose twitched to one side and I pulled out another note written by Dick Hayes. "Send me one dozen pencils, one forty-five cent ream of history paper and one book on, "How to be a super-ambitious Student." Well it looks like Dick's New Year resolution will be: Study hard, and write out work without borrowing pencils and paper.

Then snooping to find some more I came upon an extraordi-



ary one from Marion Thiele, "Send me one book on, "How to Eat a Well Balanced Meal," one case of Wiltikens Super Powdered, Guaranteed to Make You Grow Pills." Then he said, "Better find me a new name, after six weeks of this I won't be Shorty or Pee-wee."

I reeled my nose around for another catch. This one was from Bob Speicher asking for one inner-spring Deluxe "Cozy Snooze" bed with an automatic alarm set for 7:00 each day. It's hard to believe that he is ordering this. (Bob is the silent type).

Picking up the basket and holding it to the sun I cruised my nose about inside to find two

more notes.

The first one was written by Don Greenlee. After a period of five or ten minutes, I managed to read the words. "Send me two boxes of .16 gauge shotgun shells, size four shot, and a box of salt. Kneifel says it's good to put on tails at close range." This one I burned immediately.

The next one was written by Frances Sokol. She was pleading for all kinds of things. The list was about 20 items long. At the bottom I read, "If only with all that, I had a 1946 convertible coupe with a television radio and inset wings for flying, also puncture proof tires that endure all weather and never go flat, (Here the words were underscored, maybe some flat trouble once, eh Frances?) and include an atom powered motor that makes no sound with a speed range up to 250 miles per hour. I will send my cruiser to you as a trade in."

Finding it hard to breathe I found one last note jammed in my nostril. It was written in a poetic way by Dan Cerny. "Oh, Santa, you are my friend, Oh, I don't have much to spend, But my car needs a new paint job."

Well, my nose is at the end of the line, so I'll go to the nose doctor for repairs. Be seeing you soon. (I hope Durante doesn't feel hurt that someone else has a big nose, too).

Hard Time Dance Appeals to Crowd

Clad in over-sized shirts, patched overalls, and heavy boots, the high school students attended the Hard Time dance November 21 in the gym.

Various committees in charge of the dance were as follows: ticket-making, Catherine Hauser and Beryl Bamberg; refreshments, Bob Speicher; announcing, Jerome Dunn; ticket selling, Eleanor Lakers, Catherine Hauser, Beryl Bamberg, Dolores Nickolite, and Theona Kozak.

Chaperons for the evening were Mrs. L. N. Bamberg and Mrs. Ed Nickolite.

pean Theater Ribbon with four battle stars.

Savage Receives Military Discharge

T/5 Francis (Steve) Savage, '38 graduate of St. Bonaventure, received a military discharge from the Eighth Service Command of the U. S. army on Oct. 24, 1945.

Francis was inducted at Camp Grant, Illinois, and trained at Edgewood Arsenal, Maryland, and Fort Bragg, North Carolina. On Aug. 26, 1942, Steve left the States bounded for Umnak Island, where he stayed for eight months. Then he was stationed on Adak Island for three months. The next thirteen months were spent on Shemya Island and the final two months of his twenty-six overseas were spent at Anchorage, Alaska. Steve returned to the States in October, 1944, and in December, 1944, he assumed the duties of teletype operator at the Dallas Signal Center, Dallas, Texas.

The Asiatic-Pacific Ribbon and the Good Conduct Medal are the awards received by Francis. He is now living in Springfield, Illinois.

Students Observe Pastor's Feast Day

Grade and high school students honored their pastor, Rev. Albert Limacher, on his nameday.

The entire student body presented a purse and spiritual bouquet to him.

The grade pupils staged a feast-day program on Nov. 12, before a large audience. After the performance, Father gave the students a free day that they might join with him in his celebration.

Sodalists dedicated their November meeting to Father Albert; Betty Snedeker presented a gift on behalf of the Sodalists.

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Students Enroll In Junior Red Cross

St. Bonaventure students have enrolled 100% in the American Junior Red Cross.

In addition to their enrollment the students have answered the request made by Robert A. Quick, Platte County Chairman of the American Junior Red Cross, to make needed supplies to be used in the Veterans' Hospitals, throughout the United States.

Articles which the grade school children are making are wash cloths, ash stands, Christmas tray and table favors, Valentine Day nut and candy cups, St. Patrick Day napkins, Easter napkins and tray and table favors.

Instructor: "How did the people here find Alaska when they first purchased it?"

Wilbert Thiele: "Cold."

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D. Wozny Represents School On Teen Board of "Extension"



Courtesy of Daniel Studin

Dorothy Wozny was selected to represent St. Bonaventure on the Teen Board of "Extension," the National Catholic Monthly. The purpose of inaugurating the teen board is to make "Extension" as attractive to Catholic youth as possible.

Out of the almost 3,000 representatives from all over the country, four students—two from colleges and two from high schools—will be chosen to be guest editors of "Extension." Each of these guest editors will be given a definite assignment for a particular issue of "Extension." One of these four guest editors, depending on the merit of what he or she has contributed, will be selected to go to Chicago for a week to do actual work on the magazine.

As a student Dorothy is active both in classes and in school organizations. After serving for three years on the Venture, first as reporter and then feature editor, she was appointed co-editor. Dorothy also holds the offices of vice-president and treasurer of the senior class and the Sodality respectively. Her scholastic achievements are outstanding.

Program Receives Favorable Acclaim

Favorable comments greeted the members of the Speech Class and the Glee Club from the appreciative audience who attended the program at Saint Bonaventure Auditorium on the evenings of Jan. 14 and 15.

The spontaneous laughter and applause, and the generous praise exceeded all expectations. From every angle, the production was a success.

What's In a Name?

Believe it or not, there is one thing you own that others use more than you do—and that is your name. You never think what a person's name may mean when you speak to them (although I'll wager you have a pretty good idea what you think of them). Maybe their name doesn't fit them at all.

Does your name fit? Here are the correct meanings. See if they're right.

Ambrose means immortal or like a god. (This is doubtful, don't you think?)

Arthur means strong as a bear; noble or exalted. (Now you know why Noz goes around saying ruff! ruff! all the time).

Carroll means man. (No comment).

Casimir means looking peaceful; prince of the chief house.

Charles means of great strength;

Mr. Nepl Stresses Mission of Peace

"We are on a mission of peace and our objective is not to destroy but to build," stressed ex-Captain Walter Nepl, Army Air Force veteran in his talk to the high school assembly. He emphasized the fact that the American boy and girl of today should take an active interest in the affairs of the country. Mr. Nepl urged the students to read up on current topics, to study national problems from all angles, to know the causes and menaces of strikes and to find out about America's foreign affairs so that they, as the adults and leaders of tomorrow, would be able to cope with these difficulties.

After these suggestions, Mr. Nepl explained in detail the schedule and events of a combat day from 1:00 a. m. when the loud voiced sergeant screamed, "Hit the floor" until 2:00 p. m. the following day when a mission over Berlin was completed.

Mr. Nepl explained the method of instruction the crew received for their pin point bombing. This is done by the use of a huge map of the European theater of operation which is lit up like a Christmas tree, each light indicating a target such as an oil field, air field or railroad yard, he explained.

After his talk ex-Capt. Nepl answered the various questions of the students.

Mr. P. W. Lakers introduced the speaker and briefly told of Mr. Nepl's service record in the army. Mr. Louis Rambour sponsored the program.

The girls' Glee Club appeared for the first time in their club uniforms of green and white.

The program, originally scheduled for the second week in December, was postponed until the present date because of a flu epidemic.

The advance sale of tickets necessitated two performances.

Players in the "Pampered Darling" were Willis Kolbush, Dorothy Wozny, Gloria Fischer, Bill Morgan, Dan Cerny, Margaret Mellinger, Geraldine Savage, Jumella Ramaekers; in "Who Gets the Car Tonight?" Pat McGowan, Marie Reifenrath, Leland Koch, Joan Jiranek, Jack Caffrey; in "Army Tention" Arthur Nosal, Richard Savage, Dan Cerny, and Terry Robb.

Soloists in the glee club were Charlotte Messing, Helen Shemek, Dorothy Wozny, and Geraldine Savage.

manly. (Please take notice).

Dale means a small valley. (I give up).

Daniel comes from the Hebrew meaning 'God is my judge'. (I hope He goes easy on you, boys).

David means beloved. (Isn't that just too sweet for words?)

Donald means proud chief. (Who knows? Still waters run deep, you know).

According to the Teutons, Edgar means good spearman; successful in war, but the Saxons say honored; he who fulfills his promise. (Let's leave that up to his friends).

Eugene means well-born.

Everett means strong as a wild boar; ever honored. (It doesn't show).

Henry means home ruler; brave, powerful lord; ever wealthy. (There's your man, girls).

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Staff Acts On Results of Poll

The addition of a new column, "Athlete Feats," and the removal of column rules in "The Venture" are the direct results of a recently conducted student poll.

When asked which section of the Venture was enjoyed most, 55% of the student body showed preference for features; 16%, the jokes; 15%, the sports; 10%, the news and 4%, the editorials.

Interest in the "Service Column" runs high; 72% of the students voted for its continuation. The remaining 28% maintained that the articles held little student interest.

Approximately two out of every three students considered the sport page adequate. The disagreeing 35% (almost entirely athletic students) contended it did not sufficiently cover St. Bon's sports or give due credit to her stars.

The many comments offered by the students strikingly revealed their interest in the paper. Several students suggested new columns. Among those were Locker Room Chatter, Gab Column, Who's Who, Fun Section of Facts and Fancy, Ramble Column, and Senior Class Parade. The students demand was for livelier editorials, more and better features, poems and jokes. Many students' main criticism was that the ads cover too much space.

Dr. E. E. Koebbe Speaks on Deafness

"Ninety-eight percent of all acute ear trouble could be avoided if people having colds would blow their noses properly," stated Capt. E. E. Koebbe, ear authority, while lecturing to the student body.

He stressed the fact that ear trouble could be lessened if all were familiar with its causes. "Middle ear deafness is caused by poisons, drugs, inheritance, and tobacco. This deafness is conductive and can be aided by hearing devices. Victims of nerve or total deafness can be aided by learning lip reading, a science in itself," he said.

He displayed diagrams and an actual specimen of the human ear to illustrate its anatomy.

Mr. Louis Rambour introduced Dr. Koebbe and also Leonard Speicher, a former student of St. Bonaventure. Mr. Speicher, recently discharged from the Army, is a veteran of the invasion of Germany.

Miller Scores High In Biology Quizzes

Jack Miller, after matching wits with other club members, scored high in two biology quizzes which were the main features of the last two club meetings. In the quizzes his nearest rivals were Patricia Jarvis and Donald Lakers.

In keeping with the bird theme, Joan Fischer and Anastasia Ernst conducted a quiz on birds. Joan and Anastasia also displayed over 100 pictures of birds attractively mounted. The pictures will be kept in the vertical file in the library for future reference.

The remainder of the program consisted of the following talks: State Birds, Connie Langan; Domestic Birds, Darlene Savage; Fossil Birds, Therese Savage; and Adaptations of Birds, Lorraine Ramaekers.

Mammals and their habits provided a topic for discussion at the other club meeting. Paul Diederick, Marion Thiele and Donald Siemek conducted a quiz on mammals and David Schumacher, Fred Loeffler, Dick Hayes, and Ralph Czuba gave talks on various mammals.

The next meeting will be held February 7, under the chairmanship of Jack Miller.

Fr. Limacher Presents Best Report on Record

Bazaar Collection Nets \$4,577.70

Rev. Albert Limacher presented to St. Bonaventure parishioners the best financial report recorded in the history of the parish.

Total collections from all sources plus balance on hand Jan. '45 amounted to \$40,404.46. Of this amount \$4,577.70 was netted through the bazaar collection. After meeting all operation expenses and satisfying obligations to various religious and charitable institutions it was possible to add \$13,550 to the building fund. This amount is invested in U. S. War Bonds. The parish has now invested \$25,612 in bonds. It is the ambition of the parish to build a substantial school and sisters' home in the not too distant future.

The pastor gave special praise to St. Ann's Society whose members by untiring efforts have contributed \$2,243.24 to the parish fund. Father Albert also commented on the splendid cooperation of the majority of the parishioners and expressed his hope that the fine spirit would continue throughout the coming year.

Societies Schedule Box Supper, Feb. 13

Holy Name originality which prompted the proposal of a Holy Name-Sodality box supper, followed by the Sodality's indorsement, has set one of the special dates of the school calendar, February 13.

Following the regular business meeting, Dan Cerny, entertainment chairman, presented the evening's program which consisted of a quiz on the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass conducted by Pat McGowan. Dave Schumacher, the only participant able to answer correctly all questions, was awarded a prize. Other contestants, Dick Hayes, Jack Caffrey, and Bob Speicher as a consequence were obliged to sing "Little Miss Muffet," to the amusement of the boys.

A special added attraction was the singing of "Super Suds" by Bob Tooley, Bob Ross, Paul Gutzmer, and Dale Hittner.

Students Patronize Venture Advertisers

A recent poll revealed that not one advertiser in the "Venture" is denied the trade of St. Bon's students.

Out of the 140 pupils in high school 83 hold full or part-time jobs. Of these, 85% or 70 pupils spend nearly all of their salary which averages \$5.50 a week. Only 15% or 13 students do not spend their pay.

Thanks

The faculty and the students extend their sincere thanks to Mr. Louis Rambour for the lively interest he has always shown in his Alma Mater. Mr. Rambour has been responsible for the appearance of many prominent speakers and performers at St. Bonaventure. His efforts in this respect are deeply appreciated.



Chemistry students identify secret contents of the test tube.

Pat McGowan

"Atom Smashers" Adopt Constitution

"Future Atom Smashers" discussed and sanctioned the constitution and by-laws submitted by treasurer, Pat McGowan, and his committee during the meeting January 22.

It was decided to use monthly dues for subscriptions to "Popular Science" and "The Science News Letter." At future meetings, club members will experiment on "Surprise Scientific Packages."

Leland Koch told the group about an electronic oven in which bread is baked with a high frequency heat and thereby made mould-free for at least three weeks under standard conditions. New openings in the atomic world were revealed by Eleanor Lakers in her talk on Man Made Cosmic Rays. Eugene Nickolite explained the origin of the names of recently discovered elements.

Frischholz Praises Buildings of Paris

Ex T/Sgt. Bob Frischholz '40 when asked about European cities in a recent interview expressed his preference for Paris with its wide smooth streets and its wonderful modernistic buildings. Bob, while abroad didn't neglect any opportunities to visit some of the most renowned cities of the Old World. He visited the towns of Cambridge, Manchester, Leichester, Nottingham, and Bedford while in England; LeHavre, Rowen, Cherbourg, Alencon, and Deanville in France; Brussels and Antwerp in Belgium.

While in England Bob was an airplane mechanic and inspector of flak-damaged B-17's returning from bombing missions over France and Germany. Bob was in London many times while it was being blitzed or buzz bombed.

Bob, former Business Manager of the Venture, wishes to say "hello" to all the students of St. Bon's and extends his best wishes to the Venture staff.

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What are we students doing to support the Catholic Press? How many Catholic magazines, books, and newspapers do we have in our homes, and of these just how many do we read? If a quiz would be conducted Monday morning on the contents of the Sunday Visitor, how many of us would make a respectable score?

The Catholic Press, the tongue of the body of the Church, is only as strong as we, the subscribers, make it, only as powerful as we, the readers, imbibe its Christian principles, only as influential as we, the promoters, practice it. The Catholic Press is doing its part. Are we? C. H.

Youse Modern Kids Read Dis

I ain't here to preach to youse an' you don't hafta read this here composition I writ, but I wanta tell youse someting. If youse don't study and work hard while yer in school you ain't never gonna make nothing out of yerself.

Lookit Abe Lincoln, fer instance. He woiked hard and read books and then got ter be president. But he didn't have none o' the opportunities that youse modern kids has got. He didn't have nobody to teach him what he oughter know.

You all got modern schools an' good teachers but dey ain't gonna do youse no good unless youse give 'em a chance. Remember the old proverb, "Opportunity don't knock but only once." I found dat out the hard way. I didn't go to school at all but I sure misses me education.

If youse modern kids don't take advantage of all yer opportunities, you'll turn out ta be as big a dummy as I am.

You ask who I am. Well, I'm a bad boy. I live in yer imagination as da kind of a guy you wouldn't wanta be. I been settin' here so long watching youse dat I finally decided to have my say.

Are You Playing Fair?

Did you ever stop to think how lucky you are? In the morning you go to a warm comfortable church. But do any of you appreciate it? No! When the Sunday collection box is passed around, you immediately get that pious, prayerful look and don't even see the collection box. Students who actually contribute their bit are few and far between. Each set of envelopes costs the church \$.15. For the high school alone that amounts to over \$20.00. Be fair and at least make your initial offering to pay for their cost.

It takes money to run a parish and to keep it out of debt. One of the laws of the church is to contribute to the support of the pastor.

The average St. Bon student earns \$5.50 a week. You spend every cent of this on yourself. Don't be selfish. Give to your church. Everything given to God is returned a hundred fold. If you don't contribute to your church now you will not do so as men and women. Habits are usually the result of earlier practice. You must decide now whether you will abide by this law of the church in the future. A little more thought about God's wishes and a lot less about your own selfish interests would make you happier.

What a Lovely Place School Could Be

Every day in the course of the school year occasions for promptness present themselves.

If every student were punctual in attending school, think of the time that would be saved. It would eliminate the roll call and the marking of pupils tardy. Classes would be undisturbed by noisy late-comers.

Teaching would be a pleasure if each student handed his lessons in on time. More knowledge could be obtained and students would have higher grades if classes and study periods began promptly.

If students answered questions promptly, the instructor would have more time to ask other questions. If pupils carried out instructions without hesitation and everything moved about in an air of promptness, what a cheerful place school would be!

Junella Ramaekers.

Semester Meets Student

or
"I'm Really In a Jam"

by
EUGENE KNEIFEL

The subject of my poem is the effects of the semester, I shall see how many students I can pester.

(I'm just a bully)
The day was the dreaded January twenty-first,
And it seems things had gone from "worse" to "worst".
(How true)

The report cards did surprise a few, I guess it surprised their fathers, too.

(Boy, did it!)
After all the hard work he did each night,
And only 70 per cent of the Algebra right.

(You're improving, Pop)
Now if I may use my imagination I'll put in words my concentration. I saw Dwayne Keefer when he looked at his card,
He seemed to take it rather hard. He looked at the card with awe,
And was frightened by the figures he saw.
He looked at it, and stared at it, too,
(The longer he looked the worse it grew.)
Algebra, "A", English, ninety-four,
But of course we're not talking about Dwayne anymore.
(What a relief!)

The seniors, (kings and queens of the school)
Have forgotten about their games of pool,
(They're all broke)
And get out books, determined to study.
And forget about their bothersome buddy.
Big Dan's resolution is to get through the year.
He's going to put his effort in high gear.
(He's got it in his clutches)

And soon all those seniors will be business men,
And go into this world of work and then,
(And then—)

Then they won't know what to do. It's only a joke; I don't mean any of you.
(Boy, that was close to trouble)
I see Kenny Langan, a football star.
I see some others, just what they are.
(Encouraging, isn't it?)

Welcome

The students of St. Bonaventure welcome Lillian Chochon, a junior, to their ranks. Lillian formerly attended Humphrey High, at Humphrey, Nebr.

And how about those juniors of forty-seven (I hope)
Will they all flunk like a dope?
So freshie, sophomore, junior, or senior-to-be,
Don't look at failing grades and be happy.
You all wish to be seniors some year,
But as for me, there's one thing I fear:
When I graduate into this world of men,
If I do! What will I do then???

(What a question)
So you future grads of St. Bons High,
When you see a jobless guy,
(May be me)
Think of yourself in his place;
Would you want to be such a disgrace?
If not, study hard; get ambition,
Then when all is done, we'll all go fishin'.
(Well, I had to have something to rhyme, didn't I?)

What's In a Name?

Greg means watchman; vigilant. (Night watchman at Lockheed).
John (Jack) means the Lord's grace. (Shall we agree?)
James is a form of Jacob and means supplanter which means to take the place of. (Probably be president some day).
Jerome means holy name. (Well now, I wouldn't say that).

Kenneth means comely; chieftain or commander. (He's commanding and some say he's beautiful, too).
Lawrence means laurel-crowned. (Can you see him wearing a crown of violets).

Maurice means dark of complexion. (His mother didn't miss when she named him that).
Patrick means noble; a senator. (Introducing Senator McGowan; a senator, that is).

Paul means small or gentle. (Somebody had better start shrinking quickly if they want to live up to their name).
Ralph is a form of Randolph and means shielded by the wolf-god or pure, disinterested help. (I just couldn't seem to pass by that word, wolf).

Richard means stern king; generous, benevolent, liberal. (There are too many Dick's in school. You'll have to draw your own conclusions).
Robert means bright in counsel. (Have you ever seen any Bob without a brilliant bit of advice?)
Terence means tender or soft. (That's a joke, son).

Tom means twin. (Not that I know of).
Vernon is a place-name from Normandy. (Good-bye, Vernon.)
William and Wittis mean defender; protector of many; shield. (How about it, girls?)
Adeline means noble; descending from nobles. (A princess in our midst).

Agnes means pure; chaste; honorable. (True, true).
Alice means noble or illustrious. (Could be).
Anastasia means Easter-born; resurrection. (When's your birthday, Annie?)
Anna means grace; gracious; merciful. (Naturally).
Bernadette according to the Teutons means bold as a bear but the Saxons prefer childlike; innocent. (The latter is the one, isn't it?)
Bernice means she who brings victory. (She ought to be in the WACS).
Beryl means a gem. (Nuff said).

Betty comes from Elizabeth and means Blessed.
Beverly means Beaver meadow. (Once again, I give up).
Catherine means pure; virtuous. (What else?)
Charlotte means strong, valiant. (Does it fit?)
Clare means shining; glorious; brilliant.
Colleen means a maid; girl. (That is an accepted fact).

Constance (Connie) means steadfast; firm; unyielding. (Right?)
Dolores means sorrow. (I don't believe it).
Dorothy means gift of God (No remarks, please).

Born In Feb.?

You have all heard about the Old Maid who ended her prayers with the fervent exclamation, Ah Men!

Well, let this bring us directly to the point, great men and the month of February.

During this month, Nature made some of her greatest contributions to the world. On February 12 she gave us "Honest Abe", whose name alone sets him aside as a novelty. (It isn't every day that you meet someone worthy of being tagged "Honest".)

Then on February 22 she blessed us with the presence of one of the greatest of all world leaders, George Washington.

And let us not forget February 8, the birthday of the leaders of tomorrow, the Boy Scouts of America.

Oh yes, just one more thing, the birthdays of the president, vice-president, congressmen, etc. of 1970.

February 4—Theona Kozak.
February 8—Arch Nosal.
February 21—Theresa Moritz.
February 25—Connie Langan.
(Getting their names in here cost them all a buck. People will do anything for publicity).

At any rate, we would all do well to pattern our lives after February's great men and who knows maybe the above-mentioned publicity hounds will become famous.

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Jo Ann Lassek

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Terry Robb
Alice Bern
Anastasia Ernst
Eleanor Lakers
Catherine Hauser

Three A's
Jack Caffrey
Therese Savage
Florene Dohmen
Rosella Kush
Anna Mae Pfeifer
Rex Rupprecht

Eleanor comes from Helen which means light; bright as dawn. (Am I corrected?)
Florence means flourishing; prosperous.

Frances means free; indomitable courage and strength. (Atta bo, Francie).

Genevieve means white as sea foam. (How about that?)
Geraldine means spear power. (Lay that dagger down, Gerry!).
Gloria means glory.

Harriet means home ruler; ever rich and powerful.
Irene means messenger of peace; peaceable. (She should be on the World Council).
Jacqueline means supplanter; beguiling. (My, my, Jackie, we didn't know!).

Janet, Jean, and Joan come from Jane which is derived from John and means the Lord's grace.
Josephine means she who shall increase.

June means youthful. (You're looking younger every day, Junella).
The meaning of Lorraine is uncertain. (Fooled you, didn't I?)
Luella is probably a combination of Louise and Ella. Louise means protectress of the people. Ella means elf friend. (When you get it figured out let me know).

Lucille means light; born at day-break. (Is that why she's so sunny?)
Margaret means a pearl; precious; beautiful.
Marie comes from Mary and means distressed or tearful. (A slight miscalculation).

Maxine is possibly from Maximus meaning greatest. (Never can tell).
Norma means a rule, model, or standard.
Patricia means of noble birth. (That's hitting the nail on the head).

Rose is a symbol of love.
Rosemary means Rose of the sea; or, a compound of Rose and Mary. The rosemary is a token of remembrance.
Theresa means carrying ears of corn; a harvest. (Could that be "corny"?)
Virginia means a virgin; chaste.

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Again we extend a hearty thank you accompanied by a sincere wish for every success in your enterprises.

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Finance Committee Congratulates School

St. Bonaventure School received the following letter from the Treasury Department in response to a successfully completed bond campaign.

Dear Sister Theresa:
We were happy to receive your report informing our office that St. Bonaventure's has now successfully completed a campaign to sponsor two hospital units.

In view of this accomplishment, we are enclosing duplicates of the panels which we are today forwarding to Fitzsimons General Hospital at Denver for placement on the beds of two wounded veterans. We are also enclosing montages upon which you may wish to place your decals for permanent keeping.

Kindly accept for yourself and extend to the students and faculty of your school the commendations of the Nebraska War Finance Committee for the fine job you are doing.

Sincerely,
Leon J. Markham
Executive Manager

Shamrocks Clash With St. Francis Five In Opener of Platte County Tournament

Long Time Rivals Land In Old Spot

St. Bonaventure will meet St. Francis in the opening round of the annual Platte county basketball tourney to be held at the KHS gym on January 30, 31, and February 1. By the time this article is read, the tournament will probably be completed and the champion crowned. The Irish have drawn the strongest squad as an opponent since the St. Francis crew has rolled over everything in the county. Holy Name of Omaha is the only team holding a victory over the Humphrey quint.

It isn't anything new for the two Catholic clubs to meet in a tournament. It's been going on since 1937 when the Irish nosed out St. Francis for the district title. The Shamrocks have been the underdog in most of the meetings.

Defending Champion

St. Bonaventure is the defending champion, having won their first county crown last year by a 21-13 verdict over Duncan in the finals. Shamrocks had the smoothest team in the 1945 meet and three of the Irish made the all-county team. Jim Olivetti placed second, Al Tucek, fourth and Harry Krzycki, sixth on the honor squad. It is the first time in three years that the Irish weren't seeded in the tourney. In 1944 they were seeded and regarded as a strong favorite, only to be upset in the semi-finals by Creston, 27-19. In 1945, however, the Shamrocks held to their seeded spot and came through with the title.



- Sept. 20—Polk.
- Sept. 27—At Silver Creek.
- Oct. 4—Madison.
- Oct. 11—At Clarks.
- Oct. 18—Osceola.
- Oct. 25—At Schuyler.
- Nov. 1—Genoa.
- Nov. 10—St. Joseph at Omaha.

Cage Rambling

Shamrocks will enter three cage tournaments this year—the Platte County Tourney, the Regional Class C Meet, and the newly formed Diocesan affair. The Diocesan Meet took birth last season at David City Auditorium and was won by the powerful St. Cecilia five of Hastings. Class C and D Catholic squads from across the state are invited to the tourney.

Irish were highly successful in last year's tournaments, winning their first Platte County crown and copping fourth place in the Class C scramble. St. Bonaventure has been a potent five in the tourneys of former years, having finished runner-up several times in the County Meet and likewise in the Class C affair. Besides claiming the Regional title in 1937 and 1944, the Irish hold the crown for the most upsets in District play. St. Francis, always strong, has been the surprise victim several times while St. Edward felt the Irish upset sting in 1943.

St. Bonaventure now has an Alumni team. The squad is made up of cagers who carried the Shamrock colors in former years. The list includes Cliff Mielak, one of the top defensive players in Irish history; Tony Zabawa, sparkplug of the 41-42 squad; Joe McKown, ace center of the 1943 team and one of the best of all Shamrock players; and Harry Krzycki and Al Tucek, forwards on the speedy 1945 quintet. Jack Ross, John Korgie and Bill Putnam, former standouts, played with the squad while on service leaves. Four of the players were honorary captains during their senior years—Mielak in 1939, Zabawa in 1942, McKown in 1943, and Tucek, co-captain, in 1945. Bill Jaworski and Dick Reifenrath, home from the service, are the newest additions to the team.



Danny McNair is displaying splendid FORM this season.

Jay Caffrey, the gentleman of the court, never commits over 1 or 2 fouls a game, but he fouled out in the Leigh game.

St. Bons chalked up 42 points in the Leigh game. That's a scoring record for this year.

One of Ken Langan's New Year's resolutions is never to foul his man. (Ken didn't state in which year his resolution would take effect).

St. Bons has an uncanny knack of putting on thrilling basketball games. Of the four pre-holiday games, three ended in one point decisions. (Heart-stoppers for the fans).

Irish cage squad may not know how to play a "fast break," but just ask any of them how to get "broke fast" (meaning money).

In nine games, the Shamrocks have scored 212 points while their opponents have countered 230 markers. This gives the Irish a per game average of 23 5/9 points compared to 25 5/9 counters per contest for the opponents.

Kenny Langan, a four year letterman, has scored a total of 57 points from his forward position to seize individual scoring honors by one count over Jay Caffrey who has sunk 56 points this season.

Duane Deitering, first five guard, has really been dropping in those long swishers at the rate of two a game. Keep up the good work, Des.

Jack Miller, the brawn and brute of the squad, refuses to grow any more. This way he can dart between his opponents' legs. It's amusin' but confusin'.

Irish Win Three Out of Six Clashes

Irish cagers went back into action after the Christmas holidays with a rugged affair against Duncan High and lost by a 17-18 count. Five other tilts were played with three victories and two defeats against Newman Grove, Leigh, Silver Creek, Schuyler, and St. Mary's, respectively.

Duncan pulled through in the last two minutes of play to annex an 18-17 victory over St. Bons Five. The tilt was a rugged affair on a slippery floor and fouling was frequent by the Irish. Both teams battled hard and the lead changed hands often. Irish held a 14-13 count ending the third period.

Schuyler romped over the Shamrocks to triumph by a 28-16 score. The warriors opened with a strong defense holding the Irish at a safe distance but slowed down considerably in the second half after a change in the Irish defense. Superior height also proved a hindrance and the Shamrocks trailed 19-6 at intermission.

The Columbus kids rallied to take a 24-21 decision from the Newman Grove Bluejays, after a 21-21 deadlock midway in the last quarter. The game was a thriller, as the margin was close straight through and free shots added to the suspense.

St. Mary's of Grand Island defeated the Shamrocks by a 40-29 count at St. Mary's. The Islanders had no trouble hitting the hoop at all but the Irish quintet hit the rim often with little results. The host team kept a good margin until the Irish rallied to trail them by only two points. The Columbus boys slackened their pace, however, and St. Mary's started to hit again.

Irish bounced Leigh for a 42-32 victory without any serious threats and held a 30-23 margin starting the last quarter. St. Bons club dominated the field with 17 buckets. The game was full of fouls with 20 called on the Irish and 13 on Leigh.

St. Bons cagers steamed off to take an early lead and went on to give Silver Creek a 39-27 beating for their sixth win of the season. Irish started off the scoring and took a 14-4 quarter lead and bettered it to 24-9 at the half. Second-half saw Silver Creek sharpen their shooting and trailed 22-34 at the third stanza.

Ken Langan, Duane Deitering, and Jay Caffrey led the offense with 57, 45, and 56, respectively. Deitering and McNair have been sinking some nice long shots. They also turn in good defensive and show a fair offensive record.

The Little Irish have wins over Schuyler, Newman Grove, Silver Creek and Leigh. Duncan nipped them for a 5 to 4 win while St. Mary's slipped them a 25-12 blow. Don Lakers, Bob Tooley, Jack Miller, and Bill Merrill are the offensive guns and play a good all-around game. Dave Schumacher has shown a good defense for the Shamrock seconds. The Schuyler tilt was the standout when St. Bons rallied for a thrilling last minute victory.

Box Scores

	FG	FT	PF	TP
Langan	27	3	32	57
Caffrey	20	16	26	56
Deitering	20	5	12	45
Miller	15	10	9	40
McNair	11	5	18	27
McGowan	4	3	3	11
Schroeder	3	0	2	6
Merrill	1	1	1	3
Dineen	1	0	0	2
Loeffler	1	0	0	2
Hayes	1	0	2	2
Lakers	1	0	2	2
Tooley	0	0	1	0
Total	105	43	108	253

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Girls

Quality	Senior	Junior	Sophomore	Freshman
Stydious	Dorothy Wozny	Rosemary Wass	Anastasia Ernst	Joan Lassek
Courteous	Gloria Korgie	Florence Smith	Agnes Czajla	Adeline Wozny
Dancing	Betty Snedeker	Catherine Hauser	Pat Jarvis	Jo Ann Olivetti
Hair	Frances Sokol	Beverly Schroeder	Luella Zabawa	Anna Mae Pfeiffer
Personality	Marie Reifenrath	Beryl Bamberg	Pat Robb	Jo Ann Olivetti
Hands	Gloria Fischer	Bernadette Feik	Helen Shemek	Jackie Micek
Nose	Gloria Fischer	Delores Nickolite	Connie Langan	Charlotte Messing
Eyelashes	Geraldine Savage	Beryl Bamberg	Lorraine Ramaekers	Jackie Micek
Smile	Joan Jiraneck	Eleanor Lakers	Joan Fischer	Alice Syslo
Eyes	Frances Sokol	Florence Smith	Helen Shemek	Alice Syslo
Poise	Marie Reifenrath	Eleanor Lakers	Joan Fischer	Anna Mae Pfeiffer
Posture	June Ramaekers	Delores Nickolite	Lorraine Ramaekers	Blairlet Reifenrath
Complexion	Joan Jiraneck	Josephine Teterus	Yvonne Pfeiffer	Charlotte Messing
Neatness	Dorothy Wozny	Beverly Schroeder	Luella Zabawa	Rosella Kush
Disposition	Jetty Snedeker	Catherine Hauser	Pat Robb	Jean Gerber

Boys

Quality	Senior	Junior	Sophomore	Freshman
Hair	Dan Cerny	Jim Schroeder	Bill Merrill	Dale Hittner
Eyes	Dick Savage	Bob Speicher	Jack Miller	Bob Ross
Nose	Bill Morgan	Bob Speicher	Gene Fischer	Dick Keffer
Physique	Terry Robb	John Dineen	Dave Schumacher	Bob Tooley
Dancing	Terry Robb	Bob Speicher	Dave Schumacher	Bob Ross
Sportsmanship	Kenny Langan	John Dineen	Dick Hayes	Paul Gutzmer
Smile	Pat McGowan	John Dineen	Everett Johnson	Don Langan
Eyelashes	Bill Morgan	John Dineen	Jack Miller	Kenny Moersen
Stydious	Greg Diederich	Edgar Gates	Don Lakers	Kenny Moersen
Courtesy	Jack Caffrey	Edgar Gates	Everett Johnson	Don Langan
Neatness	Jack Caffrey	Vernon Feltner	Dan McNair	Chuck Jaworski
Personality	Kenny Langan	Jim Schroeder	Bill Merrill	Bob Tooley

Commercial Club Learns Origin Of Gregg Method

The Gregg method shorthand, which has supplanted most other systems, started with a box on the ear, related Marie Reifenrath to the Commercial Club students. She explained that when John Robert Gregg was a schoolboy he was caught whispering and received a blow on the head that made him partially deaf for life. Therefore, he was dubbed "poor John." Determined to succeed in something at which others failed, he studied dozens of shorthand methods and at 19 succeeded in writing "the perfect shorthand system, Gregg."

Dorothy Wozny revealed in her jottings from a stenographer's diary the road which must be taken by every person who wants the perfect job.

Gloria Korgie stressed that criticism is far more valuable than praise because most praise is blinding but sincere criticism is enlightening.

Since the former treasurer, Geraldine Savage, discontinued her commercial studies for the second semester, a new treasurer, Betty Snedeker, was elected and given charge of the Valentine Day meeting.

Pastor Stresses Spiritual Values Of B.V.M. Sodality

Sodality enthusiast, Father Albert, at the last Sodality meeting stressed that the spiritual value derived from Sodality gatherings is not insignificant. Father also urged the early practice of using church envelopes and supporting the parish in all its undertakings.

The following Sodalists gave appropriate talks: Marie Reifenrath, Gloria Korgie, Catherine Hauser, Lorrie Lou Mimick, Beryl Bamberg, Dorothy Wozny, Alice Bernt, Genevieve Feik, Jackie Micek, and Anastasia Ernst.

In response to the Holy Name suggestion that both societies hold a box supper the girls discussed, voted and made arrangements to comply.

In two religious quizzes conducted by Eleanor Lakers and Pat Robb, Catherine Hauser and Theresa Savage scored high and were awarded prizes.

The meeting closed with group singing of the Sodality song, "Christ the King."

The chemistry class was deciding how to spend their club dues. Jim Johnson (who is their president) suggested, "Officers' salaries."

Geography Class Inspects Rocks

The freshmen geography class viewed over 200 different rocks and learned many interesting facts while visiting the Chemistry laboratory.

One which caused much comment was a piece of wood that had not completed its transformation into coal. The branch scars, veins and a resemblance to bark were still visible.

Another specimen, in which the students were especially interested was mica. It is a rock composed of almost transparent layers. The students tested it and found it was fireproof. This rock is used in ising glass.

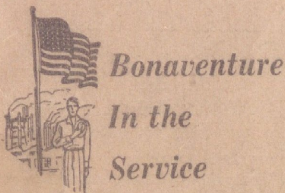
Another odd rock was magnetite or lodestone, which is magnetic and one of the most important parts of a compass.

Other specimens examined which were of special interest were talc, from which talcum powder is made, Pyrite, a combination of iron and sulphur more commonly called fool's gold, and graphite, the material used in lead pencils. Curious students proved its powers by writing their names with it.

Sympathy

The faculty and the student body wish to extend their deepest sympathy to the Savage families on the death of their uncle and to Casimir Mostek on the death of his cousin, Mike Savage; to Virginia Lohr on the death of her grandfather, Peter Ernst; to Lorraine Shonka on the death of her cousin, Agnes Slavic; to Jim Schroeder on the death of his aunt, Mrs. Hazel Weber; to Charlotte Messing on the death of her grandfather, John Messing; to Rosella Kush, Arthur Nosal, and Claire Kaipust on the death of their cousin, Edward Kudron; to Florene Dohmen on the death of her uncle, Herman Dohmen.

Sister: "Sometimes people give out I. O. U.'s for a debt."
Jim Schroeder: "The only kind I give out are U. O. I.'s."



Bonaventure In the Service

Discharges

Tony Zabawa, A.O.M. 3/c, received his discharge from the Navy at St. Louis December 10, 1945. Tony enlisted January 2, 1943. He holds the American Theater ribbon, the Victory medal, and the Asiatic-Pacific ribbon.

Corporal Bill Jaworski, '41, enlisted in the Army January 8, 1943, and received his discharge December 29, 1945. Bill holds the following decorations: Asiatic-Pacific ribbon with two battle stars, Philipian liberation ribbon with one battle star, the Vector medal, and the Good Conduct medal.

Sgt. Louis Briggs, '41 received his discharge from the Army November 15, 1945. Louis was inducted January 8, 1943. He holds the Good Conduct medal, Victory medal, South Pacific ribbon, and six battle stars.

Ex T/Sgt. Bob Frischholz, '40, enlisted in the Army February 27, 1941, at Omaha. He received his discharge at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, December 4, 1945.

Corporal Dick Reifenrath '42 was discharged from military service Jan. 15, 1946. Dick was drafted in March 1943. He holds the Bronze Star and three battle stars.

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Local Knights Of Columbus Honor Team

St. Bonaventure athletes were honored by the local Knights of Columbus at the Thurston Hotel on February 13. The welcome address was given by John C. Miller, toastmaster.

Principal speakers of the evening were Duce Belford, Creighton basketball coach, and Major Al Brown, former Creighton great.

Major Brown, a survivor of the fall of Corregidor and the Bataan Death March, spoke of the American sense of humor as a major factor in victory.

Brown said that in his high school career he would rather play basketball and football than eat but now, after being a "guest" of the Japs, he would rather reverse the statement.

Belford, formerly of Columbus, advised the boys to make the most out of school. "Your high school days are wonderful, but many do not realize it while in school."

He stated that Harry Krzycki, former Irish star, who was slated for action at Creighton this year, ranked among the first 10 or 12.

Mr. Belford, in closing, urged the boys to do their best always.

Other talks were given by Rev. Albert Limacher; Rev. Arno Hartman; Paul "Dutch" Ernst, St. Bona coach; J. R. Bitner, city superintendent; L. L. Patterson, KHS principal; Darwin "Pudge" Glenn, KHS football and basketball coach; Bill Brock, former Blue Jay grid star; and three local sports officials—Jake Glur, Dutch Welch, and Ed Sullivan.

Ken McNair told the boys that the K. C.'s planned to make the banquet honoring the squad an annual affair.

Leo Weidner, St. Bonaventure Scout leader was introduced.

Mr. Miller introduced the following players: Ken Langan, Diane Dietering, Terry Robb, Pat McGowan, Arch Nosal, Jay Caffrey, Jim Schroeder, John Dineen, Don Greenlee, Dave Schumacher, Dan McNair, Dick Hayes, Billy Merrill, Don Lakers, Charles Haney, Fred Loeffler, Jack Miller, Bob Tooley, Dick Mielak, Paul Gutzmer, Bob Ross, Maurice Melcher, Rex Rupprecht, Leland Koch, and Bob Speicher.

Langan, speaking in behalf of the gridsters, Caffrey for the cagers, and Merrill for the reserves, thanked the Knights for the banquet and their interest.

Sodality Stresses Catholic Home Week

At a round table discussion Sodality stressed the importance of the Catholic Home. Geraldine Savage explained how important the Christian family is to society. Joan Jiranek urged members to show true appreciation for the family by being unselfish toward its members and by helping to keep the home peaceful. Marie Reifenrath pointed out contributions members can make for the welfare of the family.

Fr. Albert spoke about true family spirit. "It should be the aim of every young couple to own their home," he said, "thus they can create true family spirit, which is absent when living in flats or apartments."

The power of literature over the youth of today was illustrated in a skit composed by Pat Jarvis. Those taking part in the skit were Pat Jarvis, Eleanor Lakers, Catherine Hauser, Rosemary Wass, and Luella Zabawa.

Other appropriate talks were given by Irene Wilczynski, Mary Ann Dunn, Dorothy Wozny, and Marie Reifenrath.



P. McGowan Receives Eagle Scout Award

Eagle Scout Pat McGowan is the fifth S. B. H. boy to be awarded this distinction within the past two years. Prior to October, 1944, twelve years had elapsed since this honor had been merited by John Ebel, who is now a priest.

Pat was awarded this distinction at the Court of Honor conducted by Father Albert in St. Bonaventure Church.

In 1940, Pat started Cub Scouting. The following year he entered the Boy Scouts and attained second and first class rank in 1942, and on Nov. 9 of that year was made a Star Scout after earning the first five Merit Badges. He was awarded his Life Scout Badge on Sept. 6, 1944.

During these years Pat was a patrol leader and Den Chief, and now holds the position of Junior Assistant Scoutmaster in Troop 115.

In addition to the Ad Altare Dei award, Pat has the following Merit Badges:

Carpentry, firemanship, wood turning, wood working, handicraft, safety, first aid, civics, personal health, public health, swimming, life saving, physical development, reading, athletics, cooking, path-finding, and pioneering.

Bob Tooley was also presented the Eagle award at the Court of Honor although he previously received the Eagle honor at a district meeting.

Other Eagle Scouts at S. B. H. are Bill Merrill, Jack Miller, and Leand Koch.

Commercial Club Observes Valentine Day With Party

In keeping with Valentine Day, members of the Commercial Club exchanged Valentines after their business meeting. Refreshments were also served under the chairmanship of Betty Snedeker.

During the meeting the following talks were given: Find Your Niche, Joan Jiranek; Are You An Incinerator, Gloria Korgie; Put a Stopper Between Thine Ears, Janet Jarecki; Your Voice and Your Job, Dorothy Wozny.

The following selections were also given: Hia-Gregga, Junella Ramaekers; Plea For Right Hand's Littlest Finger, Betty Snedeker; Secretary to the President, Marie Reifenrath; Short-hand's Such a Funny Game, Margaret Melliger; These Office Folk, Genevieve Feik; A Test, Gloria Fischer.

A short contest on the geographic filing system, conducted by Dorothy Wozny, was won by Marie Reifenrath. She was awarded a large chocolate heart.

Jim Johnson (in Chemistry class): "Hey, be careful! You're spilling that gas on the floor!"

History Classes Commemorate February Heroes

Members of the American and the World History classes joined hands February 12 to present a patriotic program in commemoration of two great presidents, Abraham Lincoln and George Washington.

The troubles of our nation during Lincoln's administration were explained by Florence Smith, followed by the Gettysburg Address read by Lawrence Pelter. Beryl Bamberg gave a vivid description of the Lincoln Memorial Statue. A humorous skit, "The Little Hatchet," enacted by Joan Fischer, Lorraine Raemakers, and Pat Robb told of Washington's boyhood experiences. Betty Tagwerker revealed the characteristics that made Washington so dear to every American's heart followed by the poem "My New Hatchet," in which Norma Matya related the well-known tale of the cherry tree. Bernadette Feik told of the origin of the song "Battle Hymn of the Republic." Catherine Hauser recited the poem, "Oh Captain, My Captain" which commemorates Lincoln's death. Donald Lakers pointed out the similarity of conditions in the U. S. after Lincoln's death and Roosevelt's, and the problems of their successors. Bill Merrill enlarged on this problem in his report on the justice of strikes.

Anastasia Ernst and Catherine Hauser were in charge of the program.



ALBERT PARRY

Holy Name and Sodality Enjoy First Box Social

Club Investigates Principle of Atom

The "Future Atom Smashers" participated in a quiz conducted by Catherine Hauser on the principle of atom smashing and atomic energy. Each member was asked questions and the validity of their answers was compared to the answers of eminent scientists.

In conclusion Jack Caffrey spoke about pilotless B-18 bombers which blasted German submarine pens on the coast of Europe. These old "war-weary" planes were loaded with dynamite and directed by radio, radar, and television.

Societies Donate Magazine Rack

A new magazine rack was added to the high school library in replacement of the old magazine shelves. This rack was donated to the library by Our Lady's Sodality and the Holy Name Society.



HUBERT S. LIANG

International Speakers Address Students On New World Forces

Nationally acclaimed authorities, Albert Parry and Hubert S. Liang, recently addressed S. B. H. students on "New Forces In World Affairs."

Mr. Albert Parry, a native Russian, author, and lecturer of outstanding reputation, stated that unless the United States and Russia learn to know each other better this world's history could well be entitled "From Adam to Atom."

He pointed out that the Russian-American relationship presents a great problem since it depends upon the Communistic Government which is distrustful of everyone including itself, and is strictly opposed to democracy.

Under Stalin's rule, he said, the middle and lower classes are no longer denied a schoolroom education since the government is anxious to use this means as a vehicle for the promotion of communism. Education, however, is denied to the upper class.

Communism and militarism work hand in hand. Every boy upon reaching seventeen must serve from three to seven years. Militarism is even reflected in the girls' education. Mr. Parry said that it is not at all uncommon to

see woman combat flyers or locomotive engineers.

Mr. Parry bid farewell to the students in Russian. The American translation which he applied was, "I like your faces; thank you for your fine attention, and goodbye."

Mr. Liang is a native of Nanchang, China, and has studied for several years in American colleges and universities. He is the author of "China Fights" and "China and Her National Crisis". He also served as Far East correspondent of the NANA and the Detroit News.

He stated that future world security depends on how the world powers, which must include China, come out of the chaos of World War II. He said that the World War had done much to raise China's standards of living. Now it is the aim of the Chinese government to reduce economic inflation by developing her resources thus providing employment for more of her citizens. He emphasized that China is a rich country with a vast wealth of undeveloped resources.

These speakers appeared at St. Bonaventure through courtesy of the local Rotary Club. Mr. Parry was introduced by Mr. Watt and Mr. Liang by Mr. Jim Rich. Mr. J. W. Anderson was also present.

Joan Olivetti's Box Receives Honors

St. Bonaventure saw the revival of an old time custom February 12, when the Holy Name and the Sodality members enjoyed their first box social.

Twirled red and white streamers and varied size hearts which adorned each wall added to the gay Valentine spirit.

The elaborately decorated boxes were both dainty and unique. The Valentine theme carried out in hearts and red satin ribbon was the predominating theme. Geraldine Savage and Gloria Korgie's box was designed as a three tier Lincoln Day birthday cake with twelve candles on top which were later lit while the students sang "Happy Birthday to Abe." Another clever box was a Washingtonian log and hatchet designed by Therese Savage. A few boxes featured St. Patrick day colors, green and white.

Beryl Bamberg and Pat Robb's box went to the highest bidder of the evening, Bob Speicher, for \$4.50. The highest single box bidder, Father Albert, paid \$3.00 for Joan Peck's box. The total proceeds, \$50.00, will help finance the Junior-Senior prom.

The prize offered for the prettiest box went to Joan Olivetti. The box had pink ruffles around the sides. A silver box of candy and many red and white bows decorated the top.

The judges were Dave Schumacher and John Dineen; auctioneers, Arthur Nosal and Terry Robb; cashiers, Jim Schroeder and Bob Speicher; decoration committee, Dorothy Wozny, Gloria Korgie, Joan Jiranek, and Geraldine Savage; in charge of records, Lawrence Pelter; hall arrangements, Lawrence Pelter, Eugene Kneifel, and Edgar Gates.

After the supper the remainder of the evening was spent in dancing.

Library Receives Many Gift Books

Seventy-five books were recently added to the St. Bonaventure High School library. These books were the gifts of the Catholic Daughters of America, of Mrs. Sawyer, and of the students.

Those contributed by the Catholic Daughters of America are Wildfire, Zane Grey; Patricia and Through These Fires, Grace L. Hill; The World, the Flesh, and Father Smith, Bruce Marshall; Lady or the Tiger and Other Stories, Frank R. Stackton; O Pioneer, Sapphira and the Slave Girl, and Shadow on the Rock, Willa Cather; Wuthering Heights, E. Bronte; Here Is Your War, Ernie Pyle; The Scarlet Lily, Edward F. Murphy; Handbook of Chemistry, C. D. Hodgman; Your Kids and Mine, Joe E. Brown; Madame Curie, Eve Curie; and Now and Forever, Mary V. Jordan.

The books given by Mrs. Sawyer include Dickens' Complete Works—thirty volumes; Shakespeare's Works—eight volumes; Chamber's Encyclopedia—nine volumes; The Purple Parasol, George Barr McCutcheon; The Plastic Age, Percy Marks; Five Little Peppers Midway, Margaret Sidney; The Story of the Other Wise Man, Henry Van Dye; and Rebecca of Sunnybrook Farm, Kate Douglas Wiggin.

Contributions of the students are Talking Leaves—How to Identify American Trees, Julius King; Science Problems—two volumes, Beauchamp-Mayfield-West; Last of the Great Scouts, Zane Grey; Essentials of Accounting, W. A. Paton; Money and Banking, Frederick A. Bradford; and Money and Banking Today, Eugene E. Agger.

Making Sober People Laugh Checking Up on False Teeth

By EUGENE KNEIFEL

"Ha! Ha!" (This represents a laugh.) "Boy, was that a funny one."

"Hey, what goes on?"

"Oh! Haven't you heard? You haven't? Gee, you must not be up with the times."

"Well, what is it?"

"You see, this is quite old but do those silly bobby-soxers and the like get a kick out of this. (Reminds me of that mule that kicked me. That was the first time I got a kick out of anything.) Come on, play along."

"Okay."

"I say 'knock, knock'. Then you say 'Who's there?'"

"What for? I know it's you."

"Cut out the funny stuff."

"Left my knife at home."

"Knock, knock."

"Who's there?"

"Soda."

"Soda who?"

"Soda we eat Wheaties. (By now you should be laughing because by now you should be rolling in the aisles.) Knock, knock."

"Who's there?"

"Who."

"Who Who?"

"You must be staying up late at night. You sound like an owl. Can you stand a few more? Well, sit down then, because I got a million of 'em. Knock, knock."

"Who's there?"

"Mary."

"Mary who?"

"Mary me and starve to death."

"Ah. If only I were a dog and could just wag my tail when I was happy instead of all these facial expressions I have to make."

"Knock, knock."

"Who's there?"

"Carry."

"Carry who?"

"Not Grant. Carry me, I'm more tired. You should have stopped me if you heard it. Knock, knock."

"Who's there?"

"Ah."

"Ah who?"

"No. Ah choo. Ha. Fooled you. Hank told me that one."

"Hank who?"

"Handkerchief, and now I can blow."

Give Lent Its Proper Place

This modern generation is getting off easy. When you commit a sin, you are not obliged to stand outside the church and publicly proclaim, "I am a sinner!" However, centuries ago people actually did do this. During Lent, also, they were required to perform rigid penances. It wasn't that these people understood better than we that Lent is a preparation for the glorious season of Easter, but that they were more willing to sacrifice in the way they thought most pleasing to God and best for their own souls.

You probably will be making the usual Lenten sacrifices this year—abstinence from movies and candy and attendance at Lenten devotions.

At least you should intend to make all these sacrifices but will you? It usually turns out that only a few pious girls have the courage to stick it out. Have enough strength of character to carry out your Lenten resolutions.

You should have enough backbone to give up canteen dances during Lent. As Catholic boys and girls, you should show by your example in foregoing this pleasure that you have those characteristic Catholic traits, stamina and will-power.

Make your sacrifices in the right spirit. Give Lent the proper place in your life.

D. W.

Do You Know—

In 1937 Father Athanasius erected a shrine to St. Joseph beside the walk leading to the gym for the purpose of gaining this saint's aid in the project of building a new gym and school. When the shrine was new everybody noticed it but after a few weeks people forgot it was there. If you are wondering why St. Joseph has not granted this favor, ask yourself if you have been doing your part. It might be a good idea to glance at the shrine once in awhile and ask St. Joseph's intercession, for "More things are accomplished by prayer than this world dreams of."—Tennyson.

B. M.

Take Everything In Your Stride

An old sailor once said, "Sailing on a smooth sea is easy and delightful but it never yet made a skilled mariner." A tree that grows on an open plain not having to fight for its sun or water never becomes the towering forest giant, which every day competes for its very existence. Good timber never grew in a sheltered valley, but daily withstood the violence of coastal storms and hurricanes.

School life isn't a smooth sea, nor is it a sheltered plain. It presents many difficulties which should strengthen us. Many stick to a job as long as it is easy but when responsibility or a rough spot comes they are unwilling to face it. There are many students right here in St. Bons, who are unwilling to roll up their sleeves and dig in when a lesson gets tough.

They are polite and obliging as long as it requires no sacrifice, but asking them to give up a study period or a few minutes after school (which probably would be wasted anyway) to help a worthy cause is impossible.

Are you one of these students? Do you hesitate and then turn away when something difficult confronts you, or do you face it and profit by it? Future life will present rough spots that cannot be avoided.

Then, those students who daily coped with little difficulties and developed grit and perseverance will not fold up when their first big problem develops. They will take it in their stride and emerge the masters of the situation.

So start preparing for real life now. It's still not too late to make the resolution: "I will face the difficulties of the year ahead of me, and learn to profit by them."

P. J.

Instinct Prevails At Box Social

Instinct seems to have been the dominant factor at the box supper. What else? How otherwise could Cookie have gotten Lucy's box and to further prove our point what about Dan and Dolores?

Now we don't mean that all St. Bons boys have this peculiar animal instinct, for Dick Savage ate at Joe's that night. (Tough, wasn't it?) Wilbert Thiele's intuition must have been slightly curbed. True he knew it was supposed to be a double box.

Instinct didn't let Terry Robb down for he hid high enough but Bob Speicher had good cents.

Dick Hayes and Jack Miller were definitely not lead by instinct but by their stomachs. (They feasted with five girls!)

With four boxes of food set before him, Dick Hayes remarked, "I know I'm going to wish I had some of this stuff in about two weeks!"

Chicken bones, potato salad, bananas, and candy were freely circulated all during the dance.

The evening was perfect and we didn't even have to use the bottle of bicarb. (The girls are pretty good cooks, don't you agree, boys?)

What Would You Do?



Not long ago the moon was contacted by that marvelous discovery that helped us to win the war, Radar. People now are thinking of taking trips to the moon. Some have even thought of living there. You would be surprised at what some St. Bons students would do if they lived on the moon. They were asked: Here are a few replies:

Rosemary Wass: Probably swing on a star.

Pat Jarvis and Pat Robb: Find out if there are any schools; if there are we would try another planet. We'll make it yet.

Dolores Nickolite: Hunt for the man in the moon.

Lorrie Lou Mimick: Try to figure out some way to get back to earth.

Bernadette Fiek: Who is going to the moon?

Luella Zabawa and Helen Shemek: We'd take a drink from the Big Dipper.

Dick Hayes: I'd eat a Milky Way (that's a joke, son.)

Mary Brock and Bernice Schmit: We'd take a bite. We always heard it was made of green cheese.

Ralph Czuba: Shoot the stars. Pat Nickolite: I'd go chasing rainbows.

Maxine Hookstra: Probably get lost.

Norma Matya: It depends upon who was up there with me.

Adeline Wozny: Explore.

Josephine Teterus: I'd look down at people on earth and see how my big brother is coming along.

Wilbert Thiele: I'd cruise around to see the world every night.

Jim Johnson: I'd send a barrel of moonshine to "Big Dan."

Dorothy Wozny: I'd go sliding down to earth every night on the moonbeams.

Marie Reifenrath: I'd look for the cow that jumped over it.

Gloria Korgie: Slide off.

Your Face Tells Strange Tales

"Your face, my thane, is as a book where men may read strange matters."—Shakespeare.

Maybe he was right!!!!?

"Burma Surgeon"—Betty Snedeker (always cutting up).

"Junior Miss"—Patty Robb.

"The Human Comedy"—Willy Kolbush.

"Wuthering Heights"—Jay Caffrey.

"Tom Sawyer"—Bob Tooley.

"So Big"—John Euteneuer.

"They Also Ran"—Leland Koch and Arch Nosal.

"He's in the Navy Now"—Pat McGowan (in a few months).

"Bambi"—Beryl Bamberg.

"One Foot in Heaven"—Eddie Gates.

"The Valley of Decision"—The Senior Class.

"Blessed are the Meek"—Alice Bernit.

"Out of the Night"—Prom night.

"So Little Time"—Catherine Hauser.

"The Call of the Wild"—Owoooo-ooo-oo-!!!

"Good Night, Sweet Prince"—Dan McNair.

"All This and Heaven Too"—Bob Speicher.

"Tale of Two Cities"—Humphrey and Columbus.

"Lone Cowboy"—Des Deitering.

"Grapes of Thorn"—Plans for the Prom.

"Little Men"—Marion Thiele, Willy Kolbush, and Eugene Kniefel.

"Intellectuals"—Don Lakers, Rosemary Wass, Joan Lassek, Kenny Moersen.

"Little Women"—Rosella Kush, Dorothy Wozny, Irene Wilcynski.

"Old Fashion Girl"—Maxine Hookstra.

"Delores"—Delores Nickolite.

"Sacrifice"—Lawrence Peiter (always doing something for others).

"See Here, Private Hargrove"—Arch Nosal (pretty soon now).

"Innocents Abroad"—Eleanor Lakers, Pat Jarvis, Bev Schroeder, Berny Feik, Catherine Hauser.

"Heidi Grows Up"—Lillian Chochon.

"Going My Way"—Getting a ride in Big Dan's car.

"The Bobbsey Twins"—Jean Kuta and Helen Marie Ryba.

Spring!



We're as drowsy as a bunch of sleeping beauties,
We're as listless as a song without Bing;
But why should we have spring fever?
Why? Because it's spring!

We're so lazy, slow, and occupied with daydreams,
That we can't compete with lessons or a thing;
But why should we have spring fever?
Why? Because it's spring!

(Parody (I think) of "It Might As Well Be Spring").

ANSWERS

- "It's Been a Long, Long Time."
- "Dream."
- "It Might As Well Be Spring."
- "Take the 'A' Train."
- "Temptation."
- "Symphony."
- "Hubba Hubba."
- "Bell Bottom Trousers."
- "Tramp, Tramp, Tramp."
- "Murder, He Says."
- "It Had to Be You."
- "There Must Be a Way."
- "I Can't Begin to Tell You."
- "Going My Way."
- "Aren't You Glad You're You?"
- "She Said Yes."
- "My Mother Told Me There'd Be Moments Like This."
- "I Wish" or "The End of a Perfect Day."
- "The End of a Perfect Day."

Discharged

Corporal Frank Kohlund, '44, was inducted in the army October 23, 1943, and received his discharge January 26, 1946. Frank holds the Asiatic Pacific ribbon with two bronze stars, Philippine Operations ribbon with one bronze star, the Good Conduct medal, and the Victory medal.

It's the "Luck Of the Irish"

Begorra! It is the luck of the Irish that brought us here. Sure now, St. Patrick would smile if he could see St. Bons school. Everywhere you see the Shamrock green shining through. St. Bons students are proud of their colors and they show it.

The glee club uniforms are green and white. The pep club also wears green and white. St. Bons athletes wear green sweaters and more recently green jackets. The cheerleaders' outfits are green and white, and the uniforms of the football team are green and

white. The school colors are green and white.

The prominence of green is not in vain for we have quite a few Irishmen about the place to hold up the Irish tradition. There's Hayes, Haney, and Dineen, not to mention Ryan, Robb, and O'Kane. We must not forget Dunn and McNair, McKown and McGowan. Then there's Caffrey and Langan, three (count 'em). Oh yes, Morgan, too.

Yes, Ireland is pretty well represented here. St. Patrick would be pleased.

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Cinder Sport Ends '45-'46 Athletic Year At St. Bonaventure

Track Outlook Will Be Fair

The final third of the Irish sports year is just around the corner as the track season approaches. As in 1945, the outlook in the cinder sport is just fair. Shamrocks will have about four good performers in the track events but will be weak in the field and in team competition.

As in the past at St. Bons, the spotlight will fall on the mile run. Senior Art Nosal and soph Bill Merrill are the boys who will carry the load in the distance race. Nosal turned in good performances last season by garnering second in the Fremont Invitational and Platte County Meet. In the state meet at Lincoln he finished sixth and turned in his best time of about 4:59. Merrill, only a freshman last season, pulled the big surprise by finishing fourth in the Columbus Invitational. He has grown considerably and, with experience should make a creditable showing.

Leland Koch, another returning letterman, should handle the hurdles in good style, since he was tops in this respect in the '45 county meet. Koch placed in the hurdles at the Norfolk Invitational and was an entry in the state meet. Duane Deitering will perform in the 440 or 880. In 1943 he finished second in the quarter mile so he may have possibilities.

Don Greenlee, entry in the half-mile last year, could surprise this year. Most of all, Don needs experience. Ken Langan and Jim Schroeder will be in the shorter races. Jim may be hampered considerably because of his bad knee. Nothing is known of the field events, although Langan did throw the discus last season and will probably do so again. Eight lettermen are returning this year.

The better Irish performers will take in the top ranking meets beginning with the Columbus Invitational, which is followed by the Invitational at Norfolk and the county affair in Columbus. They then trek to the Fremont Invitational and finally, if qualified, to the big state classic in Lincoln. Qualifying for the state affair is somewhat different this year since the NHSAA is making it a little "stiffer" on the boys and thereby get only the best for the trip to Lincoln.

Athlete Feats

By LELAND KOCH

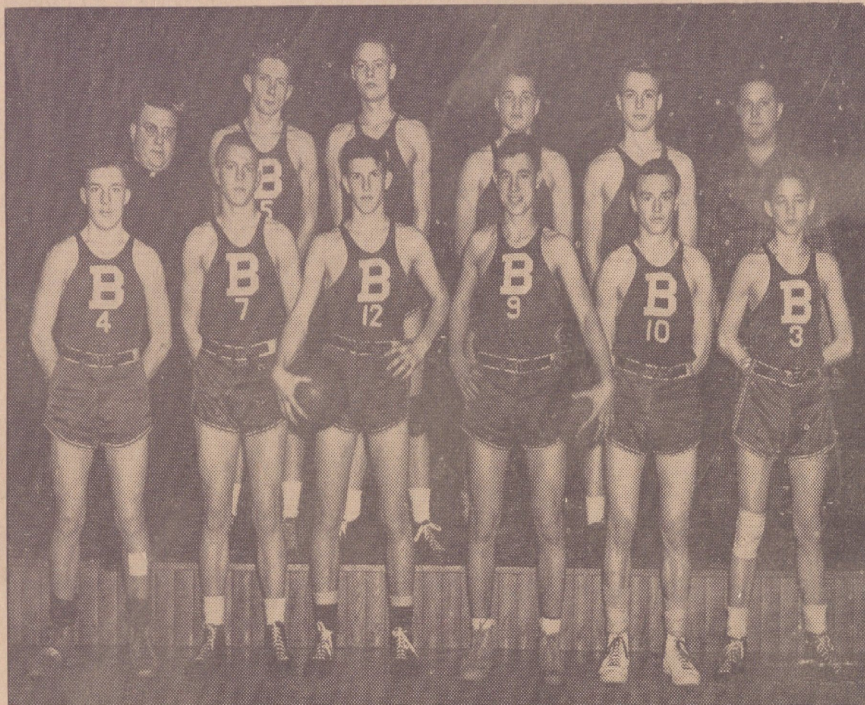
St. Bons were jolted from their position as defending Platte County champions when they were defeated by St. Francis of Humphrey by a score of 30 to 10. St. Francis went on to win the tournament.

Dick Hayes, who was badly bitten by the scholastic bug during the first part of the season, has been seeing considerable action in recent games.

St. Bons met with a little trouble in their 33 to 28 victory over Platte Center in the form of Jack Schumacher, 6' 6" center. Jack Miller was almost knocked out when he sped down the floor and hit his jaw on the giant's knee cap.

Jack Miller and Ken Langan each scored 9 points in the Platte Center game. Miller's introduction into the first five has shown the midget sophomore has a terrific scoring punch besides being a good defensive player.

Irish Cage Team 1946



Left to right, Back row: Father Arno Hartman, Pat McGowan, Jay Caffrey, John Dineen, Don Lakers, Coach Paul Ernst; First row: Bill Merrill, Duane Dietering, Danny McNair, Dick Hayes, Kenny Langan, Jack Miller.

Irish Finish Schedule With 7 Wins, 6 Losses

St. Bons ended their basketball schedule with a record of six losses and seven victories. The Irish cagers wound up their home stand of basketball with a 33-28 count on the KHS floor against potent Platte Center Explorers.

Irish started the scoring and went on to a fast lead and a 10-5 quarter advantage. The Explorers were stronger in the second period and were on the short end of a 13-12 intermission count. Jack Miller sparked the Irish splurge in the second half and it was 22-17 entering the stretch.

The clubs were evenly matched in play though the Explorers held a height advantage in 6-6 Jack Schumacher. The Columbus kids put on a smooth game in all respects.

Jack Miller and Ken Langan led the offense with 9 points each while Duane Deitering and Jay Caffrey each added seven.

Shamrocks had a bad night against Osceola's Bulldogs and fell to a 30-21 defeat. A hard battle raged all through the tilt but St. Bons got a bad deal from old man luck and couldn't get going.

The Bulldogs took a 6-2 first quarter lead but matched the Irish seven in the second stanza and held a 13-9 intermission lead. Third period saw Osceola surge ahead and hold a 20-14 advantage ending the third frame.

Caffrey had 9 markers for the offensive record while Miller, Langan, and Deitering sparked the defense.

St. Francis of Humphrey handed the Irish a 41-20 thrashing on the Humphrey court for the second victory over the Shamrocks in two meets ending the regular schedule play for the Green and White.

St. Bons boys had an early lead of 3-2 but St. Francis came back to take an 8-3 quarter margin and a 19-8 half lead. Third period went by with Humphrey scoring 15 points and holding the Irish scoreless.

Jack Miller's offense in the third period was tops as he gathered seven markers. The Reserves played the last half for the Shamrocks and St. Francis' Reserves played the last four minutes.

Shamrocks Fall In Tournament Battle

St. Bon's Shamrocks ended their '45-'46 season with Newman Grove in the District "C" Tournament falling only in the last quarter to a 24-29 defeat.

It was a close scrap all the way through with the lead changing hands with almost every basket.

Irish started the scoring on a basket by Duane Dietering and held a 5-7 quarter lead. Second quarter was bitterly contested but Columbus held a 12-11 count at the half. At the end of the third it was still St. Bon's, 21-20.

Duane Dietering had 8 points for offense record followed by Jay Caffrey with 7 and Jack Miller with 6. The boys played a good all around game.

Shamrocks Lose In Tournaments

St. Bons emerged among the victorious in the Catholic-Diocesan Tournament and Platte County Contest after highly favored St. Francis of Humphrey and Sacred Heart of Norfolk eliminated them from the court in the first round of play.

Sacred Heart of Norfolk spilled St. Bons quintet 32-21 leaving them out of the Catholic Tournament at David City, in the opening round. Ragged play and shooting hampered the Green and White squad and although both teams had a bad time on the free-line Norfolk hit from all angles for an easy win.

Sophs Miller and Hayes led the offense with 6 each.

Big St. Francis of Humphrey rolled over the Irish cagers in the second half and eliminated them from the race for Platte County Championship by a 10-30 count.

The tilt opened with an even matched struggle and a 2-2 tie at the quarter. Then the Irish hung on to the short edge of a 4-5 half margin.

In the second half St. Francis opened up hot and rolled up 25 points to the Irish 6 for victory.

Irish Grads Boast Impressive Record

Irish Alumni cagers have compiled a record of seven wins and two losses in play thus far. The Shamrock grads have beaten Marietta three times, Duncan twice, Y. M. C. A. once and Shelby once. Two losses were to Duncan by a 14-13 count and to the Y. M. C. A. by a 32-30 margin. In both defeats, the Irish scored as many field goals as their opponents but fell short at the free throw line.

Average height of the team is only 5 feet, 8 inches, but it uses a fast break and smooth passing attack to a good advantage. In nine games the squad has rolled up 236 points against 185 markers for their opponents. This gives St. Bons a 26-21 average game edge.

Although this is the first year St. Bonaventure has had an organized alumni squad, it has met with great success due to the co-operation of the players who have worked hard to put out a good ball club.

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Caffrey Fourth On County Ten; Elected Honorary Captain

Jay Caffrey, tall Shamrock center, ended his high school basketball career as pilot of his team against Newman Grove in the District "C" Tournament. He was chosen by his teammates and lettermen as their honorary captain for '45-'46. He also was chosen as fourth on the Platte County "Big Ten" following that tournament. He has had plenty of playing and was very successful as substitute for last year's club. "Jay has made advancement this year due to hard work on his part and is deserving of the captaincy," said Paul Ernst, Irish mentor. He is also top scorer of the squad with 87 points, followed by Jack Miller with 76 and Ken Langan with 75.

Other lettermen are Langan, Duane Dietering, Pat McGowan, Jim Schroeder, John Dineen, Jack Miller, Dick Hayes, Dan McNair, and Don Lakers.

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RECOGNIZE YOUR NAME?

I was running for all I was worth when I looked around and saw I was being chased by some Savages. "Don't Robb me," I cried. Since there was a Hayes in the sky, it seemed very dark, so they ran past me.

"You Kerr", they said, "We are Dunn for today. We are going home to Koch our dinner."

They went through two Gates and into their Haus(er).

All of a sudden it began to rain. "Listen to the rain Pelte(er) on the roof," they exclaimed.

"Yes, there will probably be a flood. If I were a Fischer I would go out with my Hook(stra) to catch a fish.

Just then the Miller came with a sack of flour so they made bread. After a while a little fellow said, "Iwan some Moritz good but it is so Bernt that I can't break it. Where did I put my Knife(el)?"

At that moment John came in and asked where his son Wass. "Johnson is over here," was the reply.

"Why Wozny here when I came before?" John retorted.

After a while they all went out, for it had cleared up and the sky was blue and the grass was Green(lee).

They saw a barefoot man coming down the muddy road Syslo, they thought he'd never get there.

"Say there, what do you do for a living?" they asked.

"Why, I'm a Schumacher, of course, but now I don't have any leather. I tried to kill a cow and I kept Hittner but she wouldn't die so now I am unemployed."

By now there was quite a crowd and everyone was hungry, but the tired children who said, "We want Tooley down and sleep."

The rest of the group went into the house and ate a Peck of Keefer pears and a box of Bon Bons, which brings us to St. Bons where we were all the time anyway.

Note: Words in black type are students' names. (In case you didn't know.)

Names Ain't What They Used to Be

It was the last night of the Platte County Tournament and the boys from St. Bonaventure High were determined to win.

The write-up in the Morning Bugle said the game would be "Rugged" so all were in a "Desperate" state of mind.

"Goonie", "Dooner", "Jarrin' John", "Big Dan", and "Dummer", were on the starting team. Each of the five boys was strong as an "Ox" but their strength would be of no use to them, for the referee had barred all "Bone" breaking holds.

The gym door opened and the boys began to "Hop" gracefully onto the floor. The practice time was short and the starting bell rang. The game was really a "Killer"; the defense was "swell". No one could make a basket and "Doc" was called out several times to patch up the bodies.

Then it happened. One of the Boomville "Blazers" made a basket. Our boys were slightly depressed but even more determined to cop the trophy.

"Dummer" with his "Dead Eye" aim, shot and connected, leaving the score at 2 to 2 coming into the stretch. One minute to play and "Big Dan" made the winning shot.

After the game the losers paid off their "Betts" and took the winners down to "Nicks" where, to the tune of "Spike's" hot music they treated them to a "Cookie", "Turtle" soup, and "One Meat Ball".

Editor's Note: Words in quotations are your classmates' nicknames. If you do not recognize them, nudge your partner across the aisle or see Betty Snedeker.

Thanks

Thanks to Pat McGowan and Eugene Nickolite for their contributions of books to the school library; to the Holy Name Society and the Sodality for the new magazine rack.

Club Learns Value of Butterfly Collections

Biology Club members learned interesting facts about butterflies and bees at their meeting February 7.

Everett Johnson explained that butterfly collecting is not only an interesting but also very profitable hobby. To prove his point he stated that Dr. William Burns, a famous collector of butterflies, once sold his collection to the U. S. Government for \$50,000. He cited examples of ambitious collectors who had traveled distances of 400 miles or more to obtain rare specimens.

Mary Brock and Colleen Mayberger exhibited an attractively mounted group of pictures of butterflies and bees, the highlight of which was a picture of the giant Attacus Atlas moth which has a wing span of 10 inches.

Group chairman, Jack Miller, assisted by Henry Podraza and Dan McNair, conducted a quiz on bees and butterflies. The girls won the contest, Lorraine Ramackers scoring highest.

Other club members gave the following talks: Life Functions of Bees, Dwayne Keefer; Moths, Charles Haney; Life Functions of Butterflies, Carroll Euteneuer; and Life History of Bees, Bernice Schmit.

Teacher: "Jack, why are you late?"

J. Caffrey: "The mailman was late and I had to wait and see what he brought."

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Biology Students Begin Projects

Biology students are engaged in gathering material for their individual projects.

Subjects vary from pigs to roses, from the smallest bacteria to the world's largest mammal. Other topics which show the wide range of selection are cancer, monkeys, and mutants.

Each student will be required to give the substance of his research paper orally to the other members of the class.

Prizes will be awarded for the most attractive cover, the most accurate work, and the best oral presentation of material.

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C. Hauser Appointed To Head Venture Staff

Promotions Based On Merit System

Catherine Hauser, junior, has been named editor-in-chief of the Venture staff. Her appointment is the result of faithful and efficient service as news editor. Catherine's Venture activities began in her freshman year as a reporter. This position she retained during her sophomore year. She replaces co-editors, Marie Reifenrath and Dorothy Wozny, seniors.

The new editor is an honor student having always maintained a high scholastic standing.

She has submitted 100 inches of material during the past year as news editor. The co-editors are credited with over 140 inches each.

Catherine is vice-president of the junior class and of the Sodality; she is secretary of the Chemistry Club.

The post of news editor vacated by Catherine will be filled by Patricia Jarvis. Other staff appointments will be announced later.

The new editors will take charge of the May issue.



CATHERINE HAUSER
—Daniel Studio

Careers Interest Freshmen Class

The freshmen have been studying opportunities offered by the various careers.

Each student chose the field most interesting to him and wrote a paper developing its importance, requirements, and opportunities for promotions, rewards, advantages, and disadvantages.

The following students submitted papers outstanding for completeness and accuracy of information, neatness and attractive arrangement: Florene Dohmen and Verdiann Romanek on secretarial work, Bob Tooley on the pharmacist, Charles Jaworski on the doctor, and Jo Ann Peck on nursing.

Y. Pfeifer Claims First Honors In Biology Contest

Y'Vonne Pfeifer claimed first honors for the most accurately developed subject in the recent Biology booklet contest. Anastasia Ernst took second honors. First prizes for the most attractive covers went to Therese Savage and Jack Miller.

Y'Vonne chose Infantile Paralysis for her topic. Besides knowledge gained through use of the school library she received literature from the Lincoln Chapter of the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis, the Omaha Chapter, and the Columbus Fire Department through her special requests. Accurate and up-to-the-minute graphs showed the annual toll of the disease and its distribution throughout the U. S. Anastasia developed the subject of monkeys.

The cover of Therese's booklet bears the tuberculosis symbol worked out in red, blue, and grey. Jack's cover showed electronic waves radiating from a globe explaining the action of his subject, radar.

The content of these booklets is being presented daily to the class. It is evident from the enthusiasm of the class in asking and answering questions about the various subjects that much knowledge is being gained.

These booklets were made as the individual Biology projects for the year.

Junior-Senior Prom Scheduled May 6

The formal Junior-Senior Prom, featuring "The Wishing Well" theme is scheduled for May 6.

The banquet will be held in the gym and the prom in the auditorium.

The theme will be carried out in the senior class colors, green and silver.

The chairmen of the various committees are as follows: general chairman, Beryl Bamberg; hall decorations, Bernadette Feik; table decorations, Catherine Hauser; Typing, Rosemary Wass; Invitations, Theona Kozak; hall fixtures, Jim Schroeder.

The seniors completed the plans by choosing the talisman rose as their class flower and "Loyalty our watchword; service our goal" as their motto.

Rev. Francis Eckholt Urges Students To Pray For Vocations

Reverend Francis Eckholt, O. F. M., Vocational Field Secretary, spoke to the high school assembly March 21 on religious vocations.

Father Francis asked the group to continue saying the three Hail Marys daily for vocations. He pointed out how fruitful these prayers have been by quoting the increased enrollment figures of several seminaries. In the past year approximately 30,000 people have promised to say these prayers.

He stressed the fact that since the war, the European countries which have been supplying about three-fourths of the missionaries in the world are now unable to supply their own needs. "It is up to us to furnish the priests for these countries," he explained. Father Francis stated that in one prison camp alone 5,000 priests had been killed.

B.V.M. Sodality To Attend Convention

St. Bonaventure will again be represented at the diocesan convention of the Sodality Union at Omaha, April 6.

Twenty-five St. Bonaventure Sodality members plan to attend.

The convention this year will follow the pattern of those of previous years. It will open with Mass at St. John's Church followed by three general discussion meetings in the Creighton University Auditorium. In the evening there will be a social hour in the Creighton University Gymnasium.

Sodality Members Discuss Vocations

"Determining your vocation is one of the most important steps in your life" was the theme developed during Vocation Week at the Sodality meeting.

There are two classes of people in the world, members learned; those who are now happily serving God in whatever vocation He called them to, and those who did not listen to God's calling.

Father Albert stressed the importance of religious vocations. "A religious vocation consists in readiness and willingness to leave the pleasures of the world and follow Christ," he said. He admonished Sodality members to pray perseveringly for the light and guidance to enter the right state of life, where true success and happiness only can be found.

"Calls do not come in a startling manner," he further stated. "Do not expect an angel to summon you."

Talks given by Marie Reifenrath, Beryl Bamberg, Betty Snedeker, Junella Ramaekers, Geraldine Savage, Genevieve Feik, Margaret Melliger, Joan Jiranek, and Dorothy Wozny showed that whether a religious or lay person, married or single, a business woman or housewife, one will have many opportunities to promote God's work in saving souls.

Fr. Kiemen O.F.M. Will Conduct Retreat

Father Richard Kiemen, O. F. M., missionary and retreat master, will conduct the high school retreat scheduled for April 15-17. Father Kiemen comes from Corpus Christi Parish in Chicago, Illinois.

Coming Events

- April 15-17—High School Retreat.
- April 18-23—Easter Vacation.
- April 26—Matinee, "Everybody's Crazy".
- April 28, 29—Senior Class Play, "Everybody's Crazy".
- May 6—Junior-Senior Prom.
- May 7—Senior Sneak Day.
- May 23, 24—Final Exams.
- May 24—Honor Convocation.
- May 26—Baccalaureate.
- May 26—Commencement Exercises.

Senior Class Play, 'Everybody's Crazy', Will Be Presented April 28 and 29

The seniors will present their class play, "Everybody's Crazy," on Sunday and Monday evenings, April 28 and 29, at 8:00 p. m. in the St. Bonaventure Auditorium.

The plot centers around three nearly broke college fellows who buy a summer hotel on notes. Business is terrible—so very bad that it became necessary to give the inn a reputation as a haven for ghosts and the hiding place for an old miser's gold. Then came the paying guests, including an old maid who dabbles in spiritualism, a widow, just a funny old bundle of nerves, a sleep-walking old Romeo, his always-on-hand hypochondriac wife, his daughter with gum-chewing propensities, and a former bachelor who is subject to nightmares. The Cockney cook is afraid of spooks, and rounding out a comedy team is Gladiola, a colored maid, and Jasper, a bellhop. One of the boys impersonates the doctor and treats the guests for all sorts of fancied ailments. Another one assumes a female character role and plays fast and loose with many a palpitating masculine heart.

Cast Of Characters

The characters are Herb Stanley, joint owner of the Treasure Trove Tavern, Dick Savage; Elmer Sneed, his pal who is interested in psychiatry, Leland Koch; Tommy Wilkins, another pal who hates to be a lady, Jim Johnson; William Botes, the landlord who wants his dough, Bill Morgan; Keturah Katt, an old maid who dabbles in spiritualism, Geraldine Savage; Julie Mather, her niece who is in love with Herb, Dorothy Wozny; Mrs. Spooner, a widow with a bundle of nerves, Gloria Fischer; Godfrey Van Gordon, a guest who walks in his sleep, Jack Caffrey; Caroline, his wife who enjoys poor health, Marie Reifenrath; Celia, his daughter who enjoys a good stick of gum, Joan Jiranek; Adam Pottle, an old bachelor who has nightmares, Dan Cerny; Libby Ann, the Cockney cook who is afraid of spooks, Margaret Melliger; Gladiola, the colored maid who doesn't blame her, Betty Snedeker; Jasper, the bellhop who thinks everybody's crazy, Arthur Nosal; messenger boy, Wilbert Thiele; and the Ghost, (??).

Music Between Acts

Between Acts I and II the girls' Glee club will render the following selections: "Ring, O Bells of Easter" and "Glad Day of Resurrection" both by Shannon-Nolte. Between Acts II and III two trios, "Jeanie with the Light Brown Hair" by Foster and "Lullaby" by Brahms will be rendered by Charlotte Messing, Y'Vonne Pfeifer, and Joan Olivetti.

Lieutenant Brock Speaks on Aviation

Under the auspices of the Boy Scouts of America, Lt. Woodrow Brock spoke to the student body on the importance of aviation in the future.

He explained the air scouting program. Plans for its establishment in Columbus are now being completed. All boys 15 years of age are eligible. This is the only requirement. Applicants use standard army equipment and also spend six weeks at an airfield as part of their training.

"Problems that arise while flying must be solved by you and you alone," he emphasized. "Although copying from Joe, across the aisle, enabled you to get by in school, it isn't possible in an airplane. If an air current causes you to lose altitude Joe won't be there to help you out. Lessons must be learned thoroughly, not just 49 out of 50, for it is usually the unlearned lesson that is needed."

Leo Weidner, local scout leader, introduced Ken Mathis and P. W. Lakers, also local scout authorities. Mr. Mathis spoke briefly on air scouting.

The speaker was introduced by Mr. Lakers.

LARGE NUMBER ATTEND HOLY NAME MEETING

Despite bad weather a large number of boys attended the Holy Name meeting held March 7.

In the absence of the president, vice-president John Dineen conducted the business meeting.

Entertainment was presented by Dan Cerny. Kenneth Moersen gave a talk on Pope Pius XII, Arthur Nosal conducted a quiz on the newly created American Cardinals. Dan Cerny and Vernon Pelter answered correctly but Dick Hayes, Ralph Czuba, Jack Miller, Jerome Dunn, LaVerne O'Kane, and Willis Kolbush had to pay the consequences which ranged from rolling a bolt across the floor, balancing an egg on the small end of a spoon to singing "Symphony."

Meeting closed with a prayer, after which refreshments were served.

Sister of Mercy Addresses Girls

A representative of the College of St. Mary, Omaha, Sister Mary Joan spoke to the senior girls on April 1 about the value and prestige derived from a college education. She explained the courses offered by the College of St. Mary and especially stressed their new office machines course.

Glee Club Entertains Catholic Daughters

The girls' glee club entertained the members of the Catholic Daughters at the Knights of Columbus Hall on March 25 with two selections, "Whispering Hope" and "When Irish Eyes Are Smiling." The twenty-seven girls in green and white uniforms were accompanied by Sister Theresa, pianist, Helen Shemek, Charlotte Messing, Dorothy Wozny, and Geraldine Savage were soloists.

Chemistry Students Vie For First Place

Eleanor Lakers holds the number one place in the Chemistry class contest followed by Dorothy Wozny, second. Pat McGowan and Catherine Hauser are tied for third place.

Contest rank is determined by the number of correct answers of the current unit test added to the previous scores of other tests. The contest, which began at the beginning of school, is developing real competition among the students.

Thanks!

Thanks to Jerome Dunn for the two books which he recently donated to the library. The books are "The Way of All Flesh" by Samuel Butler and "Pride and Prejudice" by Jane Austen.

Honor Roll

- 5 A's
- Dorothy Wozny
- Rosemary Wass
- Donald Lakers
- 4 A's
- Patricia Jarvis
- Therese Savage
- Anastasia Ernst
- Alice Berni
- Lorrie Lou Mimick
- 3 A's
- Margaret Melliger
- Eleanor Lakers
- Catherine Hauser
- Dan McNair
- Joan Fischer
- Florene Dohmen
- Rosella Kush
- Charlotte Messing
- Jacqueline Micek
- Kenneth Moersen
- Jo Ann Peck
- Ann Mae Pfeifer

Innocent Words Cause Confusion

"Nylons are". The word innocently spoken, immediately caused a definite reaction among the girls. Three, easily distinguished looks passed over their countenances. The first was a happy and contented smile of a victorious owner of a precious pair of nylons; the second, registered a hope of prospective ownership; the third look is hard to describe. It shows the despair of standing in

line and getting pushed, poked, beat up, and stamped upon for several hours until you find the nylons are all sold. After these various thoughts had passed through the minds of the girl chemists, they finished listening to Pat McGowan and Jay Caffrey in their discussion of the by-products of coal, among which is nylon.

Co-Editors Wish Success to Staff

Dear Staff Members: This issue marks the end of our Venture activities. It would be untruthful for us to say that we have not derived great satisfaction and pleasure from our work. Nor was it a one-sided proposition. It was not all work put in and nothing gained. On the contrary we firmly believe that the knowledge and experience we have gained will be a most valuable asset to us later. As the new staff begins another year devoted to the task of maintaining the Venture's high standards, they carry with them our sincere hopes for success under the kind and competent guidance of their adviser, Sister M. Richardis.

Co-Editors.

Do You Drive a Jeep?

"It takes either an indifferent or a crazy man to drive a jeep." This statement was once made by a cavalry officer who had retired from army life. True it may be, that loyalty to his horse and prejudice toward a mechanized army influenced his statement but a truer word was never said about teen-age jeep drivers.

Merrily they bounce through a school day, skimming over the surface, never delving into the depth of anything which might inconvenience them. They bounce through one subject and completely over the next. Their usual excuse is, "I couldn't get it. It was too hard." They lack the initiative to help themselves.

These students aren't mentally incompetent. They are just lazy and indifferent. They skim over their lessons, show a passive interest in, perhaps, one lesson and may even rate an eighty in that subject. One subject can never open the gates to a successful career. They go through an entire year bouncing over anything in their way. They never realize the opportunities they are refusing.

The education they are so sadly neglecting now, will never benefit them in the future.

There are two things these jeep drivers can do; weep for themselves and the other freaks who drive scholastic jeeps or buckle down and take advantage of the education offered. It's up to them to decide.

P. J.

'Practice Makes Perfect'

The St. Bonaventure cage future looks very rosy indeed if the old adage, "practice makes perfect," has any truth in it. This is in reference to the baskets and bangboards which Father Albert has had erected on the grade school playground.

If you happen to glance that way, morning, noon, or evening, you will see the future "stars of the maples" covorting on their court. Seriously St. Bon's has needed a grade school athletic program for a long time and those bangboards could prove to be a splendid beginning. Let's hope the boys keep it up.

B. M.

Are You a 'Walking Newspaper?'

You are literally a "walking newspaper," and do you have a lot of friends! (You think.)

When you enter a room there is always someone who is very willing to have you join their conversation. They may even look interested in what you are saying, but I assure you that it isn't your startling personality that attracts them. It is human curiosity for the latest gossip, and you are the type that sees all, hears all, and repeats all.

You can give a detailed account of the fight that caused the final "break" between Paul and Sue. You know just who Larry, Dave, and Lee are escorting to the Prom. You can go on for hours with the town gossip about Mary's family. Well, the crowd does look enthralled in your speech but the time has come for you to leave.

The conversation will then run something like this: "I wonder why she doesn't publish that stuff. She knows more gossip than the "Hollywood Chatter." She could be a nice kid if she didn't tell everything she knows."

So you see it pays to win friends by playing the part of the three monkeys who "see no evil," "hear no evil," and above all "speak no evil." Try to develop your personality, not your "gift of gab" and watch your list of friends increase.

B. S.

Spring Brings a Message

The spirit of Easter finds its most perfect expression in the rare beauty of new life. Is life ever so sweet and beautiful as when it comes up fresh in the spring? The green has a fairer hue, the flowers a softer deeper coloring, the air a newer balmy freshness, and the dew a sweeter fragrance. All of these things give one an urge to begin life anew.

Our souls, like nature in spring, should have a rebirth. All our bad habits and sinful inclinations should be uprooted by sacrifice and works of penance during Lent, so that our souls will be beautiful in the sight of our risen Saviour.

J. O.



Put your kerchiefs on, girls; It's a little damp today. Cut the silly chatter And move along your way.

Wear your rubber boots, boys And stop your splashing, please. The sidewalk's the place for little boys And water's a place for geese.

Push up your umbrellas; And forget about the rain; The water's awfully wet And you might slip, you know.

Then go down to the corner And forget about the rain; Because, just look above you, The sun is shining again! —Geraldine Savage

City-Slickers vs. Hay-Pounders On Social and Economic Questions

The Representatives of the Farmers of Nebraska Organization met the Nebraska Workers Union Representatives in a heated debate on the recently uprising questions on the farmer and the working man in regard to their respective financial, social, and economic positions, at 10 o'clock, March 5, 1946.

The FNO was headed by that distinguished hay-pounder, Wilbert Thiele, His assistants include lanky ex-Senator from the third district, Richard M. Savage. While in the unicameral legislature Savage worked endlessly for better organization of Nebraska farmers. He resigned from the legislative department in order to devote full time to this end. He resides at his huge livestock farm 10 miles northwest of Columbus. Also among Thiele's stooges was Gregory Deiderich, the inventor of the combined plow, disc, thresher, and tractor. One of the unnoticed but influential members of the FNO was diminutive James J. Johnson who owns more than half of the wheat land in the western part of the state. The fair sex was also represented in this debate; for the farmers' side was Margaret Melliger, daughter of a very successful corn producer.

Terry Robb, huge NWU president, was clearing his throat preparing himself and waiting only for the signal of the Chair, when

in walked John A. Caffrey, a typical workman picked to give his testimony of the working conditions and earnings of the common industrial worker of the present day. He was escorted by that veteran of many important debates also serving as president of the union, Patrick T. McGowan. Daniel Cerny, local representative of the Union to the State Organization was already seated in the auditorium. When he spied McGowan he beckoned him and his guest to seat themselves beside him. William Morgan, the state's greatest industrial magnate was sitting aside Joan Jiranek, the representative of the Local Women Workers' Union which is connected with the NWU.

The debate started slowly and formally. But little by little it gained momentum. Before 15 minutes had elapsed fiery words were passed by both sides and order was the last thing that entered their minds until the gavel of the Chair rose above the ringing voices.

The contest lasted 40 minutes but it was not over as far as the boys were concerned. It stuck with at least two of them, one on each side, for a good week. If you hear Dummer and Thiele arguing as you pass them in the halls, don't be surprised. You see, neither side won and both of these boys are tough losers.

What's It All About?

Spooky music, wild and hideous screams, shouts of "I've got it," and horrified "Oh's"—Piece these together and that's just about all the eager underclassmen can get out of the senior class play.

One vigilant keyhole watcher said he saw a ghost with blood streaming from a gash in his throat. To this the seniors reply "Could be."

Seniors are mum when asked why Jim Johnson speaks in a high treble voice or why Art Nosal and Betty Snedeker have a peculiar negro drawl. Leland Koch has taken on the appearance of an elderly man, whiskers and all, while Joan Jiranek insists that Van Johnson, Ronald Reagan, and scores of other male movie stars are madly in love with her, accentuating her statement with furious gum-chewing. Dan Cerny, dirt farmer, addicted to nightmares, and Jay Caffrey, who meekly answers "Yes, mama" to Marie Reifenrath's insistent "Godfrey!" have developed a sudden flare for theatrical dancers. Incidentally, Marie has Erythromelalgia which causes her to limp and groan. Gloria Fischer nervously rips pages from a ledger while Geraldine Savage contacts ghosts from the spirit world. Dick Savage might have thought he had women trouble before but now he is confronted by three females one of which, Dorothy Wozny, is constantly entering, emitting a horrid "oh" and exiting sobbing.

Wilbert Thiele is the only one who boasts knowing his part completely. (By the way, he has six words to say.)

Bill Morgan has assumed a gruff manner and is always demanding money.

The cockney accent comes from Margaret Melliger who has fainting fits (but only because she saw a ghost.)

Be patient, keyhole watchers, it all comes off on April 28.



Let the Risen Saviour Reign

The world of men is struggling, A justified peace to maintain, They never think of asking the Lord To help them in their aim.

The Glorious Saviour with outstretched arms, Beckons the world to come; But He is ignored and rejected By inflated worldly wisdom.

Can the world be so blind, To believe that peace for all, Can result from anything But peace of the human soul?

Take no heed to the world; Let the Risen Saviour instill In your heart, mind and soul, Brotherly love and good will. Dorothy Wozny '46

Artificial Breathing Saves Goldfish's Life

"Is the anesthetic ready? The knife?"

"What, no knife! We don't get to cut anything today?" (The disappointment is understandable since the girls just love to cut things open.)

"Oh well, it'll be fun anyway." (Somebody always looks at the bright side of things.)

Say, what kind of conversation is this anyway? Suppose we go into the biology lab and see.

"Not too much ether now; do you want to kill him?"

"What if him's a her?" (Please Bill, do you always have to be different?)

"Give it the ether anyway."

The delicate job begins. The victim lies still while the focus is found. The microscope looks deep.

"Look at all those little yellow bugs inside. Some go one way,

Poet Views S. B. H. Pupils

As I look around St. Bonnies High, I can think of a story of each gal and guy.

Jerome Dunn has a good mathematical brain,

He knows he's making quite a gain. Arch Nosal likes public-speaking, To make a speech, he is always seeking.

Florence Smith is fond of dancing, And her big brown eyes are so enchanting.

Jack Miller just can't sit still, Of school, we know he's had his fill.

Rosemary Wass is demure and sweet,

She's someone you'd like to meet. Everett Johnson is our smiling lad, Nothing ever makes him sad.

Rosella Kush has golden curls, And a great big smile for boys and girls.

Lawrence Pelter is everyone's friend,

He's a helping hand ready to lend. Bob Ross likes to croon, (Continued on Page 4)

some the other, and some cut corners. Just as plain as day and just like Fifth Avenue." (Classy description, Dan.)

"Say, a traffic jam. Everything's stopped," called out Pat Jarvis, "and just when my turn came."

"The fish is dead but maybe he'll come to if we get him out of the ethered water."

"Quick, quick, get some water."

"Here comes Rosemary with some fresh water."

"Compare catching the fish now with when he's alive in the aquarium, my, my."

"But I haven't seen it yet."

"Please, Sister, use the sick fish." (He became sick in the best interests of science, getting his ether yesterday in a preview of today's experiment.)

It took persuasion, but out of his private bowl (the hospital) he comes, Bill doing the honor. (Hurry up, Bill, he's supposed to be sick.)

He's placed under the microscope, and a good view is obtained. Wow, what a rush. And it's Theona at the microscope. There's no hurrying them once they're there.

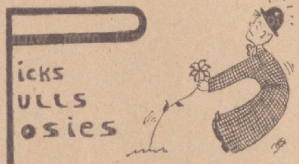
Say, who's that looking over the dead fish. Queer looking fellow. And why's everybody gathered around him?

"Tipe, who's dead?"

Just then Doctor Diederich applied "artificial respiration."

"The patient is breathing. Why, he's even swimming. Oh, that hero!" (Paul Diederich.)

"Now we've all seen the blood flow ((through the tail of the fish) in the veins, and arteries. The corpuscles are moving again like little bugs; and, wow, the bell, and I have to go to the third floor, too!"



Arch Nosal: (Speaking about the English author, William Blake) "He must have been a sissy if he was taken out of school because he couldn't take the whippings that they received."

Dan Cerny: "All depends what kind of whippings they were."

Kenny Langan said, "Oh, Father!" when Father Arno took Joan Jiranek out into the hall and Father replied, "Jealous?"

Sister: "What's so interesting that you have to look out of the window?"

Bill Merrill: "Squirrels."

Paul Deiderich: "Close the window, they're looking for nuts!"

The seniors were rather overwhelmed with all the costs of graduation and Jack Caffrey remarked, "Don't we get anything free around here?"

Terry Robb: "Blotters!"

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Seniors Capture Intramural Honors

The seniors claimed the title of Intramural champs for the fourth consecutive year. Using superior height to good advantage they triumphed over the sophomores, 24-23, in the championship game.

The sophs pulled everything in the book but couldn't overthrow the shadow of defeat. Rolling in the last minutes of play, they pulled into a 23 all tie, losing only on a gift toss by Duane Deitering in the remaining seconds of play. Caffrey took scoring honors while McNair led sophomore scoring.

Juniors pulled the right strings in the Consolation game, gaining a 30-10 victory over the freshmen. Schroeder led the victors in all around play. Ross tallied most for the freshmen while Tooley played a good floor game.

First round saw the sophs emerge victors over an out-classed junior team by a score of 28-16. Teamwork was responsible for the victory.

In the second game, the freshmen fought to the finish but could not show enough offensive and defensive power to hold back the seniors, losing 61-5. McGowan led the seniors with 25 points while Jay Caffrey played a good all around game.

Irish Cagers Will Don New Outfits in Fall



Shamrocks will open the 1946-1947 basketball season attired in new uniforms. The letter B, which dons the old green shirts will be dropped and the white numbers will be larger. The pants will be the same as the old ones.

The old uniforms were purchased in 1942 and have an impressive record behind them. They were worn in the 1943 district finals, in the 1944 district championship game and in the Platte County title contest in 1945.

Speaking of new equipment, the Irish cagers in 1937 wore dull, wool, green shirts and black wool trunks. The shirts had a white B in front and Tooley Drug on the back (suits were furnished by Tooleys). This shows that the suit doesn't make the team, since the 1937 quintet was the only Irish squad to win a trip to Lincoln, and they did it the hard way. They won their semi-final game against St. Marys, G. I. in the afternoon and the same night they defeated St. Francis in the finals. (An iron man performance).

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Irish Track Records Held by Graduates

Track was annexed to St. Bonaventure athletic program in 1941 and has been accepted with much enthusiasm as the records show. Many top records are held by Irish former students and many will again be established in coming years.

Since '41 St. Bonaventure has not produced a faster athlete than Dick Ternes. Ternes holds the 100 and 220 yard dash records with the times of :10.5 and :24.6 respectively.

Dick Reifenrath holds the 440 yard dash record of :57.9 established in 1943.

Al Tucek holds the 880 yard run, doing it in 2:17.4 in his only half mile appearance. He also holds the mile record established at the state meet last year where he placed fourth with the time 4:54. He had previously set three meet records at the Fremont Invitational, Columbus Invitational, and the County.

Ron Locher established the 60 yard high hurdle record in his junior year with the time :09, and the 120 yard high hurdle record in his senior year with the time :18.4.

Don Hittner who placed third in the State Class C meet holds the record in his specialty, the 200 low hurdles. His time was :26.

440 yard frosh relay goes to the class of '45—McNair, Schumacher, Lakers, Johnson in :53.

880 relay belongs to the class of '41, run in 1:45.9—Reifenrath, Ternes, Mielak, and Jahn.

Bernie Fletcher established the pole vault 9' 11 1/4" and the Javelin 128-6 in 1941 in his first year at the sport.

Bob Gutzmer, an outstanding all around athlete, won five ribbons in the county meet in his only year out, his senior year. He holds the broad jump record, going 18 feet 5 inches.

Ray Syslo holds the high jump record going 5 feet 3 inches.

Myron Novicki holds the shot and discus records of 41-6 and 117-5 respectively.

Leland Koch is the only holder of a school record who is yet in school. Koch won both the high and the low hurdles in his first meet which was a dual meet and continued winning to become an outstanding hurdler. His fast finish gave him a dead heat with LeRoy Schumacher in the county. His best time in the 100 yard hurdle is :12.4 which is the record. This season Koch is expected by the St. Bonaventure track followers to break the other established hurdle records.

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Athlete Feats

By LELAND KOCH

St. Bonaventure cinder men have been in training for almost a month now and are in fairly good condition. Arch Nosal who ran the mile in 4:59 at the state meet last year should cut it down a few seconds. He has a good chance to finish in the money in almost any meet.

John Dineen, junior weight man, has been heaving the shot out at about 38 feet. Danny McNair and Ken Langan have thrown the disc at 100 to 110 feet in practice and both show promise.

Duane Dietering, 440 man before he went to war, is training for that event and should make some points this year.

Leland Koch will run the hurdles again this year. He achieved a few victories last year and tied the county record.

Don Greenlee will run the half mile again. Don should near the county record this year.

'Barking Dogs' Startle Group

Scarcely daring to breathe for fear of what would happen, the group watched its being poured drop by drop on the paper. Eyes were fixed where the drops fell.

Then suddenly, it happened. Three sounds were heard—whoop, whoop, whoop as the filter paper on top of the cylinders burst into flame and rose high into the air. All was over now, and smoke filled the room.

Then the instructor explained to the group of aspiring chemists what happens when a solution of white phosphorus in carbon disulfide evaporates in the air. It is known as the 'barking dogs'.

Dan Cerny: "Sister, will we have a test on these questions?"
Sister: "Yes,—and on the answers, too!"

According to the Constitution of the United States, slavery and involuntary servitude are forbidden. When Dan Cerny was asked to give an example of involuntary servitude, he said, "School! It's involuntary and definitely servitude."

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Irish Alumni Trims Seniors and Sophs



St. Bonaventure Alumni captured two meets from the sophs and seniors and narrowly escaped the battling tenth graders by a 36-32 score. The seniors fell prey of the grads by 39-28.

Sophs started out slow and the Alumni grabbed an 8-4 quarter lead and a 23-13 half margin. The third saw the school boys make a strong surge after a gain but it was 27-19 entering the stretch. Bill Putnam plunked 14 and Tony Zabawa 18 for the winners, while Jack Miller sunk 10 and Dick Hayes 9 for the sophs.

Al Tucek, Cliff Mielak, Bill Putnam, Tony Zabawa, and Terry Messing saw action for the grads and Don Lakers, Jack Miller, Dick Hayes, Bill Merrill, Dan McNair, and Chuck Haney were the tenth graders.

Senior cagers were trounced by a 39-28 count, by the mighty Alumni who gathered a 29-13 intermission advantage. Dick Hayes, soph, playing with the seniors, took scoring honors by dunking 14 points. Al Tucek had 12 and Dick Reifenrath 10 for the winners.

Other seniors in the tilt were Pat McGowan, Jay Caffrey, Ken Langan, and Duane Deitering.

Irish Grads were Zabawa, Putnam, Messing, McKown, and Mielak.

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Help! Fire! Fire!

Through the heat of the blazing inferno stepped Jay Caffrey, but he was unable to quench the licking flames. Patrick McGowan, valiant fireman, quickly stepped forward and became the hero of the day. He snatched the extinguisher from Caffrey and heroically stopped the spreading fire.

The fire was a dispan full of excelsior. "Firebug" Jay Caffrey ignited it and took the half-pint of soda water solution. (homemade fire extinguisher.) When he turned the bottle over the sulfuric acid, suspended in a test tube, reacted with the soda water to form carbon dioxide which shot out of the delivery tube. However, Jay had bad luck and not only did carbon dioxide shoot out but cork, glass tube, and all. By this time the fire had burned itself out.

Another fire and extinguisher were prepared. This time Pat McGowan got a good grip on the cork and succeeded in putting out about one-fourth of the straw. Leland Koch, the real hero, stamped out the rest. Damage: one slightly charred dishpan.

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Ah! Spring is Here! Poet Views S. B. H. Pupils

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Sure signs of spring: Dandelions on the campus. Archie Nosal's struggle-buggy. Prom dates. Blossoms on the school's plum tree. Francie Sokol's new permanent. Visits to Dan, the picture man. Eleanor Lakers, Pat Jarvis, Catherine Hauser, and Bev Schroeder roller-skating. Dan Cerny driving his car (are we kidding?) Seniors practicing far into the night. Willie Kolbush with a new batch of corn. Dorothy Wozny and Geraldine Savage shooting everything from airplanes to flagpoles (with cameras we mean.)

Read a Book



A book is just a real close friend As long as it is good. Between those covers are relief For any type of mood. If all the world seems upside down, And things go wrong all day, Then read the Passion of Our Lord And troubles pass away. If everything is bright and gay, Then read a novel or A book upon the lives of saints; (They really aren't a bore.) There's countless volumes everywhere Which tell adventures bold. Romance and classics are the best When thoughtfulness takes hold. So sit you down and read a book, And see if you don't see That over any type of mood You'll score a victory. Catherine Hauser '47

NEGATIVE SIDE WINS DEBATE ON NATIONALISM

"Resolved, that nationalism has resulted in more harm than good in the world," was the theme which the sophomores debated upon in their history class of March 21. The negative side won by a narrow margin. Speakers for this group were Don Lakers, Tom McKown, Everett Johnson, Dan McNair, and Bill Merrill. Speakers for the affirmative group were Therese Savage, Darlene Savage, Helen Shemek, Pat Robb, and Pat Jarvis. Joan Fischer was acting chairman during the debate.

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Lorene Shonka is a mighty fine lass, And also is the tallest in her class. Dan McNair is a basket ball player, And there is no one who is any gayer.

Anna Mae Pfeifer is a wee bit short, But she is also a very good sport. Darlene Savage whose hair is light, Goes to bed early every night. Kenny Moersen is a studious lad, And always has his lessons, that's not bad.

Helen Shemek is a sweet little thing, Like a robin, she surely can sing. Catherine Hauser, the shortest of her class, Like a good girl, each day attends Mass.

Lillian Chochon will have an awful time, To keep her school mates out of rhyme. Dorothy Wozny uses her minutes most wisely each day, She loves to study and also to play.

Margie Iwan, a good student, in typing, a shark, Writes to schoolmates from daylight to dark.

Willy Kolbush makes you laugh well enough, With "How many toes has wasp?" and such stuff.

Luella Zabawa who has red hair, Always prepares her lessons with care.

Pat McGowan takes after his father you see, A doctor in no time, I'm sure he'll be.

Lawrence Kush is very small indeed, To see him, a magnifying glass you'd need.

Fritz Loeffler likes to read comic books, His lessons seldom get two looks.

Rose Rita Podraza is clean and neat, She's the girl who's hard to beat.

Chuck Jaworski surely can wink, He's got all the girls blushing pink. Jack Caffrey is a very tall boy, But no one ever does he annoy.

Dan Cerny loves to cruise around, To buy a new car he'll soon be bound.

Theresa Moritz is a tiny little miss, I'm sure she's shorter than her sis. Now I've revived each Jack and Jill, I hope my little poem fills the bill.

Father Arno: "Is it right for men to volunteer to be 'guinea pigs' for the Atomic Bomb test?" Jim Johnson: "I know I wouldn't."

An airplane flew low over the school one day. Someone remarked, "He'd better be careful. The vibration might blow this building over."

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Senior English Class Favor Poe and Scott

Edgar Allan Poe and Sir Walter Scott ranked high as favorite authors in a recently conducted poll in the senior English class. Appreciation of Poe and his works arose from enjoyment of his wierd, grotesque plots and his fiendish way of involving characters. Scott's works were preferred for their understandability and holding plots. Other favorite authors were Jack London, Alfred Lord Tennyson, Wordsworth, Shakespeare, Charlotte Bronte, Mary E. Wilkins Freeman, Nathaniel Hawthorne, and Winston Churchill.

The following are typical comments on these authors and their works.

"I like Edgar Allan Poe the best of the American classical authors. I like his wierd, grotesque plots and his fiendish ways of involving characters in these plots to form some of the world's best short stories."

Pat McGowan

"I like the way Poe shows revenge in the 'The Cask of Amontillado.'"

Dan Cerny

"I read Scott's 'Ivanhoe' thoroughly, and although it seemed difficult at the time of reading, I enjoyed it."

Junella Ramaekers

"I enjoyed 'Call of the Wild' by London because it was filled with excitement, adventure, romance, and vigor."

Arthur Nosal

'Jack London carries you away to the scene of a story and makes it seem alive and real.'

Leland Koch

"I like Nathaniel Hawthorne's 'Scarlet Letter' because he delves into the innermost workings of the human mind and gives reasons that prompt people to act as they do."

Janet Jarecki

"Churchill combines just the right amount of adventure, history, and romance to give lasting reading enjoyment."

Dorothy Wozny

The students' papers showed that the majority of the class chose literature as their favorite subject and would take English every year whether it were compulsory or not. The objecting few maintained that poetry was difficult to understand and too abstract.

The following are some of the typical comments on the value of literature.

"Literature throws light on historical data. It increases one's vocabulary and develops the imagination."

Jim Johnson

"Literature is valuable because it develops the mind and produces many characters worthy of imitation."

Gloria Korgie

"I think the right kind of literature establishes ideals, improves speech, benefits characters, and influences one's life."

Jack Caffrey

"Through literature we can learn how individuals long ago lived and felt and what their outlook on life was."

Maxine Hookstra

S.B.H. Graduates Total 443 Since 1926

With this year's 27 seniors, 443 students will have graduated from St. Bonaventure High School since its establishment as a parish school in 1926. The first senior class, 1926, numbered three—Marie Bakey, Laureta Shea, and Clarence Speicher. The largest graduating class, 1944, numbered 57. The 1942 class holds a close second place with 36 members.

In the past eight years 225 students have received their diplomas as compared with 191 graduates in the preceding twelve years.

As St. Francis Academy the school had graduated students from a full four-year course as far back as 1910.

When Jim Johnson was asked for one of his class pictures he replied: "They won't be ready until tomorrow. Do you want to buy one?"

Everyone was staring at Pat McGowan's shoes one morning during the last period. Pat looked down and said, "Boy, I must have been sleepy this morning. I've got two different shoes on."

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Prom Features 'Wishing Well'

In an atmosphere of festivity amid climbing roses, picket fences, fluttering streamers and an old-fashioned wishing well, the juniors of St. Bonaventure high school paid their compliments to the seniors at the annual junior-senior prom May 6.

At six-thirty p. m. the gay couples preceded by Miss Beryl Bamberg, junior class president, and her escort Terry Robb, followed by Leland Koch, senior class president, and his prom date, Miss Josephine Teterus, marched to the monastery premises where they were joined by their guests-of-honor the Reverend Fathers and Coach Ernst. The entire group then went to the school gymnasium where the banquet was served by the sophomore girls clad in green and white uniforms.

Table decorations were carried out in the spring theme. Sparkling shallow bowls of fresh cut flowers were placed between the tall alternating green and white tapers. Small pink talisman roses served as nut cups and place-cards. A stone wishing well, with an old oaken bucket, topped by colorful balloons, occupied a central position between the U-shaped tables. Multi-colored balloons fluttered gaily from the hall centers. The following wishing program was presented: "Welcome," junior president, Beryl Bamberg; "In Response," senior president, Leland Koch; "Seen in the Wishing Well," senior class prophecy, (drawn from the well on cleverly constructed silver coins and presented to the seniors as souvenirs, Willis Kolbush and Eugene Kniefel; "Happy Go Lucky Lane" and "Glow Worm," chorus by trio, Jo Ann Olivetti, Charlotte Messing, and Y'Vonne Pfeifer, accompanied by Catherine Hauser. "In Your Trust," senior class will, seniors; "Now We Part," addresses, Father Albert Limacher and Coach Paul Ernst.

Mrs. Pete Lakers, chairman of the banquet committee, presided as hostess and directed the banquet which was prepared by the mothers of the members of the junior class.

At eight o'clock the junior and senior officers led the grand march to the school auditorium where the dance was held.

The hall, in keeping with the wishing well theme depicted a beautiful spring garden. The couples entered the auditorium through a swinging picket gateway beneath a rose-covered trellised archway.

Five eight-foot daintily constructed trellises occupied prominent places on the north and on the south walls. A six-foot stone wishing well entwined by trailing roses centered the north wall, backed by delicately twirled streamers of green and white which bore the seniors' motto, "Loyalty Our Watchword; Service Our Goal." Radiators were cleverly concealed as stone walls.

The orchestra pit was formed by a scene of an enchanting rose garden, centered by a sparkling water fountain. To the left stood a picturesque vine covered store wall. The wings to the left and to the right were transformed into flower gardens by means of grass mats centered with spring flowers. The base of the wings and orchestra pit was an old moss-covered stone wall with overhanging clusters of bridalwreath draped gracefully from the stone ledge. Small tufts of grass grew from the crevices of the stone.

Myriads of green and white streamers fell in twirling loops from the decorative centers to the chandeliers. They were then caught in clusters, which draped

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Marie Reifenrath Crowns May Queen

Marie Reifenrath crowned the Blessed Virgin, Queen of May, in an impressive ceremony, May 1.

The procession consisted of grade school boys and girls followed by the uniformed Boy and Girl Scouts and servers. Next in line were the high school girls in dainty formals.

Carrying Our Lady's statue were Gloria Korgie, Gloria Fischer, Betty Snedeker, and Genevieve Felk. Crown bearer, Dorothy Wozny, attended by Evelyn Pensick, Genie Osborn, Mary Catherine Bothe and Mary Boettcher, was followed by Joan Jiranek and Geraldine Savage, Maids of Honor.

Marie Reifenrath, attired in a pink formal, and white finger tip veil preceded the clergy.

Upon entering the sanctuary, Marie, Joan and Geraldine placed their flowers at the feet of Our Lady. Marie crowned Mary while the entire group sang "Oh, Mary, We Crown Thee."

Students Spend 20 Days Of School Changing Classes

Did you ever stop to think how much time is spent each year in changing classes? Out of 360 minutes of school forty minutes, or one ninth of the day is spent changing classes. This means that each year 7,200 minutes out of the 64,800 minutes are used for this purpose. This 7,200 minutes allotted for class changing is equivalent to twenty days of school.

gracefully over the windows and terminated in multi-designs on the panels between the windows. The six chandeliers with their decorative covering emitted mellow rays of green and white. A galaxy of colored tassels fell gracefully from six ornamental centers.

The spring picture was completed by the dainty formals, fragrant corsages, and romantic music which was furnished by Kay Mills and his seven-piece orchestra.

Beryl Bamberg, president of the junior class, was general chairman with the following assistant chairmen and their committees: Auditorium decorations, Bernadette Feik assisted by Catherine Hauser, Eleanor Lakers, Beryl Bamberg, Beverly Schroeder, Lucille Syslo, Norma Matya, Florence Smith, Dolores Nickolite, Margaret Iwan, Jean Kuta, Helen Ryba, and Rosemary Wass; table decorations, memory books, and dance programs: Catherine Hauser, assisted by Beverly Schroeder, Helen Ryba, Jean Kuta, Lucille Syslo, Beryl Bamberg, and Florence Smith; invitations: Theona Kozak, assisted by Eleanor Lakers; wishing well: Lawrence Pelter, assisted by Jerome Dunn, Donald Greenlee, and Edgar Gates; trellises, arch and gateway: James Schroeder, assisted by John Dineen and Bob Speicher; typing: Rosemary Wass, assisted by Catherine Hauser, Beverly Schroeder, Betty Tagwerker, Margaret Iwan, and Dolores Nickolite; roses and nut cups: Bernadette Feik, assisted by Lucille Syslo, Beryl Bamberg, Lillian Chochon, Norma Matya, and Josephine Teterus; reception committee: Class officers, Beryl Bamberg, Catherine Hauser, Dolores Nickolite, and Eleanor Lakers; soft drinks: Anastasia Ernst and Darlene Savage; check girls: Y'Vonne Pfeifer and Joan Fischer.

Sophomore girls serving the banquet were Pat Robb, Pat Jarvis, Luella Zabawa, Lorraine Raemakers, Alice Bern, Rose Rita Podraza, Therese Savage, and Helen Shemek.

Chaperons were Dr. and Mrs. Patrick McGowan, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Reifenrath, and Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Cerny.

Entire affair was under direction of Sister M. Colette, junior class sponsor.

Honor Roll

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Catherine Hauser
Eleanor Lakers
Rosemary Wass
Donald Lakers
Therese Savage

4 A's

Dorothy Wozny
Beryl Bamberg
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Anastasia Ernst
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Rose Rita Podraza
Dale Hittner
Jo Ann Lassek

3 A's

Margaret Melliger
Terry Robb
Joan Fischer
Dan McNair
Jean Gerber
Clare Kaipust
Margaret Korgie
Rosella Kush
Jo Ann Olivetti
Harriet Reifenrath
Florene Dohmen

Capable Senior Cast Evokes Many Laughs

The capable senior cast, in presenting the three act comedy, "Everybody's Crazy," evoked much hilarity with their snappy lines, electrifying surprises, and clean comedy situations.

Honors for outstanding characterization go to Dan Cerny for his portrayal of Adam Pottle, a bachelor farmer with romantic ideas, Geraldine Savage as Miss Ketura Katt, a superstitious old maid, and Marie Reifenrath as Mrs. Godfrey Van Gordon, a high strung lady who enjoys poor health. Curly-haired and chocolate colored Betty Snedeker and Archie Nosal stole the laughs with their amusing antics.

Others in the cast were Richard Savage, Leland Koch, Jim Johnson, Bill Morgan, Dorothy Wozny, Gloria Fischer, Jack Caffrey, Joan Jiranek, Margaret Melliger, and Wilbert Thiele.

Music between acts was furnished by forty members of the girls' glee club and by a trio consisting of Charlotte Messing, Joan Olivetti, and Y'Vonne Pfeifer.

The play set an all time high record in financial proceeds.

A. Nosal Cops Third In State

Senior Arthur Nosal, outstanding Shamrock star, captured third place in the class "C" mile of the state meet. The veteran miler ran his specialty in 4:59. This time was not his best, as he ran a 4:57.3 race in the Columbus Invitational. Cold weather and a soggy track probably cut down his performance a few seconds.

Nosal placed sixth at Lincoln in 1945. First and second honors this year went to Bill Mountford, Red Cloud and Heinz Brand, Louisville. Duane Deitering and Bill Merrill placed fifth in the 440 and 880 respectively. Merrill, just a sophomore, broke his own school record with the impressive time of 2:07.8.

Irish cindermen have done outstanding work this year. They garnered a permanent and a traveling trophy in the Platte County meet and earned a plaque in the District affair. Ribbons and medals were awarded to the tracksters in several meets.

Tracksters have broken many of the school records by bettering marks of the last few years, or by breaking their own records. Leland Koch, Pat McGowan and Ken Langan were the other Irish performers in the state classic.

Commencement Exercises to Begin With Baccalaureate Services May 26

Twenty-Seven Students To Receive Diplomas

Sodality Elections Will Be Held May 16

New Sodality officers will be elected on May 16. Previous to this year they were elected in September. Since the present seniors are better acquainted with the qualities and capabilities of the various candidates than the incoming Freshmen the schedule was changed.

Eligibility for office is based on perfect attendance at Sodality meetings and Masses. Those eligible for president or treasurer are Catherine Hauser, Eleanor Lakers, and Beryl Bamberg; for vice president, Anastasia Ernst, Joan Fischer, Pat Jarvis, Y'Vonne Pfeifer, and Luella Zabawa; for secretary, Jean Gerber, Mary Ann Dunn, Jackie Micek, Harriet Reifenrath, Joan Olivetti, Charlotte Messing and Rosella Kush.

Columbus Rotary Honors City Teams

Members of the Columbus Rotary Club sponsored a dinner April 9 at the Wayside Country Club to honor the basketball teams from Kramer and St. Bonaventure High Schools. After the dinner a few songs were sung and coaches "Dutch" Ernst and "Pudge" Glenn introduced their boys. The highlight of the evening was the showing of a movie of the 1945 "Illinois-Nebraska" basketball game and two films of the N. C. A. A. track and field meet held at Stanford University in 1941.

Father Albert expressed his appreciation to the members of the clubs for the invitation extended to the St. Bonaventure team.

Recruiting Officers Show Students Movie

Lieutenant Orlando Ruggiero and Sergeant Ed. Paris of the U. S. Army recruiting service presented a motion picture illustrating the "Battle of Britain," on Tuesday, April 30th in the High School auditorium. The film, the lieutenant explained, was one of five orientation pictures presented to new army recruits to show them the cause for which they were fighting.

After the show the lieutenant spoke to the graduating boys about the possibilities of education and travel offered by the United States peacetime army.

Rev. Walker Opens Sodality Convention

Rev. O. H. Walker, S. J., editor of "The Queen's Work," opened the Omaha Union Sodality Convention with an informal discussion on the topic "A Day With Christ."

The convention commenced with a dialogue Mass, celebrated at 8:00 a. m. in St. John's Church. Immediately following the Mass, Rev. John Flanagan addressed the delegates.

During the first forum, the Sodality discussed the subject, "Christ In My School Life." The two remaining discussions dealt with, "Christ In My Family Life," and "Christ In My Social Life."

The delegates from St. Bonaventure present were Gloria Korgie, Geraldine Savage, Marie Reifenrath, Dorothy Wozny, Joan Jiranek, Beverly Schroeder, Rosella Kush, Charlotte Messing, Jacqueline Micek, Jo Ann Olivetti, Jean Gerber, Adeline Wozny, Harriet Reifenrath.

Commencement exercises for the twenty-seven graduates of 1946 will begin with Baccalaureate Services at St. Bonaventure Church May 26, at 7:30 Mass. Father Albert Limacher will deliver the Baccalaureate address. The seniors will receive Holy Communion in a body during the Mass.

At 8:00 p. m. the senior boys clad in black gowns and caps and the senior girls attired in white gowns and caps will march to church to receive their diplomas.

The commencement address will be delivered by Father Raymond Auer, pastor of St. Leonard church, Madison, Nebraska. Father Albert Limacher 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: "Praise Ye the Father," Commencement address, "Ave Marie," Benediction with the Blessed Sacrament, "Holy God We Praise Thy Name" chorus by congregation, Recessional, "Come Ye Blessed of My Father."

Honor Convocation Slated For May 24

Merit awards will be presented to the high school students by Father Albert Limacher at the Honor Convocation May 24 in the auditorium. Awards for perfect attendance, and journalism will be distributed.

Those to receive awards are as follows:

Perfect School Attendance — Gloria Korgie, James Johnson, Rosemary Wass, Edgar Gates, Beryl Bamberg, Agnes Czapl, Luella Zabawa, Laura Mae Gates, Anna Mae Pfeifer, Adeline Wozny and Alice Syslo.

Faithful Service as Choir Members—Geraldine Savage, Dorothy Wozny, Catherine Hauser, Eleanor Lakers, Anastasia Ernst, Luella Zabawa, Adeline Wozny, Beryl Bamberg, Patricia Jarvis, Therese Savage, Patricia Robb, Rosella Kush, Charlotte Messing, Jacqueline Micek, and Harriet Reifenrath.

Awards for Efficient Work on the Venture—Marie Reifenrath, Dorothy Wozny, Catherine Hauser, Jerome Dunn, Eleanor Lakers, Betty Snedeker, Joan Jiranek, Beverly Schroeder, Geraldine Savage, Margaret Melliger, Gloria Korgie, Beryl Bamberg, Patricia Jarvis, Anastasia Ernst and Theona Kozak.

Faithful Prayer Leaders for Three Years—Geraldine Savage and Dorothy Wozny.

Four Years Perfect School Attendance—Gloria Korgie.

Large Crowd Attends Mother Day Banquet

A large crowd attended the annual mother-daughter banquet on May 12. After attending 7:30 Mass and receiving Holy Communion in a body, the group marched to the gymnasium preceded by the Boy Scouts.

Appropriate Mother Day greetings were given by Dorothy Wozny and Billy Jarvis. Jo Ann Olivetti, Y'Vonne Pfeifer and Charlotte Messing sang "The Rosary" and "Symphony." Community singing was led by Fred Gerber, with Catherine Hauser accompanist.

After a short address, Father Albert presented a gift to the oldest mother, to the youngest mother, and to the mother with the largest family.

Grads' Pictures Cause Curiosity

Peering over Pat McGowan's shoulder in the assembly, I noticed that he was shuffling through his pack of twenty-seven pictures. (The seniors—of course!) By mental telepathy I contacted his thoughts as he looked at each one.

Marie Reifenrath—ah, such a queenly look, Dorothy Wozny—a regular movie star, Bill Morgan—the sleeping beauty, Gloria Fischer—such poise and beauty, Wilbert Thiele—such a cute little dimple, Betty Snedeker—those talking eyes, Kenny Langan—a true user of Pepsodent, Joan Jiranek—so dignified, Duane Deitering—how complacent, Frances Sokol—such pretty blonde hair, Arthur Nosal—what a sheik, Mar-

garet Melliger—Madam Pompadour.

"Terry Robb — that big Irish grin, Junella Ramaekers — aw, come-on smile, Leland Koch — Dumbo the second, Genevieve Feik — how realistic and life-like, Dick Savage—that lovely coiffure, Pat Kerr—the little-pixie, Jay Caffrey — the polished gentleman, Gloria Korgie—what a cheerful face, Dan Cerny—nice intelligent forehead, Gerry Savage—a true aristocrat, Greg Diederich — the thinker, Maxine Hookstra — how natural looking, Jim Johnson — and he wanted to sell them!, Janet Jarecki—those eyes."

The bell rang and Pat quickly stuffed them into a now bulging billfold.

It Happened Here

How many of you students ever notice or know the story behind the shrine of "Our Lady of Lourdes," which stands in the corner of the hall leading to the auditorium? The story connected with this grotto is a beautiful one; it gives us a shining example of what faith can do. The grotto was erected by Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Abts because their daughter "Clare" was miraculously cured from a paralysis that doctors all over the U. S. had declared incurable.

The parents were awaiting a Swedish doctor at the time, and Clare was making a novena to the Blessed Virgin. Shortly before the doctor arrived she received Holy Communion, and then she arose and walked. The doctor said that there was no reasonable explanation for the cure.

Clare is still alive and is now the wife of Dr. A. J. Offerman of Omaha.

This is but one of thousands of miracles that have been worked through the intercession of the Blessed Virgin, but it shows that if we go to her more frequently with childlike faith and devotion she will help us in any trouble. B. M.

Why Work While Others Play?

Nine months of school are almost over and you've probably been here most of the time. Are you leaving better equipped?

Last year, many students had to take correspondence courses before they were promoted. The same will be true again. These courses are just extra expense, extra work, and are unnecessary, though helpful.

You're in school for your own good. Since you are here, you might as well make the most of it. You gripe about lessons because they're work, but isn't it easier to learn in school with a teacher's aid than to study by yourself? Isn't it easier to study when everyone else is studying than when everyone else is playing? Why waste your vacation cramming, when you could enjoy it like everyone else? They made the grade only by studying at the proper time. Why can't you?

It's pretty late this year to change your ways, but take a lesson for next year. D. L.

Don't Be a 'Convenient' Catholic

During the school term all means necessary to practice your religion were conveniently near at hand. Regularly, you went to First Friday Confession and Communion during allotted school hours. You were given a special opportunity to go to Confession before Easter and Christmas. Are you going to be the kind of Catholic who makes use of the Sacraments and the graces offered by God only as long as it is convenient?

You have little respect for an "Easter-Catholic," but you should respect even less the "as-long-as-it-is-convenient" type. Even the person who receives the Sacraments only once yearly, during the Easter season, makes an effort to do so, but the "must" Catholic practices religion only while it suits his own personal ease.

The coming summer months are a time to show your true Catholic spirit. To persevere with the Nine First Fridays will require some sacrifice. Only a luke-warm Catholic would be small enough to end this devotion because it required a sacrifice on his part. Christ made many sacrifices and endured much suffering for you. Daily He showers you with graces and favors. Will you be a Catholic who doesn't thank Him unless it is convenient? Will you be a Catholic who goes to Mass and the Sacraments, only while no personal discomfort is involved?

Don't be a "convenient" Catholic. Your vacation will be more enjoyable if Christ is your close companion. P. J.

Be a Topnotcher

Isn't it funny? You spend four whole years working toward and waiting for a single day. Then suddenly that day is over and you're a high school graduate with a neat, glossy diploma, a picture of yourself in the paper or annual and a flock of ambitions.

Where do you go from here? Well, unless you're one of those who have no ambition, you're headed for college or the business world. You suddenly realize that that word "Commencement Day" means only the beginning.

Well from now on you are on your own. Don't ever let it get you down, because getting by under your own flag is how every grown-up operates. You'll make more and more of your own decisions, and you'll face your own mistakes. You'll learn the most important lesson that the world can teach you—genuine humility. Don't think your actions are above perfecting; no one's is but God's, so be able to take, and profit by criticism. Every topnotcher takes a tumble now and then, but be a topnotcher. Rise. J. J.

Orchids



A big armful of orchids to: Father Albert for the interest which he has shown in the high school and its activities.

Father Arno for printing the tickets and programs for the senior class play.

Coach Paul Ernst for his splendid coaching of the teams and for fostering real teamwork among the players.

Carroll Marlar for making stage props for the senior class play.

Joan Jiranek and Beverly Schroeder for all the ads they collected to finance the Venture, also to Joan for her splendid success in collecting ads for the senior class play.

Betty Snedeker, Bill Morgan, and Joan Jiranek for their enthusiastic cheerleading during the past year.

Gloria Korgie the only senior who has perfect Mass and school attendance for all four years of high school.

Dorothy Wozny and Geraldine Savage for their splendid prayer leading during the past three years. And also to Dorothy Wozny for being on the honor roll all four years of high school.

The track team members for winning three trophies.

Leland Koch, Duane Deitering, Kenneth Langan, Pat McGowan, Arthur Nosal, and Bill Merrill for qualifying for the state track meet.

Margaret Melliger, Gloria Korgie, Dorothy Wozny, Geraldine Savage, Eleanor Lakers, Catherine Hauser, Beryl Bamberg, Edgar Gates, Vernon Pelter, Laura Mae Gates, Lawrence Kush, Anna Mae Pfeifer, Adeline Wozny, Alice Syslo, and Paul Gutzmer for perfect Mass Attendance.

Curious Juniors Find Senior Wishes in Well

As I passed a wishing well I was tempted to stop and make a wish, but I found that St. Bonaventure '46 graduates had been there already. If their wishes come true, we'll see in '52:

Dan Cerny as a manager of General Motors.

Duane Deitering as an eminent manufacturer of automatic typewriters that make carbon copies without carbon, paper, or a typist.

Genevieve Feik as the great dramatic actress who is starring in "Penelope Faces Torture" or "Ouch."

Gloria Fischer, the creator of "heinie" hair cuts for women, as Hollywood's most prominent hair stylist.

Pat Kerr as a Westinghouse supersaleswoman, having sold one hundred refrigerators to the Eskimos.

Gloria Korgie as a private secretary to the President.

Joan Jiranek as a famous woman scientist who invented the atomic propelled kiddy car.

Maxine Hookstra as the architect who designed the cabin in the sky for pilot's wives.

Janet Jarecki as the manufacturer of ten minute typing and shorthand pins.

Geraldine Savage as the greatest poetess of our modern time.

Betty Snedeker as Fred Astaire's new dancing teacher.

Wilbert Thiele as America's model farmer.

Dorothy Wozny as a renowned pianist who has been proclaimed "Queen of Jazz" by the Bobby-sox Brigade.

Frances Sokol as the nation's favorite radio announcer who sells "Otsie Dotsie Breakfast Food."

Arthur Nosal as a recently promoted buck private after six years of service.

Leland Koch as Captain of a large ocean liner.

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Doctor Analyzes Seniors' Brains

"Oblivious of wear or strain Is doctor's report of a Senior's brain.

The X-ray cannot tell a lie, So on these facts we shall rely'.

Civics: Just ignorance profound and vast Except one law that wasn't passed.

Chemistry: An atom here, an atom there, And inbetween is lots of air. (Not a bomb)

Mathematics: A mass of numbers uncombined Revealing "figures" very fine.

Bookkeeping: A system that is a sure bet To keep employers steep in debt.

History: Many important dates and names (But with no corresponding claims).

Biology: Reptiles, spiders and anglerworms Mixed with several contagious germs.

Speech: Relaxation, resonance, and sincerity With an ample mixture of hilarity.

Glee: No information on how to exhale Without emitting that shrieking wail.

Geometry: Daffynitions, theorms and postulates Add to the low mentality rates.

Athletics: Football shoulders for all to see, But a brain the size of the smallest pea.

English: Unnumbered ain'ts; a gem or so From Shakespeare, Riley, Keats and Poe.

Latin: A thorough exam from head to toe Finds "amo" the only word they know.

Typing: The limber fingers are displayed The brain behind some dust is laid.

Physics: They know the speed of traveling light, Which makes them think they're very bright.

Sociology: A model form of government With mayors position up for rent. From this, doctor makes the sane deduction "That Seniors succeeded in eluding instruction."

Summer Vacation

Of all the seasons of the year, I like the summer best. It means vacation first of all, And then a lot of rest.

I'd rather swim and row a boat Than study hard in school. It's much more fun to sleep real late And concentrate on pool.

I think all students do agree That summer's best of all. And all will welcome the glad cry, "Vacation until fall". C. H.

Kenny Langan as the Notre Dame football coach whose team beat Army.

Junella Ramaekers as manager of "An Answer to Every Test Question" Corporation.

Bill Morgan as New York's noted senator who is trying to have St. Patrick's day made a national holiday.

Pat McGowan as the chemistry professor at Creighton University who has blown up seven laboratories.

Greg Diederich as a foreign correspondent whose "hot" dispatches have burnt several cables.

Margaret Melliger as supervisor of secretaries in the Internal Revenue.

Jay Caffrey as a famous Eye, Ear, Nose, Throat, and broken heart doctor.

Marie Reifenrath as the noted authoress of "One Hundred Excuses for Students."

Terry Robb as a one-man army of the combined Army and Navy forces.

Dick Savage as foreman of a large manufacturing plant.

Jim Johnson as winner of the "Oscar" for his acting in the re-production of "Everybody's Crazy."

Schoolmates to the end—Jack Caffrey and Bill Morgan qualify for this title. They are the only two Seniors who have attended St. Bonaventure School together since the first grade.

To the Graduates

May the blessing of the Sacred Heart Be with you on your way To lighten every burden borne, To cheer from day to day. The Faculty.

Senior Class Will

We, the Seniors of St. Bonaventure High School, graduates of 1946, do hereby will and bequeath our various skills, faults, embarrassing moments, personal possessions, etc., to the Juniors. Being extremely generous we say, "Take it or leave it."

I, Jack Caffrey, will to Willis Kolbush my height of 6 foot 3. May it to him an asset always be.

I, Dan Cerny, will to John Dineen my fuzzy hair. It's not so much but it's better than bare!

I, Duane J. Deitering will to Don Greenlee my draft number, 11-893. If it's in his pocket, they'll never get me.

I, Greg Diederich, will to Donald Greenlee, my driving technique, so he won't have to go to college with his escort.

I, Gen Feik, will to you Bernie, my dear sister, my sunny disposition. May it be a guiding light for you in the future.

I, Gloria Fischer, will to Beryl Bamberg my smile. May the friends it brings you last forever.

I, Maxine Hookstra, will my dish-water colored hair to Rosemary Wass, (who, I think, doesn't need it.)

I, Janet Jarecki, will and bequeath to Lillian Chochon my book, "On How To Stop Growing Tall". Use it to the best advantage.

I, Joan Jiranek, will to Catherine Hauser my cheerleading position. It's definitely rugged but it keeps you in condition.

I, Jim Johnson, will to you, Bob Speicher, my lucky school bench. It is fourth from the front and makes school life a cinch.

I, Pat Kerr, will to Florence Smith my old desk in the Senior Room. I hope you will make a success while you use it next year.

I, Leland Koch, will to John Dineen my position in the line. In football he'll put up a "No Passing" sign.

I, Gloria Korgie, will to Doloris Nickolite my perfect attendance at Holy Mass and school. May you aim and strive for these high ideals.

I, Kenny Langan, will to Dickie Bo my football position. It takes a lot of brawn and not much brain so I think you'll do, Dickie Bo.

I, Pat McGowan, will to Bob Speicher my wave. The only catch is the work of putting it up every night.

I, Margaret Melliger, will to Rosemary Wass my position as typist on the Venture. I know it will keep you busy, but every minute provides experience.

I, Bill Morgan, will to Eugene Nickolite my acting experience and ability.

I, Arch Nosal, will to Eugene Kniefel my ability to run the mile. He'll start off like a bullet from a rifle and keep out ahead all the while.

I, Junella Ramaekers, will and bequeath to Josephine Teterus a reasonable portion of my freckles. Some people say they're beauty spots, but to me they're just brown dots.

I, Marie Reifenrath, will to you, Lucille Syslo, my books. You see, since I have neither brains nor looks the best I can do is give you my books.

I, Terry Robb, will to Don Greenlee my only claim to fame. It's only a lot of fat on an old bony frame.

I, Geraldine Savage, will to Willy Kolbush my height. It comes in handy as you'll soon see, and people never look down on me!

I, Dick Savage, will to Eugene Kniefel my height, you need it I know; long may you live and long may you grow.

I, Betty Snedeker, give to you, Eleanor Lakers, my face. It never makes you feel out of place. For all men stare at raving beauties and all men whistle at little cuties. But no men will ever bother you with this.

I, Frances Sokol, will my car to John Dineen who has a long distance to school and I hope it will hold out another year.

I, Wilbert Thiele, will to Eddie Gates my slick "farmers' physique". But remember, a proper farmer must have the proper technique.

I, Dorothy Wozny, on Theona Kozak do hereby bestow everything I know.

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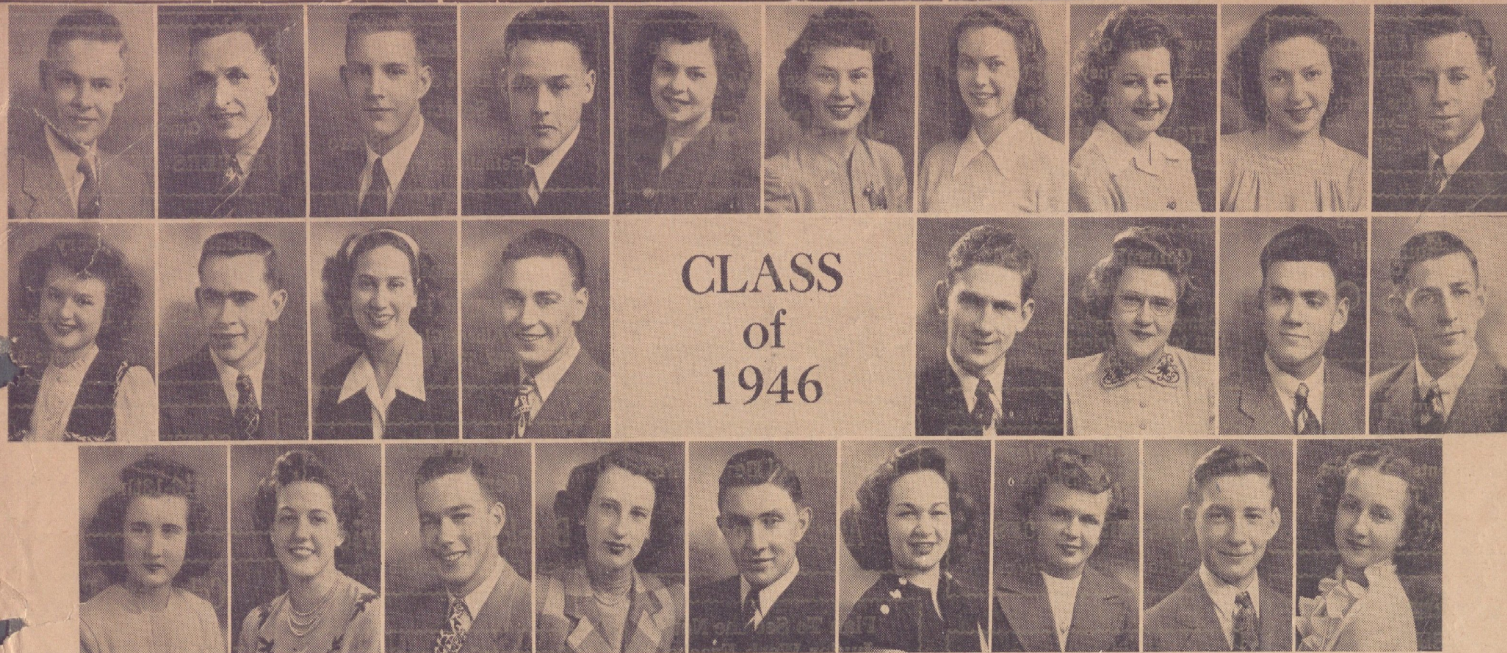
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CLASS of 1946

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John Caffrey—Handsome and Well Groomed. Class Treasurer 1; Class Secretary 2; Class Vice President 3; Glee Club 1, 2; Holy Name 1, 2, 3, 4; Refreshment Committee Chairman 4; Athletics: Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4; Track 4; Physical Fitness 3; Honorary Basketball Captain 4; Boys' Choir 1, 2, 3, 4; Dramatics: "Who Gets the Car Tonight?" 4; "Everybody's Crazy" 4; Venture Staff, Business Manager 4; Clubs: Biology 2; Physics 3; Latin 1; Chemistry 4.

Daniel Cerny—Good Hearted and Cordial. Class Secretary 3; Class Treasurer 4; Glee Club 1, 2; Holy Name 1, 2, 3, 4; Entertainment Chairman 4; Physical Fitness 3; Boys' Choir 1, 2, 3, 4; Dramatics: "Army Tention" 4, "The Pampered Darling" 4, "Everybody's Crazy" 4; Venture Staff, Circulation Manager 4; Clubs: Biology 3; Physics 3.

Duane Deitering—Unassuming and Self Reliant. Class President 3; Glee Club 1, 2; Holy Name 1, 2, 4; Entertainment Chairman 2; Athletics: Football 3, 4; Basketball 1, 2, 4; Track 1, 2, 4, state track meet 4; Boys' Choir 1, 2, 4; Clubs: Biology 2; Treasurer 2; Chemistry 4; Star Scout 2; St. Mary High School 3; U. S. Merchant Marine 3.

Gregory Diederich—Quiet but Mischievous. Glee Club 2; Holy Name 2, 3, 4; Athletics: Track 4; Physical Fitness 1, 3; Clubs: Physics 3; Latin 1; Kramer High 1.

Genevieve Resek—Reserved and Dignified. Glee Club 1, 2, 3, 4; Sodality 2, 3, 4; Physical Fitness 3; Athletics: 1; Choir 1, 2; Dramatics: "The Fall of Adam" 1; Cedar Rapids Staff, Reporter 1; Clubs: Pep 1, 4; Latin 1, 2; Cedar Rapids High School 1.

Gloria Fischer—Dainty and Charming. Glee Club 1, 2, 3, 4; Sodality 1, 2, 3, 4; Publicity Chairman 4; Athletics 1, 2; Physical Fitness 3; Choir 2, 3, 4; Dramatics: "The Pampered Darling" 4, "Everybody's Crazy" 4; Clubs: Pep 3, 4; Commercial 4; Latin 1, 2.

Maxine Hookstra—Frank and Friendly. Sodality 4; Athletics 1, 2; Physical Fitness 1, 2; Choir 1; St. Elizabeth High School, Oakland, California 2, 3.

Janet Jarecki—Pleasant and Joyful. Glee Club 1, 2, 4; Sodality 1, 2, 3, 4; Physical Fitness 3; Athletics 1, 2; Clubs: Pep 1, 4; Biology 2; Commercial 4; Duncan High School 1.

Joan Jranek—Petite and Vivacious. Class Vice President 3; Glee Club 1, 2, 3; Sodality 1, 2, 3, 4; Eucharistic Committee Chairman 4; Athletics 1, 2; Physical Fitness 3; Choir 2, 3, 4; Dramatics: "Who Gets the Car Tonight?" 4, "Everybody's Crazy" 4; Venture Staff, Advertising Manager 3, 4; Cheerleader 4; Football Queen Attendant 2, 3; Clubs: Pep 3, 4; Biology 3; President 3; Chemistry 4; Commercial 4; President 4; Latin 1, 2.

James Johnson—Conservative and Pleasant. Holy Name 1, 2, 3, 4; Physical Fitness 3; Boys' Choir 1, 2, 3, 4; Dramatics: "The Pampered Darling" 4, "Everybody's Crazy" 4; Venture Staff, Reporter 2, 3, 4; Clubs: Biology 2; Chemistry 4; President 4; Physics 3.

Second Row

Patricia Kerr—Obliging and Genial. Glee Club 1, 2, 3, 4; Sodality 1, 2, 3, 4; Athletics 1, 2; Physical Fitness 3; Clubs: Pep 3, 4; Biology 3; Latin 1, 2.

Leland Koch—Lively and Persistent. Senior Class President 4; Glee Club 1, 2; Holy Name 1, 2, 3, 4; Athletics: Football 3, 4; Basketball 4; Track 3, 4, state track meet 3, 4; Physical Fitness 3; Boys' Choir 1, 2, 3, 4; Dramatics: "Who Gets the Car Tonight?" 4, "Everybody's Crazy" 4; Venture Staff, Reporter 3, 4; Clubs: Biology 2; Chemistry 4; Eagle Scout 3.

Gloria Korgie—Capable and Musical. Class Treasurer 3; Glee Club 1, 2, 3, 4; Sodality 1, 2, 3, 4; Secretary 2, Vice President 3; Athletics 1, 2; Physical Fitness 3; Venture Staff, Typist 4; Clubs: Pep 3, 4; Commercial 4; Vice President 4; Latin 1, 2.

Kenneth Langan—Athletic and Happy Go-Lucky. Class Vice President 1, 2; Glee Club 1, 2; Holy Name 1, 2, 3; Vice President 3; Athletics: Football 1, 2, 3, 4; Honorary Football Captain 4; Football Attendant 1, 2, 3; Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4; Track 1, 3, 4, state track meet 4; Physical Fitness 3; Boys' Choir 1, 2, 3, 4.

Patrick McGowan—Courteous and Cooperative. Class President 1, 2; Glee Club 1, 2, 3; Holy Name 1, 2, 3, 4; Athletics: Football 3, 4; Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4; Track 1, 2, 4, state track meet 4; Baseball 3; Physical Education 3; Student Manager 1, 2; Boys' Choir 1, 2, 3, 4; Altar Boy 1, 2, 3, 4; Dramatics: "Who Gets the Car Tonight?" 4; Venture Staff, Photographer 4; Father Staff, Circulation Manager 3; Cheerleader 3; Clubs: Chemistry 4, Treasurer 4; Biology 3; Latin 2; Camera 3; Vice President 3; Eagle Scout 4, Junior Assistant Scoutmaster 4; Catholic Youth Organization 3; Maur Hill School, Atchison, Kansas 3.

Margaret Melliger—Helpful and Trustworthy. Glee Club 1, 2, 3, 4; Sodality 1, 2, 3, 4; Our Lady's Committee Chairman 3; Athletics 1, 2; Physical Fitness 3; Choir 2, 3; Dramatics: "The Pampered Darling" 4, "Everybody's Crazy" 4; Venture Staff, Typist 4; Clubs: Pep 3, 4; Biology 3; Commercial 4; Latin 1, 2.

William Morgan—Irish and Carefree. Glee Club 1, 2; Holy Name 1, 2, 3, 4; Refreshment Chairman 2, Treasurer 4; Athletics: Basketball 1; Track 1; Physical Fitness 3; Boys' Choir 1, 2, 3, 4; Dramatics: "The Pampered Darling" 4, "Don't Take My Penny" 3, "Army Tention" 4, "Everybody's Crazy" 4; Clubs: Biology 2; Physics 3; Cheerleader 4.

Arthur Nosal—Eager and Peppy. Glee Club 1, 2; Holy Name 1, 2, 3, 4; Athletics: Football 2, 3, 4; Basketball 1, 3; Track 1, 2, 3, 4, state track meet 3, 4; Physical Fitness 3; Boys' Choir 1, 2, 3, 4; Altar Boy 1; Dramatics: "Army Tention" 4, "Everybody's Crazy" 4; Clubs: Biology 3; Physics 3, Secretary-Treasurer 3.

Third Row

Junella Ramaekers—Casual and Optimistic. Glee Club 1, 2, 3, 4; Sodality 2, 3, 4; Athletics 1, 2; Physical Fitness 3; Choir 2, 3, 4; Dramatics: "The Pampered Darling" 4; Venture Staff, Reporter 2, 3; Clubs: Pep 3, 4; Commercial 4; Secretary 4; Latin 1, 2; Holy Family High School, Lindsay 1.

Marie Reifenrath—Lovable and Efficient. Class Treasurer 2; Glee Club 1, 2, 3; Sodality 1, 2, 3, 4; President 3; Our Lady's Committee Chairman 3; Miss Sodality Attendant 3; Athletics 1, 2; Physical Fitness 3; Choir 2, 3, 4; Dramatics: "Who Gets the Car Tonight?" 4, "Everybody's Crazy" 4; Venture Staff Reporter 2, News Editor 3, Co-editor 4; Clubs: Pep 3, 4; Chemistry 4; Vice President 4; Commercial Club 4; Latin Club 2; Assistant Librarian 1, 2.

Terrence Robb—Independent and Ingenious. Glee Club 1, 2; Holy Name 1, 2, 3, 4; President 4; Athletics: Football 1, 3, 4; Basketball 4; Track 1, 3; Physical Fitness 3; Boys' Choir 1, 2, 3, 4; Altar Boy 1, 2, 3; Dramatics: "Army Tention" 4; Venture Staff, Reporter 1, 3, 4; Clubs: Latin 1, 2; Chemistry and Physics 3.

Geraldine Savage—Neat and Artistic. Glee Club 1, 2, 3, 4; Sodality 1, 2, 3, 4; Holy Eucharistic Committee 3, Miss Sodality Attendant 3; Athletics 1, 2; Physical Fitness 3; Choir 1, 2, 3, 4; Dramatics: "The Pampered Darling" 4, "Everybody's Crazy" 4; Venture Staff, Reporter 2, 3, Typist 4; Clubs: Pep 3, 4; Biology 3; Chemistry 4; Commercial 4; Treasurer 4; Latin 1, 2; Prayer Leader 2, 3, 4.

Richard Savage—Shy but Engaging. Class Treasurer 2; Glee Club 1, 2; Holy Name 1, 2, 3, 4; Physical Fitness 3; Boys' Choir 1, 2, 3, 4; Dramatics: "Army Tention" 4, "Everybody's Crazy" 4; Clubs: General Science 1, Latin 1; Physics 3; Spalding Academy 1, 2.

Elizabeth Sadeker—Entertaining and Rhythical. Class Secretary 4; Glee Club 1, 2, 3; Sodality 1, 2, 3, 4; Miss Sodality Attendant 3; Athletics 1, 2; Physical Fitness 3; Cheerleader 4; Choir 1, 2, 3; Dramatics: "In Life's Glad Morn" 3, "Everybody's Crazy" 4; Venture Staff, Feature Editor 4; Clubs: Pep 3, 4; Commercial 4; Treasurer 4; Chemistry 4; Biology 3; Latin 2.

Frances Sokol—Companionable and Refined. Glee Club 1, 2, 4; Sodality 1, 2, 3, 4; Physical Fitness 3; Athletics 1, 2; Pep Club 1, 2, 3, 4; President 4; Cheerleader 1; Duncan High School 1, 2.

Wilbert Thiele—Cheerful and Spirited. Glee Club 1, 2; Holy Name 1, 2, 3, 4; Physical Fitness 3; Boys' Choir 1, 2, 3, 4; Altar Boy 1, 2, 3, 4; Dramatics: "Army Tention" 4, "Everybody's Crazy" 4; Clubs: Biology 2; Physics 3.

Dorothy Wozny—Scholarly and Reliable. Class President 3; Class Vice President 4; Glee Club 1, 2, 3, 4; Sodality 1, 2, 3, 4; Treasurer 4, Miss Sodality Attendant 2, 3; Athletics 1, 2; Physical Fitness 3; Choir 1, 2, 3, 4; Dramatics: "In Life's Glad Morn" 3, "The Pampered Darling" 4, "Everybody's Crazy" 4; Venture Staff, Reporter 1, 2, Feature Editor 3, Co-editor 4; Clubs: Pep 3, 4; Chemistry 4; Commercial 4; Latin 2; Assistant Librarian 1, 2; Prayer Leader 2, 3, 4; Extension Teen Board 4.

Instructor—What are the two steps taken by the Church in proclaiming a Saint?
Vernon P.—First they are beautified and then canonized.

A Salute

The new Venture staff wish to take this opportunity to compliment the 1945-1946 staff for the splendid way they carried on the publication of the Venture during the past year. It is our hope that we may prove ourselves as efficient, and be able to live up to the standard set last year.
The Editor.

Six Irish Qualify For State Meet

St. Bonaventure	41
Arlington	23 1/2
North Bend	21
Scribner	19 1/2
Elkhorn	17 1/2
Polk	14
Silver Creek	2
Valley	1
Spalding Academy	1
Mead	1/2

The Shamrocks won the first Class C District Meet ever to be held in Columbus; six tracksters also qualified for the State Meet.

Leland Koch led the Irish by qualifying in three events. He won the high hurdles in :16.7 and the lows in :24.6 breaking his own school records.

Bill Merrill lowered his 880 record to 2:10.7, the best class C performance and qualified for the state.

Deitering won his event, a :56.3 quarter, without being pressed. Nosal easily won the mile in the time 5:07.3.

The 880 yard relay team, Pat McGowan, Ken Langan, Leland Koch, and Duane Deitering, outclassed everything in the race and won by fifty yards in 1:42.8.

Others who placed were Lakers, fourth in the high hurdles; McGowan, third in the 100 yard dash and fourth in the 220; Greenlee, fourth in the 880 yard dash, in the running events.

In the field Pat McGowan was fourth in the broad jump and tied for third with Jack Miller in the pole vault. Deitering was third in the broad jump.

The bad weather and wet track didn't hamper the cindermen as many of them had the best performance of their careers.

Coach Paul Ernst accepted the Plaque for the Shamrocks while the tracksters received the medals for the first three places.

Koch and Dietering Establish Records

Leland Koch and Duane Dietering bombarded the old school records and established four new ones. Koch took both hurdle records by breezing the 60 yd. high hurdles in :08.9 and the 100 yd. low hurdles in :12.2. He first broke Ron Locher's high hurdle mark of :09 and went on to break his own low hurdle mark of :12.4.

Dietering did his specialty, the 440 in :56.1, breaking the one established by Dick Reifenrath by :01.8, and took the 220 record with the time :24.2, replacing Dick Ternes' old time of :24.6.

Other winners were Bill Merrill in the 880 with the time 2:17.5, Art Nosal in the mile, and his time was 5:13.6. John Dineen pushed the shot out 36 feet 8 inches, while the Freshmen outclassed both Duncan and Platte Center in the 440 yd. relay in :55.9. The score was S. B. H. 64, Platte Center 56, and Duncan 29 1/2.

The previous triangular found St. Bon's in third place. Columbus scored 63, Norfolk 59 1/2, St. Bon's 19 1/2. Merrill took the mile in 5:02.2 while McGowan tied for first in the pole vault at the height of 9 feet.

Irish Capture County Events

St. Bonaventure	56
Platte Center	36
Duncan	26 1/2
Kramer Reserves	22 1/2
St. Francis	7
Monroe	6

Displaying their best all-around strength of the season, the Shamrocks, placing in every event, won the Platte County Track Championship. They set three of six records and carried off both traveling and permanent team trophies.

Platte Center star, LeRoy Schumacher scored 25 points, and set two records and tied the other in the best performance of the day. Soph Bill Merrill, "880 Whiz", clipped off a new record of 2:11.9 as he breezed around with no serious threats. Duane Deitering whipped around the 440 in :56 establishing a new record. Leland Koch tied Schumacher of Platte Center in the 100 lows chalking up a new time of :12.3. George Rambour of KHS hurled the discus 112 feet 9 inches for that record. Schumacher leaped 18-10 for the broad jump record and took the pole vault with 10-3, a new high.

Deitering also placed second in the 220 and broad jump to total 11 points. Koch sped in ahead of Schumacher in the highs for an :08.6 triumph. Irish star miler, Art Nosal, breezed the mile in 5:04.7. John Dineen pushed the shot 38-4 winning by a safe distance from Platte Center.

Pat McGowan placed second in the pole vault and in the 100 yard dash. Eugene Kneifel took fourth in the mile and Don Greenlee made fourth in the 880. Don Lakers pushed third in the 60 high hurdles. Bob Tooley, Rex Rupprecht, Morris Melcher and Dale Hittner captured the Freshman relay in :53.3. The 880 squad ran second to Platte Center. Ken Langan placed second place in the high jump and Danny McNair heaved the discus for a second.

Cindermen Cop Second in Meet

Against strong competition St. Bon's tracksters copped second place in the 14th annual Columbus Invitational, trailing Arlington 25 to 22 3/8 in the class B scramble.

Five marks were erased when Duane Deitering, Irish dash man, clipped off the 440 in :55.8 and competitors set records of :10.8, :25.4, 2:09.5 in the 100, 220 lows, and the 880 respectively.

Bill Merrill heeled the winner of the 880 for a close second. Arlington set a new mark for the 220 in preliminary of :23.9. Arch Nosal Irish miler, stepped off to an easy victory, taking the mile run in 4:57.3. Pat McGowan went up 9 feet 7 inches for second place in the pole vault. Deitering also placed fourth in the 220. The Shamrocks only field bid came when Ken Langan tangled in an 8 way deadlock for third and fourth in the high jump with 4 feet 11 inches.

Jo Ann Lassek Wins Religion Contest

The Freshmen class held a Religion Contest on the topic, "What Does My Catholic Faith Mean to Me?"

Each student entered a 500 word composition. These were judged by Sister Edwina, the Freshmen's former seventh grade teacher. First prize went to Jo Ann Lassek; second, to Harriet Reifenrath; third, to Jo Ann Olivetti; and fourth to Kenneth Moersen.

Each received a religious picture. Next in line were Jean Gerber, Mary Ann Dunn, Rosella Kush, Dale Hittner, Maurice Melcher, and John Euteneuer. All were awarded a medal. Honorable Mention went to Bob Tooley, Donald Langan, and Paul Gutzmer. The next topic will be "What My Catholic Education Means to Me."

Plague Spreads Through School

The plague is spreading rapidly through St. Bonaventure high school. The majority of students already show the symptoms which are dull eyes, aching arms, a haunted expression and creaking bones. To increase the misery of these "walking hospitals," they are compelled to carry huge stacks of books between classes and to and from school. Medical science has proved their case hopeless unless, after the crises has been passed favorably, they take a three months' rest; if not, they are doomed.

What is this dreadful pestilence, and who are its favored victims? Exams annually strike unprepared students who must cram. The only ones not afflicted are those students who take early preventive measures, that is, they start studying at the beginning of school.

Bright Junior (hearing a dog whining outside school): "Gee, that's a dumb animal—he wants to get in school."

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