

# THE VENTURE

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## Eleanor Lakers Wins Rodeo Queen Contest

Eleanor Lakers, senior at St. Bonaventure High, was winner of the first prize, a \$300 Keepsake diamond ring, and she was crowned Queen of the first Columbus World's Championship Rodeo, which culminated its three-day festivity at the Agricultural Park, here, on Sunday afternoon, September 22. She scored \$9.1 out of a possible 100 points and was sponsored by the J. C. Penny Store.

Eleanor is president of Our Lady's Sodality; secretary of the Pep Club; a member of the Glee and Choral Clubs; and Assistant Editor of "The Venture" Staff.

Wilma VanBerg, Kramer High, sponsored by the Columbus Sales Pavilion, won second place in the Rodeo competition, and received a \$150 watch.

The three-point system which was used in judging the contestants is as follows: 40 points for tickets sales; 40 points for beauty, charm, and personality; and 20 points on a western costume. Pat Purcell, manager of the Chicago office of "The Billboard," world-famous publication of out-door show business, and Sandy Sanders with Lorraine Dyer, famous rodeo performers, were the judges.

Besides the \$300 Keepsake diamond ring, other awards included a 17-jewel Longine wristwatch; 10-jewel Wittnauer watch; 15-jewel gem watch; Coronet five-tube radio; 17-jewel Grant watch; Telephone five-tube radio; three Ever-sharp pen and pencil sets; two Parker "51's"; and six beautiful compacts.

A week before the Rodeo came here, the Warner Brothers studio in Topeka, Kans., made a short movie of the association in technicolor which is scheduled for release in a few months. The rodeo, which features many movie stars among whom is Frank Autry, has played at the Chicago Stadium, St. Louis, and other prominent places.

## School Enrollment Increases By 19

An almost balanced enrollment of 205 boys and 216 girls, for both the High and Elementary school, has climbed to a grand total of 421, which is an increase of 19 over the 402 record of last year.

Sixty-eight boys and seventy-one girls make up the 139 High School students; 145 girls and 137 boys sum up the 282 Grade pupils.

The Sophomores lead the classes with 45 members; the Freshmen come next with 40; and the Juniors and Seniors tie with 27.

The new students in the school are the following: Seniors—Charles Woerth, who received his discharge from the Navy; Joseph Baumert formerly of Howells; and Joan Mahoney, Richland. Sophomores—Gloria Burzynski, St. Joseph Convent, Denver, Colo.; Mary Ellen Clark, Moline, Ill.; Phyllis Ann Throen, Harlan, Iowa; and Don Baumert, Howells. Freshmen—Bill Ragatz, Culvert City, Calif.; Marilyn Diederick, Platte Center; John Mahoney, Richland; Milton Melliger, District 9; Richard Rice and Stanley Krzyski, both of Columbus; and William Biernatzki, Three Oaks, Mich.

The Sophomores have room 3, the largest; room, with Sister M. Macrina as sponsor. The Juniors have been assigned room 4 with Sister M. Colette for their home room teacher. The Seniors occupy room 2 with Sister Herman Joseph, sponsor. The Freshmen are in room 5 with Sister M. Laurentine as home room teacher. "The Venture" Staff, which is directed by Sister Honoriana, claims the staff room.



E. Lakers

## Pastor Installs Sodality Leader

Eleanor Lakers, senior, was invested as president of Our Lady's Sodality during the installation of officers which took place at the first meeting, October 19, in the gymnasium. Rev. Albert Limacher, O. F. M., Sodality director, installed the officers.

According to the prescribed form for installation, each officer pronounced her respective pledge before the statue of Our Lady.

Father Albert then spoke briefly about the Sodality's support of the New St. Bonaventure School.

The other officers installed were: Patricia Jarvis, vice-president; Jo Ann Olivetti, secretary; and Catherine Hauser, treasurer.

The new officers immediately took over their duties, and during the business meeting which followed, the president, Eleanor Lakers, welcomed the new Sodality members, outlined the year's program of activities. Catherine Hauser introduced the Character Building Campaign as a Sodality project, after which Pat Jarvis pointed out the chances Sodality has to increase piety, and practice Catholic Action. Beryl Bamberg stressed the importance of visits to the Blessed Sacrament and Y'Vonne Pfeifer explained the purpose of the Publicity committee. Jo Ann Olivetti compared Jesus' love for Mary with a child's love for his mother, and Anastasia Ernst spoke on the feast of Our Lady of La Sallette.

The various chairmen installed were Beryl Bamberg, Eucharistic Committee; Anastasia Ernst, Our Lady's Committee; Harriet Reifenrath, Good Literature Committee; Y'Vonne Pfeifer, Publicity Committee; Jean Gerber, Entertainment Committee; and Luella Zabawa and Jacqueline Micek, Refreshment Committee.

Last year's officers were Marie Reifenrath, president; Catherine Hauser, vice president; Anastasia Ernst, Secretary; and Dorothy Wozny, treasurer.

## School Introduces Five New Subjects

St. Bonaventure High introduced a variety of five new courses this year. The subjects are as follows: Home Economics, Modern Problems, General Science, Spanish, and Applied Mathematics, Algebra II, Latin, and Shorthand, which were taught until last year, are again on the teaching program.

The old courses on the curricula are the following: Ethics, English, Histories—American and World, Sciences—Physics and Biology, Commerce—Shorthand, Typewriting, and Business Mathematics.

## St. Bonaventure Welcomes New Faculty Staff

Three new members are on the St. Bonaventure High School Faculty Staff for the scholastic year of 1946 and 1947.

Sister M. Herman Joseph, former principal at Cuba, N. Mex., is the new head here. She succeeds Sister M. Theresa who is principal of the High School division at St. Joseph Convent, Denver, Colo. Sister M. Laurentine, a former St. Bonaventure teacher, came from Platte Center, Nebr., to replace Sister M. Majella who is at Cathedral High, Gallup, N. Mex. Sister M. Honoriana, who is from Cathedral High, Gallup, N. Mex., takes the place of Sister M. Richardis who is stationed at St. Joseph High, Ope, Kans.

The last year members on the staff are the following: The Rev. Albert Limacher, O.F.M., the superintendent of both the Secondary and Elementary Schools; The Rev. Arno Hartman, director of the Athletics and the head of the Ethics Department; Paul Ernst, athletic coach; Sister M. Colette, head of the Science Department, and Sister M. Macrina, head of the Commerce Division.

The two new members on the St. Bonaventure Elementary School Staff are Sister M. Felician, Omaha, Nebr., who teaches the third grade, and Sister M. Amica, Humphrey, Nebr., who has the fourth grade. The other teachers are Sister M. Paulina, principal, who conducts the eighth grade; Sister M. Edwina, the sixth; Sister M. Ocarina, the seventh; Sister M. Walburgis, the fifth; Sister M. Erintrudis, the second; and Sister M. Johanela, the first.

## Upperclassmen Choose Class Rings

September 30, the seniors and juniors chose their respective class rings from a group displayed by Mr. Ted Kolderie, a representative of Josten Jewelry Company.

The seniors selected an all yellow gold ring with a sunken crest on a ribbed background and the date enameled on the side.

The juniors chose a yellow gold ring with a white and rose gold background, on which the crest is mounted and raised. On the shank the date is effectively arranged against a stippled background.

The rings should arrive around Christmas or the first of the year.

## Girls' Glee Club Elects Officers

On Oct. 1, the Girls' Glee Club held their first meeting in the school auditorium during which they elected officers.

Charlotte Messing, sophomore, was elected president; Joan Fischer, junior, vice president; and Harriet Reifenrath, sophomore, treasurer.

During the meeting, the Glee Club made plans for the entertainment for the first convocation which will be held October 18 in the school auditorium.

Leaders who were chosen to head the program are Charlotte Messing, director; Jo Ann Olivetti, assistant director; and Catherine Hauser, Luella Zabawa, and Jo Ann Peck, pianists.

Members of the organization were divided into special groups who will sing several selections at the first assembly.

Before the meeting adjourned the members voted to purchase "The Golden Book of Favorite Songs" which is a treasury of the best songs of our people.

## Students Show Preference For Male Leaders In Class Elections

### Students Elect Cheerleaders

Upholding the school tradition of having a boy cheerleader, Willis Kolbush was elected to fill the position. Lucille Syslo and Dolores Nickolite round out the team.

The cheerleaders have organized a pep club, for the purpose of improving the cheering section, with Pat Robb as president; Beryl Bamberg, vice president; Eleanor Lakers, secretary; and Bernadette Feik, treasurer.

Students comprising the pep squad are as follows: Adeline Wozny, Alice Syslo, Rosella Kush, Therese Savage, Joan Fischer, Rose Rita Podraza, Darlene Savage, Bernie Feik, Rosemary Wass, Clare Kaipust, Mary Ann Merrill, Jackie Micek, Jody Olivetti, Jean Gerber, Margie Korgie, Harriet Reifenrath, Margaret Stevens, Beryl Bamberg, Catherine Hauser, Eleanor Lakers, Beverly Schroeder, Lois Dineen, Mary McClosky, Gloria Nosal, Mary Ellen Clark, Romayne Cerny, Pat Kaminski, Virginia Lohr, Charlotte Messing, Luella Zabawa, Y'Vonne Pfeifer, Anastasia Ernst, Pat Robb, Alice Bernt, Lorraine Raemakers, Mary Ann Dunn, Louise Ernst, Phyllis Throen, Gloria Burzynski, Ina Claire Frischolz, Pat Jarvis, Ramona Messing, Ann Marie Luis, Marcia Locher, Rosemary Raemakers, Lorraine Hilbert, Verdiann Romanek, Norma Matya, and Jo Ann Peck.

### Joseph Baumert To Lead Seniors

St. Bonaventure High School students showed their preference for male leaders when each home room selected a boy for president in class elections held September 10, in their respective classrooms.

The Seniors elected Joe Baumert, president; Edgar Gates, vice-president; Catherine Hauser, secretary; and Betty Tagwerker, treasurer. The officers of the Junior class are Jack Miller, president; David Schumacher, vice-president; Pat Jarvis, secretary; and Bill Merrill, treasurer. In the Sophomore room the officers are Dick Hayes, president; Bob Ross, vice-president; Jo Ann Olivetti, secretary; and Jo Ann Peck, treasurer. The Freshmen are beginning their new career in high school with Dick Rice, president; Larry Hooker, vice-president; Betty Ann Dischner, secretary; and Ann Marie Luis, treasurer.

The outgoing class officers of last year, according to the position of president, vice-president, secretary, and treasurer respectively, are as follows: Seniors—Leland Koch, Dorothy Wozny, Betty Snedeker, and Dan Cerny; Juniors—Beryl Bamberg, Catherine Hauser, Dolores Nickolite, and Eleanor Lakers; Sophomores—Bill Merrill, Don Lakers, Pat Jarvis, and Pat Robb; Freshmen—Dale Hittner, Bob Ross, Bob Tooley, and Jo Ann Olivetti.

## Drive Opens With Kickoff Breakfast

The new St. Bonaventure School Fund Drive opened Sunday, Oct. 6, with a "kickoff" breakfast for workers after 7:30 Mass in the gymnasium. Father Albert and the members of the executive committee gave the necessary instructions and material to the workers for this tremendous undertaking.

The ladies of the parish prepared the breakfast and Catherine Hauser, Beryl Bamberg, Jo Ann Olivetti, Joan Jiranek and Betty Snedeker served the meal.

## Grads of '46 Follow Various Vocations

A survey shows that of the twenty-seven graduates of '46, seven are in uniform, two are at school, eleven are working, and seven are at home.

The seven boys to don Uncle Sam's colors are Terry Robb, Duane Dietering, Leland Koch, Kenny Langan, and Bill Morgan, Army; Jay Caffrey and Pat McGowan, Navy.

Geraldine Savage is enrolled at St. Anthony School of Nursing, Denver, and Genevieve Feik is attending a business school in Omaha.

Pat Kerr is saleslady at Penney's store; Dan Cerny works at Cerny's garage; Arthur Nosal is employed by the Evans Hotel. Those working at banks are Gloria Korgie and Junella Raemakers, Columbus Bank, and Marie Reifenrath, Central National Bank. Five girls are employed as stenographers: Gloria Fischer, Behlen's Manufacturing Company; Joan Jiranek, Jiranek Law Office; Margaret Melliger, Penney's store; Dorothy Wozny, Dougherty Law Office; and Betty Snedeker, Bovey Motor Supply Company.

Those remaining at home are Greg Diederick, Maxine Hookstra, Janet Jarecki, Jim Johnson, Dick Savage, Frances Sokol, and Wilbert Thiele.



J. Dunn

## Jerome Dunn Leads Holy Name Society

Jerome Dunn, senior, who will lead the Junior Holy Name Society during the scholastic year of 1946-1947, presided for the first time at the opening meeting of the Society, Wednesday, Oct. 9, in the St. Bonaventure gymnasium.

Last May 20, during the course of a meeting, the Society elected Dunn president. He takes the chair of Terry Robb '46. Other officers who will aid him are Charles Haney, junior, replacing John Dineen as vice president; Paul Gutzmer, sophomore, taking the post of secretary from Dave Schumacher; Lawrence Pelter receiving the position as treasurer from Bill Morgan '46.

President Dunn announced that committees will be appointed and arrangements will be made for the reception of new members into the organization.



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## Hail! Christ, The King!

On October 27, Catholics all over the world will again celebrate the beautiful feast of Christ, the King. The best way to get the most value and happiness from this festive day is to have Christ, the King, reign in one's heart. How? By keeping from mortal sin and going to Holy Communion.

The feast of Christ, the King, is celebrated every year on the last Sunday of October. The purpose is that the kingship of Jesus Christ attains recognition in homes, schools, colleges, universities, business, politics, and in international relations. Everyone in this world of turmoil needs the benediction of Christ, the King, our leader, in order to succeed in life. Christ must be lived in thought, word, and action, at all times and in all places. Then, Christ, the King, will be remembered not only once a year but always.

The best way to celebrate October 27 is to go to Holy Mass and give Him a pure heart in Holy Communion.

Will you refuse Christ your homage?

J. M.

## It's a Sure Bet

Horse racing is a more exciting sport on account of betting because there is an added thrill when a horse with high odds wins. Everyone is happy to claim the large prize on a horse with high odds.

A sure bet, with 100 to 1 odds, is at our disposal. We cannot lose—the reward is as high as the amount we put in, and the odds are always the same.

October 20 is Mission Sunday—a day on which we offer special prayers and offerings for our unfortunate brethren who are not able to be instructed in the word of God without our aid.

Christ said that we shall be paid back a hundred fold for all we do for the least of our brethren. We will get our reward in this world, or the next, for anything we do for them.

Let us, then, place our bets, and reap the rich rewards on this "sure bet" by praying hard for the missions. We can't lose!

C. H.

## Persevere to Succeed

October 12 was the 454th anniversary of the discovery of America. The trip to our country was no small task, and only a man as courageous and persevering as Columbus could have done it.

Columbus had a deep faith in God, which was displayed in the name of his ship, "Santa Maria," and by his attendance at Mass and reception of Holy Communion before setting out on his hazardous journey.

Do you not think that a man like Columbus is worthy of your imitation? When you meet with great obstacles later in life will you have the courage to see them through?

Perseverance is necessary even now in preparing your daily lessons. "If at first you don't succeed try, try again."

A. E.

## Remember Your Pin-Up Girl

During the war one heard a great deal about the lovely girls whose images the lonely GI's and homesick sailors pinned up in their barracks and their bases. They wanted reminders of the girls back home.

The Catholic Church, too, gives her children reminders. October is dedicated to Our Lady, Queen of the Holy Rosary. Catholics also can honor the loveliest girl, their heavenly Queen, by pinning before their minds the picture which each decade of the Rosary points out for them. Just as the pin-up girls gave inspiration to our service men, so also does our Blessed Mother give us strength and courage to do our work on earth. The beautiful girls were reminders of home, so our heavenly mother is our reminder of the heavenly home we are striving for.

Make October a month of Rosaries!

J. O.

## Little Invader Finds Library Interesting

"Ah, an open door—I think I'll go in and investigate. Oh, oh, looks like a study period. Bet someone will kick me out if I stay here much longer. Oh, well, it doesn't look as if anyone is doing much studying anyway."

"If I could only change places with that boy staring dreamy-eyed out the window, I would be working diligently at my lessons. I wouldn't be chewing my pencil, but would use it for its intended purpose. Too bad I can't help that poor boy, but that is beyond my power. He'll regret loafing some day."

"Oh, that silly girl—doesn't she know this is no time to recite last night's happenings? She'll have to work hard to make up for the time she wasted in gabbing. If I could only make her and the rest of these giddy kids realize the importance of studying as I do—but since I'm only a little black and white kitten, I might as well amble on down the hall before someone notices me."

## Have You Ever Seen:

Charlotte Messing without a song to sing;  
Bill Merrill with hair as straight as string?

Dale Hittner when he wasn't combing his hair;  
Pat and Eleanor when they didn't make a pair?

Beryl Bamberg without a dimple in her cheek;  
Donny Langan when he didn't look kind and meek?

Dick Urban without a single word to say;  
Dick Hayes without a big debt to pay?

A shoe shiner better than LaVern O'Kane;  
Jean and Jackie without Jody and Harriet Jane?

Jack Miller when he tries to drive his car;  
Rosemary Wass without her lessons up to par?

Alice or Adeline not on time for Mass;  
Bob Tooley without a question to ask?

Better cheerleaders than Dody, Lucy, and Willy;  
Dick Kemitz when he wasn't acting silly?

A better football team than St. Bons High;  
Dave Schumacher when he had on a tie?

Jim Schroeder without Bob and Johnny;  
Joan Fischer when she wasn't w' Vonnie?

Coach Ernst without a joke to tell;  
Catherine Hauser on time for the bell?

Anyone livelier than Beverly, oh, my!  
Or maybe a poet more hopeless than I?

J. O.

Sister M. (indignantly): "Lawrence, take LaVern's shoe from your desk."

Lawrence K. (timidly): "I can't Sister, his foot is in it."

## Thanks!

The faculty and students extend sincerest thanks to the following persons:

Mr. Robert A. Quick, County Superintendent, for showing the movie, "The Story of Willow Run."

Father Albert, for the new rubber treads with durable tin binding on the stairs leading from the third to the first floor; for the several new fire extinguishers distributed throughout both high and grade school; for the 28 new lockers and a door in the gymnasium; for three biological models—eye, ear and heart; for the Combined Vacuum and Pressure Pump for the physics laboratory; and for the new typewriting ribbons.

Norma Matya, senior, for the book, "The New Etiquette" by Margery Wilson.

Betty Tagwerker, senior, for the book, "Your Home and You" by Carlotta Greer.

## Physics Wonders Baffle Student

Ring! ring! ring! Oh, come on bell, ring. Can you beat it? That's a real bell for sure and it's striking.

Let's go over here. This doesn't look quite so complicated. After all, the can is only slowly collapsing, and with no outward force either. Why? Oh, that comes later.

Now this column. Want to make any bets on this race? I'd be willing to bet my shirt on the coin beating the feather to the bottom of this glass tube.

They're off! Why, neither of them could beat a snail, and it's a photo finish!

All this may seem strange but you'll soon catch on. Your brains are working hard already. Yes, it is the combined vacuum and pressure pump which produced all these wonders. This wonder worker, which was purchased and installed during the summer vacation, was made by the W. M. Welch Company and is called the Wegner Pump. It is powered by a 1/4-horse power General Electric Motor.

The pump was bought with money which came from the following sources: dances sponsored by the sophomores and freshmen of the last school year; a donation of \$15 from the last year juniors; and the remainder from laboratory fees.

The experiments? The bell is ringing but sound vibrations need air waves to travel on. The can is being forced in by atmospheric pressure. Weight means nothing in a vacuum. The vacuum is created by attaching the object to a suction tube, and the pump does the rest.

Now don't ask any more questions about those experiments. Come on in and make your brain work, too.

## Nightmare Startles Light Contributor

No sooner had I hit the hay last night when dreamland carried me away into oblivion.

While wandering through a mist, I came upon a pool of wreckage. As I ventured near I noticed there a crude frame. I watched, and here before my eyes, the frame began to take form. With admiration I took another step forward, for the picture became more developed each moment.

Suddenly the pounding ceased, and several indistinct figures came toward me through the darkness. The outline for a moment looked like an alumni pal of mine. Realizing my mistake, I retreated a few steps in surprise. Another shape came forth with hands outstretched—he seemed to be pleading with me.

I looked where the pile had been seen last, but it had vanished. More ghostly shadows appeared, and they beckoned the people to remain.

All turned and gazed at me with eyes I seemed to know, and then they looked back at the unfinished form. A shrieking voice, which sent chills down my spine, came from among the group and said, "We built the first St. Bons school. Why don't you do your job and build a new one?"

I woke in a cold sweat. I couldn't let this happen. I reopened my donation envelope and added another bill. I know everyone else can dig deeper into their pocketbooks, too, for we MUST and WILL have our new and better ST. BONS.

## Something New Has Been Added

What! Haven't you heard? Haven't you seen? That's right! They are brand new 1946 models—a big eye, a huge ear and an immense heart—which have been added to the St. Bons Biology Lab last month.

Look how modern! Sure, they are made of plastic and are in fashion with bright colored prints, too. Each model has many divisions all of which are marked and lettered accordingly.

The eye, ear, and heart can be taken apart and thoroughly examined on the interior as well as the exterior.

The Biology students enjoy handling their new science friends.

## Heads! Boys Win!

"Let me in this huddle so I can see too! Oh, I like this one! No, this is much prettier! Yes, but take a look at this! Don't you think it is more dainty than the other? Now is this the one everyone likes?"

"Well, I'm glad all the girls like the same one. Why do the boys have to be different all the time? I think our choice is much better and more artistic anyway. It's really consoling to know that we are the majority."

"Oh, oh, looks as if we have to flip a coin. What a silence! All are breathless and watchful. Flip—goes the coin. What's the verdict? Heads? Hard luck for the girls!"

"Looks as if the ladies have to be subject to the mens' wishes and that's that. I guess it's worth it this time, though—we'll have forgotten all about the controversy when those beautiful class rings arrive!"

## Freshies Express First Impressions

The freshies express various opinions of high school. Here are a few examples. . . .

I enjoy going to the auditorium for pep rallies and convocations.

Ina Claire Frischolz  
I think the one advantage of high school is you never have to carry more than four books home.

Louise Ernst  
I like high school because it has a more cooperative spirit than grade school.

Cecelia Cynova  
I like high school because we only have four subjects and 60% is still a passing mark.

Pat Kaminski  
I like high school because we change from room to room and mingle with the other grades.

Mary Ann Merrill  
I like high school because it's just plain high school, the place we have all been looking forward to.

Lorraine Hilbert  
I like high school because we are put more on our honor which makes us feel more grown-up.

Mary McClosky  
I like the extra curricula activities we have.

Ann Marie Luis  
I think high school is more fun, but it is not as easy as grade school.

Marlynn Diederich  
I like high school because it is such a contrast to my grade school years.

Margaret Stevens  
I like the many new subjects that can be taken in high school.

Lois Dineen

## Senior Discovers Need For English

"Hey, Kate, wait up. Goin' to school, aren't ya?"

"Yeah! Makes ya kind empty inside just a think of it. Our last first day of school! Next September we won't be comin' back ta good ol' St. Bons."

"Tough, ain't it? Boy, am I goin' to hate that. Just think working—phooey!"

"Yeah—oh, here comes the gang—Hi ya kids. Ready for the ol' grind? Oh, I see, you're not."

"Well, let's get to gettin' up the steps to our little old home room we've had for the past two years."

"Oh, here comes Betts and Lou. Looks like they've gone through the ordeal."

"Good Mornin' Sister. Yeah, I'll fill the registration blank, I mean 'Yes, Sister.' Oh, golly—hey, Rosie watacha taken—Physics? I'd never pass it."

"Algebra? Uh—yeah I guess I will. Might just as well make a stab at it. Now let's see—book-keeping? Well—I guess so. Short hand? Uh—h doesn't appeal to me. Guess I'll take Modern Problems and try to learn something about this great land of ours. What? I gotta take English? There's nothin' the matter with my English—is there?"

## Sympathy

The faculty and students of St. Bonaventure High School express their deepest sympathy to Jerry and Maurice Melcher on the death of their Grandfather, Gerald Langan.



# St. Bonaventure Football Squad of 1946



Left to right: Back row, D. Hayes, J. Sylso, D. Mielak, B. Speicher, D. McNair, J. Dineen, D. Greenlee, P. Gutzmer, D. Lakers, D. Baumert, C. Woerth. Second row, D. Kemnitz, B. Tooley, T. Hembd, F. Loeffler, J. Miller, L. O'Kane, C. Haney, B. Merrill, D. Schumacher, J. Langan. Front row, R. Gladfelter, assistant manager, L. Hooker, E. Kuta, B. Ragatz, M. Melcher, L. Kush, E. Kniefel, E. Johnson, G. Melcher, D. Rice, B. Soulliere, J. Schroeder, student manager.

## Irish Eleven-Man Future Looks Good

Irish making their debut at the Eleven-man setup will have a fight all the way through the schedule. The schedule is stiff with hard playing squads who are experienced and have had years of development. The Irish are ready to give any team a battle, and they showed this determination when they played Polk, who won the Golden Rod Conference Championship last year, by handing them a 38-0 shut-out.

Clarks will provide a good contest as they trampled Silver Creek recently to a 19-0 count.

Osceola, another conference team, should be a good match for the Shamrocks.

Schuyler is the big gun in the schedule, a B team that always has a good record in the category, though the Irish should be able to make a good game of it.

Genoa has a hard-hitting line and had a good season last year. They have a number of lettermen back this year.

## St. Bons Trim Polk High 38-0

St. Fons Irish, with a blistering defense and offense, whipped Polk High by a 38-0 count in the first scrap of their eleven-man debut.

The Shamrocks scored in the first period and added in each stanza. Irish delivered, and shortly recovered a Polk fumble. Bill Merrill, scrappy junior halfback, carrying the mail on the first play, swung down right end for a 48 yard touchdown payoff. Fritz Loeffler tried a drop kick but could not connect.

Shamrocks kicked off to Polk who lost the pigskin on downs. Dave Schumacher and Merrill carried it to the three yard line, and Merrill slipped around end for his second touchdown.

Polk made a strong bid in the second quarter but could not push through. Merrill ran 82 yards another touchdown but he was led back.

Schumacher rambled off 68 yards for a touchdown on the next play.

Jack Miller, speedy junior, nabbed a Polk pass and went 40 yards to TD dirt. Loeffler converted, and the Irish led 25-0 at intermission.

Bob Speicher, Schumacher and Merrill combined for a 56 yard advance, and Dan McNair scored on a quarterback sneak from the one yard line. Loeffler again put it through the posts, and the count was 32-0.

Merrill carried back Polk's punt, and the boys put on a 70 yard drive. A Schumacher to Dick Hayes pass added another score. Merrill again went over in the waning minutes, but was called back by penalty.

Bob Speicher's blocking was tops. John Dineen and Don Lakers were real barriers in the line. Solid team-work made the victory. All the boys put in a good game.

## Shamrocks Beat Kreeketeers, 26-0

St. Bons Shamrock eleven rapped down a stubborn Silver Creek squad to a 26-0 victory, after being held to a 7-0 half margin.

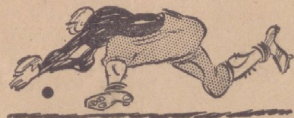
The Kreeketeers held back the battling Irish in the first half though they were in their own end of the field most of the time, but could not hang on in the last half.

Junior Bill Merrill took the ball through on the first play from scrimmage, but was called back to the host team's 37 yard line. The ball see-sawed until the second stanza when Merrill sprinted 37 yards to a TD, and Fritz Loeffler booted the extra point for a 7-0 rest lead.

In the third, Dave Schumacher and Merrill covered plenty of territory but could not break through until Merrill again romped 40 yards for his second touchdown.

The Kreeketeers tried passes in the last stanza, but to no avail, as Dan McNair snagged one and hauled it 33 yards for a counter, and game pilot Bob Speicher intercepted another for the final score. Jack Miller added the other extra tally.

John Dineen bulwarked the Irish line.



## Shamrocks Enter Eleven-Man Field

St. Bonaventure High has become the first parochial school outside of Omaha to enter the eleven-man field. This is a big accomplishment for a Class C high school.

Coach Paul Ernst has nine vets returning to his first eleven. The letter men are Dick Hayes, Fritz Loeffler, Don Lakers, John Dineen, Don Greenlee, Bob Speicher, Dave Schumacher, Dan McNair, and Charles Woerth, a 1944 vet. Bill Merrill and Bob Tooley make up the rest of the eleven. There has been much competition for the starting lineup and there is a possibility that Everett Johnson and Jack Miller may make the grade.

Jim Schroeder, a three year letterman back, has elected to skip football because of a knee injury in order that he can participate in basketball.

The team, as a whole, has been improving rapidly. At present they appear stronger on the offense rather than on the defense. All in all, the Shamrocks can look forward to a successful year.

Along with eleven man football comes better equipment and locker room facilities. Twenty-eight new lockers can now be found in the two dressing rooms in the gymnasium. A door was cut in the partition between the two rooms to accommodate the boys. No longer is there the big hunt for equipment every night.

Sister H. J.: "Name a family tradition."  
Jim S.: "Eating."

### Schedule

Sept. 20—here, Polk.  
Sept. 27—at Silver Creek.  
Oct. 4—here, Madison.  
Oct. 11—at Clarks.  
Oct. 18—here, Osceola.  
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CENTER	Year	Wt.
Don Greenlee	Senior	150
Tom Hembd	Soph	145
Dick Kemnitz	Soph	145
TACKLES		
John Dineen	Senior	169
Don Lakers	Junior	165
Dick Mielak	Soph	185
Paul Gutzmer	Soph	185
ENDS		
Fritz Loeffler	Junior	148
Dick Hayes	Soph	153
Charles Haney	Junior	141
Don Baumert	Soph	143
LaVern O'Kane	Soph	138
GUARDS		
Charles Woerth	Senior	144
Bob Tooley	Soph	155
Everett Johnson	Junior	135
Gene Kniefel	Senior	115
Earl Kuta	Frosh	108
Bill Soulliere	Frosh	130
Lawrence Kush	Soph	100
QUARTERBACKS		
Dan McNair	Junior	153
Bill Ragatz	Frosh	130
Dick Rice	Frosh	130
HALFBACKS		
Bill Merrill	Junior	148
Bob Speicher	Senior	150
Morrie Melcher	Soph	121
Jerry Melcher	Frosh	132
Larry Hooker	Frosh	132
FULLBACK		
Dave Schumacher	Junior	158
Jack Miller	Junior	135
Jim Langan	Frosh	130

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### Students Witness Strange Escapades

Not a creature was stirring not even a mouse. Breathless silence predominated as the members of the physics class braced themselves to witness the grand spectacle. As the team of four actors, who are universally known for their strength and power, made their appearance together with their assistants, the students gathered about the stage in dramatic expectation of what was to follow.

In full view of the tense onlookers the actors performed the feat. With slow deliberation, Actor the First and Mighty, in his quick silvery majesty, supported Actor the Second, who in turn supported Actor the Third while Actor the Fourth was supported by Actor the Third. To add to the supreme bewilderment of the class, each actor also held his own assistant.

And what are the names of these powerful actors and their assistants who so honored the physics class as to perform for them? And where did they locate a stage with a ceiling high enough to permit such a stunt? Behold the astonishing answers! The stage, a graduated cylinder, was placed on the demonstration table in the physics laboratory. Actor the First and Mighty is known in the chemical world as Mercury. Because of its high density, it, being poured into the cylinder, was capable of floating its assistant, a small block of iron, as well as supporting Actor the Second scientifically known as liquid carbon tetrachloride. As the amateur physicists of St. Bons discovered, this chemical has the power of floating an ordinary mothball and also of supporting Actor the Third or water. A small block of wood floated on the surface of the water, and Actor the Fourth, known to you and to me as kerosene, was supported by the water. The small cork floating on the surface of the kerosene looked about for something it could hold.

When the extreme wonder at the experiment was dissolved by Sister Colette, so also was the breathless silence and tenseness of the class. The sharp ring of the bell bringing the laboratory period to a close left the students wondering whether Actor the First and Mighty could create for them a silver paper dollar.

### Hallowe'en



The witch before her fire stood And stirred her caldron hot. She cackled at the ingredients Which she put in the pot.

She raised her hand high in the air To start the midnight show. She called black cats, and mice and bats And spirits from below.

A weird dance, an eerie song Made up that gloomy scene. The show went on until the dawn, For it was Hallowe'en.

C. H.

### Variety of Activities Offered To Students

St. Bonaventure's academic program is interspersed with a variety of extra curricula activities again this year.

The outside school activities are the following: Athletics—Football, Basketball, and Track; Glee-Choral and Dramatics; Pep Squad; Societies—Holy Name and Our Lady; and "The Venture" Staff.

Students have the opportunity of participating in as many of these activities as they desire, on the condition that they meet the standard requirements set up by the school.

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### Students See Movie 'Story of Willow Run'

"The Story of Willow Run," a movie, was presented to students of both the High and the Elementary school on the feast of St. Francis, Oct. 4, during the last morning period in the school auditorium. Mr. Robert A. Quick, county superintendent, used his projector for the movie.

The picture related the conversion of a large 63-acre farm to a modern airplane plant; explained the complicated process of turning out one plane every fifty-five minutes; showed the constant and rapid progress being made on the airplane; and displayed the skill and tremendous might of America's productive effort.

### Home Ec Class Learns Sewing

Home Economics, which is a new course offered at St. Bonaventure High School this year, is in full swing with sewing as the semester project. The Homemaking course is an all-Freshman class taught by Sister Herman Joseph.

The girls have made a booklet which contains a row of each kind of stitch they have learned. The stitches are even, uneven, basting, weaving, running, outline, buttonhole, chain, swing, machine, hem, and blind.

At present the girls are hem-stitching handkerchiefs and making original designs in them. The class will then make potholders and aprons.

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# THE VENTURE

Special Edition

St. Bonaventure Parish, Columbus, Nebraska

October 3, 1946

## St. Bonaventure's Parish Opens Drive

### Archbishop Ryan Approves School



Most Rev. James Hugh Ryan, Archbishop of Omaha

### A Letter From the Bishop

Dearly Beloved:

It is indeed regrettable that St. Bonaventure's school, which has served its purpose so well over a long period of years, has been declared unsuitable for further school use, in fact dangerous to the life of the pupils and teachers. In it many children have been educated for life and eternity. Many thousands can trace their success in life to their education in St. Bonaventure's school, and there are, no doubt, many in heaven who owe their eternal joy to the religious education imparted to them in St. Bonaventure's.

This venerable building must now give way to a new one which is being planned. For this work I give my whole-hearted approval and blessing. I feel certain that the good parishioners of St. Bonaventure's parish will come forward with their cooperation, and be most generous in their contributions for the building of a new grade and high school. They have very devotedly manifested their loyalty and support in parochial affairs in the past, and they will not, I feel certain, fail in the present undertaking. A new school building will be of genuine pride and joy to them.

Catholic schools and Catholic education are of prime concern to all good Catholic parents and people. They must realize the tremendous responsibility that is theirs, placed upon them by God, in having our Catholic children receive a proper Catholic training, especially in this day and age. Every Catholic child should be in a Catholic school. What does all the secular training profit children, and neglecting the moral and religious, if later on they lose their souls on this account. For this reason we build Catholic schools that in them children may find the way to happiness in this life but especially in the future life.

May the new school of St. Bonaventure soon become a reality, a pride to the parishioners of St. Bonaventure and an asset to the city of Columbus.

Asking God to bless you and your good people,

Yours sincerely in Christ,

James H. Ryan

Most Reverend James H. Ryan, S. T. D.,  
Archbishop of Omaha.

### Father Albert Asks Entire Parish Help

The pressing need for a new St. Bonaventure School, Sisters' Convent and Auditorium-Gymnasium is clearly recognized by all who have acquainted themselves with the conditions of our present structures. Not only are the present Grade School and High School inadequate, based on modern educational standards for school structures, but because of age, obsolete methods of construction and overcrowded conditions, they have been declared unfit for school purposes by the State Fire Marshal.

Though the good Sisters of St. Bonaventure's School have never registered a complaint regarding their present living quarters, which can scarcely be called a Sisters' Convent, the need of a new home for the Sisters teaching in our school is apparent to even a casual observer.

For a large congregation such as ours, a Social Center that will allow facilities for parish recreational, cultural and religious groups is of vital importance. Due to a lack of proper accommodations Parish Societies, so essential to the life of a well organized parish, either are not organized at all or are striving to function under a great handicap.

Our needs are evident. The time to take action is at hand. Our parish is out of debt; and the financial condition of the majority of our parishioners was never better. Never will the time be more opportune to initiate a drive to raise funds for our much needed parish buildings.

No one will deny that modern buildings with all of the necessary equipment will be very expensive. Very wisely the laws of our Diocese demand that a major portion of the funds needed for building purposes be on hand before actual



Father Albert, O. F. M.

construction work may begin. The answer, therefore, as to how soon the building of our new school will start depends entirely upon the sacrifice that each and every individual member of St. Bonaventure's Parish makes in this drive. The goal we have found it necessary to set for ourselves in this drive is \$350,000.00. This is, indeed, a large sum. We realize fully the enormous job we are undertaking to collect so large an amount. But confident of your generosity and trusting in your fine sense of parish loyalty, we believe it can be done.

All of us must admit, however, that nothing can be done without God's grace and blessing. "Unless the Lord build the house, they labor in vain that build it," says the psalmist.

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### St. Bonaventure Parishioners Will Be Canvassed by Volunteer Teams

The starting gun is about to be fired! The team is poised and ready! The race is set to begin!

This, translated into civilian language, means that all the plans have been completed in the campaign to raise a building fund for a new St. Bonaventure school.

With the approval of the Most Reverend James Hugh Ryan, Archbishop of Omaha, Reverend Albert Limacher, O. F. M., pastor, and the church trustees, the Executive Campaign Committee has set Sunday, October 6, as the opening date of the long-awaited school drive. Plans call for the completion of the solicitation for pledges within nine days.

Preparation for the fund campaign has been painstaking and thorough. A series of organization meetings is to be climaxed Sunday morning, October 6, with almost 150 volunteer workers in attendance at a kick-off breakfast to receive last minute instructions.

#### Goal Is \$350,000

Every parishioner must pledge to the limit of his ability. "Cooperation must be a 'must'", says the Executive Committee. The financial assistance and the prayers of EVERY member of St. Bonaventure Parish will be required to complete this huge task successfully.

The timing of this campaign is excellent, in the opinion of the pastor and the campaign officials. The debt on St. Bonaventure Parish has been paid off in full, thanks to the generosity and hard work of the parishioners. In addition, a small "cornerstone" has been accumulated for the building fund. Times are relatively good; salaries are high; crops are excellent; money is abundant. Never will there be a more propitious moment to lay aside some of these dollars for such a purpose. In the presence of prosperity it is the part of wisdom for us to build high in preparation for the needs of the future.

To facilitate the work and to give every donor a security, pledge cards have been prepared. Each card is issued in duplicate. The original card will be retained by the donor; the solicitor will take the duplicate for filing. The purpose of the pledge card is to serve the donor as a receipt and a check on his donation when the list of contributors is published at the close of the drive.

Every parish member—single persons, parents, young and old—is sincerely urged to take a pledge card, and contribute as generously as possible. Large cash donations are most desirable. As large a portion of the pledge as possible in cash, the remainder budgeted over the 15 months given in which to complete the payments on pledges, is the earnest aim of the committee.

#### Budget Envelopes

Special boxes of envelopes, designated weekly, monthly, or quarterly, have been designed for the benefit of those parishioners who, during the drive, can contribute only a part of the allotment pledged. If a parishioner desires to make his contribution for the duration of 15 months, he instructs his solicitor in the manner in which he wishes to make his installments; weekly, monthly, or quarterly. After the drive, as soon as possible, he will receive the set of envelopes corresponding to the period of installment which he chose.

#### Executive Committee

Members of the St. Bonaventure Executive Committee who have made possible this gigantic task are the following: The Reverend Albert Limacher, O. F. M., William Gerhold, Lester Carrig, Mrs. Carl Herrod, and Pete Lakers, Chairman. Mrs. John Kellogg was an active member before her departure for Omaha. This committee has had the responsibility of outlining, planning, and organizing the School Building Fund Campaign.

#### Teams

The organization which has been set up by the Executive Committee for the general canvass of every family in the parish consists of five captains, each one responsible for ten teams. Each team consists of two persons.

The names of the captains and members of their teams are as follows: William Boettcher, captain; Carl Herrod,

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## Dedication

This Special Publication of the Venture is dedicated to the Queen of the Holy Rosary and to St. Joseph for the successful completion of the New St. Bonaventure School Building Fund Campaign.

## Christianity Trains Saints, Scholars

By all the tokens of the times, the future of this so-called civilized world is not pleasant to anticipate. Yet it is perhaps more momentous than any era since the hour of the Crucifixion, the birth hour of Christianity. We are to be a part of it. Our children, our students are to be formed in and by it, as they themselves contribute their vitalities of mind and body to its shaping. Now, as at no other period in the history of the world, is it necessary to provide Christian education for youth, surrounded as it is by the current paganism of the times, the dangers of prevailing atheism. These evils, apparent in the prevailing record of juvenile crime and delinquency, overwhelm youth today.

The aims and ideals of Christian education must be a story of students who are becoming saints as well as scholars. Knowledge trains a student for temporal existence. This is of relative importance. It can be acquired in any sound institution of learning. But sanctity, the sublime aim of intellectual experience, educates a student for immortality, for infinity, for the Beautiful Vision. This is of ultimate importance. It can be obtained only in a Catholic school. No other school in the world has this objective—to educate for both saints and scholars. Such an education is the birthright of our children. It is our God-given duty and privilege to provide it for them. The opportunity is now here to fulfill this obligation. Let us be wise enough, courageous enough, and Christian enough to grasp it.

## Value of Christian Education

It is, indeed, a touching scene, when, at the close of his stay on earth, the Master gathers his followers to bid farewell. He reminds them of a sacred obligation. "Going, teach you all nations." That day the Catholic school was founded—and by no less a Personage than the Son of God. He had instructed them, and now they, in turn, must instruct others. The instructions of Christ are permanent. At the cost of great sacrifices, the command of the Master was fulfilled. This spirit of sacrifice has ever been the mark of a true follower of Christ. We, of today, are profiting by the sacrifices generously made by Christ's loyal followers of yesterday. In turn, we, of today, are called upon to show that same generosity, toward Christ's followers of tomorrow. This obligation rests, not only on the Apostle, the Bishop, the Priest, but on every individual blessed with the call to the True Faith. Quite definitely Divine Providence points out to us individually how He wishes us to fulfill this sacred obligation. Primarily, this command of Christ is not fulfilled in the distance, in Pagan lands, among strangers; but, first of all, in our own city, our own parish, toward those whom we know by name. Today, Christ calls upon the members of St. Bonaventure's parish. It is a clear call indicated by an urgent need. It comes to all—old and young; to those who have children of school age, as well as those who have none. Have not all been made children of God; and members of Christ? Do we not all look forward to the family reunion of heaven? Christ's command is not limited by the narrow boundaries of earthly families, but only by the extensive boundaries of His own eternal Kingdom.

Today, the Master asks of you generous sacrifices. Does not gratitude for the benefits which you have received from others prompt you to live up to His expectations? At the same time, Christ's reward is sure. As once St. Peter, recounting his sacrifices, and asking for returns, was assured of a hundredfold in this life, and happiness in the next—so he who sacrifices with St. Peter, receives the same infallible assurance. How passing are the things of earth! Here is the opportunity of exchanging them for the eternal goods of heaven—the only ones really capable of satisfying immortal souls. "Heap up for yourselves treasures which the rust does not consume, nor the moths destroy." Erect for yourselves a monument, an enduring memorial, which will last as long as God's approbation of a duty well done; as long as your own souls will be able to enjoy the reward of sacrifices generously made; as long as there are followers of Christ to be led to a better knowledge, and a more ardent love of God.

Your Help Now  
Is Urgently  
Needed!

## To List Contributions

According to Mr. Pete Lakers, chairman of the Executive Committee, a list of all contributors to the new St. Bonaventure School Building Fund Campaign will be published by the Executive Committee. The date has not been set.

## Catholic Education Aims at Developing American Citizens

As a democratic institution the Catholic School is interested in the developing of American Catholics, who insist that the democratic form of government and of life exists for the benefit of the individual citizen; who appreciates that American democracy is based on inalienable rights received from God; who respect authority as God-given; who by their conduct express the realization that the well-being of America depends upon the moral integrity of the individual citizen; who are eager and prepared to fulfill their duties as voters; who are willing to accept public office; who respect the opinions of others; who are patriotically ready for any self-sacrifice necessary to promote the common good of the whole American people.

## Canon Law Requires Catholic Education

The Code of Canon Law, official compilation of the legislation of the Church says this about schools:

The education of all Catholics from their childhood must be such that not only shall they be taught nothing contrary to the Catholic faith and good morals, but religious and moral training shall occupy the principal place in the curriculum. Not only the parents, but, in addition, all those who take their place, have the right and the most serious obligation of providing for the Christian education of the children (Canon 1372).

In every elementary school the children must, according to their age, be instructed in Christian doctrine. The young people who attend the higher schools are to receive a fuller religious training, and the Bishops shall see that this training is given by priests conspicuous for their zeal and learning (Canon 1373).

Catholic children shall not attend non-Catholic or undenominational schools, or schools that are mixed, that is, open to non-Catholics. The Bishop of the diocese alone has the right, in harmony with the instructions of the Holy See, to decide under what circumstances, and with what safeguards against perversion, the attendance at such schools by Catholic children may be tolerated (Canon 1874).

## Students of St. Bons Comment on School

The following comments were obtained by the staff of "The Venture", student newspaper, regarding plans for a new St. Bonaventure High School.

A Home Economics Room with several stoves, cooking utensils and sewing machines is needed.

Luella Zabawa '48  
The grade school playground should be entirely separated from the high school.

Harriet Reifenrath '49  
Large hallways and good fire escapes are needed to insure the students' safety.

Don Baumert '49  
All classrooms should be sound-proof, especially the typing and music rooms so it will be easier for students to devote their full attention to lessons.

Bob Ross '49  
One of the things that is a "must" in the new school is a shop, where boys who have some other aim in life besides working in an office can get an education in their vocation.

Everett Johnson '48  
A spacious assembly with a large seating capacity would be a blessing to the school. It would be used for study, lectures, programs and movies.

Pat Robb '46  
There is a great need for a new gym with a seating capacity of about 2,000. This would enable our school to have a few basket-

## Venture Promotes New School Fund

This special publication, designated "The Venture" has been issued to assist volunteer workers in answering as many questions as possible about the St. Bonaventure's School Building Fund Campaign and to present to all parishioners facts pertinent to the Drive.

Please read it carefully. Then, if any additional questions occur to you, pass them along to the volunteer worker who will call on you for your pledge. If he does not have the answer, he will get it for you.

The desire of the Executive Committee which includes your pastor, the Reverend Albert Limacher, O. F. M., is that every member of the parish be fully informed regarding the big program that lies ahead. This paper is a contribution to that end.



Father Arno, O. F. M.

## Modern Social Center Of Great Importance

The new St. Bonaventure School will include, as a very integral and valuable part, a space which can be used as a social center of the Parish. A practical need for such a center has existed for many years at St. Bonaventure. All of the parish societies have suffered from lack of suitable quarters in which to assemble. True, the old building which is converted into our present gym and parish kitchen has served after a fashion. Under the present circumstances, we are fortunate to have it, but it is, at best, a makeshift. Every parishioner has at some time contacted its summer heat, winter cold, congested floor space, inadequate lighting, poor ventilation, over-crowded calendar of meeting.

A modern Social Center will instill new life into St. Bonaventure spiritual and social arteries. All societies—men's, women's and students'—will prosper if provided with adequate meeting rooms. Here the Sodality and the Holy Name Societies may assemble; here St. Ann's and the Franciscan Missionary Union can work undisturbed; here church suppers and parties can be comfortably held; here the scouts and Knights of the Altar may convene; here the Catholic Daughters and Knights of Columbus may gather; here the high school boys and girls may have parties and dances, plays and proms; here every member of St. Bonaventure may meet his friend, and neighbor in church and social activities. The value of such a spot is beyond measure. The many years the parish has spent without such a social center will be over, gone, and forgotten when the new St. Bonaventure School becomes a reality.

When there's work to be done, turn up your sleeves—not your nose.

## Athletics Part of Education

The ancient Greeks and Romans included a very sound principle in their system of education when they maintained "a sound mind in a sound body." And today this very same principle is included in every modern educational system by all educators. For athletics, besides developing the student physically, also goes far in aiding the moral training of the student by instilling the sterling qualities of fair-play, honesty and sportsmanship.

We here at St. Bonaventure's High School have been battling against insurmountable obstacles to maintain a high standard in athletic competition. And yet, despite these handicaps, we have attained state-wide recognition of our high school athletic teams.

Even to the casual observer, the handicaps under which we are laboring are quite evident. We lack the facilities of a modern, up-to-date, gymnasium, large enough to handle the large group of students desirous to participate in our athletic program. Without a doubt, a new gymnasium, equipped to handle the needs of a well-balanced athletic program for both high school and grade school pupils is one of the "musts" in our building project. It will mean that we can give our students the necessary physical as well as the moral training that will fit them out as useful and good citizens of tomorrow.

ball games without begging another school to use its gym.

Dave Schumacher '48

The halls should be wide enough to have lockers and drinking fountains.

Bob Tooley '49

A large auditorium is needed which will seat the entire grade and high school.

Jack Miller '48

We need larger and better equipped laboratories for Chemistry, Physics and Biology.

Pat Jarvis '48

The Sisters should have their own private home. They should not have their quarters in the same building where classes are held.

Joan Fischer '48

A spacious combination gym and auditorium is needed for programs, basketball games, dances, and parish gatherings.

Catherine Hauser '47

Larger classrooms are needed to accommodate the increasing number of students.

Y'Vonne Pfeifer '48



St. Bonaventure School





This crowded room houses the fifth grade. Note the children's desks, so close to the sister's that no passage room is available. The aisles between the desks are almost too narrow for circulation—so many desks have been crowded into the room. Such close quarters are conducive neither to good studying or good health.

## What Should Each Parishioner Pledge?

Undoubtedly the \$64 question, but not too difficult to answer; as much as his mind and his heart and his worldly possessions permit. The state of the mind and heart is known only to the giver and God; the state of his purse is more or less parish knowledge.

No direct attempt has been made to assess the individual. Voluntary pledges, based upon ability to pay, are the goal of this Drive. Everyone knows, however, that these gifts must be large, that the giver must be liberal, if the goal is to be reached. To help determine your fair share in this great undertaking, the campaign leaders have arrived at a minimum goal of \$100 per person. Most can give much more than this amount. The pledges will scale upward to several thousands.

Some may feel unable to reach the minimum, perhaps honestly. But let's break it down, and see how it can be arranged over the pledge payment period. A cash contribution of \$25, plus a five dollar monthly pledge for 15 months, amounts to \$100. Surely every member of St. Bonaventure Parish can manage this. Most can double or triple it. Some, to whom God has been more generous in worldly goods, can multiple it by ten or twenty.

No one is asked or expected to make too great a sacrifice, but all are prayerfully urged to make some sacrifice, to pledge to the limit on their ability to build for the Lord.

Talk it over with your family, discuss it with your wife and children, your mother and father. Ask the Lord about it too, in prayer. Plans will form in your mind; little sacrifices will present themselves to you; everyone in the family circle can contribute constructively to help make your pledge an honest and generous one. The Lord, who loves little children, will declare your dividend.

"... Since education consists essentially in preparing man for what he must be and for what he must do here below in order to attain the sublime end for which he was created, it is clear that there can be no true education which is not wholly directed to man's last end..."—Encyclical of His Holiness Pope Pius X.

"This idea of the importance of religious education to the democratic way of life is not so foreign to American education as some Americans would have us believe. There was a time in our history when religious instruction was considered of utmost importance to all citizens of a democracy. Our early leaders, realizing the salutary influence of religion and moral education for the maintenance of our democracy, affirmed their conviction on numerous occasions. In the famous Ordinance of 1787 occurs this much quoted statement: 'Religion, morality, and education being necessary to good government and happiness of mankind, schools and the means of education shall forever be encouraged.'"

## Principles Involved In Christian Education

The Church in our country is obliged, for the sake of principle, to maintain a system of education distinct and separate from other systems. It is supported by the voluntary contributions of Catholics who, at the same time, contribute as required by law to the maintenance of the public schools. It engages in the service of education a body of teachers who consecrate their lives to this high calling; and it prepares, without expense to the State, a considerable number of Americans to live worthily as citizens of the Republic.

Our system is based on certain convictions that grow stronger as we observe the testing of all education, not simply by calm theoretic discussion, but by the crucial experience of recent events. It should not have required the pitiless searching of war to determine the value of any theory or system, but since that rude test has been so drastically applied and with such unmistakable results, we judge it opportune to restate the principles which serve as the basis of Catholic education.

First: The right of the child to receive education and the correlative duty of providing it are established on the fact that man has a soul created by God and endowed with capacities which need to be developed, for the good of the individual and the good of society. In its highest meaning, therefore, education is a cooperation by human agencies with the Creator for the attainment of His purpose in regard to the individual who is to be educated, and in regard to the social order of which he is a member. Neither self-realization alone nor social service alone is the end of education, but rather these two in accordance with God's design, which gives to each of them its proportionate value. Hence it follows that education is essentially and inevitably a moral activity, in the sense that it undertakes to satisfy certain claims through the fulfillment of certain obligations. This is true independently of the manner and means which constitute the actual process; and it remains true, whether recognized or disregarded in educational practice, whether this practice include the teaching of morality, or exclude it, or try to maintain a neutral position.

Second: Since the child is endowed with physical, intellectual and moral capacities, all these must be developed harmoniously. An education that quickens the intelligence and enriches the mind with knowledge, but fails to develop the will and direct it to the practice of virtue, may produce scholars, but it cannot produce good men. The exclusion of moral training from the educative process is more dangerous in proportion to the thoroughness with which the intellectual powers are developed, because it gives the impression that morality is of little importance, and thus sends the pupil into life with a false idea which is not easily corrected.

Third: Since the duties we owe our Creator take precedence of all

other duties, moral training must accord the first place to religion, that is, to the knowledge of God and His law, and must cultivate a spirit of obedience to His commands. The performance, sincere and complete, of religious duties, ensures the fulfillment of other obligations.

Fourth: Moral and religious training is most efficacious when it is joined with instruction in other kinds of knowledge. It should so permeate these that its influence will be felt in every circumstance of life, and be strengthened as the mind advances to a fuller acquaintance with nature and a riper experience with the realities of human existence.

Fifth: An education that unites intellectual, moral and religious elements is the best training for citizenship. It inculcates a sense of responsibility, a respect for authority and a considerateness for the rights of others which are the necessary foundations of civic virtue—more necessary where, as in a democracy, the citizen, enjoying a larger freedom, has a greater obligation to govern himself. We are convinced that, as religion and morality are essential to right living and to the public welfare, both should be included in the work of education.

There is reason to believe that this conviction is shared by a considerable number of our fellow-citizens who are not of the Catholic faith. They realize that the omission of religious instruction is a defect in education and also a detriment to religion. But in their view the home and the church should give the needed training in morality and religion, leaving the school to provide only secular knowledge. Experience, however, confirms us in the belief that instead of dividing education among these several agencies, each of them should, in its own measure, contribute to the intellectual, moral and religious development of the child, and by this means become helpful to all the rest.—Excerpt from Bishops' Pastoral Letter.

## Comments

A well equipped journalism room for the staff members of The Venture would be appreciated.  
Beryl Bamberg '47

We should have a large commercial room with such equipment as adding machines, dictaphones, and posting machines for students taking business courses.  
Beverly Schroeder '47

It isn't the hours you put in—it's what you put in the hours—that counts.

If you are a self-starter—your boss won't have to be a crank.

One thing worse than a quitter is a fellow afraid to begin.

Hats off to the past—coats off to the future.

# New School Drive Dedicated To Our Lady and St. Joseph

## Date of Building Depends on Times

The happy moment when construction can begin upon our new parish school depends upon many things.

First and primarily, the money must be accumulated, at least a goodly portion of it. This is a diocesan ruling. It is also a precept of good business acumen. Not only the time of building but also the size and excellence of the structure will be determined by the success of our drive for funds. This campaign is the first step toward our new school. Upon the cooperation and generosity of each member of the parish depends how soon the next step can be taken.

In the judgment of many, the present time is not considered highly advantageous for building. Materials are costly and scarce, not always of good quality. Labor is high and difficult to obtain. But everyone must agree that these inflationary conditions should reflect most satisfactorily upon our drive for funds. Now is an excellent time to save both for oneself and for one's church.

Everyone desires to erect a modern parish school as soon as circumstances permit. These adverse conditions are only temporary. The time will be brief until the economic world becomes more stabilized and a leveling off occurs. It is the prayerful hope of every parishioner that when the time arrives, our funds will be sufficient, our plans will be completed, and the building of our new school can become a reality.

The St. Bonaventure School Drive is dedicated to Our Lady, Queen of the Holy Rosary and to St. Joseph.

On the opening day of the Novena, Monday, October 7, students will attend a High Mass which will be sung in unison; they will say special prayers for the success of the Drive.

During the days of the Drive, the children will continue to attend Mass. They will recite the following prayers: Litany of the Blessed Virgin, Memorare and the prayer to St. Joseph, in order that Our Lady, the help of Christians, and her spouse, St. Joseph, will intercede to make a new St. Bonaventure School possible.

It is fitting and proper that the drive should be conducted during October, the month of the Queen of Heaven. It was she who looked after the education and training of her Divine Son. Surely, under the patronage of Mary, our Mother, and St. Joseph, the financial campaign for the New St. Bonaventure School is bound to prosper.

Not only the children should make this special novena. All members of the parish who can possibly come, are urged to attend and join the devotion. If one cannot be there for a good reason, why not recite the Rosary each day at home during the time of the novena.

A High Mass will also close the Drive on October 9.

"A school is an integral part of every parish."—Father Arno.

"Going, therefore, teach ye all nations."



St. Bonaventure's Church

## Did You Know That —

The present St. Bonaventure School has served the parish for 68 years?

St. Bonaventure's High School was accredited by the North Central Association of Colleges and Secondary schools in 1941?

The first Sisters' chapel was added to the school in 1883?

At the turn of the century there were 250 students in attendance at St. Francis Academy?

St. Francis Academy became St. Bonaventure School in 1925?

Sister M. Agnella and Sister M. Flavia served in St. Bonaventure's School for nearly 40 years?

St. Bonaventure's High School, since it became a parish school in 1926, has graduated 443 students?

St. Bonaventure's School has prepared for first Communion 2,400 children?

St. Anthony's School opened in 1913 and the Polish pupils withdrew from the Academy.

The third floor of the west wing was remodeled to serve as a portion of the high school in 1929?

St. Bonaventure's School suffered two destructive fires — one in 1915 and the other in 1934?

St. Bonaventure's School has been added to five times?

United Parish  
Effort Spells  
Victory!



**St. Bonaventure Parishioners Will Be Canvassed**

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James Gregorius; Glen Jarvis, Ed Nickolite; Frank Luis, Ed Messing; John C. Miller, Ed Otterpohl; Crawford Snell, Clarence Schroeder; Martin Speicher, Ed Kavanaugh; Herman Blahak, William Moersen; Bill Brock, Harry Shank; Clinton Cady, Joe Cerny; Mrs. Jesse Dougherty, Agnes Shea, William Ramaekers, captain; William Ebner, Bert Egger; Fred Eller, Bernard Krzycki; William Jarecki, Leonard Wemhoff; Henry Kotlar, John Sleddens; Mrs. Albert Meliger, Mrs. Henry Gates; John Stachura, John Zipper; Leo Adamy, William Thiele; Art Cockson, Milton Scholtz; Dan Donoghue, Paul Scharff.

Walter Gregorius, captain; J. J. Fletcher, Francis Haney; John Gahan, John Speicher; Con Keating, Leo Locher; Jack McEnerney, Leonard Sutter; Eugene Schroeder, Lawrence Torczon; Joe Blahak, Nick Mrzylak; Nellie Bowman, Mrs. Bernard O'Kane; Marjorie Buller, Bobbie Wegener; Mrs. Joe Cerny, Mrs. Emma McKown; Nellie Cockson, Mrs. John Ebel.

Fred Gerber, captain; Mrs. Pete Ernst, Mrs. Julius Gonsior; Mrs. Ivan Kinsman, Mrs. Charles Dougherty; Adam Kusek, Alfred Kuta; Wesley McDonald, Mike Novicki; Mike Olivetti, Paul Pfeifer; Joe Sock, Frank Toufar; John Burns, Jack Cronin; John Byrnes, Walter Neppel; Gerald Durlinger, Gene Osborne.

Tony Zabawa, captain; Mrs. Walt Ewert, Rosalie Gattermeyer; Mrs. Julius Hem b d, Mrs. Raymond Hauser; Charles Kaipust, Lonnie Kuta; William Lohr, Pete Mielak; Howard Pfaff, Joel Roberts; Jack Smagacz, Eddie Sullivan; Gary Altsmanhofer, Mrs. John Johnson; Larry Byrnes, Art McAuliff; Bill Cassin, Francis Moersen; Ernest Frazier, Al Frischholz.

J. O. Peck, captain; William Gerhold; Otto Walter, James Rich; Ray Braithwait, Frank Dietz; Joseph Jiranek; Dr. P. H. McGowan, George Rambour.

These captains and their teams are ready to take to the field and visit every known member of the parish. Their success or failure depends entirely upon the generosity and cooperation of all parishioners.

Let's go! Let's be a part of the team! End the game with a VICTORY! Make the score read \$350,000.



This picture was taken at St. Bonaventure High School as students passed from class rooms into a narrow hallway, leading down flights of wooden stairs from the crowded third floor recitation rooms to the first floor science rooms. Modern school structure eliminates such hazards as this, providing adequate corridor space and wide stairways.

**Be Ready!**

When the solicitor calls at your home, between October 6 and 16, receive him as a friend. Be courteous and understanding. Remember, it is your drive for a new school the same degree that it is his. He is giving liberally of his time and effort in addition to his pledge. He wants to help you but he also wants you to help him.

Be open-minded, listen to him, ask and discuss — and then pledge. If possible, make one call at your home complete the transaction. If additional visits are really necessary, your solicitor will be happy to cooperate. You have several days before his call. Think it over, talk it over, be ready when he comes.

**School Accrediting Hangs in Balance**

St. Bonaventure's membership in the North Central Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools, which is the highest school accrediting agency of the twenty Mid-western States, may be revoked due to the condition of our present school buildings.

The North Central Association has a written law which states that delegates from said organization must inspect every member of its organization every five years. The year for St. Bonaventure School is 1946 since it became a member of the society in April 1941.

Quotations from the criteria for the evaluation of secondary schools by North Central Association include, (1) The school plant be adequate for the number of pupils enrolled, (2) there be sufficient science laboratory apparatus, laboratory tables, and demonstration desks, (3) there be gymnasium equipment and supplies, (4) a library easily accessible to pupils and adequate in size.

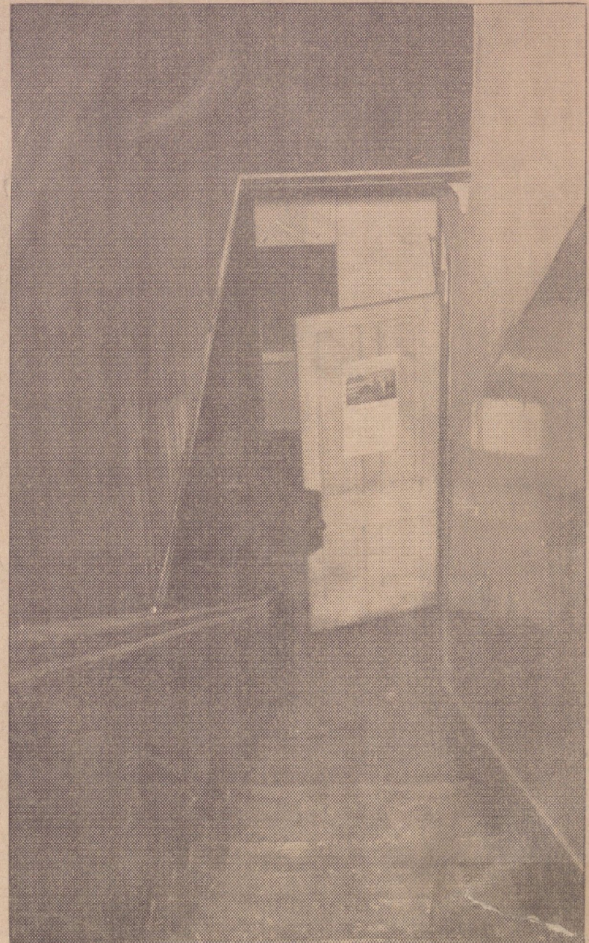
St. Bonaventure High School is proud of its high educational scholastic rating. She wants to remain a member. A NEW HIGH SCHOOL WILL MEET THE SITUATION.

Few people are really important — many just act that way.

Get your happiness out of your work or you will never know what happiness is.

No transaction is profitable unless both profit.

"The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge."  
—King David



This narrow stairway pictured above, obviously a fire hazard, is used many times daily by little third and fourth grade pupils as they go from their second floor class rooms to the first floor. The safety of these young students would be properly guarded in a new modern elementary school building.

**Survey Indicates Need New School**

St. Bonaventure parish has an imperative and urgent need for a new high and elementary school. A visit to the school on any day, especially when school is in session and when students are passing to and from classes, will clearly show that the present school is inadequate, based on modern educational standards for school structures.

The history of St. Bonaventure school began 68 years ago, on November 4, 1878. This first small building accommodated about 50 pupils. From time to time as the need arose, additions were made to this original structure. As is always the case when considerable "building on" is done, the result is definitely patchwork. Some of the most outstanding faults in our present school are over-crowded conditions in classrooms and corridors, narrow stairs, poor lighting, obsolete sanitary and water facilities, inadequate laboratory and science rooms, poor arrangement of recitation and study rooms, meager library space.

In 1915 and again in 1934, fires caused by defective wiring broke out. This could happen again. Although all possible effort has been made to safeguard the children through placing of fire extinguishers and thorough training in fire drills, these simple means are not adequate to take care of the fire hazard of crowded rooms and congested corridors.

In 1883, the first addition, 26

by 50 feet, was built. In 1885, the St. Bonaventure school became the St. Francis Academy. At that time the room which is now occupied by the eighth grade was built. It provided for the first two high school grades. A year later a large basement was constructed. This was intended for use as a kitchen and dining room. Heavy rains and moisture conditions rendered these basement rooms unfit for living quarters. The basement equipment was therefore moved into the already crowded upstairs rooms. Some years later a fourth addition became necessary. Four classrooms, one of which was used temporarily for a boys' dormitory, were built. To meet the state requirements, another room, the laboratory which is at present grade six, was added.

In 1925 the St. Francis Academy, which belonged to the Sisters of St. Francis, Lafayette, Indiana, was purchased by the parish and became the present St. Bonaventure parochial school. At the time extensive remodeling and repairs were made. The removal of partitions consequently weakened the roof and the foundation of the entire structure. At this time the entire third story of the west wing was converted from boarders' sleeping quarters into the present five classrooms for high school students. On the first floor, dining and recreation rooms were changed respectively into a library and a classroom. The kitchen and the music rooms were transformed into science laboratories.

**FR. ALBERT ASKS ENTIRE PARISH HELP**

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Holy Scripture. Hence, we think it most essential that we begin this campaign for funds by humbly invoking the help and guidance of Almighty God. We would ask every man, woman and child of this Parish, therefore, to offer fervent daily prayer that God may crown our efforts with success. And since we all will expect God richly to reward us in eternity for the sacrifices we make in this drive, let each of us joyfully shoulder his full share of the burden. "The Lord loveth a cheerful giver." Let our slogan in this financial drive be, "All for the greater honor and glory of God and for the welfare of souls redeemed by the Precious Blood of Our loving Saviour."

Rev. Albert Limacher, O. F. M. Pastor, St. Bonaventure Parish

The present high school arrangement, having classrooms on the third and the first floors with several long flights of narrow stairs between, is most trying. The laboratories are on opposite sides of the school. The auditorium is between the school rooms. The typing room with its thin walls is adjacent to classrooms. One narrow corridor on the third floor has seven recitation room doors penning into it. All of these inconveniences, plus many more, constitute our "patchwork high school."

The one and only solution to these many and varied difficulties is obviously—a new St. Bonaventure School.

**Education Assures Future Citizenship**

An education, based upon the principles of the moral law, and given to each child attending our schools, assures for the child, the future citizen, the possession and acceptance of all rights, principles, and duties which a democracy recognizes as essential to the happiness of all its members. Since these rights may be better enjoyed and duties better discharged when the individual has been taught ideals of social justice, fairness, honesty, charity, and cooperation then it is reasonable to assume that a child educated in a system of schools which is directly concerned with the inculcation of these ideals will be a better citizen.

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## Senior Class Plans To Present Play "Good Glory" Dec. 15-16

### Story Filled With Humorous Situations

The seniors will stage "Good Glory," a comedy-drama in three acts by Jay Tobias, December 15 and 16, at 8 p. m. in the St. Bonaventure Auditorium.

The scene of the play is laid in an elite apartment in a Chicago suburb about fifty years ago.

"Good Glory" is a seventeen year old orphan girl from the "Show Me" state who comes to live with her wealthy grandfather, Samuel Witherspoon because her maternal grandparents, poor Missouri farmers, can not give her the desired education.

Suspicion, jealousy, and dislike on the part of her aunt, cousin, and their social set, form many complicated situations. Murder, blackmail, imprisonment, and bribes are all part of a plan to keep Glory from becoming an heiress. Hilarity is added when Maria and Caleb Coggles, the Missouri grandparents, come to make a "short" visit of one month. The plot unwinds with a surprise ending.

### Cast of Characters

The characters are Glory Witherspoon, a sweet, lovable, and appealing girl of seventeen with high standards of honor, Catherine Hauser; Kit Witherspoon, a pretty but spoiled girl of twenty, Lucille Syslo; Agnes Witherspoon, an attractive imposing widow of thir-

ty-nine who is treacherous, sly, cold, and heartless but can be fawning at times, Beryl Bamberg; David Jordan, a tall handsome lawyer of twenty-three who is scaling the heights to fame, Jerome Dunn; Roma Trevelyan, an exotic-looking brunette of twenty-four who can love and hate with equal intensity, Eleanor Lakers, Samuel Witherspoon, a tall, gaunt old gentleman of seventy-five who is surly and explosive on the surface, but under this crustiness is kind and sympathetic, Joseph Baumert; Todhunter Trevelyan, a blond chap of twenty-two with a shallow but engaging personality, Willis Kolbush; George Darnell, the dark, sinister-looking secretary of Mr. Witherspoon who is of the more intelligent gigolo type, Eugene Kniefel; Drina Hatfield, a quiet maid of twenty-five who has sad dark eyes in a tragic face, Beverly Schroeder; Mira Coggles, a stout grandmother-looking woman of fifty-five who though frank and outspoken is the salt of the earth, Betty Tagwerker; Caleb Coggles, a jovial short man who has a hearty manner and a homely philosophy of life, Eugene Nickolite.

The Glee Clubs will furnish the music between the acts.

The three-part selections are the following: "Morning Invitation", by George A. Veazle, "Ave Maris Stella", by Roswing, and Christmas Carols.

## Welch Speaks On Living Memorial

Howard "Dutch" Welch, former athletic coach, spoke to the high school assembly on October 31, about the Living Memorial Stadium which was voted upon on November 5.

He said that although students were not old enough to vote they could influence their parents to vote "yes" for the \$75,000 fund for this purpose.

Welch read the plans and explained how the stadium would benefit the entire community. He told of the improvements which would be made in the seating accommodations for the baseball, softball and football fields; the changes which would be made in the fields themselves; the increase of parking spaces; and the approximate cost for each item.

"Dutch" said that the stadium was not a passing fancy, but had been proposed as an American Legion project several years ago. The job was too big for one organization but it gained such popularity lately that it was to be voted on.

He compared our proposed park plan with the parks built by Norfolk and Grand Island and proved how much easier it would be to make our stadium as nice as theirs with less funds because we have our present lighting system, swimming pool, and other facilities for a "starter."

P. W. Lakers then introduced J. Rich who emphasized the need for the stadium in Columbus.

In conclusion Welch congratulated the football team on its successful eleven-man debut.

## Rev. Albert Limacher Celebrates Nameday

### Grade School Presents Program in His Honor



Rev. Albert Limacher

The Rev. Albert Limacher, O. F. M., superintendent of St. Bonaventure High and Elementary School, celebrated his Nameday by attending a special program Thursday evening, November 14, at 8 in the school auditorium.

Beryl Bamberg, senior, presented a spiritual bouquet and a gift to Father Albert from the students and pupils.

A crowd of people was present at the program which the Grade School sponsored and prepared for the festive occasion.

The small tots opened the program with Rhythm Band selections. The second, sixth, and seventh grades dramatized these playlets: "Doll Show", "Thief of Time", and "Cat at School", respectively. The third grade boys entertained the audience with a "Clown Drill." The fourth grade girls gave a song and the recitation, "Faith, Hope, and Charity". The third and the fifth grade girls gave the following recitations, "Our Lady Dressed in Blue", and "Patriotic Feast Day Greeting" respectively. Mary Ann Tworek staged "The Warbler". The eighth grade girls sang "Our Lady of Good Counsel" and "There's Music in the Air;" and the eighth grade boys ended the program by singing "The Blessing of St. Francis."

Rose Madeline Anderson played the piano for four performances and Helen Marie Ternus for three. Mary Jo Tucek, Mary Alice Moerssen, Mary Pat Tooley, and Connie Hittner played musical selections between the intermissions of the entertainment.

### Native of Illinois

Father Albert is a native of Joliet, Ill. He took his preparatory studies at St. Joseph College, Westmont, Ill., studied Philosophy in St. Louis, Mo. His first assignment in Cleveland, Ohio, and Theology ment was at Teutopolis. Since then he has been stationed at Herman, Mo., Sioux City, Ia., and Humphrey, Nebr.

Father Albert's patron saint is St. Albertus Magnus (Albert the Great) who was a scientist, a philosopher, and a theologian. He was born of noble birth in 1206. He is called "The Great" and "The Universal Doctor," in recognition of his extraordinary genius and extensive knowledge because he was proficient in every branch of learning cultivated in his day.

In 1223 he joined the Dominican order, and after teaching at many places, he was sent to Paris and there acquired great fame for his learning and works.

## Teachers Attend State Convention

Members of the faculty of St. Bonaventure High and Elementary School attended the Nebraska State Educational Association October 25 and 26 at Omaha and Lincoln.

Sister Herman Joseph, Sister Amica and Sister Colette went to Omaha. Sister Laurentine, Sister Johanna and Sister Edwina were at Lincoln.

These professional organizations, which are divided into three branches, the local, the state and the national, are teachers associations to help achieve better professional preparation.

## Sodality to Hold Reception Dec. 8

The members of Our Lady's Sodality will hold a reception for new members into the Sodality on the feast of the Immaculate Conception, Sunday evening, at 7:30 in the church.

Candidates who plan to become members are the following: JoAnn Mahoney, Phyllis Ann Thraen, Mary Ellen Clark, Romayne Cerny, Cecilia Cynova, Marlynn Diedrich, Lois Dineen, Betty Dischner, Louise Ernst, Ina Claire Frischolz, Lorraine Hilbert, Rose Marie Jahn, Marcia Locher, Ann Marie Luis, Gloria Nosal, Charlene Nickolite, Mary McClosky, Mary Ann Merrill, Ramona Messing, Rosemary Ramaekers, Margaret Stevens, Gloria Burzinski, Theresa Moritz, Laura Mae Gates, Juliann Jarecki, Clare Kaipust, Charlotte Messing.

All Sodalists will receive Holy Communion in a body at the 7:30 Mass, after which a breakfast will be served in the gym.

Each candidate, sponsored by another Sodalist, will be formally installed at the evening reception. The sponsors accompany the candidates to the altar where the reception into the society takes place.

## Commerce Classes Organize Clubs

Two commerce clubs, "Gregg Speedsters" and the "Speed and Accuracy" are the latest organizations at St. Bonaventure High School.

The shorthand class, who make up the "Gregg Speedsters" club, elected Luella Zabawa, president; Alice Bern, vice-president; and Joan Fischer, secretary-treasurer.

The typewriting class, who comprise the "Speed and Accuracy" club, elected Joseph Baumert, president; Anastasia Ramaekers, vice-president; Anastasia Ernst, secretary; and Therese Savage, treasurer.

Club and belongs to Our Lady's Sodality.

Dolores Nickolite, typist. Dolores, a senior, is a member of Our Lady's Sodality, the Gregg Speedsters Club, and a cheerleader.

Rosemary Wass, typist; reporter 2, 3. Rosemary, a senior, is a member of Our Lady's Sodality and belongs to the Pep Club.

Lucille Syslo, typist. Lucy, a senior, is a member of Our Lady's Sodality, the Gregg Speedsters Club, and a cheerleader.

## The Venture Staff For 1946-1947



Left to right: Back row—Bernadette Feik, Daniel McNair, Patricia Jarvis, Jerome Dunn, Beryl Bamberg, Donald Lakers, Rosemary Wass. Front row—Lucille Syslo, Jack Miller, Beverly Schroeder, Catherine Hauser, Eleanor Lakers, Bill Merrill, Therese

Ten girls and five boys were appointed as the 1946-1947 staff of The Venture, St. Bonaventure school paper. The positions were based on the merit system and on personal ability. Sixty per cent of the members are seniors.

The staff is as follows: Catherine Hauser, editor-in-chief; reporter 1; assistant news editor 2, news editor 3. Catherine, a senior, is secretary of the senior class, treasurer of Our Lady's Sodality, and a member of the Pep and Gregg Speedsters Clubs.

Eleanor Lakers, assistant editor; reporter 1, assistant make-up editor 2, make-up editor 3. Eleanor, a senior, is president of Our Lady's Sodality, secretary of the Pep Club, and a member of the Gregg Speedsters Club.

Patricia Jarvis, co-news editor; reporter 1, assistant make-up editor 2. Pat, a junior, is secretary

of the junior class, vice president of Our Lady's Sodality, and a member of the Pep, the Gregg Speedsters, and the Speed and Accuracy Clubs.

Bill Merrill, co-news editor; reporter 1, 2. Bill, a junior, is treasurer of the junior class, belongs to the Holy Name Society, is half-back of the football team, and a member of the Speed and Accuracy Club.

Beryl Bamberg, co-feature editor; reporter 3. Beryl, a senior, is vice president of the Pep Club and Chairman of the Eucharistic Committee of Our Lady's Sodality.

Donald Lakers, co-feature editor. Don, a junior, is a member of the Holy Name Society, tackle on the football team, and a member of the Speed and Accuracy Club.

Jerome Dunn, co-sports editor; sports editor 3. Jerome, a senior,

is president of the Holy Name Society.

Daniel McNair, co-sports editor. Dan, a junior, is a member of the Holy Name Society and quarterback on the football team.

Therese Savage, make-up editor. Therese, a junior, belongs to Our Lady's Sodality, the Pep Club, and is treasurer of the Speed and Accuracy Club.

Jack Miller, business manager. Jack, a junior, is president of the junior class, half back on the football team, a member of the Holy Name Society, and belongs to the Speed and Accuracy Club.

Beverly Schroeder, advertising manager; assistant business manager 3. Bev, a senior, is a member of Our Lady's Sodality and belongs to the Pep and Gregg Speedsters Clubs.

Bernadette Feik, typist. Bernie, a senior, is treasurer of the Pep



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## To the Land We Love

Gone are the days on the battle-scarred field;  
Past are the sorrows of war;  
Instead shows the light of democracy,  
Our liberty's safe as before.

Through the long war we hoped  
and we prayed  
And now our dreams are come  
true.

But we cannot forget what they  
did for us there,  
The soldiers of red, white and blue.

We must pray that the good God  
will give us

A peace that will last all our days.  
That the freedom proclaimed on  
that Armistice Day

May always enlighten our ways.  
T. S.

## In Which Class Do You Fit?

Time: 3:30 to 6 P. M.  
Date: Any day, Monday through  
Friday.

"Buzz-z-z-z-z-z-z!"  
The walls of good St. Bons are  
shaken with the loud report of  
books being slammed, as the  
"scholars" dash through the doors  
to freedom. Just what is done  
during this pre-six-o'clock period?  
After some observation we've  
found that the student body is  
divided into three general groups.

In the first group are found the  
sportsmen and the sportswomen.  
They vigorously train mind and  
muscle in all kinds of competitive  
sports and are known far and wide  
for eating "The Breakfast of  
Champions."

The second includes the studious  
ones who rush home for an hour  
of mental relaxation. They turn  
on the radio and fight spies and  
gangsters with Captain Midnight,  
Hop Harrigan, and Jack Arm-  
strong, or listen to their favorite  
songs played by Tommy Dorsey,  
Artie Shaw, Benny Goodman and  
Harry James.

The third group are those who  
devote several hours each night to  
lunching on frosted malts, burgers  
and onions, and assorted nut sun-  
daes. By looking in one of these  
so called "hangouts", we would  
see at least eight members of this  
group crowded into a booth which  
was designed to hold four. Twist-  
ed soda straws, torn napkins, and  
pyramids of water glasses adorn  
carved table tops, and discussions  
of Van Johnson, "What are you  
going to do tonight?" and "Who  
did what?" are dimly heard  
through the blaring of an un-  
listened-to juke box.

## New Arrival Causes Turmoil

Crash! Boom! Bang! "Oops! Ex-  
cuse me!" "Look, there's my pic-  
ture." "Say, will you look where  
you're going?" "Well, if you'd  
only go where you're looking it  
would be all right!" "Mmmmm!  
Look at this!" "That's nice!"

"Oh, dear, I can't stand this any  
longer! What is this world com-  
ing to?" Thump, thump, crash—  
thud. "The noise? Oh, just my  
books falling after a swarm of  
creatures came rushing through.  
Now I am determined to get to the  
bottom of this. There must be a  
clue! Gee, The Ventures are out  
so I'd better rush to get my copy.  
Say, now I understand what was  
causing all the confusion. All the  
students were just as eager to get  
their paper as I was. Guess every-  
one, including the staff members,  
is glad to get the paper published."

## Remember Me

As I heard the cold wind  
moaning  
Through the trees and o'er  
the sea,  
It seemed that the Poor Souls  
were pleading,  
"Please say one little prayer  
for me!"

Quickly I hastened to God's altar  
And for them breathed a humble  
plea.

The wind, once harsh, soon  
seemed to falter;  
God had freed a soul, you see.  
I. C. F.

## Now As I Was Saying

This article is the second in a  
series on typing. It will probably  
suffer the same fate as the first;  
so if it isn't in this issue, you'll  
know what happened.

The first article was handed in  
on time for our first paper; how-  
ever, the staff deemed it unaccept-  
able. But, as the old saying goes,  
"Never say die." (That is until  
you're dead, and you'll probably  
wish you were dead when you read  
this—but it won't do you any  
good.) Assuming on the presump-  
tion, no, no, it must be presuming  
on the assumption that you will  
read this, I offer you my sympa-  
thy, and expect some in return—  
after all, I wrote this.

But, I came back for more. As  
Hawthorne said, "What do you  
think of my becoming an author?  
Indeed, I think the illegibility of  
my handwriting is very author-  
like." (Don't say this article  
doesn't pertain to school. Why, it  
seems only yesterday that I  
missed that question in a test.)

Oh, yes, typing. Take it when  
you get the chance.

## Fire! Fire!

A group of students crossed the  
school lawn and one of them,  
seemingly careless, dropped a  
lighted match on a pile of dry  
leaves on the ground. The flames  
soon leaped high in the air.

Bob Ross, thinking fast, dug his  
hands deeply into a nearby mud  
hole, and threw mud on the fire.  
Another brave Sophomore, Dick  
Hayes, threw some wet leaves  
from the gutter on the conflagra-  
tion. After the boys had done this  
several times, the fire was brought  
under control.

Relax everybody! The General  
Science class was just trying the  
effectiveness of various fire ex-  
tinguishers.

## Typing Students Strive For Goal

How does it happen? The tem-  
perature in the typing class is  
varying between hot and cold.

Joan Fischer and Y'Vonne  
Pfeifer made white and green ther-  
mometers for each member of the  
typing class. The number of  
words is indicated by degrees  
which range from 15 to 60.

The typing students are striving  
to reach the 60 degree line. Pat  
Jarvis' thermometer registers the  
highest with 35 degrees; Rose Rita  
Podraza's thermometer comes next  
with 32. The average student is  
making between 20 and 25 words  
a minute. The class hopes that  
the room will get hot before the  
Christmas atmosphere sets in.

## What Are You Going to Give?

Te Deum Laudamus—we praise God for His goodness.  
Thanksgiving brings to mind the many things we have to  
be thankful for in this world.

Countless blessings are given us every day which we ac-  
cept as a matter of course. Do we thank God for His boun-  
tiful and generous kindness which is as measureless as the  
ocean?

On the same parallel with the inaugurators of Thanks-  
giving, the first settlers, we should gratefully acknowledge  
our freedom—freedom of religion, freedom of speech, and  
freedom of the press. In many European countries these  
God-given human rights are being denied, as shown in the  
conviction of Archbishop Aloysius Stepanic and his co-de-  
fendants at their trial in Zagreb.

In foreign lands people are starving, and their land is  
barren. Our country is full of bountiful resources and op-  
portunity. We should thank God for our Catholic educa-  
tion which is unsurpassed; our religion which is our great-  
est gift, and our very life which God gives us.

We should begin Thanksgiving Day by giving God a  
gift. If we want to receive gifts, we must give, for there is  
no loving without giving. A gift is a symbol of love.

God gave us one gift that is magnificent and entirely  
satisfactory, yet it is up to us to give to Him. This gift is  
Christ, His own perfect Son, offered in the Mass; it is the  
greatest gift we can give to God. Let this be our act of  
Thanksgiving.

C. H.

## How High Can You Stand?

What are marks worth? Our marks or grades do not  
tell the complete story of our work, it is true. That "B" in  
Latin does not begin to reveal the hours of vocabulary  
memorizing or the struggle with the conjugation that still  
eludes us. The "A" in History doesn't proclaim the possi-  
bility that we like the subject and therefore give it more  
time and thought. Some of us are even "lop-sided"; we  
shine in Math but flounder in English. We are not geniuses,  
but neither are we morons; the school system of grading  
is based on just what we are—average.

What we work for in school is more than good marks; it  
is the intangibles—knowledge, curiosity, and a desire to  
know and understand the world. Plato expressed it when  
he said education was that "which leads us to hate what we  
ought to hate and love what we ought to love from the be-  
ginning of life to the end." But, if we are really working to  
attain that goal, our marks will show it. The grades we  
earn are the scale on which we are judged in school.

We can neither enter nor leave college without good  
marks. Even after school hours we are not free from judg-  
ment on a scale; every business and home has its personality  
system.

Marks are the major measurement of what we do in  
school. How high can we stand?

P. J.

## The Opportunity Is Ours

Every second of every day somewhere in the world  
someone is hearing Holy Mass. Of what value are these  
Masses?

The Holy Mass is our road to eternal life. It is the  
sacrifice of the cross in an unbloody manner. It is a means  
of salvation for sinners. One Holy Mass is worth more than  
all the prayers of the whole world.

We want to make our loved ones happy and so we do  
all we can for them. We love to be with God, so by attend-  
ing Holy Mass every morning we are not making a sacrifice,  
but are performing an act of love.

Are we setting a good example by assisting at Mass  
every morning? Are we storing up merits for heaven?

The opportunity is ours! Let's take it!

J. M.

## Juniors Account For Lost Weekend

From studying too hard  
They had a prevention,  
Two whole days  
Of Teachers' Convention.

Has anyone asked you what you  
did during teachers convention? Well,  
someone did ask those ambitious  
juniors, and here are their  
answers:

Bill Merrill spent most of his  
time going to bed and getting up,  
with not much sleep in between.  
He went to the game and canteen  
Friday. Saturday was spent talk-  
ing with home friends at the Brew-  
ery. (Did I say talking?)

Jack Miller spent Thursday at  
Nicks and saw a show. He went  
hunting Friday. He worked Satur-  
day (I don't believe it!) and  
also attended a little conference  
at the Brewery.

Eugene Fischer hunted all day  
and even got one pheasant. (I'll  
bet he broke a record at St. Bons.)

Pat Jarvis went to David City  
with some friends. Then two of  
her pals spent the night with her.  
They had refreshments, gossiped,  
and had numerous pillow fights.  
The group arose at 6:30 a. m. and  
went outside and cracked walnuts.  
Then they went back to bed for  
the day.

Y'Vonne Pfeifer and Joan Fischer  
went to a hilarious slumber  
party Thursday (Yes, I mean hil-  
arious!) Friday was spent hunt-  
ing with Lorraine Raemakers.  
Finding no game they shot tin cans  
while floating down the river. (I  
mean, the tin cans.) The three  
went to the canteen Friday night.

Darlene Savage spent most of  
her time sleeping, with a little  
work here and there.

Tom McKown had a tooth pull-  
ed. He worked on his broken mo-  
torcycle and relaxed the rest of  
the time.

Ambitious Carroll Eutenuer and  
Ralph Czuba spent their time  
working. (I bet they slept three-  
fourths of the time.)

Pat Robb did about everything.  
She went to a game, the canteen,  
had a slumber party, worked a  
little, and slept the rest of the  
time (busy girl).

Anastasia Ernst, Agnes Czaplá,  
Alice Bernt, and Colleen Mayberg-  
er each spent their time doing a  
little bit of everything—working,  
knitting mittens, reading, eating,  
and sleeping.

Dave Schumacher spent most of  
his time hunting. Charles Haney  
and he bottled beer at the Brew-  
ery, and later had the visitors men-  
tioned previously.

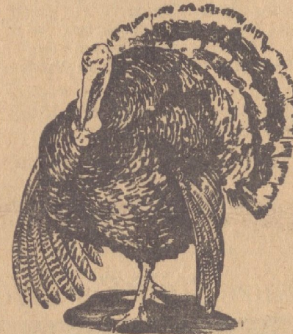
Don Lakers slept three-fourths  
of the time. Like everyone else  
he also went out hunting. When he  
returned he was minus his ambi-  
tion, a lot of shells, and he had  
nothing to show for it. (Same old  
story).

Luella Zabawa worked a little.  
She too went hunting and came  
home with the same things as Don.

Theresa Savage planned on  
painting her bedroom, but upon  
discovering the job she was get-  
ting into, gave up and loafed. (Ah,  
just my type).

Fritz Loeffler and Paul Died-  
erich hunted most of the time.  
Results? Guess? They worked.  
Like everyone else, they slept a  
great deal.

All in favor of having Teachers'  
Convention more often say "aye."



## Said the Pumpkin To the Turkey

The pumpkin to the turkey said,  
With a smile upon his face,  
"It won't be long and you'll be  
dead,  
You know the Human Race."

The turkey thought in deep con-  
cern,  
And growled "Oh yeah, wise guy,  
Just be careful what you say,  
'Cause you'll be pumpkin pie."  
—Rosella Kush.

## Pop! Goes the Cork

Pop! Boom! Boom! "What was  
that?" "O-o-o-o-oh." "Ha, Ha!  
Ha!" "Something is wrong. Is  
Sister still here?"

If you would have attended the  
Biology Class Wednesday, Novem-  
ber 2, you would have heard all  
those queer things.

The Sophomores were testing  
for hydrogen. The cork was loose  
on the tube of solution and con-  
sequently when heat was applied  
to the container it exploded. This  
was the cause of all the noise and  
confusion.

## We're the Freshies

We're the Freshman with  
four years before us;  
But we've climbed, two-  
thirds of the way,  
And although it took  
eight years to do it,  
We've arrived without  
delay.

I hope our years  
in the future;  
Will be blessed like the  
eight in the past;  
Then, we'll be Seniors  
with wisdom,  
To gain respect of the  
Freshman class.  
M. S.

## Dedication

The Venture Staff dedicates  
this issue of The Venture to  
Father Albert in honor of his  
Nameday, November 15.



## St. Bons Trim Osceola, 20-0

St. Bons Shamrocks trounced the Osceola Bulldogs on Pawnee Park Field by a 20-0 count.

Bulldogs kicked off, and after two plays Dave Schumacher scrambled 57 yards to TD dirt. Bill Merrill plunged and the count was 7-0.

Osceola bogged down and punted. Dick Hayes rambled 48 yards on a pass giving the Irish a first down on the visitors' 5. Osceola held on and took over on the 2 yard line.

Jack Miller broke loose in the second quarter and went 42 yards, and Merrill added 11 for a first down on Osceola's 10 yard line. A penalty of 5 yards put Columbus back to the 15. Again the Irish were stopped a little short on the three yard line.

The third quarter saw Osceola stronger. A "sleeper play" carried the ball to the Columbus 25. The Bulldogs turned to air offense but fizzled.

Half way through the final quarter Miller turned in a thriller. He took a punt on his own 30 and behind excellent blocking marched 70 yards to pay dirt.

With three minutes to play, again, it was Miller on a 10 yard run to a touchdown. He passed to Hayes for the extra.

John Dineen, Don Lakers, Charles Woerth, and Don Greenlee leaned on the Bulldogs' ground attack while Miller, Merrill, Speicher, and Schumacher spearheaded the offense.

It was a good all-around game as the Irish had 25 players who saw action, with good playing by all of them.

## Shamrocks Bow To St. Joseph's, 6-0

Irish lost out in the last 35 seconds of the tilt as St. Joseph's Paul Lorkovic raced 80 yards down the muddy Creighton field to end the otherwise scoreless battle in a 6-0 victory for the Omaha Club. After Dave Schumacher and Dick Hayes made a quick advance on the foe, pass was picked up by Lorkovic who went to pay dirt.

The teams were a good match with St. Bons holding an edge. The Irish made 94 yards rushing, 49 passing and completed 6 out of 10 passes against 104 yards by running and 8 by air for the J-hawks.

Shamrock threat in the third came after Schumacher lugged the kickoff back to the 40, and a pass to Hayes put the ball on the 20 yard line, but a fumble stopped the Irish.

The mud was the real trouble, and the Shamrocks could not use any of their fast plays.

John Dineen and Charles Woerth were standouts in the line and Schumacher and Hayes were offensive and defensive stars.

It was the last game of high school days for seniors, John Dineen, Bob Speicher, Gene Kneifel, Don Greenlee, and Charles Woerth.

## Genoa Orioles Top Shamrocks

The Shamrocks dropped their second straight game to a smart Genoa team. It was one of those nights with weak tackling and blocking.

The Shamrocks scored in the last quarter after a Schumacher-Hayes pass gained 21 yards on a Schumacher-McNair pass and run. The play covered 60 yards.

Genoa scored first in the second stanza from six inches out on their last down. The conversion was good to make the score 7-0.

The Orioles scored again in the third quarter on a Snyder brother combination pass. The kick topped the score to 14-0.

In the final period, Genoa recovered a fumble deep in Irish territory and scored in three plays.

The loss of Bill Merrill at the beginning of the game weakened the Shamrocks' offense. Merrill injured his shoulder.

Bob Speicher, Don Greenlee, John Dineen, Chuck Woerth, and Gene Kneifel played the last home game of their prep careers.

## Irish Elect Dineen Honorary Captain

John Dineen has been elected honorary captain of the first Irish eleven-man team by the 1946 letter-winners.

Dineen started his football career as a sophomore. Injuries kept him away as a freshman. As a junior he was second team end and also found time to letter in basketball and track. This year John used his 169 lbs. at left tackle and also moved to end on pass plays. His defensive work was outstanding in every game.

Bob Speicher four year letterman back, dependable center Don Greenlee, Chuck Woerth, Navy veteran, and rugged little Gene Kneifel are the other seniors who finished their high school careers.

Other lettermen are Dave Schumacher, Don Lakers, Jack Miller, Dan McNair, Fritz Loeffler, Bill Merrill, Ev Johnson, juniors; Paul Gutzmer, Dick Mielak, Don Baumer, Bob Tooley, Dick Hayes, Tom Hembd, Morrie Melcher, Dick Kemnitz, sophomores; and John Syslo, freshman.

## Schumacher Gains State Recognition

David Schumacher, fleet St. Bonaventure fullback, became the first eleven-man player of the Shamrocks to receive a state-wide mention in the weekly high school grid honor roll. Dave was cited for his 57 yard run early in the game against Osceola.

Schumacher, who weighs 158 pounds, lettered last year and has one more year to play.

## Schuyler Hands Irish First Defeat

Defeat hit the Irish for the first time this season at the hands of the Schuyler Warriors.

Though the Shamrocks played a good all-around game, all four of their chances to score bogged down. Everett Johnson, junior guard, suffered a broken arm in the beginning of the game. He will be out the rest of the season.

Schuyler's first score was made on a 40 yard end run, and the extra counter was made.

Dick Hayes raced 22 yards spear-heading the first drive which ended on the Schuyler 25.

The host team scored again after a 48 yard drive. Shamrocks came back to the Schuyler 30 as the half ended. A bad punt gave the Warriors an advantage and they scored from the 8 yard line for the last touchdown of the game.

Hayes nabbed a pass for 28 yards, but Schuyler intercepted the next one. Morrie Melcher, 120 pound sophomore, contributed the big thrill in the closing minutes as he broke through the line for 18 yards.

John Dineen and Dave Schumacher were the spark-plugs of the game.

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## Lateral Wilson Plays Football

As I was passing down center street, I met Lateral Wilson who ran a Sporting Goods store. He was among a score of people who were huddled around, eager to get information on the fight.

I found out that Mr. Wilson was accused of short-changing a man by giving him a quarterback when he should have gotten a halfback. The buyer said the goods were a substitute, and his fishing tackle was a total loss. He fumbled for words to express his anger.

Trouble came when the police squad heard their line of conversation and said over charging is penalized by law. Again there was a commotion, but the offense was peacefully settled because neither man had defense to prove his innocence.

I saw Mr. Wilson depart from the left end of the crowd. Immediately I asked him if he could take time out to go to the Fireman's Ball. We walked to the right end of the block and got in to my coach.

We talked over many things on the way. He said his goal was not to cheat, but to play fairly with everyone.

At the Ball he said, "I could use a glass of water. Boy am I tired! I also have a back ache."

I really got a kick out of our visit and will make it a point to see him soon.

## Irish Deadlock Strong Dragons

After trailing by eight points at the rest period, the Shamrocks steamed up and collared the Madison Dragons to a 14-14 deadlock.

The rugged Dragons out-played the Irish in the first half, but the Irish loosened up in the second to fairly smother the Madison squad.

Don Lakers grabbed a Madison fumble early in the first quarter on the visitors' 19 yard line. Five plays later Bob Speicher scored on a reverse. Conversion failed.

In the second quarter a poor boot gave the visitors a setup on the Shamrocks' 29. Three plays saw the Dragons over, and a plunge made the score 7-6.

Another bad punt late in the period gave Madison the pigskin on the 15 yard line. The first pass failed, but another clicked for a touchdown, and a line smash made the count 14-6.

The third quarter saw the Irish take over on their own 41. Bill Merrill, Dave Schumacher and Jack Miller combined for three first downs to the Dragon 20. Schumacher whipped a pass to Dick Hayes for a TD, but the kick was low making it 14-12.

The Dragons took a loss on a pass. An attempted punt failed as the ball went high and became an automatic safety making a 14-14 deadlock.

A series of incomplete passes by Madison halted a desperate attempt to score and the game ended with the Dragons on the Irish 1 foot line.

Charles Woerth and John Dineen were the defensive barriers with Schumacher and Miller leading the offense.

## Poet Reviews Osceola Game

The St. Bons-Osceola game, Really brought the home team fame.

Oh, Don was captain for that game And led the Shamrocks on to fame.

The first quarter was a tough fight, And players fought with all their might.

Something really good to see, Was Shoey making that first T. D.

And when they passed for the extra point, The fans were yelling all over the joint.

That first half really was something, We led Osceola by seven to nothing.

Jack's punt return was something to see, Seventy yards for another T. D.

To his touchdown collection he chalked one more, With the extra point, twenty was our score.

The final score was twenty to zero, Each of the players was a hero. R. G.

Cecilia C.: "Rose Mary, what happened to your knee?"

Rose Mary R.: "I was riding on my horse and he lost footing and fell on me."

Cecilia: "Did the horse get hurt?"

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### Soph Biology Class Display Herbariums

What? A herbarium? That's it! Yes, the sophomore biology class had something better than test per cents to show at the end of the first school quarter. They proudly displayed their books of leaves.

The class spent many pleasant and instructive periods fashioning their first science project. Each member collected his own leaves, studied them under the microscope, mounted, pressed, and finally classified them.

Among the different types of leaves which beautify the herbariums are hackberry, cherry, grape, catalpa, lilac, lily, water grass, cedar, spruce, white birch, silver maple, walnut, and oak.

### Rev. Eckholt's Talk Impresses Sophies

Rev. Francis Eckholt O.F.M., Vocational Field Secretary, addressed the student body October 16 on Religious Vocations. The sophomores wrote a theme on the topic that impressed them most.

Nine sophomores enjoyed the story of the Chinese missionaries, especially the part about the babies that can be ransomed and baptized through our help.

Fourteen students were impressed by the fact that after students all over the country began saying three Hail Marys daily for religious vocations, the number of boys and girls to join the priesthood and sisterhood has greatly increased.

The story of a thirty-two degree Mason, a bitter enemy of the Catholic Church, who paid a poor Catholic boy's entire tuition to the seminary received the votes of nine students.

The episode of the blind man whom Father Francis visited regularly for two years before being able to convert him made a great impression on five sophomores.

The fact that in return for saying three Hail Marys each day Father Francis remembered them in his daily Mass impressed three sophomores.

The story of the Sister celebrating her Golden Anniversary, who received sixty letters from sixty different Sisters who said they had joined the convent because of her influence upon them in the first grade, was enjoyed by two students.

### Rev. Schneider Visits St. Bons

The Rev. P. E. Schneider, Ph. D., Diocesan Superintendent of Catholic Schools, Omaha, visited both the High and the Elementary Schools of St. Bonaventure, Monday, November 5.

Father Schneider attended the various classes and after school held a meeting with the faculty in the library.

### Wedding Bells Ring for Alumni

Four members of the St. Bonaventure Alumni were married at St. Bonaventure Church during the month of October.

Miss Erna Rambour and Albert Eadstieber were married October 2 at 9 o'clock Mass. Rev. Michael Werning of Quincy, Ill., formerly of Columbus, officiated at the nuptial Mass.

Mr. Badstieber, who received his discharge from the Army after four years of service, is employed by the Columbus Brewing Company.

Mr. and Mrs. Badstieber will make their home in Columbus.

On October 22, Miss Betty J. Meyer of Bancroft, Nebr., became the bride of John Tagwerker at 9 o'clock Mass October 23. The double ring ceremony was performed by Rev. Arno Hartman, assistant pastor.

Mr. Tagwerker, who received a discharge from the Marines after three years of duty, is an apprentice plasterer, and is working with his father.

The couple will make their home in Columbus.

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Mr. Tagwerker, who received a discharge from the Marines after three years of duty, is an apprentice plasterer, and is working with his father.

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### Holy Name Society Admits New Members

Fourteen boys were admitted to the Junior Holy Name Society at a ceremony on October 16 in St. Bonaventure Church. The ceremony was conducted by Rev. Arno Hartman O. F. M., Society director.

The following boys were admitted to the Society: Seniors—Joseph Baumert; Sophomores—Donald Baumert; Freshmen—Robert Erehm, Kenneth Euteneur, Vincent Feik, Raphael Gladfelder, Larry Hooker, Milton Melliger, Gerald Melcher, Virgil Nickolite, David Pensick, Bill Ragatz, Bill Soulliere, and Paul Tilsworth.

A meeting was held November 6, during which the boys enjoyed an entertainment which was conducted by Donald Greenlee.

### Two Students Fill Canteen Offices

Jack Miller, junior, and Jo Ann Olivetti, sophomore, were elected president and treasurer respectively of the Columbus Junior Club at its weekly meeting. They replace Dean Steward and Wayne Pettey who were elected last January.

Other officers selected were Bruce Carlson, vice president, and Ladine Long, secretary, both of Kramer. They replace George Rambour K. H. S. and Betty Snedeker '46.

### Juniors Observe Book Week

To observe Catholic Book Week, November 3-9, the Junior class held a series of panel discussions on Catholic authors during the English period.

The entire class participated in the panel discussions. Six chairmen—Joan Fischer, Pat Jarvis, Lorraine Raemakers, Eugene Fischer, Donald Lakers, and Bill Merrill were voted to head the discussion.

The remainder of the class was divided into teams of five members.

Sister M.: "Jim Schroeder, stop spinning that piece of paper!" Jim: "All right, but that's how the Wright Brothers got their start."

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## Juniors Sponsor Novelty Dance

A large number of teen-agers attended the Sadie Hawkins dance, sponsored by the Juniors November 22, in the gym.

The Juniors in charge of the various committees were: Admission—Bill Merrill and Donald Lakers; Refreshments—Bill Merrill and Jack Miller; and Publicity—Anastasia Ernst and Therese Savage.

Mr. and Mrs. Terry Messing, Duffy Dineen, and Margie Micek were chaperons.

Jack Miller, in behalf of the Junior class, extends thanks to the chaperons, especially to Duffy Dineen who furnished the phonograph and records for the dance.

## Teen Trio Entertains At Legion Auxiliary

The Bonnie Teen Trio, Charlotte Messing, soprano, Y'Vonne Pfeifer, second soprano, and Jo Ann Olivetti, alto, were guests at the annual American Legion and Auxiliary Christmas party, December 12.

The trio sang "White Christmas" and "Ole Buttermilk Sky." Vincent Messing played for the selections.

## A Christmas Message

May the baby Jesus bless thee,  
May His tiny hands caress thee  
Through a happy year.  
May His tender love enfold thee,  
May His Sacred Heart e'er hold thee  
As a friend most dear.  
The Faculty

## Sophomores Hold Religion Contest

Adeline Wozny received the first prize for the most outstanding religious scrapbook in the sophomore religion class. Jean Gerber and Verdiann Romanek were presented second and third awards respectively. Sister M. Edwina was the judge.

Each student of the sophomore religion class made a scrapbook which contained pictures, clippings, illustrations, and original compositions on the material which they studied in class. All contents pertained to some phase of religion.

The class is starting a new project for the last six weeks of the first semester.

For honorable mention newspaper clippings relating to material studied in class and careful explanations of pictures used will be required.

## Sodalists Honor New Candidates

In honor of the new candidates, Sodalists and alumnae attended a breakfast, December 8, in the gym, following 7:30 Mass.

Tables were centered with blue and white tapers from which fell graceful twirls of blue and white streamers.

After the breakfast, the Sodalists gave the following program: "Christ, the King" and "Mother Beloved" by the group; "Christmas Hymn," "White Christmas," and "Ole Buttermilk Sky," by the trio, Y'Vonne Pfeifer, Jo Ann Olivetti, and Charlotte Messing; "Still as the Night" and "Ave Maria" by Charlotte Messing; talks by Eleanor Lakers, Pat Jarvis, Catherine Hauser, and Jo Ann Olivetti. Mrs. J. Messing and Vincent Messing were accompanists. Father Albert made a short speech in which he congratulated the candidates.

Installation services were held at 7:30 the same night. After the Act of Consecration, medals were blessed and presented to the new Sodalists and the Litany of the Ices closed with Solemn Benediction. Blessed Mother was recited. Servition and singing of "Holy God."

The candidates each chose a sponsor for the evening exercise. The sponsors accompanied their respective candidates to the altar where the reception took place.

One senior, two sophomores and twenty-four freshmen were admitted into the society.

## Sister Honoriana Celebrates Silver Jubilee December 30

Graduated From St. Bonaventure

Sister M. Honoriana Prochaska, O. S. F., an alumna of St. Bonaventure and a member of the high school faculty, will celebrate the Silver Anniversary of her Religious Investiture in the Order of St. Francis of the Perpetual Adoration, on Monday, December 30, 1946, at Columbus.

The church celebration will begin with ceremonies commemorating the Silver Jubilee, followed by a Solemn High Mass at 10 o'clock at St. Bonaventure church.

Native of Nebraska

Sister Honoriana, who began her religious career here, was born in Abie, Nebraska. She was a boarder during her four years of high school at St. Francis Academy which is now the present St. Bonaventure School. She was graduated on June 6, 1921, and on June 21, 1921, she came back to the Academy where in the present Sister's chapel, Rev. Charles Schlueter, O. F. M., and Sister M. Agnella, Superior, invested her as candidate in the Franciscan Order.

Shortly after she went to the St. Francis Motherhouse, LaFayette, Ind. At the end of six months of candidacy, Sister received the Holy Habit on December 21, 1921, after which she began a two year novitiate. In 1923 she made her first profession of temporary vows which were renewed every two years until she took her Perpetual or Final Vows in 1930.

Sister Honoriana has been a teacher during the twenty five years of her religious life. She taught in the schools of the following states:

Nebraska—Omaha, Platte Center, and Columbus; New Mexico—Gallup, San Fidel, and Cuba; Indiana—Hammond and Huntington; Louisiana, New Orleans; and Kansas, Olpe.

Mother House at Denver

Sister Honoriana is a member of the Western Province of the Order of St. Francis whose Motherhouse is the St. Joseph Convent located at Denver, Colo. In connection with the convent is a college, a high school, aspirant's home, and a home for the retired Sisters.

This Province includes nurses' training schools, orphanages, homes for the aged, schools and hospitals in many states.

## Former Teacher Heads St. Francis Music Department

Sister M. Aniceta, O.S.F., who for many years was a music instructor and organist here, is now head of the St. Francis College Music Department, Fort Wayne, Ind.

Sister M. Aniceta is affiliated with the Sherwood Music School, Chicago, Ill. She studied under such pianists as Silvio Scionti of the American Conservatory of Music, Chicago, Ill.; Patrick O'Sullivan of the Memphis Conservatory of Music, Memphis, Tenn.; and Robert Hennried of Fort Wayne, Ind. She studied Gregorian Chant under the Benedictine Fathers, Denver, Colo., and the Rev. Montani, and J. J. Ferring, both of Cincinnati, Ohio.

Sister M. Aniceta teaches History of Music, Music Appreciation, Advanced Harmony, School Methods for teachers' licenses, and directs the college chorus. She also gives private lessons in piano, organ, and voice.

## Honor Roll

### Seniors

Beryl Bamberg  
Catherine Hauser  
Theona Kosak  
Eleanor Lakers  
Rosemary Wass

### Juniors

Anastasia Ernst  
Joan Fischer  
Pat Jarvis  
Donald Lakers  
Pat Robb  
Therese Savage  
Luella Zabawa

### Sophomores

Don Baumert  
Clare Kaipust  
Margaret Korgie  
Rosella Kush  
Charlotte Messing  
Jacqueline Micek  
Lorrie Lou Mimick  
Verdiann Romanek  
Alice Syslo  
Adeline Wozny  
Jo Ann Olivetti

### Freshmen

Romayne Cerny  
Betty Ann Dischner  
Louise Ernst  
Ina Clare Frischolz  
Pat Kaminski  
Ann Marie Luis  
Ramona Messing  
Mary McClosky

## "GOOD GLORY"



—Courtesy of McDonald Studio  
Left to right: Catherine Hauser, Joseph Baumert, Jerome Dunn, Betty Tagwerker, Eugene Nickolite, Eleanor Lakers, Willis Kolbush, Eugene Kneifel, Beryl Bamberg, Lucille Syslo and Beverly Schroeder.

## Senior Cast Thrills Audience In Comedy-Drama

"Good Glory," a fast-moving rollicking comedy in three acts which the seniors staged December 15 and 17, held the audience in suspense during the entire performance. The auditorium was crowded to capacity.

The well-trained and hard-working cast cleverly worked out a true-to-life interpretation of the characters. The peculiar drawl and outlandish costumes of the Missourian farm couple and their granddaughter added much interest and hilarity to the entertainment.

Joseph Baumert realistically portrayed Samuel Witherspoon, a domineering but good-hearted grandfather, whose only love is money until his Missourian granddaughter, Glory, comes to live with him in order to get an education. Glory, superbly starred by Catherine Hauser, in an out-moded costume and a Missouri drawl steals the show with her loving and engaging personality and wins the love of the apparently miserly Sam Witherspoon.

This greatly upsets Agnes Witherspoon, dramatically enacted by Beryl Bamberg, who fears her

rich father-in-law will change his will in Glory's behalf. Being both cold-hearted and treacherous, she seeks the aid of Eugene Kneifel, cleverly pictured as George Darnell, the secretary, to whom she is secretly engaged. With the aid of Kit, Agnes' daughter, skillfully personified by Lucille Syslo, they plan to have Todhunter Trevelyan, portrayed by Willis Kolbush, court Glory and thus make her loose Sam's favor. George also forges a check and a letter with Glory's name to increase this disfavor.

Glory, with the aid of Mr. Witherspoon, adapts city ways and clothes but at all times remains loving and true and gets her education. David Jordan, enacted by Jerome Dunn, who is Glory's favorite beau is in love with Kit until he finds out her real character.

Roars of hilarity burst forth from the audience when Mira and Caleb Coggles, a simple farm couple, played by Betty Tagwerker and Eugene Nickolite come to look after their granddaughter's interest. The plot becomes complicated when Sam dies and the maid Beverly Schroeder, dramati-

cally pictured as Drina Hatfield, accepts a bribe for keeping still about a will in Glory's favor which George Darnell and Agnes find and burn.

Eleanor Lakers beautifully interpreted Roma Trevelyan, Todhunter's sister, who also loves George Darnell. She hides in a bedroom and hears all the wife schemes against Glory and reveals them at the opportune moment. David Jordan, who is a lawyer, comes to read Sam's will which he had revised before he died. The will which Sam wrote on his deathbed was void because it wasn't witnessed. The play ends with the engagement of Glory and David.

Y'Vonne Pfeifer, Joan Fischer, Irene Wilczynski, Gloria Burzynski, Jody Olivetti, Charlotte Messing sang "Morning Invitation," "Ave Maris Stella," "Up On The House Top," and "Silent Night." The trio, Charlotte Messing, Y'Vonne Pfeifer, and Jody Olivetti sang "White Christmas" and "Ole Buttermilk Sky."

The proceeds of the play were for the new St. Bonaventure School.

## Home Ec Class Serves Dinner

The Home Economics Class sponsored a dinner which was served in the gym, November 21, under the supervision of their teacher, Sister Herman Joseph.

The purpose of the project was to learn to serve and to prepare a balanced and attractive meal. The menu included meat loaf, mashed potatoes, coleslaw, carrot sticks, creamed peas, chocolate pudding, and cocoa.

Approximately 33 were present.

## Sanitation Director Shows Three Movies

"When We Eat Out," "Safe Water," and "Rodents" were the latest movies which Mr. T. A. Pilipe, Director of Division of Sanitation in the State Department of Health, Lincoln, showed the high school assembly in the school auditorium. The pictures were obtained through the courtesy of Mrs. Faith Herford, County School Nurse.

"When We Eat Out" pictures show unclean restaurants are the breeding places for germs and also gave the advantages which are found in clean restaurants.

"Rodents" explained that rats are carriers of diseases. It pictured methods of controlling them.

"Safe Water" gave a clear picture of how good and bad water affect the life of everyone.

## Students Assist Christmas Fund

In answer to a request made by J. R. Bitner, Supt. of City Schools, high school girls under the chairmanship of Pat Jarvis are selling seals in a booth at J. C. Penney's Store, the three Saturdays before Christmas. Christmas seals are sold annually throughout the nation to raise funds for the treatment and prevention of tuberculosis.

The St. Bonaventure Grade and High School students enrolled 100 per cent in the American Junior Red Cross in behalf of the request extended by County Supt. Robert A. Quick, chairman.



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## Complete Your Christmas List

On a cold peaceful night over 1900 years ago, the shepherds, who were watching their sheep on a lonely hill side, were startled by the bright penetrating rays of an unusual star in the Eastern sky. A choir of angels announced the glad tidings of the Savior's birth, and the shepherds immediately went to see and adore their King. They brought the best of their flock as a gift to Him.

The Magi from the Eastern lands also saw the wondrous star, and traveled through desert and city until they came to the stable at Bethlehem where they paid homage to the King of Kings, a peaceful Babe, lying in a bed of straw. Like the shepherds, these kings brought their best gifts—gold, frankincense, and myrrh—which were indeed kingly presents.

On Christmas day, we too are called to adore our Infant Savior, the Giver of all good gifts. Let us join the shepherds and Magi on their journey, and visit our King. Like these men of old, we should give Him our best gift. The best we could give Him would be a soul on Christmas morning which is as pure and as spotless as His.

The Christmas rush is on! People are all preparing their last minute gifts. As there are only a few days left until Christmas, let us start immediately, if we have not done so already, and get our most important gift ready—the one for our Lord and Master.

C. H.

## I Can! I Will! I Must!

Human progress depends on effort, both physical and spiritual. It is not the amount of money a person inherits that eventually establishes him in life as an intelligent, respectable and successful citizen; it is his individual worth in society, his resoluteness, honesty, diligence, thrift, vision, and willingness to shoulder responsibility.

To achieve success in life you must follow principles that have stood the test of time. We must admit, too, that there are certain endowments required before we may even begin to mount the golden ladder of success:

- "I am" — I exist, I have been created, I have life.
- "I can" — I have power, I can do things, I can advance.
- "I ought" — I have a heart, I have a conscience, I know my purpose in life.
- "I will" — I can choose, I can make an honest effort, I can do.

God has given you the "I am," the "I can," the "I ought," and the "I will." But it is particularly the "I will" that He leaves to you. It is for each of you, therefore, to make the choice whether you will use the gifts God has bestowed upon you to attain success, or whether you will be a ne'er-do-well, by hiding your talents under a bushel. Within the realm of divine providence, you are the masters of your own destiny. You can make of your life a dismal failure or you can gain for yourself the crown of success. The choice is your own personal responsibility.

Father Albert.

## Don't Give Up the Ship!

It's natural that every year ends with December and the following January brings a new year. Each new year presents an opportunity for a fresh start.

The closing of the year should bring us a feeling of satisfaction—of things well done, of accomplishments, of character promotion, of self betterment, and of a deeper religious feeling.

Practically everybody starts the year with a list beginning with "I hereby firmly resolve" . . . but it seems that only a few have the character to keep their resolutions chiefly for two reasons, their resolutions are too difficult or too numerous. A person can hardly be expected to keep fifteen or twenty resolutions that represent his worst faults, but one good resolution, made with the idea of sticking to it and thereby improving oneself, is a good asset with which to start any new year.

Many do not use their time—they spend it—why not resolve to make better use of it in the coming year.

Lack of courtesy and kindness towards others may be our prime fault—a resolution concerning this could bring wonderful results. Or why not resolve to be more attentive in class, or show more respect to our superiors, or attend daily Mass, or any one of a number of things applying to our daily lives—that would not be too difficult to improve.

Results of this year may not be as encouraging as we would like it with a little effort and perseverance the end of next year can show big improvement!

P. J.

## Gloria In Excelsis Deo



—Courtesy of Daniel Studio

## Hail to Christ the New Born King

On that first Christmas night  
So long, long ago,  
Our Savior was born  
In a stable so low.

Three kings from afar  
By a star shown the way,  
Brought gifts from the East  
Their homage to pay.

The shepherds were told  
By the heavenly song;  
They came and adored  
After waiting so long.

Now let us prepare  
For this season's great feast  
When the Savior will come  
To be our great Guest.  
Therese Savage

## Anxious Girls Versus Worried Boys

Hunting season for the Sadie Hawkins Dance sponsored by the Juniors opened November 21, with wild enthusiasm.

For a week you could hear the following bits of conversation which were heard echoing down the halls and stairs: "I'm scared." "I wonder if he will accept." "When should I ask him?" "Whom are you going to ask?" "Can you get your car?" "Let's go to the midnight show." "Where will we eat?"

Sadie Hawkins night finally arrived. The girls called for their dates, and took them to the dance. About 9:00 o'clock the dance was in full swing.

The highlight of the evening was when all were ushered into opposite dressing rooms and coming out were paired off in succession. The Freshies really looked pale when they saw a staunch senior looking down upon them.

About 11:00 o'clock the lights were dimmed and "Dancing in the Dark" was played.

All seemed to have a good time and the Juniors hope to sponsor more successful surprises.

## Seniors Prepare For the New Year

The seniors of St. Bons do hereby resolve:

Norma Matya—to learn to go to bed early nights instead of early mornings.

Eddie Gates—to grow taller.  
Helen Ann Podraza—to show off my dimples more often.  
Eugene Nickolite—to stop play-

ing cat and mouse.  
Betty Tagwerker—to quite believing in Santa Clause.

Don Greenlee—to shrink a little bit.

Kate Hauser—to stop hitting everyone.

Pete Schroeder—to make 30 points a game, providing the other team doesn't play.

Beryl Bamberg—to stop giving myself crew cuts.

Joe Baumert—to keep my hair from falling in my eyes.

Theona Kozak—to sleep 'till noon every Saturday.

Lawrence Pelter—to forget about initiation.

Lillian Chochon—to make my bookkeeping balance everytime.

Bob Speicher—to stay in school once I get there.

Dode Nickolite—to learn to be a better driver.

Gene Kneifel—to lower the limit on my Hupmobile to 2 qts. and 5 gals.

Lucy Syslo—to get A in department.

Jerome Dunn—to quit algebra and take an easier subject.

Rose Mary Wass—not to study so hard.

John Dineen—to keep the waves in my hair.

Bev Schroeder—to make use of my Spanish book, when it comes.

Willy Kolbush—never to let down the American Tobacco Company by smoking nothing but Luckies.

Joan Mahoney—to come to school every day.

Beryl Feik—to get to Mass on time, at least one morning a week.

Chuck Woerth—to stay awake Monday mornings.

Margie Iwan—to put my hair up, at least once a week.

Eleanor Lakers—to get 80 words a minute in shorthand.

Here's hoping all your dreams come true! The New Year shall see!

## Miller Merrill Musings

"What's news?" Well, here's what we heard.

Eugene Fischer was given a new seat in library period. (Where is Sister going to sit, Gene?)

Boys who have the privilege of riding on Tom McKown's and Ev Johnson's motorcycles consider themselves lucky.

Model "A's" are the most popular car at school. Of the five boys driving them, Marion Thiele has slickest, but Tom Hembd's makes the most noise. (What's the matter, Tom—afraid people won't notice you?)

Since Lorraine Ramaeker's received her driver's license she can give us a ride in that '46 Pontiac. (Come on, Lorraine, that's what we've been waiting for.)

If you say Dick Hayes isn't a good driver, what do you think about Joan Jiraneck and Betty Snedeker backing out of a parking place the wrong way. (Even Dick can do better than that.)

Do you recall that loud noise the other day when Eleanor Lakers came out of the staff room and kicked the waste basket into the junior room? (Something wrong, Eleanor?)

Why do Jim Langan, Dave Schumacher, and Chuck Haney like to work at the brewery? (Any special reason, boys?)

St. Bons mystery—Why is the Junior room always shaking? (Could it be that Bill Merrill is nervous?)

Only three boys hit the six foot mark—Don Lakers, Don Greenlee, and Joe Baumert. (That's O. K. boys, we like 'em tall.)

Betty Ann Dischner came to school the other morning with her apron on. (Is that the latest style, Betty?)

Why does the English instructor get disturbed when Paul Diederich walks around the room? (Could it be his noiseless step?)

The newest romance in school is between a Sophomore girl and a Senior boy. (Guess who?)

The latest excuse for being late for basketball practice is "I forgot the key to my locker." (Can't you think of a better excuse than that, boys?)

## Soph Biology Class Turns Murderers

Ready? "Oh, wait a minute, I can't find my knife." O. K. now hang on to him." "Whoops! He fell." "Poor little fellow, what are you trying to do, hurt him?" "Now let's go again and this time do the job."

A tense silence reigns until—"Hurrah! I found it." Operation is successful. "Look! Gee, it's little. I can hardly see it without the magnifying glass."

This amusing conversation is what you would have heard if you had listened to the Sophomore biology class when they performed an operation.

Who is the victim of this ordeal? Just a little, innocent bee. Of course you'd never know this by looking at it after those murderous students had finished their operation.

Oh, by the way, the discovery turned out to be a hind leg and not a stinger which the class was looking for.

## Thanks!

The faculty and the students express sincerest thanks to the following:

Coach Paul Ernst for his excellent coaching and interest in the football team.

Mr. Robert A. Quick, county superintendent, for showing the technicolor pictures, "The Lumber Industry" and "A Man Without A Country."

Mr. T. A. Pilipi for showing the three pictures on sanitation.

Mrs. Faith Herford, county school nurse, through whose courtesy these health pictures were brought here.

Mr. M. A. Olivetti and the Alexander Furniture Company for the furniture loaned for the Senior play.

The Grades, for helping sell tickets for the play.



## St. Bons Cagers Defeat Monroe

St. Bon's cagers again displayed a sizzling second half to down Monroe 34-12 after leading only 6-3 at the half. The slick floor hindered the fast breaking Irish for a time but could not prevent the scoring. Dick Hayes and Don Lakers led the second half outburst. Jack Miller led scoring with nine points.

The "little" Shamrocks made it three in a row by downing the Monroe seconds in a free scoring game.

Irish defense and passing were tight spots of the games.

## Meet the Freshies!

**Vincent Feik**  
He may be small but he's mighty.

**Marlynn Diederich**  
She is quiet, but oh, how studious.

**Larry Hooker**  
He burns the midnight oil.

**Lois Dineen**  
She is a little lady with a will of her own.

**Raphael Gladfelter**  
He's our representative on The Venture staff.

**Gloria Nosal**  
One who to herself is true.

**Jerry Melcher**  
The curly-headed lad who enjoys life.

**Ramona Messing**  
She isn't stuck up; it's just her nature.

**David Pensick**  
If it's speed you want, excuse him.

**Ina Claire Frischolz**  
If knowledge were gold she would be wealthy.

**Bill Ragatz**  
He is for California but doesn't forget St. Bon's.

**Rose Marie Jahn**  
She's a girl who is looked-up to.

**Soulliere**  
He tries not to show his wisdom.

**Romayne Cerny**  
She is a real lady.

**Robert De Larme**  
He can't wait for the bell to ring.

**Betty Ann Dischner**  
She laughs not at another's loss, nor does she grudge at another's gain.

**Earl Kuta**  
He doesn't argue with you—he tells you.

**Mary Ann Merrill**  
She is the happy-go-lucky girl.

**Paul Tilsworth**  
A boy who sticks to his word.

**Marcia Locher**  
She's a diligent student.

**Virgil Nickolite**  
He is the bashful type.

**Richard Rice**  
He is the grand old sport in football.

**Margaret Stevens**  
She loves the green and white and all things belonging to St. Bon's.

**Mary McCloskey**  
The small girl who has a big determination.

**James Langan**  
He is like the stars, he comes out at night.

**Ann Marie Luis**  
She's a scholar hard to beat.

**Stanley Krzycki**  
He's as pleasant as he is quiet.

**Louise Ernst**  
She is everyone's friend.

**Robert Brehm**  
A dillar, a dollar, he's a nine o'clock scholar.

**Lorraine Hilbert**  
She's an excellent scholar.

**John Mahoney**  
He's always contented.

**Rose Mary Ramaekers**  
Good student, who doesn't brag about it.

**Kenneth Euteneur**  
He's slow but sure.

**Charlene Nickolite**  
Pleasantness is her charm.

**Lambert Shonka**  
A gentleman, who is tall, prim and respectful.

**Pat Kaminski**  
A girl whose word is worth weighing.

**Milton Melliger**  
A real sport and a good classmate is he.

**Cecelia Cynova**  
She sits and watches the rest of the world go by.

**John Syslo**  
He refuses to say more than he can back up.

## St. Bons Cagers Confront Action

St. Bon's athletes have now swung into the action of the 1946-47 basketball schedule.

The six lettermen are John Dineen, Jim Schroeder, Dan McNair, Jack Miller, Don Lakers, and Dick Hayes. The two regulars are Jack Muler and Dan McNair.

Dave Schumacher, Bill Merrill, Chuck Haney, Don Baumert, Bob Tooley, and Rex Rupprecht, who also play in the preliminaries, make up the rest of the varsity.

Paul Gutzmer, Bob Ross, John Syslo, Morrie and Jerry Melcher will suit up for the second team. Lakers, Baumert, and Dineen are the tall boys, while Miller, Schroeder, and Hayes are the speedsters.

A twelve game home schedule is lined up with two openings still left.

Shamrocks will participate in the Platte County meet, the State Catholic meet at York, and the District "C" meet.

## Irish Submit To Beavers In Opener

The St. Bonaventure Shamrocks went down to defeat in their first game of the season at the hands of the St. Edward Beavers, 19-13. The Irish had plenty of set shots but couldn't find the range, while the Beavers made good most of their shots.

Dick Hayes was high scorer with six points for the Irishmen.

The seconds started out the season with an 18-16 victory on Chuck Haney's setup in the last fifteen seconds. He was also high point man with eight.

## Junior Typists Claim "It's Not MY Fault"

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## Ernst Starts Tenth Year of Coaching



COACH ERNST

Paul "Dutch" Ernst has started his tenth year of coaching at St. Bonaventure.

In 1937 his basketball team copped the Platte County and District Class B tournaments. His 1943-44 team, probably his best, was eighth in the state Class C ratings. His 1944-45 team won the County Class C tournament.

Ernst introduced both track and football in the school. In 1943, three years after football was introduced, he tutored his first undefeated and untied team which was eighth in state six-man standing. In five years his six-man team won twenty-five and dropped eighteen. This year he introduced eleven-man football successfully with a record of three wins, three losses, and one tie.

"Dutch" has produced good track teams and excellent individual stars. His teams have scored for three successive years at the State Meet, have won three County Meets and also the only District Meet that has been scheduled.

## School Welcomes Holiday Vacation

'Twas the night before Christmas And all through the school, Not a paper was stirring Not even a rule. No sound could be heard Inside the dark wall, No laughter re-echoed Through the dim, dreary halls. For the children were gone, For the holiday, free, And the long waited for Day Just filled them with glee. No thought of their school-work Could enter their heads, While they dreamed of the morrow All snug in their beds. And out in the darkness The school slept forlorn, Forgotten by children Till some other bright morn. T. S.

Sister M.: "What does Thanksgiving mean to you?"  
Chuck J.: "A free day."

Sister H.: "What changes would you like in The Venture?"  
Tom H.: "My picture."

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## Shamrocks Crush Marietta 28-17

St. Bonaventure exploded in the second half to score twenty-two points after trailing 9-6 at the half to win their first game by a score of 28-17. The Irish sizzled to score eleven points in the last two quarters. Dick Hayes, Don Lakers, and Jack Miller led the scoring.

Frank Eller led Marietta to a first quarter lead but the Irish pulled back into the game. Once the Irish were ahead Marietta threatened once to pull within one point but then the home team really pulled away.

"Rifle" Haney led the junior Irish to a 20-9 victory over the Marietta seconds. Paul Gutzmer played a good defensive game. The Irish made the first four shots they took to earn an 8-1 lead.

## Shamrocks Schedule 13 Basketball Games

### Schedule

Dec. 6 at St. Edward.  
Dec. 9, Marietta.  
Dec. 10 at Monroe.  
Dec. 13 at Polk.  
Dec. 16, Stromsburg.  
Jan. 3, Open.  
Jan. 7, Schuyler.  
Jan. 10 at Newman Grove.  
Jan. 13, St. Mary's (G. I.)  
Jan. 17, Sacred Heart (Norfolk).  
Jan. 24 at Silver Creek.  
Feb. 7, Duncan.  
Feb. 14, Open.  
Feb. 17, Osceola.  
Feb. 21, St. Francis (Humphrey).

Thirteen games have already been scheduled to assure the Irish a large amount of play. The Shamrocks will also participate in three, possibly, four, State tournaments—County, District, and Catholic.

Sacred Heart of Norfolk is the only new team on the Irish schedule this year; however, the two schools met annually a few years ago.

Schuyler is the biggest game on the schedule. Last year the Irish went down to a 28-16 defeat at their hands.

Newman Grove also looks tough this year. The Irish 1945-46 cagers split with them last year. The Irish look forward to a good playing season.

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## Girls Play Politics In Spanish Contest

Oh, a beauty contest! Who are the judges on this ticklish question? They'll be neutral if they value their lives. The contest technically is to find "la senorita mas bonita de la clase de espanol." That's the prettiest girl — or so they tell me.

It was nip and tuck all the way. Tom McKown, an unexpected candidate, was the early leader. The only entry with a campaign manager, he also ended early with only two votes. (You didn't want it that bad, did you, Tom?)

The girls played power politics. Threats were flying, but the odds were about even. (Three boys, seventeen girls.)

To insure a correct count, the boys handled all the details. (The cads.)

A long sentence in Spanish announcing the winner was written on the board. I'd tell you but you wouldn't know what it means and I wouldn't be much help. However, it included time, place, school, and a lot of suspense. Finally, the word, *Primer*, meaning first. Who was it? Patty Robb, I congratulate you. Segundo (second) Lorraine Ramaekers; tercero (third) Eleanor Lakers. (No, Tom, I won't mention your name again.)

## Bright Students Fix Everything

The deadline draws near! It's now or after school, and I wonder which is better. Physics is no pushover, but lab period is something to look forward to. Our amateur geniuses can fix anything and doesn't the lab look it? Take last period when the battery didn't have enough juice. Undaunted, they rigged up a hand-powered machine. Still the belt was too loose. Oh, they could fix that too. All that had to be done was to cut it (the inside was copper) and wire it together. May the belt rest in peace!

But lab isn't everything. Why, I don't know, but Friday is test day and the less said about it the better. Some bright students put down a different term for each space; that way they figure they're bound to get a few right. (7% last time.) But all is well that ends well, and as yet we haven't carried the same person out twice.

## Wedding Bells Ring for Alumni

Miss Alice Loeffler, '42, St. Bonaventure, was married to L. Moss of Columbus, November 30, at St. Bridget Church in Omaha.

Mr. Moss, who served in the army with the paratroops for three years, received a discharge in October, 1945. At present he is employed at the Behlen Manufacturing Company.

Miss Imogene Henn of Albion, Nebraska, became the bride of Carroll Boyle, Columbus, on November 16 at Julesburg, Colorado.

Mr. Boyle, a graduate of St. Bons, served three years in the army, eighteen months of which were spent in the European theater of operations. He is employed by the Union Pacific Railroad at North Platte.

The couple went to Denver for a short wedding trip and will then make their home at North Platte.

## Santa Writes a Letter to S. B. H. Students

Dear Students of St. Bonaventure High School:

I was overjoyed to receive your many letters because they proved to me that certain rumors which have been flying around lately are not true. You do believe in Santa Claus after all.

I hope you don't mind if I answer your letters all at once, but as you know I'm very busy around this time of the year.

Well, La Vern O'Kane, I can get you that new shoe shiner's kit but I can't guarantee a self polisher.

All you must do, Dick Urban, is hang up an extra big stocking (one of your own will do) and I'll see that you get your king-sized lollipops and that picture of Gene Autrey.

I have plenty of Wheaties for you, Marion Thiele and Rosella Kush, which should help you grow as much as you wish.

You, Darlene Savage, asked for one of my helpers to help you get



your lessons. I have a nice, tall, dark, and handsome one to spare. Would he do?

I have a brand new book of jokes for, Don Lakers and Dick Kemnitz, and I'm sure the other students will appreciate them too.

You, Katie Hauser, asked for one of my d-e-a-r-s. Now just what do you mean by that?

I'm afraid I'm all out of Tardy Excuse Books, Pat Robb, but would a nice alarm clock do just as well?

I can give you that typewriter you wanted, Charles Haney, but I

can't guarantee that it will be mistake proof.

You, Fritz Loeffler, can have your pick of a yellow, red, or green mechanical yo-yo.

All you have to do to get that live doll, Bob Tooley, is write me in about ten years.

Do you think, Bill Merrill, you you could be satisfied with a pair of glasses instead of that extra size bushel basket that would enable you to make a basket at games. (By the way, my name isn't Sandy Claws.)

I have those white figure skates for you, Margaret Korgie, but why do you want a pillow to go with it?

One of my helpers is calling me so I must go now. See you Christmas.

Santa Claus.

P. S. I didn't answer all your letters 'cause I'd rather surprise you on Christmas.

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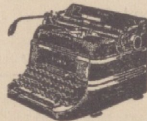
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## School Building Fund Amounts to \$80,218

In the financial report Father Albert Limacher, pastor of St. Bonaventure Church, announced that the school building fund, to date, including results of the school drive, \$39,806.04, and investments in United States Savings Bonds, \$40,412.00, amounts to a grand total of \$80,218.04.

General receipts of the parish showed a notable increase over those of last year. Total collections from all sources plus balance on hand, January, 1946, amounts to \$37,251.21, of which \$2,094.50 was netted through the Christmas collection.

## Societies Schedule Box Supper, Febr. 18

The Holy Name and Our Lady's Sodality are jointly sponsoring a box supper social next Tuesday, February 18, in the gym. The proceeds will be used for financing the Junior-Senior prom.

The societies plan to have this second annual social similar to that of last year's event at which they netted \$50 which was added to the Junior's treasury for the prom.

## Eagle Scout



LARRY HOOKER

## L. Hooker Receives Eagle Scout Award

Larry Hooker, freshman, is the sixth SBH boy to be awarded the Eagle Scout distinction within the past three years. Larry received the award at a candlelight ceremony January 31 at the Petah-la-Shauro district court of honor conducted at the district courtroom of the courthouse before a large attendance. Robert Quick, district advancement chairman, made the award.

Hooker began Scouting as a tenderfoot in September, 1945, advancing to second class the following month. He achieved first class rating in February, 1946, and became a Star Scout in May, and a Life Scout in November.

Larry has attended Scout sessions at Camp Cedars the past two years, and also participated in four local camporees. He served as den chief of Cub Pack 115 for a year, and patrol leader in Troop 115 for a year and a half.

Eagle Hooker also received eight merit badges, and Jack Miller was presented the silver palm to his Eagle badge.

Other Eagle Scouts of SBH are Bill Merrill, Jack Miller, juniors, Bob Tooley, sophomore, Pat McGowan, '46, and Leland Koch, '46.

## Shamrocks Win Platte County Tournament



Back row, left to right: Paul Gutzmer, Dan McNair, John Dineen, Charles Haney, Don Baumert, Dick Hayes.

First row, left to right: Paul Ernst, Don Greenlee, Jack Miller, Jim Schroeder, Bob Ross, Bill Merrill, Rex Rupprecht, Bob Tooley, and Father Arno.

### Jack Miller First On Honorary Team

Shamrocks gained their second Platte County basketball crown February 1 when they edged Humphrey High in a thriller on the KHS court, 33-31. Neither team was able to manage a margin of more than six points at any time in the contest, and they were separated by only a point or two most of the way.

John Dineen and Jim Schroeder accepted the trophy which was presented by L. L. Patterson, tournament director.

Jack Miller, hustling forward, and Herb Detlefsen, Humphrey High, topped the list of the ten most valuable players in the Platte County Tournament. Jack scored 28 points in the tournament and had one of the best free throw averages. Dick Hayes, who scored 14 points in the finals, wound up eighth. His elusive pivot shot gave Humphrey a lot of trouble. Dan McNair, level-headed guard, ranked tenth on the honor list. The coaches of the eight participating teams were judges.

## Physics Class Hold Panel Discussion On Thomas Edison

"The life and works of Thomas Alva Edison," was the topic, which a group of eight students of the Science department, presented in a panel discussion to the faculty and students, in a general assembly, February 11, in the school auditorium.

The program was dedicated to the great American inventor in commemoration of his centennial, one hundredth birthday, which was last Tuesday.

The students, who participated in the discussion, gave the following topics: Jerome Dunn, chairman, began with "Who Was Thomas Edison?"; Eugene Kneifel explained "Edison's Times"; Rosemary Wass told "What Is Invention"; Ralph Czuba discussed "Man and Communication"; Paul Diederich told about "Edison and the Electric Light"; Bill Merrill brought out "Edison and Electric Power"; Eugene Nickolite explained "Edison and the Motion Picture"; and Bernadette Feik ended the discussion with "Music for Everyone."

Each of the speakers added much interest to their topics by using illustrations.

## Catholic Comic, Topix, on Newstands

The Catholic comic magazine, *Topix*, which is now in Columbus, is being distributed to newstands throughout the country by the American company of New York, it has been announced by the Catechetical Guild Educational society.

The *Topix* has been translated in the French as "Herauts" and in Spanish as "Vidas Y Verdades."

In August of this year the *Topix* will also be printed in Chinese, states the C. G. E. society.

## Senior Class Donates Book of Experiences

"Adventures of the Class of 1947," a unique book, donated by the Seniors, is now in the library.

The book contains twenty-six real experiences which are told in realistic language and interspersed with drawings.

Willis Kolbush did the binding in a new-fashioned style.

## Sodality Observes Catholic Home Week

Sodalists observed Catholic Home Week, February 9-14, with an appropriate program presented for their parents in the auditorium, February 12.

In opening the program, Eleanor Lakers, Sodality president, explained the true purpose of Catholic Home Week. "The object of Catholic Home Week is to make Sodalists more appreciative of their Catholic homes and of their obligations to their homes. It is important that Sodalists be informed of the ideals and objectives to be carried out in homes of the present and future," she stated.

The real meaning of the home was the theme developed by Jo Ann Olivetti. Beverly Schroeder showed how the Holy Family should be the model of every true home. The influence of the home upon the life of the family was explained by Theona Kozak.

The virtues of industry, courtesy, obedience, self-sacrifice, and faith in God, necessary in every Catholic home, were discussed by Alice Berni, Bernadette Feik, Luella Zabawa, and Joan Fischer, respectively.

Pat Jarvis showed how important early home training and education are in the life of every child. Catherine Hauser reported on a comic book survey made with the students of St. Bonaventure. Curing comic book addicts and proper home entertainment were explained by Rosemary Wass, and Anastasia Ernst reported on Catholic radio programs.

The reasons for the breaking up of the home and how to counteract these evils was discussed by Beryl Bamberg.

A short play, "It Won't Hurt Me," was presented by Adeline Wozny, Jacqueline Micek, Rosella Kush, Lois Dineen, Ina Claire Frischholz, Romayne Cerny, Betty Dischner, and Harriet Reifenrath. It dealt with the influence of literature upon our daily lives.

Songs were sung by the following girls: JoAnn Olivetti, Y'Vonne Pfeifer, Joan Fischer, Adeline Wozny, Rosella Kush, Irene Wilczynski, Phyllis Thraen, Charlotte Messing, Gloria Burzynski, Alice Syslo, and Virginia Lohr.

Rev. Albert Limacher, director, summed up the program in a short speech.

## Sodality Adopts Marion Award Semester Project

The members of Our Lady's Sodality have adopted the Sodality Marion Award, which recognizes and rewards the personal achievement of the individual Sodalist and the group achievement of the Sodality, for their second semester project.

The personal achievement rating is based on the ten outstanding characteristics of a practical Sodalist; the group rating, on the number of projects carried out by the Sodality.

There are four ratings, M-A-R-Y, which spell the name of Mary, the patroness of the Sodality, to whose honor members devote their time and talents in planning and carrying out the various activities.

A report of each Sodalist's total points will be read at each meeting. At the close of the school year, the Marion Award will be presented to the Sodalist with the highest number of merits.

## Bonnie Teen Trio Entertains K. C.

The Bonnie Teen Trio, Charlotte Messing, JoAnn Olivetti and Y'Vonne Pfeifer, were guests at the Knights of Columbus forty-eighth Anniversary Banquet, January 19, in the gym.

The Trio sang the following selections: "For Sentimental Reasons"; "Ricketty Rickshaw"; and "Don't Be A Baby."

The program opened with community singing and was followed by a buffet-style dinner. Rev. Albert Limacher, Rev. Arno Hartman, and Rev. Leander Connelly gave short talks.

Father Leander, alumnus of St. Bonaventure and former resident of Columbus, gave an impressive talk on the necessity of a new school.

Various members of the group were called upon to speak after which singing of "God Bless America," terminated the celebration.

### THANKS

The faculty and students of St. Bonaventure High School express sincerest thanks to the Catholic Daughters of America for the donation of \$25.00 to the library.

## Senior Class Chooses Class Motto, Colors

The seniors chose the class motto, "To the Stars Through Difficulties," and the class colors, Azure Blue and Gold, during their January meeting. A committee was appointed to find the meaning of different flowers in order that the class could select a class flower.

A letter from the Federal Bureau of Investigation was read in regard to employment of clerical personnel. Since Congress has given the FBI increased responsibilities, it needs more help and believes that a large percentage of this new personnel can be secured from the seniors and the graduates of '46.

The class decided to order their commencement announcements and name cards which they chose in November.

## Don Lakers Enters St. Joseph College

Donald Lakers, St. Bonaventure junior, left shortly after Christmas to take up studies at St. Joseph's College, Westmont, Illinois.

Lakers has been an honor student throughout his entire school career. He is an altar boy and also a member of the Junior Holy Name Society. He was feature editor on *The Venture* staff and a member of the Speed and Accuracy Club.

Don, a good athlete, lettered in football, basketball, and track. He was regular center on the basketball team, and was a capable tackle in football.

Don is the son of Mr. and Mrs. P. W. Lakers. His brother, Robert, a freshman, also attends St. Joseph's.

Other boys from St. Bonaventure attending the college are Edward Bandur, Lester Nosal, Richard Miller, and Lester Savage.

## V. Romanek Wins Religion Contest

Verdiann Romanek and Jean Gerber received first and second prizes, respectively, for the best religion booklets of the six weeks.

Each student of the Sophomore class entered the contest by making religious booklets on facts they have learned during the last six weeks.



## Let the Catholic Press Be Your Guide

"The pen is mightier than the sword"—a common saying, often heard but seldom heeded. The influence of literature is evident all through history. It can be an instrument of good or a power to create evil. St. Ignatius Loyola was converted after reading only one good book, but millions of people fell into paganism through the writings of Luther.

The stepped-up pace of today's living has loosened morals. Most of today's literature is a product of that influence. It offers little knowledge and even less of an opportunity for self-betterment. Conflicting aims in the world today keep our secular papers and magazines flooded with propaganda.

Through this chaos the Catholic Press lends a guiding hand to those seeking good literature. It has kept the standards of truth intact; it has shown the real way to constructive thinking; promoted Catholic education; and given a clear insight into the problems of today. In short it has given us good, clean, enjoyable literature.

February is Catholic Press Month. During this period we should do all possible to promote this helpful agency. Encourage good reading, circulate Catholic literature and, most important, be sure our own reading materials are up to the standards set by the Catholic Press.

P. J.

## Do You Ever Stop to Think?

We Catholic boys and girls, who have the privilege of going to a Catholic school, more or less take our religion for granted and never stop to think of the many great sacrifices that brave Christians have made in order that we may keep it.

We will soon be entering into the holy season of Lent, and it is our turn to offer some small sacrifices to Christ to show Him that we love Him for the many graces He obtained for us by His death on the cross.

During Lent let us make little sacrifices and be serious in regard to our faith. Who knows when one or all of us may be called upon to express our belief in our religion in the face of persecution. We all know that a person who has never sacrificed anything will not be able to stand up in the face of danger.

Let us think of our faith often during Lent, and when an occasion arises that affords an opportunity for some small sacrifice on our part, let's welcome it gladly. Then, when we receive Our Lord on Easter morning, our hearts will be staunch in the belief of our faith.

B. M.

## Lend a Hand to Grade Sportsters

The huge crowd in the gym cheered madly as the two great teams came on the floor. The favorites were St. Bon's eighth grade giants and the underdogs the seventh grade midgets. But the seventh grade cheering section had great faith in their team and the cheerleaders gave a tremendous yell just as the game started.

The action waxed thick and hot, and when the seventh grade made a basket, you could almost see the gym rock with the cheers that went ringing through it, but the eighth grade's superior height proved the deciding factor and the giants conquered.

Not only was that game important to these kids but it also showed that grade school athletics is on the upswing, which is good news for the high school of the future, because the teams that will play for our high school four or five years from now will have a far superior knowledge of the game they are playing than those boys who come into high school not knowing what a football or basketball looks like.

This interest should be cultivated and helped along by every boy in high school, now. Through our help, we hope one of the St. Bon's teams of the future will claim the honor of being a State Champion team.

B. M.

## Hail! Our Redeemer!



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### Christ, Son of God, Dies For Men

In agonizing pain He hangs  
For all the world to see  
Our Savior, Lord, and Master  
Who died on Calvary.

Our sins had put Him on the cross  
And there He died in pain.  
For you, for me, for all mankind  
So Heaven we could gain. C. H.

## Miller Merrill Musings

Well we're back again with another column of corridor conversation and personal opinions. NOTE: These opinions do not necessarily constitute those of the management of this paper.

We, along with everyone else were very proud of the basketball team for the Schuyler game. Even though we didn't win, the team gave its best showing of the year to date. The Kramer High gym was packed to capacity, the largest crowd to attend a St. Bon's game outside of the tournaments.

We heard that a few High School girls got the privilege of riding to the Catholic tournament in the player's bus. How do you rate, girls?

Fritz Loeffler says that the best way to reduce is to run down the steps just after the janitor has sprayed them with disinfectant. (If you don't believe him ask Bev Schroeder. She knows.) Personally I could think of an easier way to lose those extra pounds.

If you want to know how it feels to go swimming in December, ask Y'Vonne Pfeifer, Beryl Bamberg, Jody Olivetti, and Katy Hauser. Your columnists' opinion is that it wouldn't be much fun, wearing winter clothes and ice skates. (Or is it, girls?)

Johnny: "My sister swallowed a roll of film yesterday."

Jim: "Has anything developed yet?" (Kyuck, kyuck!)

Congratulations to the basketball team for winning the Platte county tournament.

From what we hear, Joe Baumert's basement is becoming a "regular recreation center" for the St. Bon's boys. What have you down there, Joe, a pinball machine?

Good luck to Charles Woerth who graduated at the end of the semester.

Before the Platte County tournament some St. Bon's girls were overheard saying that they would "kiss" the basketball players if they won. (They won, girls!)

## Nosey Senior Spies On Proud Juniors

"What is all the noise in the junior class?" asked a nose senior. Not getting a satisfactory reply from a hurrying junior, he intently listened through the keyhole.

"Gee, I like them, aren't they pretty?" "They're so shiny!" "I'm getting mine tonight." "Does yours fit?" "I'm so proud of it." "That sets us back about four weeks pay, but it's worth it."

The mighty senior slowly pulled his ear from the keyhole and went his way.

At every corner students were grouped around a boy or girl who seemed to be the center of attraction. They proudly displayed their prized possessions to their classmates.

"Now the seniors won't be so proud because the juniors also have their class rings. All we have to do now is get enough credits to be seniors."

## Gregg Speedsters Discuss Documents

The Gregg Speedsters described the types of legal documents in common use at the monthly meeting, January 27.

Lucille Syslo, chairman of the program, reported on the types of bills of lading, proxy, and affidavits. Eleanor Lakers described the uses and purpose of bills of sale, leases, and releases. Beverly Schroeder explained the importance of wills and agenda.

The class was divided into three groups at its first meeting, and each group took charge of presenting a program at the monthly meeting.

After each meeting the members judged these programs on the following points: originality, variety, delivery, and educational value. The two losing groups will honor the winners at a Valentine party.

## Seniors Proudly Display Class Rings

Why is everyone staring at the senior's hands? Is it because they are so "lily-white" or has the shortage of soap become more acute? Maybe some glamorous new finger nail polish has come on the market?

No, it's not quite that bad! Each senior is proud to display his hand, attractive or not, because it is adorned with a stunning new class ring. The one selected is an all-yellow gold ring with a sunken crest on a ribbed background. The school monogram, SBH, is placed on the set and the date 1947 on either side. The owner is distinguished by his three initials on the inside of the ring.

## Why The Silence?

Why are the students so quiet on the steps lately? Can it be that they've decided to turn over a new leaf and act like ladies and gentlemen?

Yes, one morning as I came in, they were slowly and quietly ascending and descending the stairs. There was only one clue—a peculiar odor lurking.

Then it came out! The janitor had just sprayed the steps and halls. No, it wasn't improved conduct; the students only wanted to save their necks.

## Sympathy

The faculty and students express deepest sympathy to Therese Savage, Darlene Savage, Ralph Czuba, and Bernadette and Vincent Feik on the death of their cousin, Lawrence Savage; to Beverly and Jim Schroeder, Catherine Hauser and Tom Hembd on the death of their cousin, Mrs. Lucille Schwind; to Jerome and Mary Ann Dunn on the death of their grandmother, Mrs. Catherine Dunn.

## Guess Who?

How well do you know your friends? Here is the opportunity to find out. Here are descriptions of certain students. How many do you recognize? Answers are on the last page.

1. Freshie girl, sunny disposition, vigorous, and pals with a junior.
2. Junior girl, French, talkative, always smiling (out loud), with amiable personality.
3. Sophomore boy, basketball's tall center, lanky, deep-voiced, and Honor Roll student.
4. Senior girl, short hair, pleasing disposition, rosey complexion, and initials of B. F.
5. Freshie boy, stoutly built, wears glasses, studious, and friendly personality.
6. Junior girl, fire red hair. You guess the rest.
7. Sophomore girl, tall, dark, extravagant, vivacious, and pals with juniors.
8. Junior boy, blonde, crew cut, and obstinate.
9. Freshie girl, small, blonde, studious, reserved, and kind-hearted.
10. Sophomore boy, famous shoeshiner, medium height, and sometimes called "Purple."
11. Senior girl, self-contained, dark hair, irresistible smile, and rhythmical walk.
12. Junior boy, bald (almost), robust built, and a dashing Irishman.
13. Sophomore boy, tall, dark, and handsome, and full of jokes.
14. Freshie girl, poetic, small, freckles, and good school spirit.
15. Junior girl, winning personality, employee of Nicks, and enjoys society.
16. Senior girl, candid nature, light hair, and cheerleader.
17. Junior girl, wears glasses, worrier, small, and studious.
18. Sophomore girl, goes with C. J., tiny features, and newcomer.
19. Junior boy, farmer, delicately built, always dodging (teachers), with mischievous personality.
20. Senior boy, six-foot, student manager, and gentle nature.

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## Shamrocks Edge Humphrey High

The St. Bonaventure Shamrocks edged Humphrey High 33-31 to capture their second Platte County basketball crown after a hard fought contest.

The fighting Irish were ahead 9-8 at the quarter and 15-14 at the half. Humphrey came back in the third to knot the score at 21 all but the Irish pulled away and led 26-23 with four minutes to play.

Dick Hayes and Bob Tooley scored to move the Shamrocks to a 21-25 advantage when there was one minute and 20 seconds remaining. Humphrey pulled up to 31-29 but Rex Rupprecht cinched the title with his setup. Hayes stood out with 14 points.

Box score:

Shamrocks (33)		Humphrey (31)	
FG	FT	PFT	PTP
Miller, F	4 1-2	5	9
Hayes, F	7 0-5	4	14
Baumert, C	1 1-4	1	3
Rupprecht, C	1 0-0	0	2
McNair, G	1 0-1	1	2
Tooley, G	1 1-1	1	3
Dineen, G	0 0-0	0	0
15 3-13		12	33
Humphrey (31)			
L. Sawyer, F	0 2-3	2	2
Olson, F	7 1-4	1	15
Detlefsen, C	6 0-1	3	12
L. Sawyer, G	0 1-1	5	1
Henderson, G	0 0-0	0	0
Lubischer, G	0 1-2	2	1
13 5-11		13	31

## Grand Island Defeats Fighting Shamrocks

St. Mary's of Grand Island nabbed an early lead from St. Bonaventure squad and went on to a 25-16 decision.

Irish couldn't connect with the hoop and play was ragged throughout the game.

Dan McNair and Bill Merrill led one each to make it 4-5 at the quarter. Rambler spurts cooled the Shamrocks until it was 8-11 at the half. Irish were cold in the third as the Islanders marched on. In the fourth, the Irish made a weak bid but the speedy Ramblers pulled away. Merrill led the scoring with six points.

## Irish Fall In Tournney Bout

St. Bonaventure cagers surprised many cage fans by falling in the first round of the Catholic Tournament at York, to a fair Dwight Assumptive five.

St. Bonaventure boys were all bottled up and could not get going. Fouls ran high and they couldn't find range.

Dwight pulled away to an easy 11-1 quarter lead and on to a 23-4 intermission hold. Irish were still ice cold as Dwight rolled on to a 31-11 victory.

St. Joseph of Atkinson, a well balanced club with plenty of height overcame St. Cecelia in the finals for State Championship honors.

Other strong favorites of the meet were St. Cecelia of Hastings, St. Joseph of York, and Sacred Heart of Norfolk.

## Schuyler Warriors Trounce Plucky Irish

St. Bonaventure fighting cage quintet playing inspired ball had a towering Schuyler club thoroughly worked during the first half of a contest on the Kramer High maples, but a cold third quarter in which Schuyler pulled to a 23-13 margin iced the game for the Warriors.

Playing their best game of the season to date, the Shamrocks made 13 of 19 gratis shots while the Warriors held them to four field goals.

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## St. Bons Eliminate St. Francis Five

The Shamrocks were too much for a stubborn St. Francis Humphrey five, as they qualified themselves for the finals.

At the first quarter it was 5-5, and at the half the Irish trailed 10-12 but came back to lead 17-14 going into the stretch.

St. Bonaventure Irish were never behind after they had knotted the count at 12-12 on the opening play of the tipoff. At one time in the third quarter the Shamrocks had a six point margin, but the St. Francis five came back to pull within one basket of the hustling St. Bonaventure five.

The final score was 25-22. It was the first time the Shamrocks had defeated St. Francis since '45. Miller led scorers with nine points followed by McNair and Hayes with six. Karthaus led the Humphrey school with seven points. Krause played a good floor game.

## Second Team Boasts Impressive Record

St. Bonaventure second string cagers boast a fine record of no defeats in eleven starts. Basketball foe in the next few years will have to keep a worried eye on these boys, who are surely turning into a smooth playing outfit. Besides their impressive record as second stringers, several of these boys have been called on to lend a hand with the "varsity" and have pulled the team through in crucial scrapes.

The boys in this bracket are: Bob Tooley, Rex Rupprecht, Paul Gutzmer, Bob Ross, and Charles Haney.

The "Little Irish" have also a strong scoring ability as shown by comparison of the following scores:

- St. Edward 18-16.
- Marietta 20-9.
- Monroe 20-4.
- Polk 28-17.
- Stromsburg 25-19.
- Schuyler 19-15.
- Newman Grove 29-8.
- St. Mary's, G. I. 11-6.
- Sacred Heart (Norfolk) 20-7.
- Silver Creek 33-16.
- Duncan 25-9.
- Reserves still play Osceola and St. Francis (Humphrey).

## Shamrocks Lose To Sacred Heart Team

Sacred Heart of Norfolk turned their blasting play into a 28-19 victory over St. Bonaventure. A solid defense kept the Irish shooting from far out.

Don Baumert started the scoring with a gift shot, but Norfolk flounced back with three loopers and a 6-1 lead. Shamrocks came back as Dan McNair sifted in two baskets and Dick Hayes sunk another for a 7-6 period advantage. Second period saw close ball until the visitors slapped in three quickies and a 22-10 half lead.

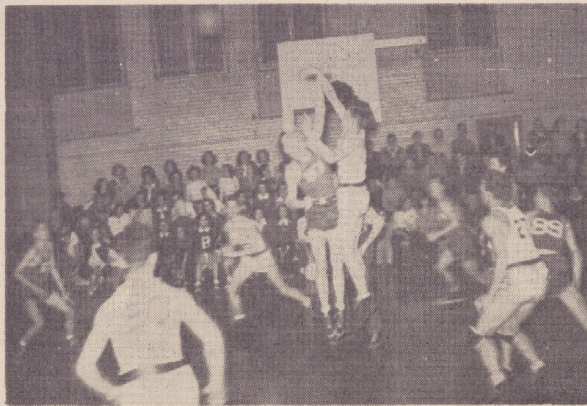
Irish threatened again in the third and added five more points, John Dineen's swisher made it 22-17 entering the stretch, but Sacred Heart bore down and moved out of danger.

Sister H. J. (in General Science): "What is the food, as it leaves the stomach, called?"  
Bill S: "Crime." (Chyme)

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## Irish vs. Ramblers



Courtesy of A. Lohr.  
A Tense Moment in the Grand Island-St. Bon Game

## Irish Cop Victory Over Silver Creek

The St. Bonaventure cagers weathered a three-minute overtime to down a fighting Silver Creek five 35-30 after deadlocking 30-30 at the end of the regulation playing time.

The Irish were ahead 27-25 entering the stretch after trailing 15-16 at the half. John Dineen insured the victory by scoring three of his seven points in the overtime.

Center Alvin Stopak kept the Irish worried most of the game as he racked up 19 points. The last four minutes found many opportunities for both sides to win the game, including several free throws, but neither side could break the 30-30 deadlock. It was the fourth victory for the Irish in ten starts.

## Irish Submit To Newman Grove

Irish cagers dropped a 37-29 decision to the Newman Grove Bluejays in a wild and woolly tilt on the Bluejay court. Shamrocks couldn't find the hoop and their play war ragged. Don Baumert played only two minutes due to sickness and Hayes fouled out in the third followed early in the fourth by Jack Miller.

Soph sharpshooter Rex Rupprecht filled in Baumert's position and led the Irish scorers with eight counters. Miller started the Columbus boys off to 5-2 lead, but the Jays closed in, and it was 7-6 for the Irish at the quarter.

The host team kept connecting in the second, and took a 15-12 edge at intermission. Third stanza and the Irish collected three more points and it was 26-20 entering the stretch.

Then the Shamrocks fizzled, as shot after shot missed the target while the Bluejays traveled to victory.

Willis K. (looking at report card after exams): "I lost six weeks."

Sister C.: "Why don't you advertise for them?"

## Shamrocks Defeat Stromsburg 26-22

The green and white defeated Stromsburg 26-22 for their third victory in five starts on the Kramer High court.

The Irish were off to a fast start and led 10-1 at the end of the first quarter. The second stanza found the Stromsburg five pulling up on the Irish so that at the half the Shamrocks still led 13-7. Going into the final period the Irish still led 21-20. Don Baumert came through to ice the game with his three field goals. Stromsburg rallied in the last four minutes to pull up to 26-22.

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## Irish Win In Opening Tilt

St. Bonaventure rambled to a 36-14 victory over a helpless Monroe quintet in their opening game of the county tournament.

The Shamrocks sailed to a 14-4 lead at intermission and moved to a 30-8 lead going into the fourth.

In the fourth quarter the Shamrocks experimented with a new defense and the desperate Monroe team sank three long shots.

Jack Miller led the Irish with 10 points while Don Baumert and Bob Tooley followed with five each.

## Shamrocks Trample Duncan High, 39-16

St. Bonaventure Irish five put on a slaughtering offense following the automatic timeout filling the basket from all angles to down Duncan High 39-16.

Dick Hayes and Dan McNair paced the club to a 10-3 quarter lead. Rex Rupprecht entered the fracas in the second stanza and blazed the trail to a 19-7 half margin with seven markers.

Duncan came within eight points in the third, but Jack Miller slapped in two loopers and it was 23-12 entering the stretch. Visitors put up another charge and came within 23-16. Fourth saw the Shamrocks forge ahead for their eighth win in 15 starts.

Sister C. (speaking about interpreting news): "Why don't you read between the lines?"

Eugene F.: "Sister, there's nothing there."

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## Lady Luck Deserts Student Manager

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Jack Miller's attempt to carry the equipment failed when his car developed motor trouble.

Eugene Nickolite's endeavor to see that the equipment must go through lost hope when his battery failed to produce the needed galloping spark for his eight cylinder job.

The next unexpected victim was Eugene Kneifel's faithful Hupmobile. He was told of the foregoing happenings, but not paying any attention to the developing jinx, he deposited the equipment at the Kramer High gym, although the trip resulted in a flat tire.

Problem: Who is going to return the goods?

Don Greenlee spotted Lawrence Pelter's ever-ready Model "A." Pelter was high-pressured into acceptance. What happened to his car shouldn't have happened to a tractor.

Franksters (who were investigated) tore out the spark plug wires and the coils.

Suspecting faulty ignition, Pelter was pushed several blocks, but all in vain. Then, the trick was discovered and fixed. He then rolled up to the gym and the mission was completed.

Lady Luck shined once though when a basketball was dropped, as the boys unloaded Kneifel's car, and rolled away unnoticed. However, it was returned by an honest Marietta cager.

New Year's Resolution: "To find dependable transportation for our student manager and his sports equipment."

## You Can't Tell A Book By Its Cover

It has always been said that you can't tell a book by its cover. I wonder! You can tell these, can't you?

"Wuthering Heights"—Joe Baumert.

"The Robe"—Seniors' caps and gowns.

"An Average Man"—Dick Hayes.

"Prisoner of Zenda"—Dan McNair.

"Captain of the Club"—John Dineen.

"Of Human Bondage"—St. Bona School.

"Last of the Great Scouts"—Larry Hooker.

"Two Sisters"—Pat Jarvis and Eleanor Lakers.

"Probation"—The freshies.

"Golden Thread"—Jean Gerber.

"The Wonderful Flower"—Rose Rita Podraza.

"Return of the Native"—Gloria Burzynski.

"Chita"—Anna Mae Pfeifer.

"Going My Way"—Getting rides to the games.

"God is my Co-Pilot"—Eugene Kniefel.

"The Wind Bloweth"—Rumors concerning the prom.

"Meadow Brook Girls"—Jody Olivetti, Vonne Pfeifer, Katy Hauser and Beryl Bamberg.

"The Crisis"—Exam day.

"The Keys of the Kingdom"—Diplomas.

"The Sketch Book"—Students' notebooks.

"Here is Your War"—Arguments among students.

"The Battle of the Strong"—Basketball Games.

"The Way of a Dog"—(Collies, that is) Willie Kolbush.

## Pvt. Koch Becomes Air Force Mechanic

Pvt. Leland C. Koch, '46, St. Bonaventure, who is stationed in Squadron B-1, has recently been qualified as an airplane mechanic by virtue of his graduation from air mechanic school, according to the War Department, Barksdale

Koch entered the armed services in July, 1946, and prior to his assignment at Barksdale Field, La., was stationed at San Antonio, and Chanute Field, Ill.

## Elmer Relates Kidnapping Story

My name is Elmer. I am a crayfish. For many years my home has been in a dark, peaceful sewer. One day, as I was resting, I was disturbed by a series of queer noises, and someone took me away.

After being carried from place to place, I found myself in a little glass room with a dirt bottom. Terrified, I dug my way down through the floor. Thinking I was safe, I fell asleep. Before I knew it, I was again being taken away. I fought violently but all in vain. I was thrust in another glass room filled with water. I was surrounded by queer looking creatures. They poked and probed me. Someone dropped a red solution in my water. I pushed the red cloud back with my swimmerets. I had an empty feeling as I saw my fellow pickled crayfish before me. It made me realize that I too might someday be a pickled crayfish.

By this time I was hungry. My observers seemed to detect this because before long I was eating a nice piece of turkey liver.

Soon I heard a loud bell. Following this was a mad scramble. Then I was alone. With a relieved sigh I fell fast asleep and I dreamed I was again in my nice clean sewer. Oh, happy dreams!

## Guess Who?

1. Mary Ann Merrill
2. Vonnie Pfeifer
3. Don Baumert
4. Bernie Feik
5. Raphael Gladfelter
6. Luella Zabawa
7. Jody Olivetti
8. David Schumacher
9. Anna M. Louis
10. La Vern O'Kane
11. Lucy Syslo
12. Dan McNair
13. Dick Kemnitz
14. Margaret Stevens
15. Pat Robb
16. Dody Nickolite
17. Alice Bernt
18. Phyllis Thraen
19. Marion Thiele
20. Don Greenlee

## Geography Class Examines Minerals

The World Geography class examined minerals in connection with the chapter on Mineral Resources. They examined samples of gypsum, limestone, talc, glass clay, bonite, gold ore, and others which were obtained for the Science department.

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## Juniors Choose 'Rhapsody in Blue' For Prom Theme

The annual junior-senior prom and banquet are scheduled for the week of May 5, according to Jack Miller, junior class president. "Rhapsody in Blue," the theme, which will be featured in all decorations, is to be carried out in the senior class colors, blue and gold. The senior class flower, the gardenia, and the class motto, "To the Stars Through Difficulties," will also have an important part in the decorations.

The prom will be held in the auditorium and the banquet will take place in the gymnasium.

## Sodality Convention Slated For March 29

The St. Bonaventure Our Lady's Sodality has again accepted the invitation of attending the Omaha Diocesan Sodality Union Convention which will be held Saturday, March 29 at the Creighton University.

According to Rev. Joseph E. Gough, S. J., Moderator, "The Real Sodalists" is the central theme which will be discussed by speakers and sodalists. Points of the topic to be stressed are the following: "Just What Is a Sodality?"; "The Private Life of a Sodalists"; and "The Real Sodalists Steps Into the Whirl."

The members of the Sodality who plan to attend the convention are the following: Adeline Wozny, Rosella Kush, Margaret Korgie, Mary Ellen Clark, Anna Mae Pfeifer, Mary Ann Dunn, Clara Kaipust, Phyllis Thraen, Virginia Lohr, Jean Gerber, Jackie Micek, JoAnn Olivetti, Alice Syslo, Louise Ernst, Patricia Kaminski, Marcia Locher, Mary Ann Merrill, Ina Clare Frischholz, Romayne Cerny, Ramona Messing, Ann Marie Luis, and Marilyn Diederich.

## School Purchases Library Books

Over twenty new books have been added to the St. Bonaventure school library. These books were purchased with money which the Catholic Daughters of America gave to St. Bonaventure school as a Christmas gift.

The books are: "Inca Gold," Nina Brown Baker; "Seventeenth Summer," Maureen Doly; "The Coming of the Monster," Owen Francis Dudley; "The Epic of America," James Truslow Adams; "Through Hundred Gates," Severin Lamping; "My Theodasia," A n y a Seton; "Safety First and Last," Charles E. Dull; "O River, Remember," Martha Osteno; "Fire Bell in the Night," Robertson; "Pack Rat," Francis Clement Kelley; "Navies in Exile," A. D. Divine; "Story Essays," McClay and Judson; "The Oregon Trail," Francis Parkman; "The Dove Flies South," James A. Hyland; "Green Grass of Wyoming," Mary O'Hara; "Wit and Humor of America," Francis Wilder; "Maria Chapdelaine," Louis Hemon; "Short Stories for English Course," Rosa M. Mikels; "Murder in a Nunnery," Shepherd; and "Children Under Fire," S.M.C.A. Dominican.

"Studies in Conduct," Haglie; and "The Book of Good Manners," Victor H. Diescher, were donated by Mrs. J. Curry.

## Sophomores Make Booklets on 'Home'

"Home" was the project which the sophomores worked out in connection with their ethics class. With the help of an outline, each student made a booklet which included pictures of the activities in the home.

## A Blessed and Happy Easter!



THE RESURRECTION

## Rotary Club Honors Basketball Team

Harry Good was the main speaker at a banquet sponsored by the Rotary Club honoring the St. Bonaventure basketball squad on March 18 at the Evans Hotel.

Good, the University of Nebraska basketball coach, stressed that condition, fundamentals, and team play are all necessary for a good player. Boys should start in the fourth grade in order to become good shots and ball handlers.

Mr. Good showed two films—Nebraska vs Kansas, and Nebraska vs Kansas State.

John Bentley, publicity director at Nebraska, introduced Good.

Players John Dineen, Bill Merrill, Jack Miller, Dick Hayes, Charles Hanev, Dan McNair, Paul Gutzmer, Rex Rupprecht, Bob Tooley, Don Baumert, Student Manager Don Greenlee, and Rev. Arno Hartman, director, were introduced by Paul Ernst, Shamrock coach.

## Holy Name-Sodality Box Lunch Nets \$70

Repeating the success of last year, the Holy Name-Sodality Box Supper on February 18, netted \$70.00 which surpassed the mark of \$50.00 of last year. The proceeds of the event will be used to help stage a junior-senior prom which will be held in the spring.

The elaborately decorated boxes ranged from miniature chairs and houses, complete with tiny window boxes, to intricate St. Patrick and Valentine themes. Jo Ann Olivetti's box portrayed a dainty Revolutionary lady in red and white. Eleanor Lakers and Pat Jarvis' box was decorated with dainty white frills which were beautified by real carnations on the lid.

Marcia Locher and Rosemary Ramaeker's box went to the highest bidders of the evening, Raphael Gladfelter and Richard Urban, for \$5.00.

## Sister M. Avelina, Former Teacher, Dies

Sister M. Avelina O.S.F., who was high school librarian and teacher for several years at St. Bonaventure, died suddenly from a heart attack, Sunday morning, March 16, at St. Mary's Hospital.

Sister Avelina was a religious for 58 years. By profession, she was a teacher and taught in the schools of Nebraska for over thirty-three years.

The funeral services began at 10 on Tuesday morning, March 18, in the St. Mary's Hospital where Sister had been a resident for the past three years.

The following clergy conducted the Solemn Requiem High Mass: Rev. Max Klotzbucher, O.F.M., chaplain; Rev. Albert Limacher, O. F. M., pastor, and Rev. Arno Hartman, assistant, both of St. Bonaventure, deacon and subdeacon, respectively. Ten other clergy and approximately fifty Sisters from the vicinity were present.

Sister Avelina was buried in the Calvary Columbus Cemetery.

## Woolbert and McDonald Address Students

Robert A. Woolbert, a well-known author, educator and lecturer, is at present a professor on the social science foundation at the University of Denver and book review editor of the magazine, "Foreign Affairs."

His latest book, "Look at Africa," was published by the Foreign Policy Association. He also contributed numerous articles to American, British, and Italian magazines.



ROBERT A. WOOLBERT

Nationally acclaimed authorities, W. R. McDonald and Robert A. Woolbert recently addressed S. B. H. students on foreign relations of the United States. The topics were "Our Relations With the New Pacific Countries," and "Getting Together In Europe," respectively.

McDonald described his trip to the United States from Australia. In stopping at Honolulu he noted the loyalty and intelligence of the Japanese living there. He explained Australia's "Flying Doctors," an organization which serves any inhabitant of Australia in need of medical care.

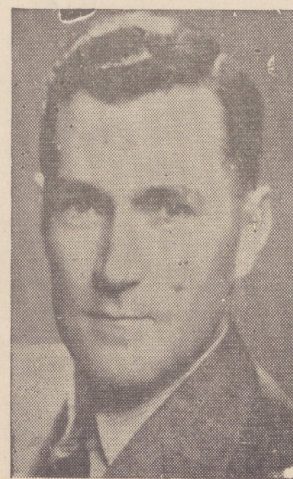
Woolbert stated that if this world is to obtain lasting peace it must develop a universal, secondary language; a common religion; its people must all be loyal to an ideal rather than to a country; and they should be rated under an equal social standing. He said that the United States has the means, Atomic energy, of destroying the world at its command, and these powers will be used if necessary because everyone regards peace as secondary to freedom.

Following both lectures, the speakers answered questions for the students.

These speakers appeared at St. Bonaventure High through the courtesy of the local Rotary Club. Mr. Jim Rich introduced them.

Mr. W. R. McDonald, an author, radio commentator, and lecturer of international renown, is the general manager of the newspaper, "The Telegraph," at Brisbane, Australia.

In 1944 he flew to Great Britain where he addressed many schools, war factories, and hospitals. He was honorary lecturer for the Australian army during World War II.



W. R. McDONALD

## Seniors Will Present Class Play April 13-14

'Tempest and Sunshine'  
Chosen For Presentation

The seniors will present the class play, "Tempest and Sunshine" at 8 o'clock on Sunday and Monday evenings, April 13 and 14 in the St. Bonaventure Auditorium. This modern drama in three acts is taken from a novel by Mary J. Holmes who wrote "Lena Rivers" which was staged here several years ago. Sister Herman Joseph is directing the play.

The entire action of the play takes place at the Middleton Plantation in Kentucky. The plot centers around two sisters, Julia, nicknamed "Tempest" because of her fiery nature, and Fanny, called "Sunshine" because she is so sweet and lovable. Tempest is inclined to be envious of Sunshine because her father is always holding the latter up to her as a model of all that is fine and good. Mrs. Middleton favors Tempest.

Young Dick Wilmot, who comes to Kentucky to teach school, is inclined to like Sunshine, but Tempest makes up her mind to captivate him and is successful. Sunshine meanwhile wins a proposal from a handsome young physician, Dr. Lacey. Tempest falls in love with Dr. Lacey, and with the aid of Mrs. Carrington, a clever society matron, plots against her sister. Kate Wilmot and Susan Middleton try to help Sunshine. Uncle Luce, Aunt Judy, and Ambrosia, three negroes, furnish the comedy.

The characters are Joshua Middleton, a hard and severe Kentucky land owner who shows favoritism to his daughter, Sunshine, Joseph Baumert; Nancy Middleton, his frail wife, Bernadette Feik; Julia (Tempest) Middleton, their high-spirited daughter, with high ambitions, Beryl Bamberg; Fanny (Sunshine) Middleton, Tempest's kind, lovable sister, Rosemary Wass; Aunt Judy, a jovial and jolly negress, who is scornful towards Uncle Luce, Eleanor Lakers; Uncle Luce, a darkey with slow and lethargic movement who loves to pester Aunt Judy, Eugene Nickolite; Ambrosia, a vivacious and mischievous negress who likes to "borrow" things, Catherine Hauser; Dick Wilmot, a Northern school teacher who falls in love with Tempest, Willis Kolbush; Mrs. Ida Carrington, a scheming society matron, Lucille Syslo; Kate Wilmot, Dick's charming sister, Beverly Schroeder; Dr. George Lacey, an engaging young doctor from New Orleans, who is in love with Sunshine, Jerome Dunn; Susan Middleton, Joshua's determined old maid sister, Dolores Nickolite.

## Biology Students Begin Projects

Biology students have selected various subjects for their individual projects.

Topics showing the wide range of selection are wood, flowers, birds, reptiles, and different species of mammals. Some themes will be made into booklets and others put in file form. Each student will report on his work to the class.

Prizes will be awarded according to material, originality, appearance, and neatness.

## Sister M. Herman Joseph Judges Spelling Contest

Sister M. Herman Joseph, principal of the high school, was one of the three judges in the annual Platte county spelling contest on March 8, at the city auditorium. County Superintendent Robert A. Quick had charge of the competition and appointed the judges.



## Easter Heralds Happiest Season

"For the sheep the Lamb hath bled." An innocent Victim was crucified so that a world of sinners could get the eternal reward of heaven. A stainless heart bled for the sins of an ungrateful nation. Christ suffered and died, but on Easter Sunday rose gloriously from the dead and with His resurrection hope was reborn.

The blessed season of Easter is the herald of the awakening of the world, the lovely season of spring. It should also be a time of special awakening of the soul. It should be a time of fervent prayer, deep meditation, and special thanksgiving.

During Lent we prepared diligently for the coming of the Redeemer. Penances were performed and prayers were said until our souls became a shining and clean gift to present to the Victor on Easter morning. Should not we, instead of making this preparation only once yearly, strive to keep our souls immaculate always?

Easter is one of the most important and beautiful feasts of the Church year. It symbolizes the most precious sacrifice ever offered, and the consummation of that sacrifice, the Redemption of the world. It should also symbolize a renewed vitality of the soul with the intention of keeping it so always.

P. J.

## Let's Remember St. Joseph

We realize that most of us have been chosen by God not to perform the great deeds in life but to do the ordinary little ones. Therefore, naturally we turn to St. Joseph, the patron, who will best understand us.

Since St. Joseph performed the every day duties of life, he is well suited to be a universal patron. He is patron not only of the heads of families, of the farmer, of the laborer in the factory, but he is also our patron—the teenagers. So like Jesus and Mary, we too should ask his help and protection.

Now—high school time—is the opportunity to choose St. Joseph as our friend. Of course, if he is our friend, he will be our model and we will try to be like him especially in his obedience, justice, purity, and perseverance.

March will soon be over! Are we going to forget our friend? Let's remember him by saying an ejaculation in his honor not only in high school but every day of our life. Let's remember St. Joseph!

R. G.

## Their Lives Depend On You

How many times when you have seen a poor man on a street corner, begging for alms, did your heart go out to him? Yes, you generously shared with him what you had. Not many times, because, thank God, our country has not felt the direct effects of war—starvation and destruction.

Today, young men and women exactly like yourselves, except that they speak a foreign tongue, are starving and shivering with cold in many countries of Europe and the far East. Many of the children in those countries have never seen the day when their country was prosperous or when they could have a new pair of shoes. Do they not deserve these things just as much as you who are fortunate enough to live where you are free from want?

Now is the time to do your bit because the Catholic Church in America is conducting a campaign to raise \$5,000,000 for the starving millions of Europe. No doubt you will think, "What will my little contribution help?" The answer is that every penny is going to help some poor starving child regain his faith in the world. So when you gaze at the sad eyes of the little boy on the Bishop's War Relief poster, think how you would feel if he were your little brother, and **BE GENEROUS.**

B. M.

## My Lord and My God!



### Heart of Jesus, Be My Salvation

Dear Lord, give us your grace  
When we might go astray,  
And give us the Holy Eucharist,  
Then, we'll see You someday.

Please help us, with your grace,  
To follow day by day,  
The rough, steep, rocky road  
So we won't lose our way.

Dear Lord, who died on Calvary  
Help us here below,  
So we may do our earthly work  
And then to heaven go.

C. H.

## Miller Merrill Musings

Hi ya, kids, we're back again, to tell you the things we've seen, where we've been. We fill your minds with all kinds of stuff, but after all, kids, things all over are tough.

Three cheers for Jack Smagacz for his treat to the basketball team after the Polk victory in the District Tournament.

Bill: "What's the height of conceit, Dave?"

Dave: "A flea floating down the river yelling, 'Open the draw-bridge, (Richard).'"

Your columnists' view—the best way to get out of school (for good)—jump from a junior room window.

Georgie Porgie, pudding and pie,  
Kissed the girls and made them cry;

When the boys came out to play—  
The girls hung around.

Flash: Junior girl changes senior boy's name. (Hint—new name, Larry).

That Texas surely does things for a fella. (Huh, Beryl?)

The prom's just around the corner

And the girls are in a fret,  
Because they all are wondering  
What boy they're gonna get.

The freshmen's new hero, or so we hear, is Lawrence Pelter, not to mention his Model A.

Poem of the month:  
Oh, oh, what's this, I can't see it around.

Is it possible that here it won't be found?

I've looked on the walls, ceiling and floor,  
Maybe he's not in circulation anymore!

I'll just take a peak behind this mirror,

Aw, heck! Sure 'nuff, KILROY WAS HERE!

## Sodalists Stage Vocation Program

In connection with Vocation Week, March 9-16, the Sodalists presented a program in the school auditorium on March 14.

The object of the program was to inform the students of the different advantages offered by various vocations.

Two short plays, "Vocation Room" and "Bucky" were presented.

Taking part in "Vocation Room" were the following girls: Adeline Wozny and Alice Bernt, two teen age girls; Catherine Hauser, a businesswoman; Beryl Bamberg, a nurse; Irene Wilczynski, a singer; Pat Jarvis, a nun; Luella Zabawa, a bride; Rose Rita Podraza, a school teacher; and Y'Vonne Pfeifer, an artist.

In "Bucky" Eleanor Lakers played the part of a wounded soldier; Marilyn Deiderich, Bobby, a nine year old girl; and Beverly Schroeder and Joan Fischer, a nurse and a doctor, respectively.

## Curious Senior Steals Glimpse of Juniors' Secret Prom Plans

Ping! What was that? Can you imagine the Junior room being so quiet that you could hear a pin drop? It was that way one day last week when each Junior, with head bent, was diligently doing individual work.

Slowly but surely there was a click. Quietly the door handle turned. Who would disturb the Juniors at an important time as this? Cautiously a senior pecked in. Immediately there was a stir and every Junior's desk was cleared. Sister politely showed the intruder the door.

The Juniors took out their secret plans for the prom and continued to work even harder than before in order to make it the most successful prom in the history of St. Bons!

## Dedication

The Venture staff dedicates this issue of the paper, which is in honor of St. Patrick, to the St. Bonaventure Shamrocks, the Cheerleaders, and the Pep Squad.

## Students Bring Signs of Spring

Spring is here—at last! There are many sure signs of spring. Here are a few:

Green grass springing up on the school lawn.  
Prom dates—?

Willie Kolbush and Eugene Kniefel with a new batch of corn.  
Catherine Hauser, Eleanor Lakers and Eugene Nickolite developing a new dialect ("yo-all").

Rosemary Wass running and skipping. (She's just living her part, kids).

Underclassmen yelling, "Got your name cards yet?" to the proud seniors.

Seniors practicing far into the night.  
Mary Ann Dunn and Jo Ann Peck roller-skating.

All the girls talking about Easter outfits.  
Dick Mielak riding his motor scooter.

The abandoning of coats, bandanas, and mittens.  
The restlessness of all the students.

Robins gayly singing outside the windows.  
Everyone riding in Eugene Nickolite's pick-up.

The Sodality Convention.  
Day-dreams.

Dick Hayes putting on his high-top boots (it's muddy out, you know).

Jody Olivetti and Jackie Micek shooting everything and everybody (with cameras, that is).

Laughter and talk ringing in the halls.

"We should give as we would receive, cheerfully, quickly, and without hesitation, for there is no grace in a benefit that sticks to the fingers."—Seneca.

"Holding one's temper is worth more than a strangle-hold on a thousand dollar bill."—E. A. Kemper.

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## Congratulations!

The faculty and students of St. Bonaventure High, extend their heartiest congratulations to the Shamrocks who won two basketball trophies this year.

## Juniors Win Intramurals

The Juniors defeated the Seniors 27-15 for the championship in the annual intramurals on March 21. The Juniors led all the way, taking a 12-3 first half lead. Bill Merrill led the winners with 12 points while Dineen's 10 were high for the losers.

The Sophomores swamped the Freshies 40-17 after leading 20-7 at the half for consolation honors. Hayes had 13 points for the Sophs while Soulliere had seven for the losers.

First round games found the Juniors humbling the Sophomores 34-16 and the Seniors trampling the Freshmen 35-12.

The Juniors are preceded by the Seniors as champs. Last year the Seniors defeated the present Juniors 24-23 in the finals for the title.

## Team Elects Hayes Honorary Captain

Dick Hayes, versatile forward, was elected honorary captain of the 1946-47 basketball team. Hayes earned his third varsity letter and has one year of eligibility left.

He was second high scorer with 119 points, playing his best games during the tournaments. His 14 points in the Platte County final were his best efforts.

Other letter men were: John Dineen, Bill Merrill, Jack Miller, Dan McNair, Paul Gutzmer, Bob Tooley, Don Baumert, Rex Rupprecht. Dineen is the only player to be lost by graduation.

## Irish Track Season Brings Record Hopes

Once again the track season is rolling around. The Irish cindermen have hopes of lowering the school track records, eight of which were established last year. The hurdle marks, the 100 yard dash, and the mile appear to be the safest this year.

Bill Merrill, holder of the half mile record, and Dan McNair, Dave Schumacher, Everett Johnson, holders of the Freshman relay, are the only boys still in school.

The records are as follows:

Track Events	
60 yd. High Hurdles—Koch, '45,	:08.6.
120 yd. High Hurdles—Koch, '46,	:16.7.
100 yd. Low Hurdles—Koch, '46,	:12.2.
200 yd. Low Hurdles—Koch, '46,	:24.6.
100 yd. Dash—Ternes, '43, :10.5.	
220 yd. Dash—Dietering, '46,	:24.2.
440 yd. Run—Dietering, '46,	:55.8.
880 yd. Run — Merrill, '46,	2:07.8.
Mile Run—Tucek, '45, 4:54.	
Field Events	
Shot—Novicki, '42, 41-6.	
Discus—Novicki, '42, 117-5.	
High Jump—Syslo, '43—5-3.	
Broad Jump—Gutzmer, '44, 18-5.	
Pole Vault—Fletcher B., '41,	9-11 3/4.
Javelin—Tagwerker, '42, 133-11.	
Relays	
Senior 880 yd.—(McGowan, Lan-	gan, Koch, Dietering) '46, 1:42.8.
Frosh 440 yd.—(McNair, Schu-	macher, Lakers, Johnson) '45, :53.

## Wow! What a Game!

Screams! Howls! Moans! Cries! Oh, what next! Everybody is going crazy! Some are even tearing their hair out; others are down on the floor pounding it. Please, somebody make it stop before the building falls.

A bell rings. All is silent. Not long now—4 seconds—2—1—buzz-z-z. It's over! We won! We made it—the final play.

Oh, it may sound like a murder but it was really only a basketball game, and "Wow—what a game!"

## Irish Cop Second In District Tournament

### Cedar Rapids Beat St. Bons in Finals

Turning in the top performance of the District "C" Championship race, the St. Bonaventure Shamrocks fell short to Cedar Rapids by 27-18 in a blistering game, in the finals played before a full house.

Dick Hayes made a long shot for a 6-0 advantage. Jack Miller's gift shot, a swisher from the side, and Don Baumert's looper made it 11-6 at the half.

A cold third period netted Cedar Rapids 10 points and held the Irish to one point, giving Cedar Rapids a 16-12 lead entering the stretch. Third and last stanzas saw the Irish miff several easy shots.

**Irish Spank Shelby**  
First round saw St. Bons dip Shelby 39-19 in a slow moving tilt. Scoring was well divided with Miller taking scoring honors with 9 points.

Scoring started out slowly by a 4-2 quarter lead and hitting their stride midway in the second the Irish built up a 17-8 advantage at rest.

**St. Bons Take Howells, 28-26**  
Irish reached the semi-finals in a thriller with Howells, and squeezed out a 28-26 victory on Bill Merrill's bucket in the second overtime.

The game was close all the way

with Miller and Baumert sharing honors with six counts each. Height of the Howells club gave them the advantage and fast play had to counter it.

Shamrocks rallied in the last quarter to overcome a 15-18 lead and tied at 22-all at the end of regulation time.

Both squads dunked four points each in the first overtime and Merrill delivered the winning bucket 25 seconds after the start of the second.

**Shamrocks Throttle Polk**  
Semi-finals saw perhaps the closest game of the meet as St. Bons upset the Tournament favorite by 22-21. A new style of play brought the Irish victory as they carefully waited for the breaks and completely baffled the Polk speed-merchants.

The defensive first half left the Irish a 5-3 first quarter lead and a 7-5 half. The score was knotted at 16-all entering the stretch but Polk sunk a gratis shot and a fielder for a 19-16 advantage. John Dineen came back with two long loopers and St. Bons led 20-19. Polk went ahead on a basket by Upton but Jack Miller broke through for the winning basket in the final 10 seconds of play.

The unit play of the team was tops with Don Baumert leading with 6 points.

## Hayes-y Views Prove Dubious

Attention all ye nimrods of old St. Bons High. Bear with me awhile, or as Mark Anthony would say, "Lend me your ears." (I'll return them shortly, but with no interest.) I now bring to your ears a strange and fascinating fact. For many years, the teams of old SBH have always been known as the Irish. Of course there have been Irishmen in our school. There was the great Murphy and McKown of a few years ago. (And now there's Hayes.) There was "Deadeye" Langan of last year. (Now there's Hayes.) There never has been a bad Irishman at our school. (And again there's Hayes.)

But old SBH never need worry about a lack of Irishmen, because Dick Hayes has pledged to keep up the tradition a few more years. (About ten.) A scholarly student and star athlete, Dick plans to spend his future in the walls of St. Bons. (A termite, huh.) By rights we should be known as the Polish or the Germans. (Have we any Swedes?) There is Syslo, Schumacher—I'd tell you more but I can't spell their names. (Then again there's Hayes.)

There is always an Irishman in the crowd. However, if I live to see the day when there are more Irishmen than others, they probably won't be able to do anything for me. All the boys of true Irish descent (everyone claims he's part Irish) couldn't count the hair on a bald man's head.

But now comes the revelation of the ages. After years of research we can bring you the names of all honest-to-goodness Irishmen out for sports—Merrill (Bill, that is), Tooley (O'Toole, that was), Dineen, McNair, Haney, and then there's Hayes.

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## St. Patrick

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And forced to herd cattle I am told;  
But he prayed to the Lord for freedom.  
He was told to escape from this slavery,  
By the Lord who appeared in a dream,  
Because God had seen fit to reward him.

He came back as a priest some time later,  
To the land that had caused him such grief.  
He built many schools and churches,  
And taught the great wonders of God.  
He traveled though footsore and weary,  
In the country that's called the Green Sod.

They say all his teachings were simple,  
And understood by his large pagan flock.  
He explained the great Trinity Mystery,  
By just showing the famous Shamrock.  
History tells he banished the snake,  
And to old Erin, the Faith did take.

M. S.

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## Athletes Disclose Their Pet Peeves

With the coming of the end of the athletic season, the boys now let loose with the complaints which they have stored up for the season. Here they are:

Bob Speicher—muddy football fields.

Bill Merrill—running in a driving snow storm.

Chas Haney—never-ending practice.

Ev Johnson—broken arm.

Jack Miller—the opposing teams. Shoe Schumacher—everything but the game.

Lefty Loeffler—broken knuckles. Dan McNair—characters who say, "Why didn't you win?"

Paul Gutzmer—everything.

Dick Kemnitz—practice.

Don Greenlee—football practice on a hot day.

Dick Hayes—dirty sweat socks. Don Baumert—big feet.

Tom Hembd—rough players.

John Dineen—sobbers.

Jerry Melcher—suing up.

Chuck Jaworski—too much work.

Morrie Melcher—dirty equipment.

Jim Langan—the place we practice.

Larry Hooker—sitting on the bench.

LaVern O'Kane—being ineligible.

Bob Ross—having to go to bed early.

John Syslo—not getting a letter.

Bill Soulliere—not getting to go to the games.

Marion Thiele—having to haul the kids.

## Holy Name Holds March Meeting

Several members of the Holy Name Society gave interesting talks at the March meeting of the Society.

Father Arno, director, encouraged better attendance for singing on Holy Name Sundays; stressed better cooperation; and urged friendlier actions towards the school in the future.

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## Here's What Makes The School Tick

What makes the school go around?  
Here are a few answers.  
Books falling out of a small, crammed desk.  
Joe Baumert towering over everybody.  
New rules made regarding tardiness.  
Katy Hauser getting her hair trimmed during school hours.  
Eleanor Lakers telling "baby stories" in English class.  
Dan McNair cutting off most of his hair.  
Vonnie Pfeifer wearing "Frankie-ties."  
Jackie Micek trying to get a 'scoop' for The Venture.  
John Dineen having his wavy hair.  
Bill Merrill laughing in algebra class.

Marge Iwan talking loud when she shouldn't be heard.  
Dave Schumacher donning two "extra" eyes.  
Jim Schroeder talking to himself during class.  
Gloria Nosal sharpening everyone's pencil.  
The girls chopping off their hair into becoming (?) bangs.  
Lois Dineen forming clubs.  
Robert Brehm "looking up" to everyone.  
Lorraine Ramaekers closing all the windows so everyone won't freeze to death.  
Joan and John Mahoney never letting their temper match their red hair.  
Laura and Eddie Gates coming first to school each morning.  
The juniors telling everyone their rings are prettier than the seniors. (Naturally, that's not so.)  
Betty Tagwerker letting her giggle be heard.  
"Toothy" O'Kane not displaying his school boy blush (?).  
What makes a school go around?  
The reasons are far too numerous. I give up!

## Students Enjoy Moving Pictures

Two movies, "Little Men" and "The Discontented Canary," were shown to the high school students during the last period March 17 in the auditorium.  
"Little Men," which is based on Louisa May Alcott's novel, pictured a boarding school where kindness reigns supreme. The "Discontented Canary," a Walt Disney production, furnished the comedy.  
The proceeds from the shows were used for the Bishop's War Relief Campaign.

"Satisfy your want and wish power by overcoming your can't and won't power with can and will power."—Wm. J. H. Boetcker.

## St. Joseph

He was chosen to guard Blessed Mary,  
Before Christ our Savior was born;  
And altho, he was poor and quite weary,  
He did his best working each morn.

He was told to flee for Christ's safety  
To Egypt where comforts were few;  
For Herod had vowed deathly vengeance  
On every newly born son of a Jew.

He came back some twelve years later,  
To the country that caused him such grief;  
And the Child whom the enemy banished  
Established the world's Christian belief.

M. S.

## Geography Class Makes Scrapbooks

During the week of February 24-28 the World Geography class worked on scrapbooks in co-ordination with human life.  
The class was divided into groups. Each division was given a specific subject on which to collect information. The books are divided into chapters. Pictures and write-ups are pasted in the scrapbook. Some of the subjects which the scrapbooks contain are the following: Transportation, Wild Life, South America, Mountains, Plant Life, Architecture, Famous Men, Mineral Resources, Deserts, and Flowers.  
These books were handed in March 17 and then were judged and graded accordingly.

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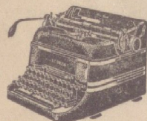
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## Annual Junior-Senior Prom Proves A Marvelous Success

### Sumptuous Banquet Opens Festivities

In an atmosphere of festivity, mid fluttering streamers, and charming musical notes, the juniors of St. Bonaventure high school were host to the seniors at the annual junior-senior prom and banquet on May 6.

At six-thirty p. m. the gay couples, preceded by Jack Miller, junior class president, and his prom date, Miss Joan Fischer, and followed by Joseph Baumert, senior class president, with his date, Miss Eleanor Lakers, marched to the monastery premises where they were joined by the following guests-of-honor: The Rev. Albert Limacher, pastor of St. Bonaventure church; the Rev. Arno Hartman, athletic director, and Paul Ernst, athletic coach, and his wife. The entire group then wended its way to the school gymnasium where a sumptuous banquet was served by the sophomore girls, clad in blue and white uniforms.

Table ornamentations carried out the theme of the senior class colors, blue and gold. On the top of rich blue and gold runners, low crystal bowls of golden and white vases interspersed with dainty maiden-hair ferns, gracefully decked the tables between tall, lighted tapers. Tiny black and silver boy graduates and white and silver girl graduates served as nut cups and place cards. At each place was a memory booklet artistically designed by Luella Zabawa. A raised white clef with a gold shadow was mounted on a cover of harmoniously blended blues. It was bound with a blue silken cord with a white tassel. A dance program booklet made by Darlene Savage and Agnes Czaplá silhouetted in dark blue on lighter leath-ette paper two love birds perched on a musical note. To this booklet was attached a small golden program pencil.

### Program Follows Theme

The following "Rhapsody in Blue" program was presented: "Raise the Curtain," welcome, by Jack Miller, junior class president; "Hail to the Juniors," response, by Joseph Baumert, senior class president; "Ave Maria," chorus, by the trio, Jo Ann Olivetti, Irene Wilcynski, and Charlotte Messing, accompanied by Jo Ann Peck; "Perhaps," class prophecy, by Bill Merrill; "Spring Cleaning," senior class will, by the seniors; "Our Yesterdays," addresses, by Rev. Arno Hartman, and Coach Paul Ernst; "Dreams Come True," by Rev. Albert Limacher, the guest speaker; and "The Old Lampighter," a solo, by Irene Wilcynski, with Phyllis Ann Thraen at the piano.

Mrs. John C. Miller, who was assisted by Mrs. Ben McNair, directed the banquet which was well prepared by the mothers of the members of the junior class.

At eight o'clock the junior and senior officers led the grand march from the gymnasium to the artistically decorated auditorium where the ball was held.

### Hall Presents Musical Theme

The hall, in keeping with the theme of "Rhapsody in Blue," presented beautiful and artistic variations of the musical theme. The couples entered the auditorium through a novel, swinging, blue musical staff on which two golden treble clefs were mounted.

Myriads of streamers of blended hues of blue, fell in twirling loops from the decorative chandeliers and were caught in graceful clusters at various, spaced centers on the walls. The chandeliers, further carrying out the theme of the three gorgeous blues, and daintily covered with three alternating tiers of fringe, diffused mellow rays of soft blue light.

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## 'Miss Sodality'



— Courtesy of Daniel Studio  
ADELINE WOZNY

## Adeline Wozny Earns 'Miss Sodality' Title

Miss Adeline Wozny received the title, "Miss Sodality of 1947," at a colorful ceremony May 14, at the school auditorium. The Sodality were hosts to their parents.

The solemnity opened with the group singing "Christ the King." After welcoming the parents, Eleanor Lakers, Sodality president, introduced "Miss Sodality" and the following attendants: Beryl Bamberg, Catherine Hauser, Anastasia Ernst, Joan Fischer, Patricia Jarvis, Claire Kaipust, Rosella Kush, Jo Ann Olivetti, and Verdiann Romanek.

Miss Sodality and her attendants earned their titles by an established merit point system.

Beverly Schroeder summarized the year's projects and activities. Eleanor Lakers, Theona Kozak, Alice Bernt, Luella Zabawa, and Y'Vonne Pfeifer gave appropriate talks. Father Albert, spiritual director, commented on the various speeches. The Sodality then recited the Act of Consecration to Our Lady.

## 'Tempest and Sunshine' Attracts Full House

The senior cast of "Tempest and Sunshine" evoked much laughter and applause through their capable interpretation of the three-act comedy-drama, April 13-14, in the school auditorium. The auditorium was crowded to capacity.

Catherine Hauser sparkled in the role of Ambrosia, a young, high-spirited negro servant with a

## Attention!

The Venture Staff members are sponsoring a school dance Friday, May 23. It will be the last one of the school year. Everybody come and make it a big success.

## Students Merit Honor Awards

Rev. Albert Limacher will present merit awards to the students of St. Bonaventure High School at the Honor Convocation on May 23 in the auditorium. Awards will be given for perfect school and Holy Mass attendance, journalism, commerce, and scholastic rating.

Students receiving awards are as follows:

Perfect school attendance—Edger Gates, Rosemary Wass, Luella Zabawa, Agnes Czaplá, Laura Mae Gates, Mary Ann Dunn, Richard Kemnitz, Marlynn Diederich, Ann Marie Luis and Ramona Messing.

Perfect Mass attendance—Edgar Gates, Luella Zabawa, Laura Mae Gates, and Ann Marie Luis.

Journalism—Catherine Hauser, Eleanor Lakers, Patricia Jarvis, Bill Merrill, Beryl Bamberg, Dave Schumacher, Jerome Dunn, Daniel McNair, Therese Savage, Jack Miller, Beverly Schroeder, Lucille Syslo, Bernadette Feik, Dolores Nickolite, Rosemary Wass, Anastasia Ernst, Y'Vonne Pfeifer, Jacqueline Micek, Ina Claire Frischholz, Eugene Kneifel, Jo Ann Olivetti, Jo Ann Peck, Raphael Gladfelter, and Margaret Stevens.

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Shorthand—Pat Jarvis, Joan Fischer, and Catherine Hauser.

Scholarships—Catherine Hauser, Eleanor Lakers, and Rosemary Wass.

Rosemary Wass will receive an award for having perfect school attendance for the four years of High School.

Members of Our Lady's Sodality, meriting awards, received them during the "Miss Sodality" celebration.

touch of kelpomanis. Honors for outstanding characterization also go to Beryl Bamberg as the willful, jealous sister of the lovable Sunshine, and to Lucille Syslo, as the snobbish society matron, Mrs. Carrington. Eleanor Lakers and Eugene Nickolite as the colored servants, Aunt Judy and Uncle Luce, drew many laughs with

## Commencement Exercises to Begin With Baccalaureate Services May 25

### New Editor



— Courtesy of Daniel Studio  
PATRICIA JARVIS

## Miss Patricia Jarvis Merits Editorship

Patricia Jarvis, junior, has been named editor-in-chief of The Venture staff. Her appointment is the result of faithful and efficient service as co-news editor.

Pat's journalistic activities began in her freshman year as a reporter. She acted as assistant make-up editor in her sophomore year. She has submitted over 100 inches of material during the past year. She spent many hours proof and copy reading and at different times helped to make headlines.

Patricia, who is secretary of the junior class and vice-president of Our Lady's Sodality, is an honor student, having always maintained a high scholastic standing. She has merited the highest award in both Typewriting and Shorthand.

The new editor replaces editor Catherine Hauser, senior. Catherine efficiently performed the countless duties of the editor, and is credited with over 120 inches of material.

### Twenty-Seven Students To Receive Diplomas

Graduation exercises for the twenty-seven graduates of 1947 will be held Sunday, May 25, in St. Bonaventure Church.

Baccalaureate services will begin the exercises at 7:30 Mass Sunday morning. The graduates, with girls clad in white caps and gowns and boys in black caps and gowns, will receive Holy Communion in a body. Rev. Albert Limacher will deliver the baccalaureate address. Immediately following Mass the members of the graduating class will be served a breakfast in the school gymnasium.

At 7:30 p. m. the class, attired in gowns and caps, will march to the church where they will be met and preceded into church by an honor guard consisting of the high school students. They will then be presented with their diplomas. Delivering the commencement address will be Rev. Claude Rust, pastor of St. Francis parish, Humphrey, Nebraska.

Louis Rambour will play the organ and direct the choir during the services.

Benediction with the Blessed Sacrament will complete the solemn occasion.

## Eleanor Lakers Crowns Queen

Eleanor Lakers, president of Our Lady's Sodality, crowned the Blessed Virgin Mary in an impressive ceremony, which marked the beginning of the month of Our Lady, April 30, in St. Bonaventure Church.

The procession consisted of the following: the grade school girls dressed in white; the boy and girl scouts; the altar boys; the Sodality clad in dark skirts and white blouses.

Miss Lakers, attired in a pastel blue formal and a white finger-tip veil, was preceded by the following: Beryl Bamberg, maid-of-honor, who carried a bouquet of flowers; Catherine Hauser, the crown-bearer with her attendants—Esther Liss, Betty Waiter, Patty Tworek, and Betty Dineen.

Rosemary Wass, Theona Kozak, Anastasia Ernst, and Joan Fischer carried the statue. All participating in high-honored positions wore pastel formals.

During the singing of "Bring Flowers of the Fairest," Miss Lakers crowned the Blessed Virgin.

Benediction with the Blessed Sacrament followed and the devotions terminated with the hymn of praise, "Holy God," by the entire congregation.

## Froshs-Sophs Present Hop

Harriet Riefenrath, representing Ann Rutledge, won first prize for the best costume at the Freshman-Sophomore Hop, Friday evening, May 9. Jean Gerber, portraying Martha Washington, received second prize.

The evening was spent in dancing. Dance cards were given to each person present. First, second, and third prizes for having the most names on their cards were Ann Marie Luis, Dick Urban, and Anna Mae Pfeifer, respectively. Dick Kemnitz was awarded the door prize.

For entertainment a group of Sophomore girls sang "Alouette." Later in the evening refreshments were served.



— Courtesy of McDONALD STUDIO  
Cast: D. Nickolite, E. Lakers, B. Schroeder, W. Kolbush, E. Nickolite, B. Bamberg, R. Wass, C. Hauser, B. Feik, J. Baumert, L. Syslo, J. Dunn.



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## Former Staff Expresses Thanks

This issue of The Venture, edited by the new staff, brings to a close another school project, and makes graduation seem so much closer.

Working on a school paper is a hard job which entails many long and trying hours of work. The material rewards are small but the sense of accomplishment derived from our work more than makes up for this. The experience gained by us through writing, making headlines, proof reading and other tasks will always be of value to us in later years.

In behalf of the staff of '46 and '47, I wish the new staff luck and perseverance. I hope that they will continue to uphold the high standards that we, and others before us, have strived to maintain. I wish especially to thank Sister M. Honoriana, sponsor, for her assistance during the past year.

Catherine Hauser.

## Want a Real Pal?

To all students the month of May signifies the beginning of vacation. It means putting away school books for tools used in creating summer fun.

But May has another significance, a much more important one. It is the month of Mary, our Heavenly Mother, a time when we should grow more ardently devoted to her, just as we do to our real pals.

The word May itself is taken from the Latin Mara, who was the goddess of growth. This growth can not only apply to the budding trees and plants, but to our spiritual selves. Our souls should begin to grow stronger and our love for Mary deeper.

This strength and affection towards Mary is particularly necessary during the coming summer months, for we shall have no teachers to remind us of our spiritual duties, and we shall have to counteract our own temptations. If we are deeply devoted to Mary she will keep us supplied with sufficient graces necessary in fighting these temptations.

If we have not yet acquired this deep love for Our Lady, the month of May is the ideal time to start it. Attending May devotions and having a particular love for the rosary are two excellent ways of beginning to acquire this virtue.

Let this summer be a vacation free from school and its worries, but not from God and our duties towards him, our neighbors, and ourselves.

J. O.

## Thanks to the Students

I wish to thank all the students who were so faithful in coming to the football and basketball games and helped the players in winning with their vocal reactions.

There's more to a game than just the playing. As Floyd Olds, sports editor of the "Omaha World Herald," puts it, "Part of the entertainment of any sports event is furnished by the crowd, through its reaction to happenings on the field of play. Often, things you see and hear among spectators are remembered more clearly than details of the game."

Willis Kolbush, Cheerleader, '46-'47.

## Make This Vacation Pay Dividends

Summer vacation begins in a few days. You will be leaving school books for three months of freedom and excitement.

When you walk out of school for the last time this term will you have made any plans for those vacation days? Here's a bit of advice. Do not be idle one moment of that time. Secure a job, go to a farm for a summer's work, or just play hard, but never be idle. Temptations are all around us and a lazy or indifferent mind is the devil's delight. It gives him the opportunity to invade your spirit with his armies of everyday temptations. You might answer, "I am strong enough to resist temptation. Why should I worry?" It may be true, but a strong and watchful nature is not perpetually so. It takes only one unguarded moment to fell the strongest spirit.

Temptation can be avoided only by keeping both body and mind working and vigorous. Keeping busy will prove not only a safeguard but be fruitful to both yourself and others. It will give you a chance to develop yourself into a better and more saintly person and help to thwart the devil's every attempt.

In the fall you will be able to say that the summer has made you a better, more ably fitted student for the new term and has given occasion for you to be a guiding influence to others through your good example.

Let your summer vacation be a fruitful, busy, unselfish time. It should pay dividends.

B. M.

## Orchids

A big armful of orchids to: Father Albert for the interest he has shown in the high school and its activities.

Coach Paul Ernst for the excellent coaching he has done and for the teamwork he has fostered among the players.

Beverly Schroeder and Joan Fischer for all the ads they collected to finance The Venture and the senior class play.

The track team for winning three trophies.

John Dineen, Don Greenlee, Bill Merrill, Jack Miller, and Dave Schumacher for qualifying for the state track meet.

The grades for selling tickets for the senior plays.

Daniel Studio and McDonald Studio for their courtesy to The Venture.

Lawrence Pelter for obtaining props for the senior class play.

## Senior Class Will Shines Upon Juniors

To you, Lorraine Ramaekers, I, Beryl Bamberg, will my short cut hair.

The beauty of long tresses may not be there

But it's cool and it's easy to put up, you see.

So for comfort, not glamour, I will mine to thee.

Marion Theile, I, Joe Baumert, will to you my height which is six foot two.

It doesn't seem to be very much But to you it will give a finishing touch.

I, Lillian Chochon, will to you, Alice Bernt, my abundance of height,

May you grow with all your might.

Dave Schumacher, I, John Dineen, am willing to you, My time I wasted when I had nothing to do.

But time wasted is never found, So I'll find Dave just loafing around.

To you, Jack Miller, I, Jerome Dunn, will my chair Close to the window where there's lots of fresh air.

Although for four years its timbers held me, Be careful, lad, it's mighty shaky.

I, Bernie Feik, will to you, Ralph Czuba, my books.

Though they're worn, yet none of them torn,

Your companion to be, though if you're like me From them you'll flee.

I, Edgar Gates, will to you, Eugene Fischer, My perfect attendance at church and school.

And if you get there as I did, on time each day, You'll be spending less for pool.

I, Don Greenlee, will to you, Charles Haney, My ability to run the 880. Though the way will be long and weary, I'm sure I can depend on Haney.

Since I, Catherine Hauser, can't will my looks

To you, Y'Vonne Pfeifer, I will my books.

Though you won't rate a whistle from a guy Your grades will always reach the sky.

I, Margie Iwan, will to you, Gloria B.

My hair pins to put up your hair, Since they haven't, so far, helped me.

I, Eugene Kneifel, to you, Fritz Loeffler, do will, My senior position for you to fill. I'll give you what I have in athletic skill

When you are a senior, and not until.

To you, Paul Deiderich, I, Koby, will My desk in Room Four.

Though far from the windowsill, It's close to the door.

When the bell rings, And outside you tear, Remember that Willie Kolbush Willed you that chair.

I, Theona Kozak, will to you, Darlene Savage My driver's license and ability to drive a car.

May you always remember, it may take longer, But two feet will get you just as far.

To you, Pat Jarvis, in the will of Eleanor Lakers

I will you my ability to drive. May you bring 'em business at the undertakers And yet come out alive.

I, Joan Mahoney, to you, Colleen Mayberger, will my desk. Please remember that it has never been occupied

By anyone but the very best.

To you, Anastasia Ernst, I, Norma Matya, will my perfect attendance

At school each day of the year. If my nickname were Kilroy they could say,

"Kilroy, as usual, isn't here."

I, Dolores Nickolite, will to you, Pat Robb,

My position as cheerleader. Even though at the first game you may be scared

The next ones you will be spared.

I, Eugene Nickolite, will to you, Everett Johnson

My trusty little Ford, the tires, the motor and all.

Then each day you're bound to be late.

In either winter, spring or fall.

I, Lawrence Pelter, to you, Tom McKown, do will Believe it or not, But it's my driving skill.

I, Helen Ann Podraza, do will to you, Agnes Czapla, My very dimples which are very simple.

An Advertising Manager's job is tough

For they never treat you like a cream-puff.

So to you, Joan Fischer, I, Beverly Schroeder, do will My great Advertising Manager's skill.

I, Bob Speicher, my silence, do will To you, Bill Merrill, so you can keep still.

I, Lucille Syslo, will to you, Luella Zabawa,

My position as typist on The Venture.

I know it will take up a lot of your time,

But every minute will be worthwhile.

I, Betty Tagwerker, will to you, Rose Rita Podraza,

My position as class treasurer.

May you always receive it with much pleasure.

Though there may be days when you receive no money

There will always be others that are sunny.

I, Rosemary Wass, will to you, Coleen Mayberger, my knowledge.

It was hard earned But with all I learned

May you use it to go to college.

## Junior-Senior Prom

(Continued from p. 1 in col. 1)

The arched windows were curtained by dainty twisted French blue streamers, latticed and fastened at the bottom corners, over a back-ground of somber light blue fringe. A galaxy of golden stars sparkled on the French blue twirls.

The north wall panel featured the senior motto, "To the Stars Through Difficulties," in gold on an impressive background of the deep blue. Twinkling from the blue setting were eight vari-colored, illuminated stars which flickered at brief intervals. Everett Johnson and Fred Loeffler worked out the picturesque scheme of the lighting effects of the motto. On the golden stairs, climbing to the stars, were expressive, tumbling animated musical notes. Therese Savage, Joan Fischer and Lorraine Ramaekers are credited with this masterpiece of art which interpreted the seniors' motto.

Covering the south and east walls were twirled, alternating streamers of the azure, light, and French blue. The radiators were cleverly concealed under dark blue covers which pictured bright, golden musical notes.

The orchestra platform was magnificently arrayed in the pretty blues. A soft back drop was provided of the darkest blue, while three low hanging fringes of azure and light blue deepened the lovely effect. The entire stage was framed with long fringes of azure. Across the base of the platform were, written in golden notes, on the French blue, the musical score of "Rhapsody in Blue."

The enchanting nocturnal scene was completed by the dainty pastel-shade formals, fragrant colorful corsages, and the romantic and captivating music of the nine-piece orchestra of Kay Mills.

The entire plans were under the direction of Sister M. Colette, sponsor of the junior class.

Sister L. (in history): "Name six imports of the United States." Paul G.: "Alaska, The Philippines—"

## Astrologer Finds Seniors' Future Through the Stars

In order to warn the unsuspecting seniors of the pitfalls and dangers awaiting them when they step out of the halls of St. Bons into the cruel and deceitful world, the juniors consulted an eminent astrologer who worked out the following chart showing the seniors' future positions in the world:

The Class of 1947 was born into high school life at exactly 8:45 o'clock on the morning of September 1, in the year 1943. The stars at this time showed that this class would have great love for all things artistic and refined. This proves that one of the graduating class will be an eminent lady doctor at some prominent hospital. The sign on the door is vague but it seems to read "veterinarian." The illustrious doctor will be Theona Kozak.

One of the seniors, Edgar Gates, will be a successful business man of some sort who is inclined to stay out late at night and dine at the "Club." Young ladies, take warning!

It is forecast that a young lady of the class shall be high in society and shall be fond of late entertainment. The stars say it will be Lucy Syslo.

It is very lucky that these next few were born under a lucky sign. John Dineen, shall be a professor at a very large university, doling out correspondence courses right and left. Another, Joe Baumert, shall cross a Rock Island Red with an Ostrich and thus be responsible for the laying of the world's largest eggs. Still another shall be the world's greatest house-mover and transport the Empire State Building from New York to Columbus. I predict it shall be Bob Speicher. (He bought out Jim Schroeder in 1965.)

The Zodiacal signs point also to strong bodies and great physical endurance. Therefore, Eleanor Lakers shall go to the wild, woolly West and shall be a cowgirl of great renown and wonderful bravery.

This sign shows too that the persons, Joan Mahoney, Betty Tagwerker, Rosemary Wass, and Norma Matya (Irish all) shall be responsible for forming the first all Irish order of nuns.

The sign of Venus, also present at their birth date, tends toward successful love affairs. The stars point to Dolores Nickolite, Bernie Feik, and Eugene Nickolite. They shall do as much for the world in their humble way as the greatest men in history.

One of them shall be exceedingly wealthy, a money king of the world. If it is a man it shall be Jim Schroeder, making his money selling the Brooklyn Bridge to suckers. If it is a woman it will be Beryl Bamberg, making her money selling air-rifles.

Jupiter signifies the sensational nature and love of strange lands. This condition indicates that two will travel and explore the depths of Africa and bring back more animals alive than Frank Buck. They shall be Lawrence Pelter and Catherine Hauser.

Eugene Kneifel shall be the world's greatest jockey, winning the Kentucky Derby sixteen times in succession.

It is also indicated that one, serious and thoughtful Willis Kolbush, shall be a missionary of great renown. It is positive that one shall be a Salvation Army officer. Could it be Lillian Chochon?

A certain senior, Jerome Dunn, will keep a curio shop in some fantastic part of the world and sell old chromos to the natives. This is known through the actions of Sagittarius.

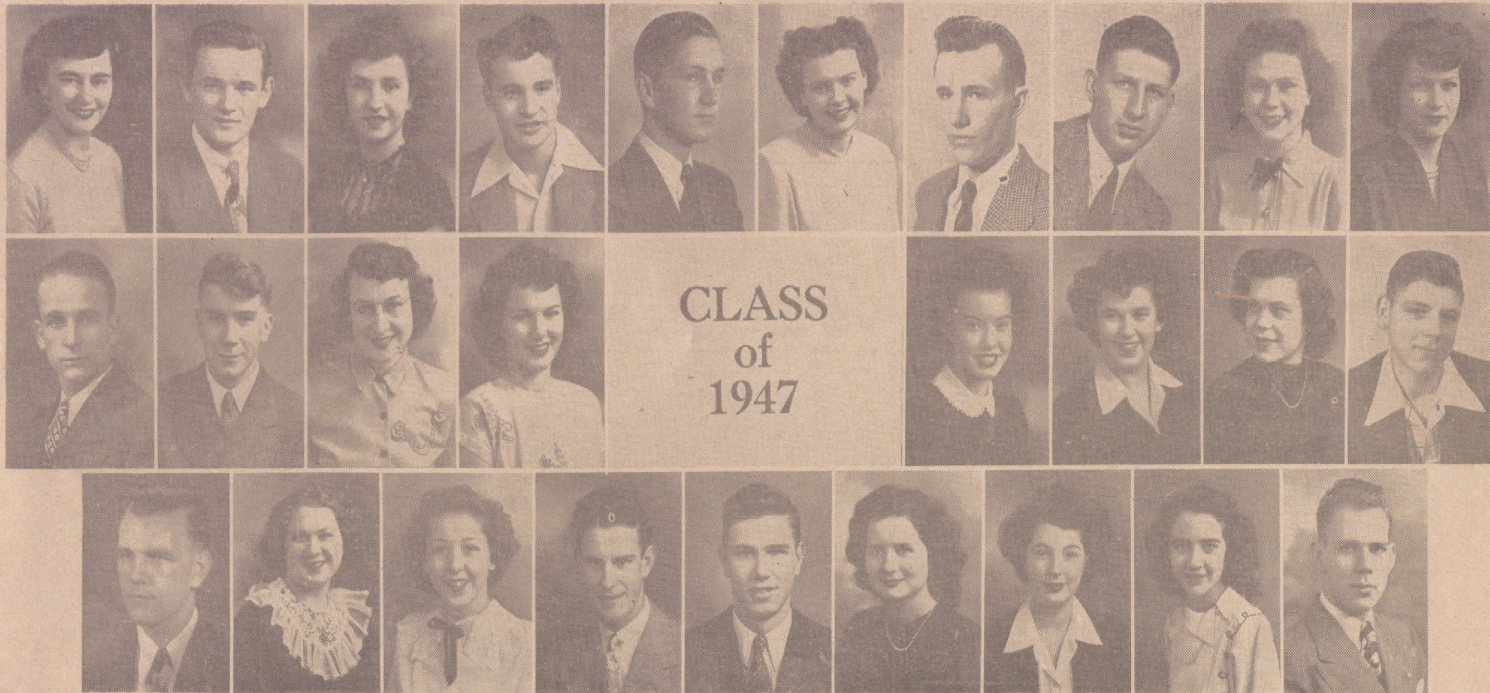
Through the conjunction of the Moon and Mercury, Charles Woerth will be very successful in running a chain of stores known as Penney's.

Sagittarius was in the sign of Scorpio. This indicates that two of the female members shall develop mighty biceps and be the world's greatest lady wrestlers. These shall be Beverly Schroeder and Helen Ann Podraza.

Altogether these signs show that the class of '47 shall be sure of success in whatever avocation they undertake in life.

Dale H.: "For crying out loud." Sister H. J.: "You can't cry in silence."





## Irish Defend District Crown

The St. Bonaventure track team successfully defended their Class C District crown by scoring 53½ points and qualifying five boys for the State Meet. Don Greenlee, John Dineen, Bill Merrill, Dave Schumacher, and Jack Miller are those eligible for the State track event.

Schumacher and Merrill were the only Irish winners. Schumacher surprised by taking the vault while Merrill easily took the half mile.

St. Bonaventure scorers in the meet were as follows:

- High Hurdles—Dineen, first; McNair, fifth.
- 880 Run—Merrill, first; Greenlee, second.
- 220 Dash—Hayes, third.
- 1 Mile Run—Kneifel, third; J. Melcher, fifth.
- Relay—St. Bonaventure second.
- Discus—McNair, third.
- Shotput—Dineen, second.
- Pole Vault—Schumacher, first; Miller, second.

### First Row

**Beryl Bamberg**—Charming and Energetic. Class President 3; Sodality: 2, 3, 4; Eucharistic Chairman 4; Miss Sodality Attendant 4. Dramatics: "Good Glory" 4; "Tempest and Sunshine" 4; "Vocation Room" 4; "A Ghostly Evening" 1. The Venture Staff: Reporter 2, 3; Feature Editor 4; Choir 2, 3, 4. Clubs: Glee 2, 3, 4; Chemistry 2; Biology 2; Physical Fitness 2; G.A.A. 1; Football Attendant 2. Band 1. Orchestra 1. Mixed Chorus 1. Central High School, Le Mars, Iowa 1.

**Joseph Baumert**—Obliging and Companionable. Class President 1, 3, 4. Dramatics: "Good Glory" 4; "Tempest and Sunshine" 4; "Mr. Bean from Lima" 3. Athletics: Basketball.

**Lillian Chochoy**—Cheerful and Cordial. Class Secretary 2. Choir 1, 2. Clubs: Glee 1, 2; Biology 2; Latin 1, 2; Pep Club 1, 2. Humphrey High, Humphrey, Nebraska, 1, 2.

**John Dineen**—Handsome and Athletic. Holy Name 1, 2, 3, 4; Vice-president 3. Athletics: Football 2, 3, 4; Track 1, 2, 3, 4; Honorary Football Captain 4. Clubs: Glee 1, 2, 3, 4; Biology 2; Physical Fitness 2.

**Jerome Dunn**—Upright and Reliable. Holy Name 1, 2, 3, 4; President 4. Dramatics: "Good Glory" 4; "Tempest and Sunshine" 4. The Venture Staff: Reporter 2; Sports Editor 3; Choir 2, 3, 4. Clubs: Glee 1, 2, 3, 4; Biology 2; Physical Fitness 2.

**Bernadette Feik**—Quiet and Faithful. Sodality 1, 2, 3, 4. Dramatics: "Tempest and Sunshine" 4. The Venture Staff: Typist 4. Choir 1, 2, 3, 4. Clubs: Glee 1, 2, 3, 4; Latin 2; Physical Fitness 2; Pep Club 1, 2, 3, 4. Treasurer 4.

**Edgar Gates**—Conservative and Trustworthy. Class Vice-president 4. Clubs: Glee 1, 2, 3, 4; Chemistry 3; Biology 2; Physical Fitness 2. Kramer High School, Columbus, Nebraska 1.

**Donald Greenlee**—Casual and Optimistic. Holy Name 1, 2, 3, 4. Athletics: Football 2, 3, 4; Basketball 2, 3; Track 1, 2, 3, 4; Student Manager 4; Honorary Track Captain 4. Biology Club 2.

**Catherine Hauser**—Brilliant and Efficient. Class Vice-president 3; Class Secretary 4. Sodality: 1, 2, 3, 4; Dramatics: "Good Glory" 4; "Vocation Room" 4; "Tempest and Sunshine" 4. The Venture Staff: Reporter 1; Assistant News Editor 2; News Editor 3; Editor-in-chief 4. Choir 1, 2, 3, 4. Clubs: Glee 1, 2, 3, 4; Commercial 4; Chemistry, Secretary 3, 4; Latin, Vice-president 2; Physical Fitness 2; Pep Club 1, 2, 3, 4.

**Margaret Iwan**—Personable and Candid. Sodality 1, 2. Choir 1, 2, 3, 4. Clubs: Glee 1, 2, 3, 4; Biology 2.

### Second Row

**Eugene Kneifel**—Jovial and Peppy. Holy Name 1, 2, 3, 4. Dramatics: "Good Glory" 4; "The Pampered Darling" 3. The Venture Staff: Reporter 2, 3, 4. Choir 1, 2, 3, 4. Athletics: Football 4; Track 1, 2, 3, 4. Clubs: Biology 2; Physical Fitness 2.

**Willis Kolbush**—Lively and Jocular. Class Secretary 2. Holy Name 1, 2, 3, 4. Dramatics: "Tempest and Sunshine" 4; "Good Glory" 4; "The Pampered Darling" 3; "The Squander Bug" 1. The Venture Staff: Reporter 2, 3. Cheerleader 4. Clubs: Glee 1, 2, 3, 4; Biology 2; Latin 2; Physical Fitness 2.

**Theona Kozak**—Reserved and Dignified. Class President 1. Sodality 1, 2, 3, 4. The Venture Staff: Reporter 3. Choir 1, 2, 3. Clubs: Glee 1, 2, 3, 4; Biology 3; Latin, President 2; Physical Fitness 2.

**Eleanor Lakers**—Attractive and Vivacious. Class Treasurer 3. Sodality: 1, 2, 3, 4; Secretary 2; Chairman of Our Lady's Committee 3; President 4; Miss Sodality Attendant. Dramatics: "Good Glory" 4; "Tempest and Sunshine" 4; "Bucky" 4. The Venture Staff: Reporter 1, 2; Make-up Editor 3; Assistant Editor 4. Choir 1, 2, 3, 4. Clubs: Glee 1, 2, 3, 4; Commercial 4; Chemistry 3; Latin, President 2; Physical Fitness 2; Pep Club 1, 2, 3, 4.

**Jo Ann Mahoney**—Independent and Aloof. Choir 1. Clubs: Glee 1, 2, 3, 4; Pep Club 1. St. Joseph School, Omaha, Nebraska 2. Kramer High School, Columbus, Nebraska 3.

**Norma Matya**—Frank and Good-natured. Sodality 1, 2, 3, 4. Choir 1, 2, 3, 4. Clubs: Glee 1, 2, 3, 4; Latin 1; Pep Club 4.

**Dolores Nickolite**—Friendly and Neat. Class Secretary 2. Sodality 1, 2, 3, 4; Dramatics: "Tempest and Sunshine" 4. The Venture Staff: Typist 4. Choir 1, 2, 3, 4. Cheerleader 4. Clubs: Glee 1, 2, 3, 4; Commercial 4; Physical Fitness 2; Pep Club 1, 2, 3, 4.

**Eugene Nickolite**—Carefree but Self-reliant. Holy Name 1, 2, 3, 4. Dramatics: "Good Glory" 4; "Tempest and Sunshine" 4. Clubs: Chemistry 3; Biology 2; Physical Fitness 2.

### Third Row

**Lawrence Pelter**—Persistent and Cooperative. Class Vice-president 1. Holy Name 1, 2, 3, 4; Treasurer 4. Choir 1, 2, 3, 4. Clubs: Glee 1, 2, 3, 4; Biology 2; Physical Fitness 2.

**Helen Ann Podraza**—Amiable and Unassuming. Sodality 1, 2, 3, 4. Clubs: Glee 1, 2, 3, 4; Physical Fitness 2.

**Beverly Schroeder**—Dainty and Petite. Class Treasurer 1. Sodality: 1, 2, 3, 4; Miss Sodality Attendant 2. Dramatics: "Good Glory" 4; "Tempest and Sunshine" 4. The Venture Staff: Assistant Advertising Manager 3; Advertising Manager 4. Choir 1, 2, 3, 4. Clubs: Glee 1, 2, 3, 4. Commercial 4; Physical Fitness 2; Pep Club 1, 2, 3, 4.

**James Schroeder**—Witty and Likeable. Class Vice-president 2. Holy Name 1, 2, 3, 4. Athletics: Football 1, 2, 3; Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4; Track 1, 2; Football Attendant 2. Clubs: Glee 1, 2, 3; Biology 2; Physical Fitness 2.

**Robert Speicher**—Happy-go-lucky and Mischievous. Class President 2. Holy Name 1, 2, 3, 4; Secretary 2. Athletics: Football 1, 2, 3, 4; Track 1, 2; Football Attendant 1. Clubs: Glee 1, 2, 3; Biology 2; Physical Fitness 2.

**Luella Syslo**—Genial and Captivating. Sodality 1, 2, 3, 4. Dramatics: "Good Glory" 4; "Tempest and Sunshine" 4. The Venture Staff: Typist 4. Choir 1, 2, 3, 4. Cheerleader 4. Clubs: Glee 1, 2, 3, 4; Commercial 4; Physical Fitness 3; Pep Club 1, 2, 3, 4. Football Attendant 1.

**Elizabeth Tagwerker**—Humorous and Talkative. Class Treasurer 4. Sodality 1, 2, 3, 4. Dramatics: "Good Glory" 4. Choir 1, 2, 3, 4. Clubs: Glee 1, 2, 3, 4; Latin 1; Pep Club 4.

**Rosemary Wass**—Stylish and Courteous. Class Secretary 1. Dramatics: "Tempest and Sunshine" 4. The Venture Staff: Reporter 2, 3; Typist 4. Clubs: Glee 1, 2, 3, 4; Biology 2; Physical Fitness 2.

**Charles Woorth**—Sincere and Business-like. Athletics: Football 2, 3, 4; Basketball 1; Track 1, 2. Glee Club 2, 3, 4. Kramer High School, Columbus, Nebraska 1. U. S. Navy, twenty-five months.

## Sports Review

Football		
Home		Visitors
38	Polk	0
26	Silver Creek	0
14	Madison	14
20	Osceola	0
0	Schuyler	19
6	Genoa	20
0	St. Joseph	6
Basketball		
13	St. Edward	19
28	Marietta	17
34	Monroe	12
21	Polk	42
26	Stromsburg	22
21	Schuyler	34
27	Newman Grove	37
16	St. Mary's (GI)	25
19	Sacred Heart	
Norfolk		
35	Silver Creek	30
11	Dwight	
Assumption		
39	Duncan	16
35	Osceola	36
30	St. Francis	
Humphrey 31 County		
36	Monroe	14
25	St. Francis	
Humphrey 22 District		
33	Humphrey	31
District		
39	Shelby	19
28	Howells	
	(2 over times)	26
22	Polk	21
18	Cedar Rapids	27
Track		
99½	Duncan	25½
89	Platte Center	41
Columbus Invitational—11th — 5 6/10		
County—First—79		
District—First—53½		

## 1947 Track Season Proves Successful

The Irish track squad opened the 1947 track season by taking ten firsts to score a 99½ to 25½ victory over Duncan in a dual meet at Pawnee Park. John Dineen led scoring with four firsts while Bill Merrill took two.

Adding to their first victory, the Irish defeated Platte Center 89-41 by winning nine of thirteen events. Dineen and Jack Miller were the only double winners.

The seventh, eighth, and ninth grades of St. Bonaventure took third place behind Fremont and Norfolk in the Junior High Track Meet. Andy Gdowski led the seventh graders with 21 points. Ed Zuroski starred for the eighth grade while John Syslo was tops for the freshmen.

Merrill led the Irish Trackmen in the fifteenth annual Columbus Invitational track and field meet with the only Shamrock first place. He was not far behind his school record of 2:07.8 with a 2:11.7 half mile.

Morrice Melcher deadlocked in a ten-way tie for fourth in the pole vault. It was his first try in vaulting competition.

Dineen jumped five feet to a six-way tie for third and fourth in the high jump. Valden Volz, Polk, won the event with 5-7, tying the Class B record.

Merrill, the lone Irish entry, placed second in the half mile at the Norfolk Invitational. Bill was second to Bob Provorse, Kramer distance star.

## Donald Greenlee Receives the Title Honorary Captain

Donald Greenlee, half miler, ended his prep career as honorary captain of the 1947 track team. Don lettered three years in track and two in football. Last fall, he was the regular center on the first St. Bonaventure eleven-man football team.

Greenlee turned in his best performance in the District Track Meet by qualifying for the State Meet. Among his best races was his victory in the County half mile.

"Don is deserving of this recognition. He has worked hard and at all times exhibited team spirit," said Paul Ernst, Irish mentor.

The following boys also received letters: Eugene Kneifel, John Dineen, Jack Miller, Bill Merrill, Dave Schumacher, Dan McNair, Dick Hayes, Bob Ross, Morrice Melcher, Bill Soulliere, Larry Hooker, Jerry Melcher, and Bill Ragatz.

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## Tracksters Nab County Trophy

St. Bonaventure cindermen retained their County title as they scored 79 points, totaling more than the other five teams combined. The winners took 10 firsts and tied for another. They failed to score in the broad jump only.

The Irish also won the relay trophy which is awarded by the Platte County Athletic Association.

Scoring in the event were the following:

60 High Hurdles—Won by Dineen (S.B.); VanBerg (Col.) second; McNair (S.B.) third; Leibig (P.C.) fourth. Time 9.9  
100 Dash—Won by Stavos (Col.); Hayes (S.B.) second; Kruger (P.C.) third; Sokol (D.) fourth. Time 11.1.

440 Dash—Won by Merrill (S.B.); Boss (Col.) second; Westcott (C.) third; M. Melcher (S.B.) fourth. Time 55.5.

880 Run—Won by Greenlee (S.B.); Ross (S.B.) second; Kamm (P.C.) third; Meyer (D.) fourth. Time 22:58.

100 Low Hurdles—Won by Miller (S.B.); Dineen (S.B.) second; Bushnell (Col.) third; Torczon (P.C.) fourth. Time 12.9.

220 Dash—Won by Kruger (P.C.); Went (C.) second; Stavos (Col.) third; Merrill (S.B.) fourth. Time 25.1.

1 Mile—Won by Kneifel (C.B.); J. Melcher (S.B.) second; Gay (Col.) third; Leder (C.) fourth. Time 5:31.

440 Frosh Relay—Creston and St. Bon's tied for first; Kramer third; Monroe fourth. Time 55.8.

880 Relay—Won by St. Bon's (M. Melcher, Merrill, Dineen, Hayes); Columbus and Duncan tied for second; Creston fourth. Time 1:45.5.

Shot—Won by Dineen (S.B.); Gutzmer (S.B.) second; Potter (Col.) third; Blaser (D.) fourth. Distance 39-7.

Discus—Won by McNair (S.B.); Sokol (D.) second; Gutzmer (S.B.) third; Leibig (P.C.) fourth. Distance 106-10.

High Jump—Won by Dineen (S.B.); Schroeder (P.C.) second; Welch (Col.), Boss (Col.), and Miller (S.B.) tied for third. Height 5-2.

Broad Jump—Won by Kruger (P.C.); Went (C.) second Christensen; (D.) third; Kamm (P.C.) fourth. Distance 18-4½.

Pole Vault—Miller (S.B.) and Schumacher (S.B.) tied for first; Trofholz (Col.) and Urkoski (M.) tied for third. Height 9 feet.

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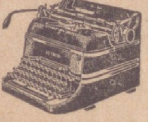
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