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S. B. H. Broadcasts School Highlights Over Station WJAG

Dramatics Class Represents School

St. Bonaventure High School went on the air September 10, 1947, for the first time in school history.

School news is broadcasted by remote control over WJAG, Norfolk, Nebr., every Wednesday morning at 11:30.

The program is entitled "Columbus On The Air," and Francis Marshall of Columbus is the announcer. The program was made possible through the efforts of Rev. Albert Limacher.

Members of the dramatics class will appear on the program. Sister Cunegundis will direct the script writing.

Bill Merrill, senior, handled the initial program which consisted of remarks lighting the opening of the school year and the school football team, the Shamrocks. Joan Fischer, senior, made the second broadcast. She described the activities of the various school groups. Dan McNair was the third to broadcast. He summarized the activities of the Shamrocks.

Students who will broadcast during October with the date, respectively, are: Alice Berni, 1; Charles Haney, 8; Luella Zabawa, 15; and Jack Miller, 22.

Initiation Proclaims Freshmen Genuine High School Students

The seniors of St. Bonaventure high school initiated the class of '51 September 12 at 7:30 p. m. in the school gymnasium.

The freshmen girls, clad in one high-heel shoe with anklet, one flat-heel shoe with hose, with their dresses on backwards, and hair tied in twelve braids, and the freshmen boys, attired in overalls, assembled in the gym where they were judged, sentenced, and punished by the seniors.

David Schumacher was the supreme judge, assisted by Jack Miller, Bill Merrill, Anastasia Ernst, Joan Fischer, Lorraine Ramaekers, and Pat Jarvis.

The members of the jury were Ralph Czuba, Carroll Euteneuer, Luella Zabawa, Alice Berni, Y'Vonne Pfeifer, and Pat Robb.

Following the initiation a dance was held.

Seniors Choose Motto, Colors

The senior class chose "Backbone not Wishbone" as their official class motto at the regular class meeting, September 30.

The class also selected the violet as their class flower, and violet and white as class colors. The annual junior-senior prom will feature the colors and motto as part of its theme next spring.

Thraen Enters St. Joseph Seminary

Keith Thraen left September 4 for Westmont, Illinois, to study for the priesthood at St. Joseph Seminary. He is taking Latin, Algebra, Greek, and English.

Others attending the Seminary from St. Bonaventure are Donald and Robert Lakers, Richard Miller, and Lester Savage.

Grads of '47 Follow Various Vocations

A survey of the twenty-seven graduates of '47 was taken to determine what vocations they have been following since their graduation. The results are as follows:

Three, Eleanor Lakers, Catherine Hauser, and Helen Ann Podraza are continuing their education. Catherine is attending Duchesne College at Omaha, Nebr. Eleanor is enrolled at Mount St. Scholastica, Atchison, Kans., and Helen Ann is attending a commercial school at Lincoln, Nebr.

Five members of the class — Joan Mahoney, Edgar Gates, Eugene Nickolite, Betty Tagwerker, and Margie Iwan — are helping their parents at home.

Beryl Bamberg is employed as receptionist at Dr. Johnson's office. Rosemary Wass is a bookkeeper at the Central National Bank and Theona Kozak is a bookkeeper at the Nebraska Continental Bell Telephone office. The J. C. Penney Co. employs Dolores Nickolite as a cashier. The law firm of Walker, Luckey, and Hunter employ Beverly Schroeder as their stenographer.

John Dineen, Jerome Dunn and Bob Speicher are working with the Columbus Meat Market, Hinky Dinky grocery store, and Schweser's department store, respectively. James Schroeder is helping his brothers in their house-moving business. Joseph Baumert is employed by General Products. Lawrence Pelter, Eugene Kneifer, and Donald Greenlee are members of the staffs of Wilczynski-Tredway Garage, Behlen's Manufacturing Co., and Drew's Tire Service, respectively.

Lucille Syslo and Bernadette Feik are working in Denver, Colo. Lucille is a stenographer at the Denver Athletic Club and Bernadette is an employee of the File and Abstract Co. Norma Matya is clerking at the Brandeis store in Omaha, Nebr. Lillian Chochon is also employed in Omaha at the Omaha Insurance Co. Charles Woerth, who graduated at the end of the first semester, is the assistant-manager of the J. C. Penney Co. in Ord, Nebr.

Willis Kolbush has recently returned from an extensive vacation in the Great Lakes region.

School Acquires New Equipment

Many new books, equipment, and improvements have been added to St. Bonaventure School to aid the student during the new school year.

Improvements in the school include newly sanded and varnished desks for both the grade and high schools. In the high school the library tables also have been refinished.

In the grade school a new drinking fountain has been placed on each floor.

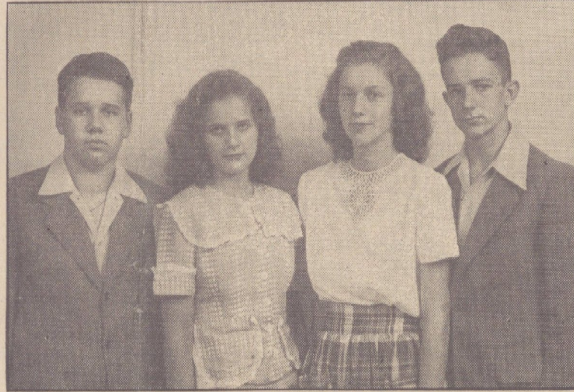
Two new typewriters and a clock like instrument called "Mark Time" used in measuring speeds in shorthand and typing, have been purchased for the use of the commercial classes.

Many new text books, including Geometry, Modern Problems of Democracy, World History, and Latin II have been secured for this year. Work-books for History, Literature III, Applied Mathematics, Chemistry and Modern Problems are also being used by the various classes.

Sympathy

The Faculty and Students of St. Bonaventure School extend their deepest sympathy to David Pensick, on the death of his father, John M. Pensick; and to Lois Dineen and Myrle Hadcock on the death of their grandfather, N. J. Schiltz.

New Class Presidents



R. Gladfelter, O. Wass, A. Ernst, C. Jaworski.

Students Elect Class Officers

Seniors Select

Four Girl Leaders

St. Bonaventure high school students elected class officers for the new school year, Friday, September 5.

This year the senior class has the unusual record of four girl officers. The president is Anastasia Ernst with Patricia Robb, vice-president; Patricia Jarvis, secretary; and Joan Fischer, treasurer.

For the junior class, Charles Jaworski was elected president; Rosella Kush, vice-president; Adeline Wozny, secretary; and Jean Gerber, treasurer.

The sophomores chose for their leaders the following: Raphael Gladfelter, president; Mary Ann Merrill, vice-president; Rosemary Ramaekers and Betty Dischner, secretaries; and John Syslo, treasurer.

The freshman group has selected Orlethia Wass, president; Paul Melcher, vice-president; Helen Marie Ternes, secretary; and Polly Speice, treasurer.

The outgoing officers, in the order of president, vice-president, secretary, treasurer, are as follows: Seniors — Joe Baumert, Edgar Gates, Catherine Hauser, and Betty Tagwerker; Juniors — Jack Miller, David Schumacher, Patricia Jarvis, and Bill Merrill; Sophomores — Dick Hayes, Bob Ross, Jo Ann Olivetti, and Jo Ann Peck; Freshmen — Dick Rice, Larry Hooker, Betty Dischner, and Ann Marie Luis.

Father Albert Greet Faculty, Students

Father Albert, school superintendent, welcomed the faculty of the high school and the students of St. Bonaventure for the coming year, on the first day of school during the first general assembly in the auditorium.

He then summarized the school rules and regulations and especially urged and encouraged the students to give their full cooperation in keeping them faithfully.

He terminated the brief talk by wishing everyone success and God's blessing for the coming year.

The following are new members on the faculty: Sister M. Gabriel, St. Joseph Convent, Denver, Colo. is the new principal and succeeds Sister Herman Joseph who will soon leave for Germany; Sister M. Richardis, Olpe, Kans., who taught here in past years, replaces Sister M. Colette; and Sister M. Cunegundis, Omaha, takes the place of Sister M. Macrina. Both Sister Colette and Sister Macrina are in Olpe, Kans. Sister Constantia, Humphrey, is the music teacher.

Members of the faculty who were here last year are as follows: Rev. A. Limacher, O. F. M.; Rev. Arno Hartman, O. F. M., instructor of Ethics and director of Athletics and Glee; Paul Ernst, athletic coach; Sister M. Honoriana, teacher in the English and Commercial departments; and Sister M. Laurentine, instructor of Languages and Social Science.

The new members of the elementary school are as follows: Sister M. Robertilla, St. Bernard Nebr., eighth; Sister M. Clotildis Cuba, N. Mex., seventh; Sister M. Armenia, Denver, Colo., sixth; Sister Helen Ann, Olpe, Kans., fifth; Sister M. Vincentine, fourth, and Sister M. Floribert, third, both of Humphrey. The Sisters who were teaching in the grades last year are Sister M. Erintrudis, second, and Sister M. Johanna, first.

After addressing the high school assembly, Father Albert welcomed the grade school students and teachers with a short address in the gymnasium.

Cheerleading Election Becomes Democratic

Students Organize

'Bonnie B' Pep Club

For the first time in the history of St. Bonaventure High School the position of cheerleader was opened to the entire high school. In previous years the privilege was restricted to the senior class only.

From the eighteen applicants the following were chosen: Patricia Robb, senior; Mary Ann Merrill, sophomore; and Donald Langan and Adeline Wozny, juniors.

A pep club, "The Bonnie B," has been organized with the object of improving the cheering section. The following officers were elected: Jo Ann Olivetti, president; Y'Vonne Pfeifer, secretary; and Anastasia Ernst, treasurer. Other members of the Pep Club are as follows: Jackie Micek, Margaret Hayes, Polly Speice, Helen Ternes, Romona Messing, Charlotte Messing, Orlethia Wass, Louise Ernst, Mary Gerhold, Marcia Locher Lorraine Ramaekers, Rosemary Ramaekers, Harriet Reifennath, Jean Gerber, Donna Rae Wheeler Gloria Nosel, Coleen Mayberger Rose Rita Podraza, Luella Zabawa, Anna Mae Pfeifer, Phyllis Thraen, Alice Syslo, Florence Dohman, Mary Ann Dunn, Therese Savage, Agnes Czapl, Lois Dineen, Mary McCloskey, Marilyn Diederick, Rose Marie Jahn, Mary Ann Twerck, Betty Dishner, Anna Marie Luis, Pat Jarvis, Joan Fischer, Charlene Nickolite, Ina Claire Frischholz, Darlene Savage, Pat Kaminski, Clare Marie Kaipust, Cecelia Cynova, Romanynne Cerny Lorraine Hilbert, Anna Mae Roddy, Sandra Mitera, Theresa Moritz, Mary Langan, Mildred Roddy.

The club has selected white sweat shirts with green emblems for football season and will later purchase sweaters as their official outfits.

St. Bonaventure Purchases New Movie Projector

A new Victor "Lite-Weight" 16mm. Sound Motion Picture Projector has been purchased for \$568 by St. Bonaventure School.

The first movie, "The Story of the Vatican" with Monsignor J. Fulton Sheen as narrator, was shown by Father Arno on Monday, September 15.

Revenue for the projector was derived from the following sources: selling school supplies; candy sales; and donations from Our Lady's Sodality. The remainder of the sum was contributed by Father Albert.

Plans are being made for educational and recreational pictures to be presented in the future.

Bazaar Adds To School Fund

Over seven thousand dollars were added to the St. Bonaventure school building fund as a result of the bazaar held September 7, on the school grounds.

With the proceeds from the bazaar the building fund now totals \$118,000.

St. Bonaventure high school students, grade school pupils, and alumni contributed to the success of the great undertaking by working in the various booths and stands.

The bazaar has not been held for the past five years due to war time restrictions.

Enrollment Nears All-Time-High

High school enrollment for this year totals 148 which is only seven less than the all-time-high, 155, record of 1939.

The juniors lead the classes with 44 members. Edging close are 41 freshmen. The sophomores have 37 in their ranks and the seniors have 26 members.

Seventeen new students enrolled. Florene Dohman of Leigh and Donald Vanek of David City add to the junior class. The sophomores have only one new member, Anna Mae Roddy, who comes from Humphrey.

The largest number of new students joined the freshman class. They are the following: Eugene Gates, Sandra Mitera, and Milton Speicher, District 9; Orlethia Wass, Rita Ann Burzynski, Carl Ryba, Emil Jarecki, St. Anthony's; Alfred Micek and Eugene Loseks, Duncan; Mildred Roddy, Humphrey; Marvin and Myron Mayberger, District 3; Robert Johnson, Grand Island; and Rose Ann Vanek, David City.

The classes, the home room, and sponsors are as follows: Seniors, room 2, Sister M. Gabriel; juniors, room 3, Sister M. Richardis; sophomores, room 4, Sister M. Cunegundis; and freshmen, room 5, Sister M. Laurentine. Sister Honoriana sponsors The Venture.

Congratulations!

The Faculty and students of St. Bonaventure High School heartily congratulate the Shamrocks for the high honor, fourth in state Class "C" football ratings, which they achieved.

Mr. Gregg McBride, the veteran World-Herald sportswriter, released the announcement last week.

Proper Language Shows Intelligence!

"Listen to that boy's language! I think he's from a Catholic school too." Have you ever heard that before? Have you ever been the one about whom the person was remarking? Was it anything to be proud of?

There's an old saying that most people use bad language only because they haven't sufficient intelligence to think of anything better to say. We don't want that kind of reputation for St. Bons. A school hall or athletic field is particularly not the place for bad language. Rather it is a place where everyone should strive to set the best example possible because of his close association with so many other people. A really intelligent person would find no need for the use of coarse expressions.

It is true, you may slip when you hit your finger or stub your toe but stop and think. Does it lessen the pain any to use profanity?

You are all Catholics and have received instructions as such. You know it is against the second commandment to use God's name in vain. Why not substitute an ejaculation the next time you are tempted to curse. It will pay dividends. Think it over!

B. M.

Let's Make Our Pledge Now!

Do you realize the power of the rosary? Do you know how many miracles have been wrought through the use of this powerful medium? If it were possible to calculate the number of favors obtained through the intercession of Our Lady of the Rosary it would consist of thousands, perhaps millions, of petitions asked and granted.

October is the month of the holy rosary. It is a time dedicated to the promotion of the use of this beautiful devotion, a month in which special graces and favors are showered on those who daily pray the rosary. Today there are so many things to ask for—world unity and peace, and alleviation of suffering, not to mention personal petitions—that it is wrong to neglect the rosary as a means of obtaining these ends.

The Blessed Virgin, in her apparition at Fatima, promised that if we would receive Communion and pray a rosary the first Saturday of each month she would deliver the world from the threat of Communism. Recently, it is believed, the Blessed Mother has appeared several times in Germany and each time she has recommended penance and the rosary as a means of salvation. Through the ages, in most of her manifestations, Mary is usually seen with a rosary and urging the use of it.

We can't let Our Lady down! A daily rosary should be our pledge, not only for October but for every day!

P. J.

Don't Make the Same Mistake!

Have you ever heard a college student reminisce about the good old days in high school? They all do it, but some much to their regret. "If I only had it to do over," they will say. "I used to think I was hot stuff when I managed to shoot a paper wad or slip in a nice little chat with my neighbor during history class." Then they continue, "If I only knew then what I know now."

They had to learn their lesson the hard way, but you don't have to. You have been told, told by people who are not just trying to kid you, but who know from experience.

School is what you yourself make it. It can either be one long, regretful session or what it should be, a solid foundation for your future life.

You can show the gratitude you owe your parents, teachers, and God for the wonderful opportunity which they are offering you by making the best of school, by applying yourself to your studies, and by giving full cooperation to your teachers. There will always be time for recreation without stealing your school hours.

Don't make the big mistake that some have made before you, but let this year be a prosperous and successful one. You will not be sorry!

J. O.

How Does Your Personality Rate?

Do you know what personality is? Probably when you think of personality you think first of appearance. But it is not appearance that makes a good personality. Personality is the total self, the combination of qualities that make a person what he is and what distinguishes him, favorably or unfavorably, from other people.

There are many people who, at first sight, seem to be the perfect ideal of a friend. But after meeting them your attitude suddenly changes. Now it does not matter what their appearance is, your opinion of them has changed completely. Perhaps they don't seem friendly, or don't take part in conversation, or, perhaps they just seem disinterested towards everything.

Then, too, you have met people whose appearance is not half as pleasing as others and no special interest is aroused because of this. After an introduction your opinion towards them changes. You discover a vivacious personality. Appearance doesn't matter, just being their friend is enough.

You certainly like to have friends and enjoy obtaining new ones. Personality is the influencing factor in this. It is the standard by which you are judged. A well developed personality is the key to popularity.

You can develop your personality by taking part in conversations in class and in groups outside of school. Don't be afraid to smile. A frown only creates disinterest in you. Be friendly to people you know as well as people with whom you aren't acquainted. Be a good listener as well as a good conversationalist.

These and many other small practices can help in the increasing of your personality rating. Why not start making use of them now?

R. R. P.

Inquiring Reporter Seeks Frosh Opinions

"How did you like initiation? How did you feel while you were being initiated? What's your opinion of the seniors?" St. Bons inquiring reporter queried some of the freshies on these topics with the following opinions obtained:

Marylee Ebner—"I thought the initiation was swell! It was fun watching the others get initiated but when my turn came it was different. I hope we can do as well when we're seniors."

Myron Mayberger—"I thought initiation was O. K. I think the seniors are O. K." (Say, is he in a rut?)

Donna Rae Wheeler—"Initiation was a lot of fun. The seniors weren't as tough on us as we thought they would be."

Augie Warholoski—"We'll have our chance too someday. It was a lot of fun—for the seniors."

Donald Korger—"I think it was nice of the high school to invite the freshies to the dance afterwards. It was a swell evening." (Strange how these freshies enjoy themselves on initiation night.)

Mary Ann Johnson—"The seniors put too much lipstick on our faces. I had some left over the next day. I can't wait till I'm a senior and can initiate the freshmen." (Ideas already?)

Polly Spiece—"The seniors must have worked hard to prepare it all and they were wonderful to us freshies. It will be a nice memory." (A deep thinker.)

Mary Langan—"I think school isn't as difficult as I imagined. Science is my favorite subject." (You tell us how this got in here. Oh, well it sounds intelligent at least.)

Ralph Pfeifer—"I think the seniors are all right but I was sick the next morning after eating that raw egg."

Margaret Hayes—"I'm glad to be a freshie. Everyone was swell to us initiation night."

Jim Lippstreu—"Well—the raw egg made me sick." (Now where have we heard that before?)

William Ernst—"I was disappointed. They asked me if I wanted my worms raw or cooked. I specified cooked and they gave me raw ones."

'What's Happening?' Question Students

The room was still and everyone was quiet and tense. "Don't lift it until I tell you," cautioned Sister. Soon whispers were going around, "What's going to happen?"

Sister, very quietly and cautiously, took a stick with steel wool and sulphur on the end of it, stuck it into a bottle of oxygen, and p-o-o-f—the stick burst into flame

Don't be alarmed! She wasn't trying to burn down the school. It was only the biology class proving the fact that oxygen supports combustion.

Future Immortals Startle Students

At approximately one o'clock on any afternoon, Monday through Friday, if you happen to peek in the door of Room 4, St. Bonaventure High School, you'll probably run for the phone and ask for Norfolk immediately (if not sooner). But really people, they aren't crazy—yet!

The students you see through that door are not acting like windmills for nothing. No, far from it! They are merely trying to master the gestures and voice control that make a fluent speaker.

These great dramatists shall be seen in action when the senior class play comes around. So if you see some of the seniors walking down the halls waving their arms and mumbling to themselves, bow down, for you are looking at the future immortals of the stage (we hope!!!!).

Sister R.: "What does the blarney stone look like?"
Charlotte M.: "I'll ask me grandmother."

Father A.: "Where is Palestine?"

Dick U. (pointing): "Somewhere over there?"

You Hear It All the Time

Gossip, gossip, gossip! Yapity, yapity, yap. That's all you hear, no matter where you go, day after day, year after year. Just listen to all the gossip I heard yesterday in two minutes as I passed down the hall between classes . . .

"Oh—did you see the new sophomore boy?" "Aren't the cheerleaders super!" "Jean got her hair cut." "Vonnie got the cutest new dress!" "Don't you think the new football uniforms are out of this world?" "Have you seen the darling new shoes Joan and Pat have?" "Aren't the freshies the cutest little things!" "Irene's new line of jokes is simply a scream!" "Have you seen the crazy things dangling from the kids' notebooks?"

"The picture of the football team absolutely takes your breath away!" "Isn't Bob a heavenly dancer?" "Gee, I wish I had a jacket like Annie's!" "Jackie finally stopped biting her nails!" "Isn't Lorraine's hair getting long!" "Dick is going to let his hair grow after basketball season."

Isn't gossip disgraceful? (But oh, — such fun!)



School Days Again

"Get up, sleepyhead, get out of that bed."

"But, Mom, gee whiz, the sun's still red."

School days, school days, why is there such a thing,

Every morn at seven they make the alarm clock ring.

"So I get dressed and hurry to school,

Not because I want to, but to learn the golden rule.

I work and I study all the live long day,

But I'm always looking for time to play.

But still I can't find cause to sing.

Finally the time comes, the bell does ring

After dreaming all day and wanting to roam,

I must take books and study at home."

J. M.

'Linda' Meets Musical World

One day when I was taking a walk through the park, whom do you think I met? It was "Linda." She had just been visiting her cousin, "Caidonia." I decided to walk her home. She asked me, "How are 'things in Glocca Morra'?" I answered her, "It's Wonderful." We had just gotten to Fifth Avenue and it started raining, "April Showers." I then whispered to her, "Do you want to run?" She replied, "Oh But I Do." So we started running to the nearest shelter. We pounded and snouted "Open the Door Richard." (His name is Richard, I hope.) We went inside and waited, "Till the Clouds Roll By." We looked out later and saw, "Blue Skies," so "Linda" and I decided to go. And whom do you think we ran into? "The Rickety Rickshaw Man" carrying "The Old Lamplighter" on their way to "Managua, Nicaragua."

"What a Day." I could probably write "Till the End of Time," but I'll stop here.

It's Not That Bad

"What's going to happen? What should I do? Where should I go? Will she ask me any questions? What should I say? Do I look all right? I'm scared."

No, it isn't a quiz program. It's only a freshie girl wondering what to do when she gets to her home room. Remember how you felt on your first day?

Merrill McNair Usings

Notice . . .

The opinions expressed in this column are the exclusive property of your columnists and are not those of The Venture staff as a whole.

Fine school spirit was shown by the student body at the Polk Game. (Keep it up.) In case you're wondering, Jack Miller is the Michaelangelo, who painted the banner to put on the bus for out-of-town games. On it is "St. Bonaventure, Columbus," and a schedule of the games.

Warning! (Joke)

Why did the little moron take a ladder to church? Heard there was going to be a High Mass. Yuk! Yuk!

The players got a change from the usual muddy fields of last year when they went to Polk this year. The field was recently planted and rather dusty. It was, however, one of the best-lighted fields that we played on.

Question?

Where do the girls get the letter sweaters that they wear to games? It is rumored that a certain senior boy rents his to the highest bidder before every game. (How much did you get last game, Chas?)

Bob Ross and Larry Hooker have been lost to Irish athletics. Bob moved to Idaho the second week in September, while Larry moved to Omaha last spring. Both were active in sports as well as school events.

Question of the Month!

Who is buying the wine? The grade school football program is getting under way. They've even got their own cheerleaders!

Charles Anderson of the City Bus line says, "The Shamrocks stink!" (He means our practice suits, of course.) P. S. (I agree with him on that.)

Paul Ernst is really bearing down on the boys. Lately he has been seen carrying a ball bat to football practice. (Ask Fritz L. why he's limping.)

Have You Seen SBH Latest Fashions?

A new fashion was introduced at St. Bons Friday night, September 12.

Spectators came to the conclusion that it is high style to wear one high-heel shoe and one low-heel shoe with a long stocking with the low-heel and an anklet with the high-heel. Doesn't that sound simply charming?

The style of the dress has also changed. One looks stunning in her mother's dress on backwards; especially if the dress is a little large.

And finally the hair! Brush the hair until it is completely straight. Then braid it into twelve braids tied with string. One can brighten up one's face by not only applying lipstick to her lips but also to the entire face in different designs in various shades.

Who started this wonderful fashion? Who else but the freshies on initiation night. The freshies can't take all the credit though, for it was the dignified seniors who did the designing.

'Why? Why?' Say Confused Typists

There goes the bell! Every one dashes to the typing room for their first typing lesson, hoping to get the best typewriter. They all sit down taking off their typewriter covers and this is what one hears. "Sister, my typewriter has no letters on the keys." "Sister, may I go to a different typewriter?" "Why, this one doesn't have any letters either!" "How can I type?"

Soon everything is quiet and typing class begins. Then the silence is broken by students with curious remarks. "Sister, mine is broken!" There are spaces between the letters." "Sister, how do you make a margin?" "My keys are stuck." Then just when they begin to understand, the bell rings so the ambitious students eagerly await tomorrow's typing period.

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SBH Shamrocks Chalk Up Double Grid-Iron Victory

Irish Open With 31-6 Win Over Polk

The St. Bonaventure Shamrocks scored two decisive victories in the opening games of the '47 season. The team opened their second season of eleven-man football by defeating Polk 31-6. It was the first game ever played on the newly-made field at Polk.

Bill Merrill scored from the 2-yard line after Paul Gutzmer recovered a fumble on the Polk 6-yard line when the game was only two minutes old. Fritz Loeffler converted for the extra point.

Polk scored in the second quarter on a double pass play which was good for a 20-yard gain.

Jack Miller scored the second touchdown from 1-yard out climaxing a 65-yard driver. Dave Schumacher scored from the 8-yard line just after the half. He followed up with another in the fourth after Dan McNair returned an intercepted pass to the one. Schumacher closed scoring with a 35-yard run with only three minutes remaining in the game.

The team played ragged in spots but was stout defensively.

Irish Top Record

The Shamrocks ran up the highest score in their eleven-man history as they walked past Silver Creek 45-0 for their second straight victory.

The Irish took the ball on their own 35-yard line on the opening kickoff and marched to the first touchdown. Hayes scored on the 22-yard touchdown pass play.

Jack Miller scored shortly after, on a reverse good for eleven yards. Loeffler's drop-kick was good.

Bill Merrill finished the first quarter scoring with a 50-yard end sweep.

Bob Mickey of Silver Creek gave the visitors their only scoring opportunity as he returned the kickoff 73 yards being tackled on the Irish 15 by Dick Kemnitz. The Shamrocks held and took over on their own 20.

Dick Hayes climaxed the 80-yard drive with a 21-yard touchdown on a run around the end.

Cliff Speicher scored from the 2-yard line after Paul Gutzmer recovered a fumble on the Kreeke-teer 26. A Miller-Merrill pass was good for the extra point.

Hayes shifted to the backfield to score his third touchdown from the 5-yard line returning a blocked punt to the visitors' 27.

Ed Zuroski, 120-pound freshie quarterback, scored with a 70-yard return of an intercepted pass for the last touchdown. A Miller-McNair pass for extra point ended scoring.

The first team played only the first quarter as a unit as all the thirty-two players suited up saw action.

Thirty-Three Report For New Grid Season

Thirty-three players have reported to Coach Paul Ernst for the coming football season.

Dick Hayes, left end, is now playing his fourth year of football. Hayes, who weighs 156, is the standout pass-receiver of the team.

Fritz Loeffler, right end, also is in his fourth year, weighs 155. Loeffler is the Irish place kicker.

Dick Mielak, right tackle, is the big boy at 195. Mielak has been improving rapidly.

Paul Gutzmer, left tackle, is one of the best defensive players on the team at 185.

Chuck Haney, right guard and senior, was converted from end. This is his second year of football.

Bob Tooley is the returning regular at left end, weighing 165.

Tom Hembd completes the line at center. Hembd, rugged line backer, weighs 155.

Dan McNair, who is playing his fourth year at quarterback, weighs in at 161.

Bill Merrill, halfback weighing 158, was leading scorer last year.

Jack Miller, halfback, is the lightest of the backfield at 147. He is the team's punter.

Dave Schumacher, the fullback at 157, is playing his fourth year. Schumacher stands out on offense or defense.

Morrie Melcher, letterman halfback, is out indefinitely with an injury. The 125-pound junior was hurt in an early season scrimmage.

Don Baumert, tall left end at 152, is playing his second year of football. Baumert was regular center of last year's basketball team.

John Syslo, sophomore tackle, is a converted guard. Syslo, who weighs 155 was the only freshman to letter last fall.

Ev Johnson, 146-pound guard who broke his arm last year, is bidding for a starting position after reporting late.

Dick Kemnitz, a center who weighs 155, is playing his second year after a good season as a sophomore.

Among the promising material are the following:

Ends	Weight
Bill Ragatz	140
Jim Soulliere	125
Jim Langen	140
Jim Lippstreu	152
Tackles	
Tom McKown	155
Raphael Gladfelter	165
Bill Ernst	158
Guards	
Bill Soulliere	140
Carl Ryba	145
Vincent Feik	123
Center	
Lawrence Kush	118
Quarterbacks	
Dick Rice	140
Ed Zuroski	128
Halfbacks	
Jerry Melcher	140
Herman Blahak	110
Paul Melcher	138
Fullback	
Clifford Speicher	145

Who's Who At Bonnies?

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| 1. "Moldy" | 23. "Judy" |
| 2. "Toots" | 24. "Cookie" |
| 3. "Corky" | 25. "Ambie" |
| 4. "Bugs" | 26. "Pete" |
| 5. "Rover" | 27. "Phil" |
| 6. "Spud" | 28. "Ribs" |
| 7. "Sis" | 29. "Gutzzy" |
| 8. "Bomgarde" | 30. "Dickumbo" |
| 9. "Shoey" | 31. "Kemmy" |
| 10. "Frenchy" | 32. "Lanigan" |
| 11. "Big John" | 33. "Zooky" |
| 12. "Fats" | 34. "Choathy" |
| 13. "Shorty" | 35. "Jackie" |
| 14. "Augie" | 36. "Jody" |
| 15. "Gerry" | 37. "Joe" |
| 16. "C.C." | 38. "Snookums" |
| 17. "Turtle" | 39. "Janie" |
| 18. "Tubby" | 40. "Sam" |
| 19. "Pee Wee" | 41. "Vonnie" |
| 20. "Toothie" | 42. "Lefty" |
| 21. "O'Tool" | 43. "Sisco" |
| 22. "Lulu" | 44. "Rifle" |

(Answers will be on page 4)

Sister H. (during English class): "What does reverie mean?"

Paul T.: "It's a prayer book." (Breviary.)

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Donna Rae Wheeler not as cute as she is?
Jackie Micek ever catching on to a joke?

Dick Hayes with curly hair?
Lorraine Hilbert without a 14-carat smile?

Spud Ternes with less school spirit?
Jean Gerber without that wavy pompadour?

Bobby Brehm playing center on our football team?
Sis Hayes without lots and lots of friends?

Charlotte Messing not telling a corny joke?
Fritz Loeffler without leaving his famous "Lefty was here?"

Bob Tooley without freckles?
St. Bons without the Melchers?
Luella Zabawa with blond hair?

Augie Warholoski sitting still for more than ten minutes at a time?
Tom McKown without his motorcycle?

St. Bons without a good football team?
Myron Mayberger without Milton?

A five minute period between classes?

Sister C.: "Are you talking, Gerald?"
Gerald M.: "No, Sister, we're just lookin' at each other."

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Dave Schumacher's physique of might.
Chuck Jaworski's personality
With Cliff Speicher's nose, I see.
Paul Gutzmer's feet (What size!)
He also has Dick Hayes' eyes,
And Paul Melcher's cute grin.
And this is my ideal of men.
P. A. T.

Freshmen—We upper classmen welcome thee, and want you soon in spirit to be one of us. And remember, children, we want to be like a "mudder" to you.

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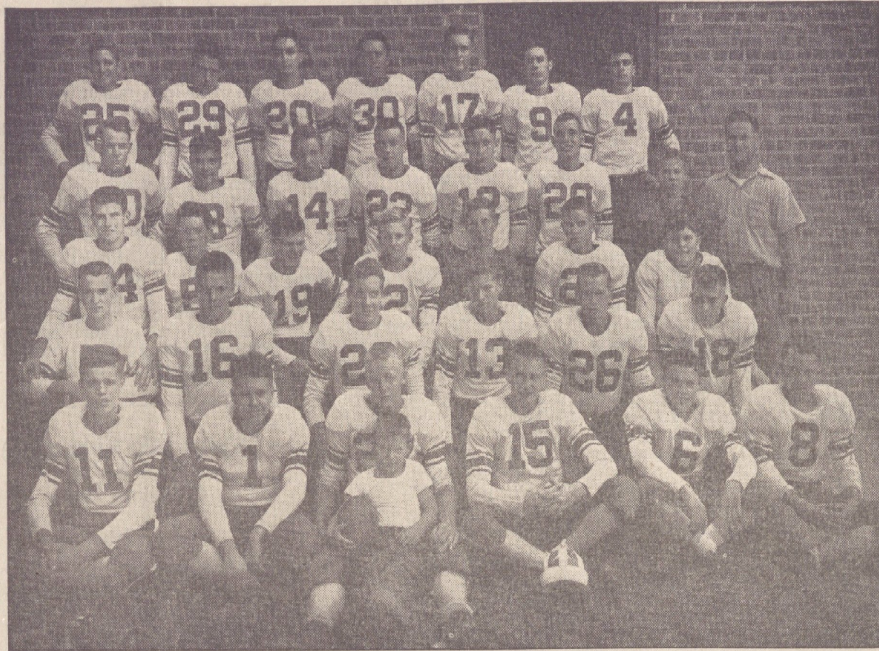
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Football Schedule

Sept. 19—at Polk
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(Answers)

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6. Helen Ternes
7. Margaret Hayes
8. Don Baumert
9. Dave Schumacher
10. Anna Mae Pfeifer
11. John Euteneur
12. William Ernst
13. Lambert Shonka
14. August Warholoski
15. Mary Gerhold
16. Cecilia Cynova
17. Ralph Czuba
18. Mary Ann Merrill
19. Maurice Melcher
20. La Vern O'Kane
21. Bob Tooley
22. Luella Zabawa
23. Juliann Jarecki
24. Lawrence Kush
25. Ambrose Speicher
26. Rose Rita Podraza
27. Phyllis Thraen
28. Carl Ryba
29. Paul Gutzmer
30. Dick Hayes
31. Dick Kemnitz
32. Don Langan
33. Edward Zuroski
34. Charlotte Messing
35. Jacqueline Micek
36. Jo Ann Olivetti
37. Jo Ann Peck
38. Dick Urban
39. Irene Wilczynski
40. Bill Merrill
41. Y'Vonne Pfeifer
42. Fritz Loeffler
43. Alice Syslo
44. Charles Haney

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"Finally we stopped at a huge castle and as we entered, I knew I was in safe hands as a kind-looking lady in a black gown opened the door. When the lady saw me she was very happy and excited.

"After walking through some halls, we entered a funny room that was to be my new home. Well! Here I am with my little friends in the Biology laboratory. I was christened Clarence by the three monsters, all alumni of St. Bonaventure now studying at Creighton University, who brought me here. These giants called each other Don Hittner, Eddie Welch, and Dick Ternes.

"I'm surely glad you came in and listened to my story as I'm kinda lonesome. You see my room mate and I have to share our homes. Right now I live in the ground and my pal lives in the water. Later we'll pack our duds and switch for a while.

"By the way, I'm a big salamander and my pal is a little newt.

"Gotta go? See you around some time."

Come on, kids, boost the library. It's for you, so help get the ball rollin'.

Alumni News

Marilyn Messing, '44, completed the nurses' training at St. Elizabeth School of Nursing, St. Elizabeth Hospital, Lincoln, Nebr., on Sept. 9. She will continue her duties there.

Rita Frischholz, '44, has finished the nurses' training at St. Anthony School of Nursing, Denver, Colo. Since her graduation May 22, she has been employed there.

Ruth Ewert, '43, and Leo Syslo, '42, were married June 25 in St. Bonaventure Church. Mr. and Mrs. Syslo are employed at the George Ewert Implement Company.

Betty Ewert, '44, became the bride of Kenneth Greiner on Sept. 8, in St. Bonaventure Church. Mrs. Greiner is employed by her father at the George Ewert Implement Company.

Mary A. Noonan, '39, and Robert Brock were married Aug. 26, in St. Bonaventure Church.

Helen Wilczynski of Lincoln, Nebr., became the bride of Gene Kirkendall of Lincoln, on July 14, at St. Bonaventure Church. Mrs. Kirkendall is employed by the Lincoln Theater Corp.

Virginia Warholoski, R. N., '42, was married on September 27, to First Lt. Fred W. Gerber Jr., '39 in the chapel at Randolph Field, Texas. Rev. Thomas F. Shea, Army Chaplain, performed the ceremony.

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On the football field it is the freshman who brings in the practice dummy and does the upper classmen's slightest wishes. Initiation finds the freshman, his fingernails bitten, dodging seniors for his very life.

All kidding aside! The freshman is really a part of the high school. Yes, it is the freshman who takes the seniors' pranks with a smile and who is admired by the rest of the high school. He is the future graduate of St. Bons.

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What Can Sophs Boast About?

My deepest regret goes out to the sophomore grade, and to say regret is putting it mildly.

The newly entered freshies have that "I've been here for a century attitude," "the Rock of Gibraltar," some might call it. The juniors boast their famous and unheard of honor, mostly unheard of. The seniors have their pride, and some might call it joy, but what do the sophomores have?

Yes, my heart bleeds for the poor, misunderstood sophs. Every grade in high school has some outstanding attribute—something to be proud of. But, I ask you, what have the sophomores to boast about—what have they to show the world that they're special too—nothing, absolutely nothing!

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'A Blessed and Merry Christmas!'



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The Nativity

Our Lady's Sodality Holds Reception of New Members

Sodalists Welcome New Candidates At Breakfast

New members were received into the Sodality of Our Lady, December 7, at 7:30 p. m. in St. Bonaventure Church.

After the candidates recited the Act of Consecration, Father Albert blessed the medals, and presented them to the new Sodalists. The services closed with Benediction with the Blessed Sacrament.

The new members are as follows: Barbara DeLarme, Helen Dunn, Marylee Ebner, Mary Helen Gerhold, Margaret Hayes, Mary Ann Johnson, Mary Langan, Sandra Mitera, Mildred Roddy, Rita Schmid, Polly Speice, Helen Marie Ternes, Mary Ann Tworek, Rose Vanek, Orlethia Wass, Laverna Wemhoff, Donna Rae Wheeler, Anna Mae Roddy, Marlynn Diederich, and Lorraine Hilbert.

In honor of the new candidates, the Sodalists, on the same day of enrollment, following the eight o'clock Holy Mass, attended a breakfast in the school gymnasium. Father Albert, director of the Society, was the guest speaker.

During the breakfast Sandra Mitera played the following piano selections: "On the Lake," "Serenade," "The Fairy Barque," and "The Bells of St. Marys."

Luella Zabawa welcomed the new Sodalists and Mary Helen Gerhold gave the response, after which Jody Olivetti, Irene Wilczynski, and Charlotte Messing, accompanied by Mrs. E. Messing, sang "The Green Cathedral."

Father Albert then addressed the group.

Dramatics Class Stages Christmas Program, Dec. 18

An impressive Christmas program was staged by the dramatics class, December 18, in the school auditorium.


Two playlets — "This Business of Christmas," and "White Christmas" — were presented.

The first was the humorous story of a family's financial troubles at Christmas time. When the father of the family was threatened by a burglar, the other members realized that gifts and parties were not the real basis of a true Christmas spirit. Students who took part in the dramatization were David Schumacher, Pat Robb, Joan Fischer, Bill Merrill, and Everett Johnson.

"White Christmas," an allegorical sketch, emphasized the fact that love and mercy are the integral parts of a true Christmas feeling. Rose Rita Podraza, Pat Jarvis, Lorraine Ramaekers, Luella Zabawa, and Y'Vonne Pfeifer portrayed the various allegorical characters.

A tableau of the manger scene, with Therese Savage as St. Joseph, Darlene Savage as the Blessed Mother, and Colleen Mayberger, Alice Bernit, and Agnes Czapala as angels, was staged while the entire dramatics class sang several well-loved Christmas carols.

Anastasia Ernst was acting chairman. The entire program was under the direction of Sister M. Cunegundis, dramatics teacher.



Merry Christmas

God grant you every Christmas joy
And fill your heart with cheer
And guide your footsteps day by day
Throughout the coming year.

THE FACULTY.

Two S. B. H. Seniors Vie For Scholarship

The senior class elected Anastasia Ernst and Bill Merrill, October 17 as the two students who will take the tests for the Pepsi-Cola scholarships.

Both Anastasia and Bill are active in all high school projects and both maintain a high scholastic rating. Anastasia is president of the senior class, president of Our Lady's Sodality, treasurer of the pep club, and co-news editor of The Venture. Bill is left half-back on the Shamrock football team and has also lettered two times in both basketball and track. He is co-news editor of the school paper.

On November 21, these two students took a two-hour specially prepared aptitude test in this high school. These will be scored by the College Examination Board, composed of representatives of America's most distinguished colleges and universities.

The students in each state who receive the highest scores on the preliminary test will take a second examination on January 24. This second test will be the regular supervised college entrance examination. The winners in each state will win the scholarship. The five highest runner-ups will receive College Entrance Awards.

This scholarship offers payment of tuition, \$25 a month, and traveling expenses to any college that the winners choose for a period of four years.

The winners will be announced early in March.

Patricia Jarvis Represents S. B. H. In Teen Contest

Patricia Jarvis was selected to represent St. Bonaventure on the Teen Board of "Extension," the national Catholic monthly. The purpose of inaugurating the teen board is to make the "Extension" magazine as attractive as possible to teen-agers.

Seven high school students will be selected to be guest editors of the magazine for forthcoming issues. Each of these guest editors will be given definite editorial assignments for a particular issue and will be asked to make suggestions as to content, layout, and art work.

From these seven guest editors one will be selected, depending on the merit of what he or she has contributed, to come to Chicago and work for a week in the Editorial Department. During the week the winner will be allowed to do actual work on the issue of "Extension."

As a student Patricia is active in both class and school organizations. After serving three years on The Venture, reporter 1, assistant make-up editor 2, and co-news editor 3, she was appointed editor. Pat is secretary of her class and is an honor student, having always maintained a high scholastic standing.

'The Venture' Receives First Honors From Noted International Societies

First Publication Issued in 1936

Speaker Addresses St. Bons Assembly

"Everyday of your high school career will be worth \$87.50 to you by the time you have reached forty," stated W. B. Berger, noted public speaker and Director of the National Forum, to the high school body, during an assembly held November 5, in the school auditorium.

"Most people in this world are using only from 8 to 10 percent of their brains and God-given talents," he further explained. "You can make of your future life exactly what you wish. Set a goal and make sure you reach it. Persevere and you will arrive there if you really wish to do so," he said.

Mr. Berger enlivened his talk by humorous recitations of Ben King's poems — "John Oswald McGuff" and "Wood Ticks."

Mr. P. W. Lakers introduced him to the assembly.

Fr. Martin Heads New Organization

A Catholic Rural Life Study Club has been organized at St. Bonaventure for the purpose of studying the set-up and problems of American rural life in the light of Catholic doctrine.

Rev. Martin Wolter is the director of the organization which at present has a membership of fifteen boys. The following are members of the club: Jim Lippstreu, Eugene Gates, Jim Soulliere, John and Kenneth Euteneuer, Tom Hembd, Milton Speicher, Myron and Marvin Mayberger, Virgil Nickolite, Carrol Ebner, Lambert Shonka, Milton Melliger, Paul Diederich, and John Mahoney.

The purpose of the first regular meeting, held December 5, was to show how urban and rural population trends will vitally affect the future of the Catholic Church in America. Facts uncovered during the meeting proved that the increase of our population comes largely from the rural areas and not from the city. Yet the bulk of our Catholic population lies in the cities of America, only about one tenth of the rural population being Catholic. The evident conclusion drawn was that the movement of Catholic farm youths to the cities must be in some measure curtailed if we are to maintain our Catholic population.

Marvin Mayberger and Eugene Gates gave appropriate reports on the subject.

"The Venture" has again been recognized internationally by winning first honors from both the Quill and Scroll and The Catholic School Press Association.

The Quill and Scroll, international honorary society for high school journalists, awarded the paper 268 points out of a possible 300. The award was based on make-up, news coverage, variety of features and general writing ability.

The Catholic School Press Association rated the paper worthy of first honors in recognition of both its Catholic content and journalistic qualities.

The school paper first appeared as a mimeographed copy under the name of "The Bonaventure" in 1936. It was published bi-weekly and edited by William Gonka.

In 1937, after the paper had been in existence only four months it was admitted into the Quill and Scroll Society.

In 1938, the paper became a monthly publication entitled "The Venture" and was printed by a regular, local newspaper printing press.

Again, in 1944, the size of the paper was enlarged and more departments were added.

Since 1937 "The Venture" has consistently been awarded honors by the organizations of which it is a member.

We congratulate the staff of 46-47, which was headed by Catherine Hauser, as editor-in-chief.

The following excerpts were received in a letter from the Quill and Scroll:

... Congratulations! Your publication has won high honors in the 1947 Critical Service.

... Again, let me commend you upon the splendid achievement of last year's staff.

Shorthand Class Organizes Club

The "Spiral Speedsters" is the new club organized by the shorthand class for the purpose of learning more about the business world and to make shorthand more interesting.

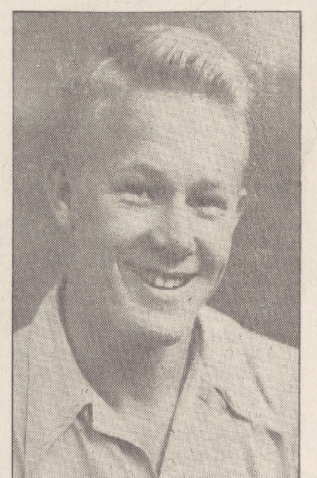
The election of officers took place on October 28, with the following results: Lorraine Ramaekers, president; Adeline Wozny, vice-president; Harriet Reifennath, secretary; and Jean Gerber, treasurer.

Sodality President



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DAVID SCHUMACHER

Our Lady of Fatima



Courtesy of Daniel Studio.

A Message Has Come From Heaven!

Thirty years ago during the months from May to October, the Blessed Virgin appeared six times to three children near the village of Fatima in Portugal.

One day when these children were praying they saw a white light which formed a figure wrapped in a sheet. They gazed at it until it vanished.

A similar experience occurred a year later to the same children, only the lighted figure was that of a boy who spoke to them and called himself "The Angel of Peace."

Two months later, the following September, the children again encountered similar apparitions. Then on May 13 they beheld the vision of a beautiful lady. She spoke to them and told them to pray many Rosaries to obtain peace for the world.

"To prevent punishment to the world for its crimes through wars, I come to ask the consecration of Russia to my Immaculate Heart. If my requests are granted Russia will be converted and there will be peace," said the Lady.

The Blessed Virgin had promised to work a miracle in the last month which would make all believe, so during that time much curiosity and excitement were aroused in Portugal.

On October 12, her promise was fulfilled. Before thousands of people, in spite of torrents of rain, a spectacular phenomenon occurred. The sun whirled and rays of brilliant colors came zig-zagging towards the earth. The multitude knelt down to pray and beg for mercy. Then all was still and everything was dry.

From that day pilgrims have flocked to the Cova da Iria where the miracles took place. Here they pray in answer to Our Lady's directions which according to one of the children are these, "What Our Lady wants is that the Pope and all the Bishops in the world shall consecrate Russia to her Immaculate Heart on one special day. Prayer, sacrifice, and devotion to the Immaculate Heart are asked from all."

This story of Our Lady's appearances is not only an extremely interesting one but a message of the utmost importance, and it is meant for every person in the world.

The fate of the world is in our hands.

J. O.

Prepare For His Coming!

The spirit of Christmas is contagious. It first appears in the brightly decorated department stores and streets. Then come the throngs of Christmas shoppers, hurrying to complete their lists. And so it spreads from person to person throughout the land, lighting the homes and faces of the eager, happy children. Soon the whole world displays evidence of the joyful holiday season.

But often, amid the hustle and bustle of holiday preparations, the true Christmas spirit is forgotten. The peace and love that arrive at the blessed time are lost in the Christmas rush of this world.

Real Christmas preparation should begin in one's own heart. One should make ready for the coming of the Blessed Christmas Guest, the Infant King, Jesus Christ.

On December 25, we celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ, Who came to redeem a sinful world. The Christmas tree, exchange of gifts—these are not the important things, but only customs that have arisen during the centuries since the coming of the Holy Child.

On that first Christmas night, over nineteen hundred years ago, the watchful shepherds welcomed the long waited-for Redeemer by offering Him the best of their flocks. The Three Kings traveled far to bring gold, frankincense, and myrrh, kingly gifts, indeed! The Cherubim and Seraphim, hundreds of whom visited the humble stable in order to pay homage to the new King, praised Him in songs of unsurpassable beauty. Thus was Christ welcomed to this world.

On this Christmas let us again give Him the welcome which He so well deserves. The best gift that we can offer Him is the gift of ourself. Advent is almost over but there is still time to prepare our gift. Let's pray, do penance, and good works, so that on Christmas morning when the Holy Child stretches out His arms to us in Holy Communion, we can offer Him a soul as pure and shining as the Christmas star that hovered over the tiny stable so long ago.

P. J.

Music Lovers, 'Lend An Ear'

"As I Was Walking Down The Street," I met "Two Silhouettes," "Mickey," "And Mimi." I asked them what they wanted from "Jolly Old Saint Nick" and they said, "White Christmas" and "Red Silk Stockings and Green Perfume."

I then saw "Naughty Angeline" and it was kind of chilly so I asked to walk "Near You." As we came to the corner I said, "I'll Be Seeing You."

I came "In My Merry Oldsmobile" to pick up "Sweet Adeline" and "Rosie" to go to "Blue Skies" (movie.) As they were very slow in getting ready, I called "How Much Longer Must I Wait?"

As we drove off, we discussed "Civilization" and passed "The Lonely Little Petunia in The Onion Patch" and the "Penguin at The Waldorf," and as it grew dark we noticed the "Dark Eyes" of "The Little Glow Worm."

We next drove into "The Winter Wonderland" and got stuck. Seeing "Sioux City Sue" riding around in her "Stanley Steamer," we hailed a ride to "Our Home On The Range." I could go on "Till The End of Time" but "Don't Fence Me In."

Student's Brain Goes on Strike

Sister told all of us to write a story about some exciting event. That was thirty minutes ago. Oh, gee, I've been sitting here cranking my little old brain like mad and not even one little tiny thought has popped into my pea-sized cranium.

Let's see what's happened to me lately — I fell in the lake yesterday, stepped on a nail the day before, had my tooth pulled Friday, saw a mouse last night, lost \$10 this morning — but oh, such dull things — nothing exciting ever happens to me!

I could tell about the marble my little brother swallowed, or about the neighbor's cat who stole our turkey for Thanksgiving, or — maybe about the little skunk that got under our front porch — no, that's all too common.

Well — I guess I'll just give a hand in my blank paper and get a zero. But, gee, Sister, I really did try. Honest!

'Oh, Life Is So Dull' Complain Students

Complaints are all you hear around school. It's either too hot or too cold. There never is enough work for everyone (yak, yak) and oh—it's so dull!

Pep rallies, speakers, movies, programs, school dances, Sodality and Holy Name meetings, choir, glee, working on The Venture, lessons, and games (more fun!). There's nothing to do besides those few things.

Then they continue, "And, oh, these free days are driving us mad—teachers' convention, Holy days and gobs of others— why can't we go to school Saturdays and Sundays and holidays too."

I know everyone agrees with me about this dull and easy school life. Do you? (By the way, what crazy character wrote this?)

Bet'cha They Tell Before Christmas

An air of suspense pervaded the class room for something important was about to happen.

Small white slips of paper were handed to each student who then wrote something on them. The slips were collected and then handed back again. (What is this anyway?)

Each student carefully unfolded the paper which he pulled from the box. Everyone was extremely excited. There were secretive glances and many guarded whispers.

Now comes the real problem. Can they keep these secrets until the Christmas party!

Honest! That's exactly what happens when names are drawn for Christmas gift exchange.

P.S. Especially in the sophomore room.

We Wouldn't Want It to Happen Here

Have you ever stopped to think what St. Bona would be like if one certain room on the first floor were missing? No — it wouldn't change its outward appearance, but it would make a difference on those little cards which are handed to us at the end of each six weeks.

From 8:30 a. m. to 3:30 p. m. this room is constantly used. Either someone is searching for a book or a worried-looking student finds a haven of peace and quiet there. Whether one seeks the answer to a question, the meaning of a word, or the history of some almost unknown event, one is sure to find the information within these four walls.

Yes — if the Library should suddenly vanish, or its privileges be taken away, many a student would be in despair, so here's a list of rules that shouldn't be followed in that domicile of knowledge. (Note, we said shouldn't.)

1. Wander around at will. (You know that a roomful of roaming souls makes for peaceful studying.)

2. Talk as loudly and as long as you wish. (Ah, friendship!)

3. Lean on the bookcases to do your reading after you finally find the desired book. (The room really does need the decorations.)

4. Don't return books to the place where you found them. (Who cares if the chemistry and the fiction books are all mixed up. Double replacements, and the kinetic molecular theory mean just as much to one person as to the next.)

'The Junior Class Can't Be Beat' Say The Juniors

The junior class is the busiest class in school, in more ways than one. First of all this class has a split personality. One minute they are nice as angels and the next they are as devilish as—well, you know.

In their good moments, the juniors are always scheming to find ways of making money. They want to sponsor a beautiful prom. (Can you blame them?)

But in their diabolical moments they are the noisiest class. But that's what their teachers and every other person in school tells me.

Now if you ask the juniors about it, they will convince you that they are the best and quietest pupils in school.

Did you ever see such a spirited class?

Sister H. (during English): "What does nocturnal mean?"

Rosemary R.: "Strange happenings."

Cheering Section Makes the Team

"The cheering section makes the team." This statement has definitely been proved these past few months at St. Bonaventure. It can be noticed in the hall, on the basketball court, and the football field.

The attendance at all the football games has increased tremendously and the boys on the squad often comment about it.

Let's not only have school spirit in athletics but also in all the other school activities as well. There is always room for improvement, especially in such things as conduct and courtesy to all. The students have shown that they are behind the school.

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Green and White Top Fighting Polk, 27-26

For the second time in one year the St. Bon's Shamrocks tripped up a fighting Polk team by one point. This time Dan McNair provided the point that pushed the Shamrocks ahead in the last 10 seconds and won the game for the Irish. The Shamrocks opened fast with Jack Miller and Dick Hayes on the scoring end and moved away to a 9 to 5 first period lead. At the half this lead had grown to 16-7, with Walden Voltz, Polk star, plunking 8 of the total for the visitors.

Don Baumert started the second with a swisher to move the Irish away 18-9 and Voltz and Kenneth Upton got 7 straight points before Miller hit from the center to make it 20-16, entering the stretch. Again Polk spurred and with 80 seconds to go, were holding a 26-22 edge. Rex Rupprecht hooked a jump shot and Miller snagged a dribble in to make it 26-all with 20 seconds remaining. The visitors brought the ball down the court and McNair was fouled, the only free shot the Irish had in the second half. McNair put the ball through the hoop without touching the rim. The Irish had control of the ball when the game ended. Irish seconds took the prelm, 16-3, with Jerry Melcher getting 6 points.

Santa Claus Fills Kiddies' Stockings

'Twas the night before Christmas, And all 'round the tree, The students had gathered Their presents to see.

To the seniors had come A future diploma. It left the dear kiddies All in a terrible coma.

Frankie Carle was there, To the juniors' surprise, At their prom he would play, His famous "Sunrise."

The sophies received A big, kind heart, So to help the freshies They will all do their part.

A promise of future fun And of good cheer, Was received by the freshmen For the coming New Year. Mary Gerhold

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Shamrocks Oust St. Ed Beavers

The Shamrocks defeated the St. Edward Beavers, 31-23, in the opening game of the 1947-48 season, December 5.

The Irish never trailed as they led 8-4 at the quarter and 14-6 at the half.

The Beavers pulled up to a four point deficit as the second half opened but the Green and White rallied to lead 24-13 at the three quarter mark.

The game was marred with typical opening game play—faulty passing and poor basket shooting—but the team showed excellent possibilities.

Twelve boys saw action as Coach Ernst substituted freely throughout the contest.

Jack Miller was the offensive leader with 14 points.

The Little Irish went down to defeat at the hands of the Little Beavers, 22-15, as they trailed throughout the game. Scoring at the half stood at 13-7.

Ed Zuroski was high for the Irish with five points. Jerry Melcher turned in a good all around game.

Students Enjoy Various Movies

Six movies were shown to the high school students in the past months through the courtesy of Father Arno.

On October 31, the health class saw "Modest Miracle" which dealt with the discovery of vitamin B complex, and "More Life in Living" which portrayed the nutritional importance of milk products in maintaining zestful living.

On November 20, the students viewed the following: "Water, Friend or Enemy" which pictured water as a death dealing element and also as an asset to man; and "Louis Pastuer" which depicted the story of a great scientist.

On November 25, a general assembly enjoyed a fictional story, "Swiss Family Robinson."

December 6, the upperclassmen witnessed an educational picture, "The Thomas Method of Shorthand," which was made possible through the courtesy of Mr. Donald Weir, representative of the Prentice-Hall, Inc., N. Y.

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Schedule Presents Hopeful Season

Dec. 5—St. Edward
Dec. 11—Monroe
Dec. 12—Polk
Dec. 17—Stromsburg
Dec. 19—Marietta
Jan. 6—At Schuyler
Jan. 11—At Newman Grove
Jan. 15—At Sacred Heart (Norfolk)
Jan. 23—Silver Creek
Jan. 25-27—Catholic Tournament (York)
Jan. 28-30—County Tournament
Feb. 6—Open
Feb. 13—Duncan
Feb. 17—At Osceola
Feb. 20—At St. Francis (Humphrey)

Schuyler will be the big game for the Irish again this year. The Irish have never won over the Warriors but this year they are out to change that.

Sacred Heart of Norfolk, led by Don Kellogg, all state six-man back, is the best parochial school on the schedule.

St. Mary's of Grand Island is the longest road trip. Jim Smyth, former St. Bon's student has been showing up well for the Ramblers.

St. Francis of Humphrey will climax the '47-'48 schedule. Last year the two teams split with the Irish winning in the County Tournament while St. Francis took the regular season game.

The Shamrocks will be out to revenge their humiliating defeats in the two past state Catholic Tournaments.

Honor Roll

Seniors

Alice Bernt
Anastasia Ernst
Joan Fischer
Patricia Jarvis
Daniel McNair
Rose Rita Podraza
Patricia Robb
Therese Savage
Lorraine Ramaekers
Luella Zabawa
Y'Vonne Pfeifer

Juniors

Florene Dohmen
Dale Hittner
Juliani Jarecki
Clare Marie Kaipust
Margaret Korgie
Jacqueline Micek
Theresa Moritz
Lorrie Lou Mimick
Jo Ann Olivetti
Jo Ann Peck
Harriet Reifenrath
Verdiann Romanek
Irene Wilczynski
Adeline Wozny

Sophomores

Romayne Cerny
Betty Dischner
Louise Ernst
Ina Claire Frischholz
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Irish Squad Trims Monroe Five, 58-7

The Green and White added Monroe to their list of defeated opponents in a 58-7 victory after taking a 23-4 lead at halftime. Again the Irish never trailed as twelve boys saw action, ten of whom figured in the scoring. Rex Rupprecht was the offensive star.

The Reserves broke into the win column with a 13-7 victory over the Monroe seconds. Ed Zuroski again led scorers with five points.

Alumni News

Irene Korgie, '42, St. Bonaventure High, became the bride of Emil Zoucha on October 1. Rev. Hubert Korgie, O. F. M., cousin of the bride, performed the double ring ceremony at St. Anthony's Church, Columbus.

Mr. Zoucha served three and one-half years in the service, including thirty-one months in the Southwest Pacific and the European Theater. At present he is employed by the Irrigation Pump Company here.

The couple went on a wedding trip to Colorado. They will make their home in Columbus.

Funeral services were held on October 29, 9:00 a.m. at St. Anthony's Church for Pfc. Leo J. Weigus, the first of Columbus war dead to be returned home for reburial.

Rev. Hilarian Lapinski, pastor, officiated and the burial was made in the Catholic cemetery. Pfc. Weigus attended St. Anthony's grade school, and graduated from St. Bon's in 1937.

He fought on Guadalcanal, and met his death on November 21, 1943, in the battle on Tarawa.

'Believe It or Not' Says Dick Hayes

Yes, it happened on Wednesday night, November 6. The juniors really put over a good school dance. But is that news?

That last dance was one of the prettiest few which has met with a big success.

All the students had a good time. Novelty dances, such as trap dances, solo dances, and a grand march added much fun to the evening's enjoyment.

To sum it up briefly, everyone had a "whale" of a time. (Keep up the good work, juniors!)

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City Organizations Honor Grid Players

Bernie Masterson Speaks At Banquet

The St. Bonaventure and Kramer grid lettermen were honored at a banquet which was given jointly by the Chamber of Commerce, the Lions Club, and the Rotary Club, on December 8, at the city auditorium.

The banquet was the first of its kind in the history of Columbus athletics.

The guest speaker was Bernie Masterson, head football coach at the University of Nebraska, and accompanying him were Doug Russel, backfield coach, and Ray Prohaska, end coach.

Masterson described the University's football season and said that it had been a fair one considering that the first eleven was made up mostly of sophomores. He congratulated the Columbus boys on their play this year, and in closing, he stated that three things—courage, knowledge, and mental attitude—are necessary to make a good athlete.

The coaches of both schools were introduced and they, in turn, introduced their players.

After the banquet, which was prepared by the ladies of St. Anthony Parish, the group viewed movies of the Notre Dame-Nebraska game.

Alumni Cagers Enter Basketball League

The St. Bonaventure Alumni are now entered in the new city basketball league. Terry Lachnit, former St. Bon's student, is the loop president.

Last year's Alumni team won 14 of 19 games as they copped the last nine games.

Leo Syslo, leading scorer last year, is back again this year along with Al Tucek, Arch Nosal and Bill Putnam. Jim Olivetti, Rich Nosal and Bob Gutzmer complete the squad. Good Luck!!!

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My friend here is Pinky,
We work for Old Saint Nick.
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We both lend an ear
To find what the kiddies will pick.

But this year the kiddies
For each other have picked
Cute rhymes and small ditties.
Let's hope they're not tricked!
We jotted them down in our little
black book,
For Santa's in town and anxious
to look.

We'll give you a peek
At some things we did seek
If you promise that you won't tell.
Whether silly or sad,
Or funny or glad,
They all ring the Christmas bell.

To Tom Hembd from Theresa Moritz.
He is so forgetful
He keeps my little mitts full
Asking me questions all day.
So please bring him a book
Where he can always look
Or soon in my grave I will lay.

To Jackie Micek from Ramona Messing.
Dear Santa, bring to Jackie
A little bitty car,
Though it may be rather hacky
And won't go very far.
She'll think it's super, that I know
'Cause to school she has a whole
half block to go.

To Robert Brehm from Marylee Ebner.
Please, dear Santa, bring to him,
I mean that tiny little Brehm,
A pair of real deluxe high heels.
Then in secret he can steal
Lots of height to make him tall
And here's hoping he won't fall.

To Jean Gerber from Margie Kor-
gie.
Miss Gerber's not picky
She just wants a dicky.
But she didn't mention what kind,
So draw your own conclusion,
'Cause I'm in such confusion,
But tell me what you have in mind.

To Ina Claire Frischholz from
Clare Kaipust.
I wish that Ina Claire would get,
A gadget to dull her brain.
Then maybe she would someday
let
Another student explain.

"The fellow who 'does it now'
has time to do something else
while the other fellow is still
thinking about it."—W. Boettcher.

"Happiness is found not in re-
ward but in honorable effort."

"Have plenty of time to work,
none to waste."

To Fritz Loeffler from Don Lan-
gan.

To us Lefty's trade mark is dear,
It always reads "Lefty was here."
He uses lots of time for writing
I often wish he'd go in hiding.
So bring him a stamper with in-
visible ink
Then Lefty and I will both be in
the pink.

To Dick Rice from John Mahoney.
Rumors have been going around
That on his jobs he likes lying
down.
So bring him a dolly, a rattle and
milk,
And bright red pajamas made of
fine silk.

To Maurice Melcher from Polly
Speice.
Morrie's a boy as we all know
And that he likes dolls was quite a
blow.
So bring him some dolls made out
of paper
And with a scissors, he'll cut quite
a caper.

To Everett Johnson from Adeline
Wozny.
For Everett Johnson a jet pro-
pelled engine
For his motorcycle and then,
While you're about it,
(But, please, don't shout it.)
A pillow for his little girl friend.

To Helen Ternes from Mary Ger-
hold.
Helen Ternes is a cute tomato
So why do they call her a Spud?
She'd make a good dish to nibble
on,
(But I wouldn't try it, Bud.)
So send her a name not quite so
yummy
Then she'll stop making us think
of our tummy.

To Bill Merrill from Augie Warho-
loski.
Please, send Bill Merrill a nice
shiny car,
Most any old make will do.
The distance he now walks is so
very far
Please, Santa, it's all up to you.

To Chuck Jaworski from Carl Ry-
ba.
Chuck always says that he's now
a man
So let's see him prove it if he can.
Bring him a big, strong, black ci-
gar
Here is betting he won't smoke it
down very far.

To Jack Miller from Mary Ann
Tworek.
Please, bring to Jack a doll, St.
Nick,
Made of ribbons and paper, that is.
So when Jack is lonesome or sick
This gift will cure that illness of
his.

To Harriet Reifenrath from Char-
lotte Messing.
Oh Santa, for shame, I've been
a little snooper,
And guess what I have found,
For Christmas, Harriet wants
Gary Cooper,
(Not bad to have around!)

To Luella Zabawa from Anna Mae
Roddy.
With her pretty red hair I think
she needs
A great big sum of dough.
So Luella can go places and do
good deeds
And to all, her red hair show.

To Lorrie Lou Mimick from Helen
Dunn.
I wish that Lorrie Lou would get,
Gallons of gas for her car,
So when she and her car I have
met,
Both can take me quite far.

"The sun will shine after every
storm. There is a solution to
every problem, and the soul's high-
est duty is to be of good cheer!"—
Emerson.

To Carroll Ebner from Rita
Schmid.
I've always been told milk will
make one grow.
So Santa, here's what you must
do,
Bring Carroll a great big bottle of
milk,
When tall, he'll really thank you.

To Earl Kuta from Mary Langan.
When the day is icy and cold,
There's only one thing for Earl,
A pair of ice skates I've been told,
Will get him to school with a swirl.

To Myron Mayberger from Ra-
phael Gladfelter.
In study period a pillow, the best,
For his favorite past-time, sleep.
Then Myron can both continue his
rest,
And finish counting his sheep.

To Herman Blahak from David
Pensick.
The football team he'd like to
make,
(That from a birdie I did hear.)
So give him a big build, "For good-
ness sake,"
And watch him lead the team next
year.

To Eugene Lassek from Sis Hayes.
For Eugene, Santa, get a new
desk,
For he is helpless, you see,
Because he has the very hard task
Of sitting in front of me.

To Bob Tooley from Dave Schu-
macher.
Did you ever hear of the "Golden
Gloves?"
Well, Santa, I know what Bob
would love.
A pair of boxing gloves is what he
will need,
And boxing advice for him to heed.

To Jo Ann Peck from Joan Fischer.
Please, dear Santa, send this girl
A great big candy stick.
Then she'll be so happy
When she takes her nappy
For she'll have this candy to lick.

To Gerald Melcher from Phyllis
Thraen.
He pretends to be such a greedy
boy
Yet for Christmas he wants only
one little toy,
A Junior G-man badge to make
him a cop.
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Merrill, Ernst Score Honors in Contest

720 Students Compete In Scholarship Contest

William Merrill and Anastasia Ernst, St. Bonaventure seniors, scored high honors as released by the Pepsi-Cola Scholarship Board in the recent Pepsi-Cola Scholarship contest.

Merrill was rated in the ninth state decile and the eighth national which places him in the second highest honor group while Ernst was placed in the sixth state and fifth national decile which puts her in the fifth highest honor group.

The College Entrance Examination Board, which prepared and scored the test, issued the rating in deciles. A rating of (10), the highest decile, means that the student was placed in the highest ten per cent of the students who took the scholarship test. One (1), decile, means that the student placed in the lowest ten per cent of the students taking the test. Ten per cent of the participants placed in each decile.

In the 252 Nebraska schools which entered the competition, 720 students tried for the award.

Bill is co-news editor of the school paper, the Venture, and is very active in all school sports. Anastasia is president of Our Lady's Sodality, president of the senior class, co-news editor of the school paper and treasurer of the Pep Club. Both are honor students.

Assembly Enjoys Speaker, Movie

"Every minute of the day, somewhere in the United States, a fire is going on which will cost money and perhaps lives," stated Mr. "Buff" Heckenlively, state fire marshal, in his address to the students of St. Bonaventure, January 3.

He emphasized the fact that the sheer carelessness of individuals caused 85 per cent of the fires which in 1947 brought this nation the greatest fire loss in its history.

Father Arno showed a short movie, "Crimes of Carelessness."

English Class Begins Literature Project

A new feature has been added to the senior English Literature class for the second semester. Each Friday is devoted to the study and discussion of Catholic authors. The procedure is in the form of a panel discussion. The panel consists of five members—the chairman and four other students.

The source material, which is used, is the four series of *The Catholic Authors* by Walter Romig. It is interesting to note that the second series of *The Book of Catholic Authors* is dedicated to Sister Mary Joseph, S. L., the foundress of the Gallery of Catholic Authors.

The authors have been divided into four distinct groups—priests, nuns, laymen, and laywomen. Each week the lives and works of the leading members from one division are discussed.

Some famous authors which have already been reviewed are the following: Father Edward F. Murphy, S.S.J., by Bill Merrill; Father Charles O'Donnell, C.S.C., by Lorraine Ramaekers; Rev. Jacob R. Buck, by Marion Thiele; and Father Brice, C. B., by Luella Zabawa. The Sisters, M. Fides Glass, Mary Aloyce, S.N.D., and Marilla O.S.B., were reviewed by Paul Dietrich, Charles Haney, and Tom McKown, respectively.

The Venture Staff For 1947-1948



Courtesy of Daniel Studio

Thirty-Three Students Comprise The Venture Staff

Thirty-three students comprise the '47-'48 staff of *The Venture*, the St. Bonaventure school paper. Of these, seventeen are special editors, managers, and typists. Sixteen are reporters.

The editorial staff is as follows: Patricia Jarvis, editor-in-chief; reporter 1; assistant news editor 2; news editor 3. Pat, a senior, is secretary of the senior class, chairman of the Eucharistic Committee of Our Lady's Sodality, and a member of the Pep Club.

Jo Ann Olivetti, assistant editor; reporter 1; assistant make-up editor 2. Jody, a junior, is president of the Pep Club, a member of Our Lady's Sodality and the Speed and Accuracy Club.

Bill Merrill, co-news editor; reporter 1, 2; co-news editor 3. Bill, a senior, is a member of the Holy Name Society, halfback on the football team, and an active member of both the basketball and track squads. He received a high rating in the recent Pepsi-Cola contest.

Anastasia Ernst, co-news editor; reporter 1, 2, 3. Anastasia, a senior, is president of both the senior class and of Our Lady's Sodality, and treasurer of the Pep Club. She received an honor rating in the state Pepsi-Cola contest.

David Schumacher, co-feature editor. Dave, a senior, is president of the Junior Holy Name Society, full-back on the football team, and a member of the basketball and track squads.

Jacqueline Micek, co-feature editor; reporter 1; assistant make-up editor 2. Jackie, a junior, is a member of Our Lady's Sodality and the Pep Club, and is a treasurer of the Speed and Accuracy Club.

Speaker Approves College Education

"One year of college will not only supplement a girl's education but will give her a broader viewpoint concerning the important things in her life," pointed out Sister Mary Alice of St. Mary's College, Omaha, in her talk to the senior girls, January 21.

She explained the various courses offered by St. Mary's College which include commerce, pre-nursing, teaching, journalism, and liberal arts course.

"Study clubs, private music lessons, library privileges, as well as a varied social program are special features at St. Mary's" said Sister Mary Alice.

She emphasized the home-like atmosphere in the residence hall for girls who wished to board at the school.

In closing she urged all girls to try their hardest to gain a college education.

Daniel McNair, sports editor; reporter 2; co-assistant sports editor 3. Dan, a senior, is a member of the Holy Name Society, quarterback on the football team, guard on the basketball team, and a member of the track squad and is president of the Speed and Accuracy Club.

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USN Lieutenant



GEORGE W. HYATT

St. Bon's Alumni Receives Honor

Lt. George W. Hyatt (MC), USN, who is remembered as an honorary student and graduate of St. Bonaventure High '37, was recently selected by the U. S. Navy because of his outstanding record and high rating, for advance study in orthopedic surgery at Lahey Clinic, Boston, Mass.

Lt. Hyatt, while going to school here, was awarded the Lions Club Scholarship of Columbus, and the President's Scholarship of Creighton University.

After Hyatt was graduated from the Creighton University School of Medicine, '43, he took an examination which entitled him to intern in the U. S. Naval Base Hospital, Corpus Christi, Tex. Having completed his internship, he was again honored by receiving his rating and classification in the upper ten.

During the war, Lt. Hyatt served in the South Pacific theater of war.

Grade, High School See 'Great Mike'

"Great Mike," a movie depicting a small boy's love for his pets—a horse and a dog—was viewed by the student body, January 22, in the school auditorium, through the courtesy of Father Arno.

The picture centered around a twelve year old boy, Jim, who was working to purchase Mike, a thoroughbred racing horse, from his uncle. The dog, Corky, was Mike's stablemate. Jim's devotion to his animal friends brings about a triumphant racing career for Mike.

A short sports reel and a comedy were also shown.

Typing Classes Elect Officers

The Speed and Accuracy Club, which consists of three typewriting classes, elected officers for its organization, at the beginning of the second scholastic semester.

The following were honored: Dan McNair, president; Rosella Kush, vice president; Rex Rupprecht, secretary; and Jacqueline Micek, treasurer.

Members of the club, eligible for nomination, were required to have a general average of 90% or above in the first semester's typewriting work.

Yearly Box Social Nets Large Sum

St. Bonaventure High School students welcomed an ancient custom on Wednesday, February 4, when the junior class sponsored the annual box social, which netted a sum of \$72 for their treasury.

Beautifully and elaborately decorated boxes were presented in many different colors and styles. The Valentine theme was the predominating motif while many boxes featured the school colors, green and white, and emblem, the Shamrock.

Anna Mae Roddy and Anna Mae Pfeifer's box made to represent a white swan was the most outstanding in grace and art.

Mary Ann Merrill and Rosemary Ramaekers' box went to the highest bidders of the evening, Jerry Melcher and Tom Hembd, for \$4.25. This box was very large, clad in white paper with a huge red ribbon crowning the top and clusters of sweet peas suspended on delicate red ribbon fringed the lid.

C. D. A. Donates Gift to Library

Through the courtesy of the Catholic Daughters of America (CDA), twelve new books have been added to the high school library. These publications were purchased with the \$25.00 which the organization gave to St. Bonaventure School as a Christmas gift.

The books are as follow: "Paul Bunyan" by Esther Shepard; "Animals on The Moon" by W. Maxwell Reed and Jannette M. Lucas; "Crossroads of The Buccaneers" by Hendrick de Leenuw; "Plowman's Folly" by Edward Faulkner; "American Life and Problems" by Charles C. Barnes and John B. Dail; "Minerals" by Herbert S. Zim and Elizabeth K. Cooper; "Mice, Men and Elephants" by Herbert S. Zim; "The Book of Catholic Authors," series one, two, and three compiled by Walter Romig; and "The College Dictionary" by Webster.

Club Honors Guests At 22nd Anniversary

The high and elementary school faculty were special guests at an entertainment of the Court Little Flower No. 988, Catholic Daughters of America, who observed the twenty-second anniversary of its organization on Sunday afternoon, February 1, in the St. Bonaventure auditorium. Father Albert, chaplain, was also a special guest.

Mrs. Mark Burke welcomed the teachers and other guests after which Mrs. Herman Woerth presented Mr. and Mrs. Otto F. Walter, who entertained the assembly with colored films and interesting talks on their recent trip to South American countries.

C.R.L.S. Club Gets Two New Members

The Catholic Rural Life Study Club, which has recently been lauded by several radio fans of Columbus and vicinity, welcomed two new members—Eugene Lassek and Emil Jarecki—into its organization at its regular bi-monthly meeting at 2:45 p. m. in the school auditorium.

"The Rural Catholic Family and Its Present Disadvantages" was the speech given by Father Martin, director.

During the course of the talk he stressed the following points: Isolation and its consequences; Religious facilities often poor; Educational facilities none too good; Economics backwards; Too much traditionalism; Social living and cooperation; Lack of culture and refinement; and Results from making the farm a better place to live on.

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Odorous Mystery Permeates School

What do you know? The little sophie boys are at it again. (So are the juniors, seniors, and freshmen.)

The last few weeks the halls of good old St. Bons haven't been the same. It is rather unexpected and totally different but something new has been added.

Every time classes are changed conversation goes something like this: "Oh! It smells awful!" the girls exclaim and make great pretense of swooning. Even teachers are acting in reverse. Instead of scoldings and reproaches for the designers of this change, they exclaim, "Umm — I like it, but be sure not to set it on the varnish, first put it on a piece of glass."

Of course everyone knows it's that Chinese incense that the boys have been circulating for the past few weeks. It really does make our school more mysterious but opinions differ widely concerning it—ah-h—peculiar characteristic. (I mean odor.)

'I Can't Believe It! It's Wonderful!'

For the past years, if you would have walked around or outside of the staff room, the conversation you would probably have heard would go something like this:

"Rip! Crash! Peek-a-boo, your window is showing. Oh, darn it, hand me the tack and I'll try again. If this goes on much longer I'll go mad. Why can't they do something about it?"

But now listen because it's 1948 and something new has been added:

"Oh isn't it wonderful! Just pull the strings and down they come. This privacy is too good to be true, I just can't believe it. The life of ease, that's for me."

Oh, by the way, the new addition consists of six brand new shades which are replacing the old and shattered maps that once covered the windows adjoining the faithful old staff room and Room 4.

Anxious Devotees Await Decision

Boom! What was that loud noise? Oh! Somebody just dropped a pin. That's how silent the English class was one day of the Catholic Tournament.

Standing outside the door, I wondered what was going on. Maybe the kids have deserted the school. I wonder if anyone is in that room. Shall I take a peek? Oh, no, I might disturb them if they are in there. But I can't stand it any longer, I just have to know. Well, here goes.

Oh, my goodness! What are they doing? The whole class is on their knees. It looks like they are praying. Oh, I know. They are praying that our basketball team will win the tournament game with Atkinson. (A good idea but I guess maybe we didn't pray hard enough.)

Choking Senior Survives Ordeal

It all happened on a January day in the third period in the afternoon in Room 4.

It was a study period and everyone was studying as hard as they could, when suddenly from the back of the room came a choking sound. Someone started laughing. I looked back and saw (I won't mention any names) holding a jaw breaker in his hand. It was too big to swallow and got caught in his throat. He must have gotten excited. Anyway the boys had to pound for a full five minutes before it came up. A dignified senior, too. That was a close shave huh, Eugene?

Thanks!

The faculty and students of St. Bonaventure High extend sincerest thanks to the following: The Catholic Daughters of America for the \$25.00 for the library; Father Albert for the six new shades in the staff room; the grade school for patronizing the sophomores' candy sale; Father Arno for showing "Great Mike."

P. J.

Sightseer Tours Business District

As I was walking past the "Sweet Shop" I happened to bump into the "Ewert Brothers."

I asked them if they had some "Penneys" which they could lend me. I was just a little short and couldn't get the present from "Froemel's" that I wanted to give "Irene" who was a "Blue Bird" in the "Montgomery Ward" in the hospital.

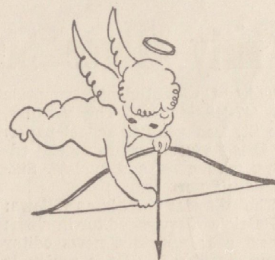
They gave me the remainder that I needed and they hurried at "Speice-Echols and Boettcher," because they had an appointment at "Speice-Echols and Boettcher."

I then met "Gus Meyer's" and as we walked towards "Bill's Recreation," we met "Marjorie's" new friend who works at the "Sunshine Bakery."

She told us about "Blake's" accident. He was walking across the street to the "Central National Bank" when the "City Bus" nearly knocked him down. We then continued on and visited "Louie" for a while.

After a sumptuous supper we hurried to the "Swan Theater" where we saw "Gutzmer's" "Gambles" and "Alexand's" "Angell." After the show we got a hamburger at "Adams" and resumed our way home.

Just as I stepped into the house I received a "Telegram" from my girl friend who works at "Tooley's." She's coming over for a visit so I had better end my little tale.



Danny Cupid Aims His Arrow Again

I'm known as Danny Cupid, My life is lots of fun. Although many think I'm stupid, In love, I'm not so dumb.

It is customary on Valentine's Day, The day of love and cheer, For me to have my little say Of those I think are dear.

So for the boys of this big nation, I've made from St. Bons High, A super deluxe combination Of a girl that will make their hearts sigh.

The personality of Alice Berni, Along with the brains of Annie Ernst, Not forgetting Luella's red hair, Or the nose of Pat Robb, so rare.

Now add a little of Harriet's poise Then a pinch of Sis Hayes' fabulous noise, Let's not forget Polly's sweet baby face, Or Helen Dunn's short little pace.

The girls must also have a dream That will make their little hearts scream, Although this boy may never exist, If you find him, my arrow will never miss.

This dream must have Shoey's well built frame, And all of Bob Tooley's popular names. He must have Alfred's big blue eyes, And Billy Merrill's flashy ties.

Of course he must have Danny's friendly smile, Combined with Dick Hayes' flashy style. Then add a touch of Jerry's curly hair, Along with Auggie's mischievous air.

I hope my arrow has pierced your heart, For I surely have tried to do my part, So you kids take it from here, And by the way, girls, this is Leap Year.

H. M. T.

Merrill McNair Musings

Here we are again, as big as life and twice as welcome. (We hope.) Say, is Jake Melcher getting serious?? What say, Jackie?

St. Bons can claim a record of some kind or other for the shortest basketball game—Silver Creek. The game lasted ten minutes which should be a record. The basketball team has set a new school record of twelve consecutive wins. The victory over Lincoln Cathedral turned the trick.

St. Cecilia of Hastings should be complimented on the school spirit which they showed at the Catholic Tournament. Theirs was the only pep band present.

Willie Kolbush, class of '47, is a Navy man now. Anchors aweigh and all that there stuff! We're wondering what new expression will replace "Wa-Wa!" Or can it be replaced?

The Jims Soulliere and Lipps-treau are co-owners of a beautiful goat. Some people like dogs, some cats, but they like the aforesaid.

The seniors are starting to have their class pictures taken. The class has really dwindled since its freshman year when it was the largest class in high school. Now it's the smallest.

Our vacuum cleaner is wearing out. It doesn't pick up the dirt like it used to.

Dick Hayes has Gregg McBride writing about him. Now all you students look it up.

Jack Miller kept up his practice of collecting boxes at the annual Box Supper. This time he and Morrie Melcher gathered three.

The Navy seems to have a special interest in the senior boys. The other day they all received a letter from the Navy Department.

Congratulations to the Reserves (Junior Shamrocks) on winning the Platte County "B" Tournament. Special thanks to Vince Fiek for dragging the basketball stuff around.

The basketball team played seven games in eight days. (That should be another record of some sort, shouldn't it?)

Spring is coming and new cars are blossoming out in front of school. (It's about time.)

We overheard Auggie Warholoski trying to get a solo arranged between him and Spud Teres at the dance the other night, but it was too late. (Tough luck, Auggie.)

The students are downcast lately because the little store isn't open and they have to wait until meal time to eat. The Sisters are kind of happy 'cause no more chewing in classes.

Here's a sonnet to a desperate woman:

Leap year has come! Hooray! Hooray!
And the girls dress nicer day by day
With cosmetics spread all over their pan,
You see, they really want a man.

They primp and preen in all the classes
And use their wiles when some boy passes.
It's said they're slick and always have been,
But they'll never catch us intelligent men.

Excited Fan Views Tense Norfolk Tilt

Here's one reporter's view of part of our Sacred Heart game. He's excited.

The crowd was tense. Our boys have the ball, and we are only two points behind. Don bounced the ball to Dan and again to—oh, oh, Norfolk intercepted the ball! Get it back, boys! Come on!

Whe-et-t! (That's the whistle.) It's another foul. Gee, I hope it's not on our men. He's holding up two fingers and pointing to Don, who is calmly chewing his gum. He's stepping to the foul line and while chewing his gum like mad—my gosh, he made them both. Hurray!

The outcome of this game was favorable and so before I close I move that if Don keeps putting the ball in the basket, we let him have all the chewing gum he wants.

P.S. Providing he buys it himself, of course.

Offer Him Your Valentine!

The second week of February marks two important feasts on the calendar of our lives. Wednesday, the eleventh, begins the holy season of Lent and Saturday, the fourteenth, marks the feast of St. Valentine.

It seems appropriate that these feasts should fall in the same week, for it is customary on Valentine's Day to express love and affection and to offer our hearts to our dear ones. Since Lent is a time when special love and sentiment should be shown to our Lord in anticipation of His great sacrifice of love and His glorious resurrection, it is only fitting and proper that we should offer our hearts to God as a valentine.

When we wish to give something to our loved ones it usually costs a little sacrifice. Thus it should not be asking too much to express our love to Almighty God by making little sacrifices such as—giving up sweets, getting up early for week-day Mass, staying home some Sunday night instead of going to that movie, keeping quiet in study periods, getting to classes on time, and making visits to the Blessed Sacrament.

These acts of mortification may seem trivial to us but do we realize the dividends they will pay? It is the little things in life that count.

By offering some sacrifice with the proper intention and persevering with it until Easter, we will render the most pleasing valentine to our Lord and then our Easter will be more perfect.

Be His valentine always!

J. O.

Foreign Missions Need Your Help!

Today all over the world people are dying, physically, mentally, and spiritually, because they cannot get enough food to satiate their hunger, the most essential craving of humanity! These poor starving people are calling for help and it is up to Americans, who have so many blessings to be thankful for, to give them aid and relief.

You all know what Communism is and how it works. The Communists wait until a country is starving and then they produce tales of the wonderful things which the victims can have and the worries which they will leave behind if they turn everything over to the government and as a result the starving populace unknowingly becomes fettered in the chains of Communism.

In Europe and China these things are going on this very day. People receive only one bowl of soup a day and they send their children to school even if the boys and girls are sick in order that each will receive his ration.

Can you imagine anything like it? Think of that terrible catastrophe when you leisurely sit down to a nice hot meal at home and right there and then make up your mind to do acts of self-denial and give all that you can to the Catholic Foreign Mission Societies so that this universal, excruciating hunger, which is wasting away, not only the bodies but the souls of millions, may be abated.

Please!!!

B. M.

Why Go to College?

Why go to college? Why leave one institution of books, essays, and studies and enter another twice as difficult? Why not just get a job after one graduates and start to earn money at an early age?

Students and persons who think this way do not have the right knowledge of the benefits of education.

No, getting a college education is not easy! It requires deep thinking, and arduous preparation. Building an education is like building a house. One must first have a good, sound foundation. This foundation is a student's high school years. During these four years one should have a definite plan in mind. He should select studies to meet the requirements of his goal.

College education is like the framework and finishing touches of this house. When one has completed his college education he is ready to take a position in the world and perform his duties as the finished house is ready to shelter and to protect humans.

Why not make your foundation firm and secure now by thinking seriously of your vocation and selecting courses which will prepare you for it. Next make education complete by going to college. Then you can give your best to the world.

A. B.

Have You Read Them?

"Reading maketh a full man." This old quotation is common knowledge. To be truly intelligent one must be well read. But besides its educational value, literature has the power to influence opinion and to help build character. The press is perhaps the greatest influence of this age. The tragedy lies in the fact that this powerful medium can be used to further evil as well as truth.

Each year the Catholic press designates February as Catholic Press Month. Its purpose is to promote wise selection of reading material and the spread of this good literature.

The use of propaganda clearly shows the power of the press. During the war, a government molded public opinion as it desired merely through the circulation of suggestive pamphlets, newspapers and periodicals. Now Communism is seeking to invade America through the use of this same method and

in many cases it is succeeding. So the Church seeks to give her children the guidance they so sorely need by publishing lists of approved literature.

But the press has still another power, the power to entertain and give pleasure to many thousands of readers. Here again help is needed by Catholics. The secular presses are flooding the country with cheap books that emphasize the gratification of passions and almost entirely forget God and the life of the soul in the world to come.

In the list of books approved by the Church can be found adventure, biography, heroism, mystery—anything that a reader may desire. Here are a few examples: *Less Than the Angels*; *Pere Antoinette*; and *This Night Called Day*.

Have you read them? If not, why not try one today?

P. J.

St. Bonaventure Cops Runner-Up Trophy In County Tournament

Little Irish Nab Reserve Honors

The Shamrocks defeated the KHS Reserves in the first round on January 29. The game was tight until the third quarter, as the Shamrocks spurred into action for a 31-22 victory.

St. Bonaventure missed numerous shots all through the game, while the Reserves tried fewer shots but made most of them. The score by quarters: first—8-7 with Maroons in the lead; at the half—19-13 with the Shamrocks leading and also at the third by 2 points; with a score of 22-20.

Control of rebounds by St. Bonaventure aided in the triumph. Jack Miller sparkled for the winners with 14 points, backed by Dick Hayes with nine and Don Baumert with seven.

Duncan Bows Out

An inspired Duncan team showed much promise as they pushed seeded St. Bonaventure before bowing 38-30. The Irish showed signs of sustained competition while the Bluejays hit consistently from far out.

Duncan trailed by 8-6 at the quarter and 13-12 at the half through the spirited play of Melvin Ernst. The Irish started to pull ahead in the third quarter and led 24-19 going into the stretch, but due to a Bluejay rally, the score stood at 38-30 at the automatic timeout. Rex Rupprecht then went to work to pull the Irish out of danger.

Rupprecht led the Shamrock offense with 13 points, all made in the last half, while Richard Micek's five straight longs were best for the Bluejays.

Irish Fail In Overtimes

Two St. Francis free throws in the second overtime gave them an 18-17 victory over a "dead" Shamrock team which was playing its sixth game in as many days.

The first half was as uneventful as a grave yard at midnight and the Irish led 4-2 at the half way mark. A "big scoring spurt" put the Humphrey school ahead 9-6 going into the final quarter.

The Irish came from behind to tie the game at 13 all as the game ended. The Franciscans scored first in the first overtime but again the Shamrocks came from behind to gain a 16-16 tie.

Hayes' three fielders were best for the Irish.

The second team won the county Class B title by slipping past the St. Francis seconds 22-21. Ed Zuroski's free throw with a minute remaining accounted for the winning point. The Little Irish trailed most of the way but a spurt in the final quarter finally put them in the lead.

Kennitz's rebound work and seven points were the big factor in the victory.

St. Bonaventure High Pep Squad



Courtesy of Daniel Studio

Left to right: First Row—Cheerleaders: M. A. Merrill, P. Robb, A. Wozny, and D. Langan. Second row—D. Wheeler, M. Roddy, C. Nickolite, L. Hilbert, H. Dunn, H. Ternes, A. Roddy, A. Pfeifer. Third row—R. Jahn, B. Dischner, M. Clark, C. Messing, M. McCloskey, L. Ernst, A. Luis, L. Dineen, R. Ramaekers, J. Micek, C. Kaipust, M. Korgie, L. Mimick, T. Moritz, I. Wilczynski, F. Dohmen. Fourth row—M. Dunn, A. Czapl, C. Mayberger, R. R. Podraza, L. Zabawa, A. Bernt, T. Savage, P. Jarvis, J. Fischer, L. Ramaekers, Y. Pfeifer, D. Savage, A. Ernst, J. Peck, P. Thraen, A. Syslo. Fifth row—R. Messing, M. Deiderich, J. Gerber, R. Cerny, P. Kaminski, I. C. Frischholz, O. Wass, M. Tworek, J. Olivetti, M. Hayes, P. Speice, M. Gerhold, S. Mitera, H. Reifenrath, V. Romanek, M. Locher, G. Nosal.

Three Cagers Win Honorary Mention

Although St. Bonaventure failed to win the county tournament, they placed three players — Dick Hayes, Jack Miller, and Dan McNair — on the honor team which was selected following the championship game. Hayes and Miller were also placed on the honorable mention list of the Catholic Tournament.

All three had been named on the honor squad of last year, when the Irish won the tournament. It is the fourth year of basketball for the trio. Bill Olson of Humphrey was the only other repeater.

The squad, as announced by E. P. Baruth, a tournament director, as follows:

Forwards — Dick Hayes, Jack Miller, SBH; Bill Olson, Humphrey High; Cecil Schroeder, Platte Center.

Centers — Bill Frey, St. Francis; Lawrence Blaser, Duncan.

Guards — Jack Karthaus, St. Francis; Dan McNair, SBH; Bob Nickolite, Columbus B; Lyle Sawyer, Humphrey.

Irish Quintet Bests St. Mary's Ramblers

Coach Paul Ernst's undefeated Shamrocks took an easy 36-18 victory over St. Mary's Ramblers of Grand Island to run their winning string to eight.

The Third City five crowded the Irish for the first twelve minutes but could not hold the pace and trailed 15-7 at the half as Dick Hayes and Dan McNair showed the way.

Jack Miller sunk three quick fielders in the third period as the Irish led 27-11 going into the stretch. The fourth quarter saw Dave Schumacher lead another scoring spurt just after the automatic time-out.

St. Bons Seconds bested the Little Ramblers 23-12. Dick Kennitz topped the winners with 11 points while Scott contributed six for St. Marys.

St. Bon's '5' Thump Schuyler Warriors

The Green and White of St. Bonaventure had to come from behind in the last two minutes to defeat the Schuyler quintet, 20-18 on the Schuyler court.

It was the first victory over the Warriors in the history of their three cage engagements.

The Irish led briefly on the first period until Rex Rupprecht scored with only two minutes remaining. The Shamrocks were getting the close shots while Bill Sinkula of Schuyler was keeping the Irish in hot water with his long shots.

Jack Miller and Dick Hayes paced the Irish offense.

The fighting seconds went down to a 25-13 defeat in the opener.

Shamrocks Topple Kreeketeer Cagers

The Shamrocks came through with their easiest victory of the '47-'48 cage session as they bested undefeated Silver Creek 10-2 by merit of a forfeit. Coach Graff and Supt. Reith quietly took their boys from the floor after two minutes had elapsed in the second quarter to give the undefeated St. Bons boys their tenth straight victory.

The Irish had hurried to a 9-0 lead early in the first quarter before Gene Kershaw scored on a long swisher from the side. The Kreeketeers could not penetrate the Shamrock defense and that's the game.

The second largest home crowd in Irish history did get to see a nip and tuck reserve game. Dick Kennitz looked best in a 11-10 Irish victory.

Shamrocks Spurt In Last Quarter

Uncorking a sizzling spurt in the last quarter the Green and White bested a good Newman Grove team 33-27. The game was played under fairly even terms until an Irish outburst in the final five minutes.

The Shamrocks led 7-6 at the first quarter but an offensive lapse in the second left them trailing 14-11 at the half.

As usual the Irish came back after intermission with their best ball and led 17-14. The Bluejays countered as Davis, a set shot artist, led them to a 20-19 lead. Then came the fourth quarter rally that cinched the game.

Newman Grove took a 17-16 win in the preliminary game. Hinman had 10 points for the winners while Dick Kennitz and Gerald Melcher stood out for the losers.

Congratulations!

The faculty and students of St. Bonaventure High School extend heartiest congratulations to the following: The Shamrocks for winning two trophies; the juniors and sophomores for the success which they achieved in their box social and candy sale, respectively.

Shamrocks Trounce Fighting Norfolk

Bouncing back from a ragged start, the Shamrocks racked up their ninth straight victory by defeating the fighting Sacred Heart, Norfolk, 32-26.

In the first quarter it appeared that the Knights were ready to snap the winning string of the Irish. The host team was sinking long shots and led 10-1 before the Shamrocks got into the game. The Irish had pulled up to a 14-13 score by the half.

Early in the third stanza the Irish took the lead the first time, 25-19. Scoring seven additional points the Irish had no trouble and coasted to victory.

Jack Miller and Dick Hayes bagged nine points each for scoring honors.

The Little Irish took the reserve game by defeating Sacred Heart seconds 29-10. Dick Kennitz collected nine points to lead scoring.

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Irish Cagers Capture Two of Three Starts In Catholic Tourney

Shamrocks Submit To Atkinson Five

For a time it looked as though the Irish would have their usual luck in the State Catholic Basketball tournament but they pulled out of their stupor in time to win 31-23 over a much improved St. Mary's team from Grand Island.

Once again the Shamrocks found themselves trailing in the first half as they went behind 10-8 at the quarter and 15-14 intermission.

Jack Miller, Don Baumert, Dan McNair and Rex Rupprecht scored to give the Irish a 21-15 lead before a Rambler spurt crowded 21-18 at the end of the third quarter. The fourth period was all St. Bons. Miller was high with 18 points.

Cathedral Falls 38-27

Lincoln Cathedral found the Shamrock defense tough and could not keep pace with the Green and White offense which clicked consistently for close-in shots as they fell 38-27.

For a change the Irish rolled into a 8-2 quarter lead and stayed there as they never trailed. The second stanza was a replica of the first and the Lincoln high school trailed 17-5 at the end of the first half without scoring a single field goal.

The second half saw the Irish let up on the fast pace as Cathedral pulled up to a 14-23 deficit at the quarter. The fourth was all offense but the Capital City quintet could not muster enough to overtake the Irish. This victory upset the consecutive win streak to twelve for a new school record. The team of '43-'44 had the previous record with ten.

St. Joseph Receives Title

St. Joseph of Atkinson, defending tournament champion and State Class C champs for the past two years, ended the Irish win streak with a 43-30 victory. It was their 71st victory in 72 games.

Dick Hayes and Dan McNair kept the Irish close the first quarter, 9-11 but Bob Berigan led the Josies to a 23-15 margin at the halftime as the Irish began to lag. Eleven of their first half total came through accuracy from the free throw line. The Shamrocks faded in the last half.

Bob Berigan and Bill Miller scored 18 points each for the Atkinson school. They, along with Bob Mack, were placed on the All-Catholic team.

Dick Hayes and Rex Rupprecht led the Irish offense with ten and eight points, respectively.

St. Joseph went on to win the title with 56-49 victory over St. Cecilia of Hastings.

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"I wish they'd take the proofs back and get my face retouched, so that it doesn't look so lopsided."
(I've heard that photographers can do almost anything—can't expect miracles though.)
Golly!! "My hair just hangs in strings and I put it up too." (Honest! "And look at my eyes—they could use a little straightening."
What am I talking about? Well, I just got a gander at the Pep Club picture and these are some of the remarks I overheard. Of course they're all exaggerations and everyone looks beautiful. If you don't believe me look for yourself. It's on page 3.

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**Inquiring
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Report
Inquiries**

Feeling particularly inquisitive this month, the Inquiring Reporters decided to find out the funniest thing that ever happened to the students. Here are some of the answers which they received.

Marlynn Diederich—My sister and I had a pillow fight and all at once all the feathers spilled out. We picked them up and just stuffed them in again and Mother never did find out. (Take note, Mrs. Diederich.)

Stanley Kryzcki—I fell down fourteen steps, head first, and I am still living. (Prove it!)

Lois Dineen—I got some oysters from the store which were put in the sack upside down and they dripped all over me! (Not so funny, was it?)

Clare Kaipust—I was washing the floor one day and when I got up I accidentally stepped in the bucket of water. (No bath that night.)

Jo Ann Peck—The funniest thing that ever happened to me was the day when I signed up for Chemistry. (You and a couple of others.)

Joan Fischer—The funniest experience I ever had was when Gutzmer's car broke down on the way to the York tournament. Pat J. and I hitch-hiked the remaining twenty-four miles to York. (How did you get home, girls?)

Lorraine Ramaekers — After First Friday breakfast, I got locked in one of the boy's lockers and nearly suffocated. (How did you get in there, anyhow?)

Dick Hayes—A ball hit the basket, bounced back and hit me in the face, and then went into the basket. (Atta-boy, Dick!)

Kenneth Eutenauer—I lost my balance and pulled a glass cabinet down on top of me, and I got —?? (What, Kenny?)

Charlene Nickolite—I was in a cab in Omaha and the driver got out and the cab started to roll down the hill. (Yes, then what?)

Patricia Jarvis—I fell up a flight of stairs. Honest, it was up not down. (Always something different huh, Pat?)

Jack Miller—The craziest thing that ever happened to me is book-keeping. (I thought little black books were your only interest, Jack.)

Bill Merrill—I was riding an old plow horse and the horse shied and I bounced on its neck and fell off. (Where did you land, Bill?)

Bill Ragatz—My buddy and I were in a box car on a train headed for Omaha, when an old man crawled out from between the freight. (We heard you spent the night in Omaha that night, too. Wonder why?)

Polly Spiece—I got hit by a car. My Mother can't figure out why I think it's funny. (Neither can we.)

Margaret Hayes—I had a brand new dress on and then forgot and wore an apron to school. (The new look.)

Bobby Johnson—I was tearing through the house when I pulled the Christmas tree down.

Eugene Lassek—I had a dream that a mouse was chasing me. (Poor mouse.)

Helen Dunn—I was nick-named "Shortie." (Wonder why?)

Carl Ryba—One day I was riding my bike and the front wheel came off. (Some bike!)

Ralph Pfeifer—I tried to ride a three month old calf and it threw me in a mud puddle. (Better try a tricycle.)

Our Own Comment—The day we (Phil and Mary Ann) became Inquiring Reporters.

**Will They Meet
Their Fate Now?**

Silent and mysterious they stood, each in its place, waiting. In just five seconds they would meet their fate.

Sadly they resigned themselves. Had they not escaped for almost half a school year? Maybe now, in these last few seconds something might save them.

But no! With a sudden movement the door flung open and tormentors descended upon them. The captors advanced slowly with a look of curiosity on their faces. All was silent.

Finally one brave tormenter grabbed his captive. Cautiously the others followed his example. Suddenly there was a shout. It was not a fearful shout but an exclamation of joy. For the freshmen had at last discovered their Prose and Poetry books.

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THE VENTURE

Juniors of '48 Plan Junior-Senior Prom

Class Features Theme 'Lavender and Old Lace'

The formal Junior-Senior banquet and prom featuring the theme, "Lavender and Old Lace," is scheduled for April 28, in the gym and auditorium, respectively.

The theme will be carried out in the seniors' colors — lavender and silver—with the violet as their class flower.

The following are the various committee chairmen: general chairmen of arrangements—Charles Jaworski; banquet—Mesdames Fred Gerber and Joseph Urban; dining room decorations—Lorrie Lou Mimick, Margaret Korgie and Clare Kaipust; general chairmen of auditorium decorations—Alice Syslo and Adeline Wozny; stage, radiators and lights—Harriet Reifnath and Rosella Kush; windows and centers—Jody Olivetti and Jackie Micek; entrance and pop-stand—Charlotte Messing; wood-work—Rex Rupprecht, Maurice Melcher, Donald Langan, and Charles Jaworski; lighting effects and general designing—Dale Hittner; art work—Phyllis Thraen and Irene Wilczynski; cutting and measuring—Theresa Moritz, Lorene Shonka and Juliann Jarecki; dance program—Jean Gerber; typing—Verdiann Romanek; invitation—Florene Dohmen; place cards—Georgina Holys.

Juniors Choose Features

In completing the arrangements, the juniors selected green and gold for their class colors and the talisman rose for their class flower. Hoping to be feted with a "Gold-Rush" theme next year, they have chosen for their class motto, "Forty-Niners' Push, Pluck and Perseverance."

Bobby Mills and his orchestra will furnish the music for the grand occasion.

Sophomores Net \$70 In Febr. Candy Sale

The sophomores netted a grand total of \$70 for The Venture, February 9, in the gymnasium.

Close competition was the topic of the day, with the five tables each totaling over \$12.

Mary McCloskey's table took the winning honors with the sum of \$15.50. Other members of her table were Paul Tilsworth, Lorraine Hilbert, Louise Ernst, Marcia Locher, John Syslo, Dick Rice, and Ray Marsolek. The raffling of a large box of candy aided in their success.

Other table chairmen and their respective totals were Ina Claire Frischholz, \$15.01; Ramona Messing, \$13.47; Betty Ann Dischner, \$13.27; and Mary Ann Merrill, \$12.76.

Special features of the sale were the raffling of a mystery box, cakes, and boxes of candy.

Lorraine Hilbert and Pat Kaminski were in charge of advertising the sale.

BH Students See Educational Movies

Among the March features were two movies shown to the high school students by Father Arno.

A comedy, "Two Chumps at Oxford," featuring Laurel and Hardy, supplied an hour of humorous entertainment.

"Macbeth," a dramatic movie, of which Act II, Scene IV, and Act V, Scene I were shown, pictured the ambitious Macbeth and Lady Macbeth murdering Duncan, King of Scotland; and the conscience-stricken Lady Macbeth as she appears in her dramatic sleep-walking scene in which she tells of the murder, respectively.

A Blessed and Happy Easter!



RESURRECTION

St. Bons Receives Renowned Visitors

During the last two weeks four representatives of business institutions have called at St. Bonaventure high school.

Ray M. Young, representative of Royal Typewriter Company Inc., Omaha, and L. G. Siercks, agent of the Bell Typewriter Exchange, Fremont, interviewed the commerce students during a typing period. Mr. Young, while giving the class many helpful hints on how to take care of a typewriter, gave an illustration as he cleaned one with the new Royal cleaner. Both visitors gave students individual help.

Miss Jean Zook, of the Prentice-Hall Publishing Company, N. Y., who is a special representative of the Thomas Natural Shorthand, was also a visitor.

Mr. H. E. Hansen, from the Commercial Extension School of Commerce, Omaha, was another interested caller here.

Sophomores Observe Catholic Press Month

In observance of Catholic Press month, the sophomore English class, who were divided into five groups, presented reports on articles and stories from various Catholic publications during the weekends of February. Each day a different group of students reported.

The achievements and diligent work of the Catholic Press were especially emphasized.

Our Lady's Sodality Undertakes Project On Catholic Reading

Sodalists Gain Merit Points For 'Miss Sodality' Contest

The Sodality chose the Catholic Press project for their second semester's undertaking during the regular meeting held February 18 in Room 3. The purpose of this project is to spread Catholic literature in the home.

Subscriptions to the "Extension," "The Catholic Digest," "The Sacred Heart Messenger," "The Sign," "Home," and various other Catholic periodicals are being solicited.

Twenty points are given for each subscription sold. An additional one hundred points are given for every five subscriptions. These points are added to the points for the "Miss Sodality" contest. She is chosen on a merit basis and will be named at the spring party. The subscription drive closes March 31.

Plans are now being made for the "Miss Sodality" party scheduled for early May.

Father Albert gave a brief talk in which he urged the Sodalists to read only good literature, and attend only those movies which are recommended by the Legion of Decency.

Annual Report States Rising School Fund

"The school building fund now amounts to \$146,710.73 which includes investments in United States Savings Bonds and cash receipts," announced Father Albert Limacher, pastor of St. Bonaventure Church, in the annual parish financial report.

A large share of the money was collected through the parish school fund drive. The annual bazaar, held September 3, added \$7,504.25 to the amount and a sum of \$58,912 was derived from the parish income.

Erection of the new and modern school building will proceed as soon as materials needed are available.

General receipts of the parish plus the balance on hand January, 1948, totaled \$50,901.81, of which \$2,220.22 was netted through the Christmas collection.

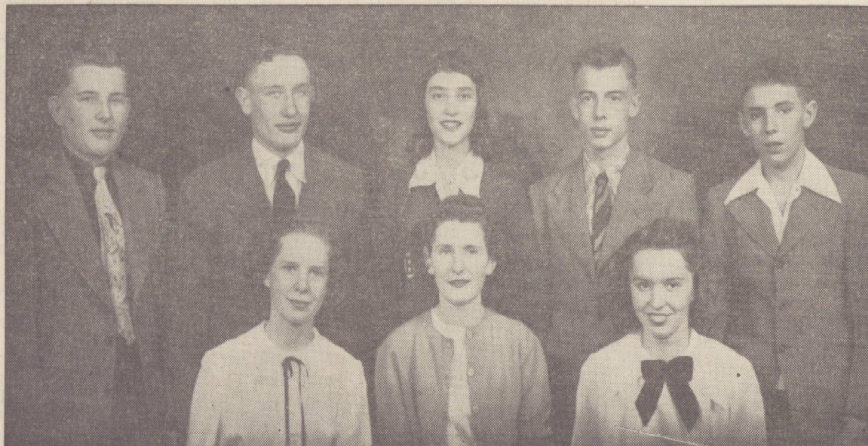
Biology Students Complete Projects

The Biology students have completed their projects after a month of intense preparation.

Each student was required to prepare a report on different species of nature, diseases, or any living thing. The findings were to be assembled in booklet form. Pictures and specimens could be added to make the report more interesting and complete.

The topics selected ranged from insects to elephants, and from tuberculosis to cobras.

Sophomore Winning Table in Candy Sale



Left to right—First row: Mary McClosky, Lorraine Hilbert, Louise Ernst. Second row: Ray Marsolek, John Syslo, Marcia Locher, Richard Rice, and Paul Tilsworth.

Senior Class Stages Class Play April 11-12

Upperclassmen Choose Drama, 'A Lucky Penny'

The senior class will stage "A Lucky Penny," a three-act comedy by Anne Coulter Martens, as the annual class play, April 11-12, in the school auditorium, under the direction of Sister M. Cune-gundis, Dramatics instructor.

Penny Pringle, a pretty, spirited girl of sixteen develops a passion for modern art and decides to give up college to attend art school. She imagines herself as a budding young artist. Her best friend, Joanna, thoroughly agrees with her. They decide to give up all for "art" even Kerry and Greg, their teen-age boy friends.

Kerry and Greg decide a direct course of action is necessary and plot with Penny's family; they will all go in for "ART." Penny's dad begins to toodle sour notes on the sax; the cook devotes all to the "body beautiful"; Penny's mother scampers around "expressing herself in dance"; and Kerry declares himself an artist and starts looking for models and Greg bellows operatic arias.

The situation is further complicated by Miss Haskins, an agent for a soap manufacturer — one of her father's most important clients, three attractive models, a burly policeman, a discontented neighbor, and a brash photographer. Much hilarity and many comical situations result.

Cast of Characters

The characters are Penny Pringle, a pretty teen-ager with a flair for dramatizing, Darlene Savage; Gram, a spunky but practical woman, Rose Rita Podraza; Joanna, Penny's best friend, practical and very loyal, Alice Bern; Lydia, Penny's well-meaning but impractical mother, Y'Vonne Pfeiffer; Hula, the good-natured but not too bright maid, Pat Robb; Caleb, Penny's father, who is very much absorbed in his business, Dan McNair; Kerry, a humorous, athletic fellow of nineteen with a serious interest in Penny, Bill Merrill; Greg, a nonchalant boy and admirer of Joanna, Ralph Czuba; Georgina, Vera, and Suzette, attractive models, Pat Jarvis, Lorraine Ramaekers, and Coleen Mayberger, respectively; Miss Haskins, the brisk, capable business-woman, Luella Zabawa; Mr. Daley, the distracted neighbor, Charles Haney; Flash, the brash young photographer, Marion Thiele; and O'Shane, the burly policeman, Paul Diederich.

Between the acts, the junior trio—Charlotte Messing, Jody Olivetti, and Irene Wilczynski—will sing four vocal selections—"The Green Cathedral," "Trees," "Lady Be Good," and "Pale Moon."

"A Lucky Penny" is a sequel to Anne Marten's "Don't Take My Penny" which was successfully presented here by the Class of '44.

The play is being produced by special arrangement with The Dramatic Publishing Company of Chicago.

Seniors Entertain Sophs at Discussion

The seniors were hosts to the sophomores at a Modern Problems panel discussion one weekend in the auditorium.

The senior girls discussed "Equal Rights for Women Workers" and "The Woman's Position in Industry." "The Evil Effects of Women in Industry and Business" was discussed by the boys.

It was particularly emphasized that a woman's place is in the home with the children and that juvenile delinquency and divorce are two results of women's forsaking of the home for employment.

Merrill McNairstings

It's we again! Same time, same place, but a new column, we hope. Jackie Micek was heard to remark, "There aren't any good-looking boys in St. Bons." (Any comments, boys.)

The banquet in the gym on March 15 was really a good deal. A few senior boys got in a little speech practice plus a free meal. If you have a grave burden on your heart and mind, relieve it by talking to Dick (Snookums) Urban. He will lend a sympathetic ear.

Tom McKown is the proud owner of an oldsmobile. (A 1927 model.) He broke it in by heading for Lincoln a half an hour after he bought it. I even heard he passed a '48 on the way down. (John Deere tractor.)

The Indians aren't after any of the St. Bons boys. Those masterpieces are strictly from the barber shop. (Eugene Fischer's for instance.)

Donald Baumert "Webster" has contrived the new word "meobo." (You figure it out.)

Ask Dick Hayes what he thinks of "Robbers Cave" in Lincoln.

From what Paul Ernst said at the Banquet the other night, Rex Rupprecht is getting to be an authority on bow-legs. (How about it, Bugs?)

Report! Had a lot of fun at a certain freshman girl's party the other night. Especially with flat tires!! (Woo! Woo!)

New nickname—"Boxcar." See if you can guess who it is.

If you're planning a garden this spring why not consult Tom "Seeds" McKown. He is the official distributor of chrysanthemum, petunia, and even dandelion seeds. See you next month.

Who Said Juniors Can't Keep Secret

"No, not like that. Turn it around. It looks better that way."

"Don't talk so loud. They might hear you. Sister, make her help me!"

"Sister, what do I do with this piece? Ouch! I stuck myself."

"Oh! darn it. I got this one on upside down. Where's a pencil."

"Somebody toss me the scissors. Hey, kids. Hide everything. Here comes one. Now nobody say a word. Throw that stuff under the table. O.K. now. All clear. Get back to work.."

Maybe you are wondering what all this jabbering is about. No, we're not jabberwacky. We juniors just couldn't give the seniors the slightest hint about the coming prom, now could we?

Leap Year Brings Leaps From Girls

Once every four years all over the United States you see something queer, you notice all the men acting very strangely. You can see them running and ducking in alleys, pulling their collars up and very slowly looking around. They always sit in the last row in the movies, and when the telephone rings they run and hide under any chair or bed.

Why what's the matter with these men? It's merely leap year when women and girls are out to get their man. (Regardless!)

Monster Frightens 'Brave' Students

Listen, kids, while I tell you something awful "scary."

This afternoon as we seniors entered our classroom, what do you think we saw? No, it wasn't the walking man! No, it wasn't Macbeth's ghost nor Frankenstein! Give up?

Well, it was a big black monster with green eyes and a long tail! Isn't it terrible? It came from under Sister's desk too! Imagine!

By the time Sister got to class it had retreated to the back of the room and huddled under a chair.

Finally with thanks to Vonnie, we were relieved from the tension when she clasped it and rushed down the stairs.

What did you say? It doesn't take much courage to "clasp" a tame cat and run down the stairs with it? Oh, you say it was only a black cat that Bill picked up on the way to school! Well, I guess that means I can come back to school tomorrow! I didn't want to risk my life but since it's only a tame cat—well, that's different!

What's the Big Idea?

"What! We can't go down the front steps! What's the idea? We don't want to go through the junior room." These were typical of the statements made at school and the idea was that the school have its big stairway recovered.

First the old rubber mats were taken off and the floor sanded on the steps and landings, and then they were covered with a light figured linoleum. It really looks nice! Now we don't mind that we had to use the back steps for a couple of days.

O Salutaris Hostia!



Greet Our Resurrected Savior



Forgiveness, love, and grief, He spoke As Christ hung dying on the cross And through His agonies untold Remembered us, who caused His blows.

Thorn-crowned, broken, flogged was He Innocence sacrificed, heaven to regain And while nature grumbled angrily, In a stranger's tomb He was lain.

On Easter morning do come to Him Lay down your heart so pure, so new, And greet the Resurrected Lamb Who suffered and died for love of you.

P. J.

Let Your Soul Arise With Him!

"And the third day He arose from the dead and ascended into Heaven."

Yes, you recognize these inspiring words for you have uttered them time and time again in the Apostles' Creed, the proclamation of your faith.

But as each word flowed from your lips did you really understand its true meaning? In your primary years this feast meant lots of beautiful eggs, candies, a cute little bunny and a brand new Easter outfit. You outgrew the sweets and the bunny, and the new outfit became the predominant meaning of your Easter. There is nothing evil about a new spring outfit but that must be only a minor detail in your anticipation of Easter.

On this memorable day we are celebrating the most important and beautiful feast of the Church, the resurrection of the Redeemer and Master of Mankind, Jesus Christ. He suffered countless pains and torments, and shed his own most innocent blood for a sinful nation. Then on Easter morning He gloriously arose from the dead and gave to the world the reborn hope of eternal happiness.

If you began your pre-conception of Easter on Ash Wednesday and have diligently continued it all through Lent; if you faithfully performed penances and works of mercy in order that you could present an immaculate soul to Christ on Easter morning then your commemoration of this blessed season has been as it should.

If you have not yet taken Easter in this proper attitude then start now and triple your penances in order to make up for lost time.

Arise! Be able to present Him with a pure and stainless heart on Easter morning!

J. O.

Ask St. Joseph For Help Every Day

March is especially dedicated to St. Joseph, the kind, loving, and meek foster father of Our Savior. He held the high office of guardian and protector of Jesus and Mary. He carried out his duties faithfully and humbly all through his life.

In these times it is well that we should think of St. Joseph in another light, as Patron of the Poor, especially since the people of Europe and others all over the world are suffering from famine and disease.

Pray to St. Joseph especially during March in order that he may help to bring peace and consolation to these poor starving people. Also, let us often say extra prayers for our own Nation. Ask God to continue to spare us from such a terrible fate of suffering and want which envelops most of the universe.

Go to St. Joseph not only during March but every day.

B. M.

SBH Radio Program Proves Big Success

"St. Bonaventure News," the radio program which is broadcasted weekly over WJAG every Wednesday at 11:30 a. m. has proved highly successful and is widely enjoyed by many listeners, according to Mr. Francis Marshall, manager of the Columbus station.

The program is being carried on by the senior class under the direction of Sister M. Cunegundis, Dramatics Instructor. Every Wednesday a student takes his turn at the microphone. At the termination of the school term, each senior will have broadcasted at least once.

Mr. Marshall rates the program highly and is enthusiastic about its great success.

Many people have written and commented most favorably on the radio speeches. One Norfolk listener was especially appreciative of the program which featured the newest club, "The Catholic Rural Discussion Club," which is directed by Father Martin, here at St. Bonaventure High.

According to remarks heard, not only do the students appreciate the activity afforded them by the programs, but also the training and experience which they gain.

Get Your Gal Now

"Notice to all Eligible Males." Hurry! Hurry! Hurry! Get your Prom dates NOW! Take your choice of thirty-eight assorted types while they last. We have blondes, brunettes, and brunettes. Also included is one vivacious redhead. (That'll be a quarter, Lulu). There are also different sizes including our specialty, the large economy size.

Limited time only! Yes, boys, Prom's here again, so don't wait till the last minute to make yourself a "droomsome twasome." Don't keep that special gal sittin' and awaitin'. Give here plenty of time to pick out that swishing yellow net or swirling plaid taffeta. You wouldn't want her to come bobby-sox, sweater and skirt would you? Or would you? And remember, boys, only 43 shopping days left till the big day—APRIL 28.

Sophomores Hold 'Solemn' Ceremony

Laughter rang from the sophomore class during the second period on the morning of March 3. Voices from outside the door expressed wonder and disbelief. "What's happening?" "I wish I could peek in."

"No, we better not, Father Arno is in there."

The air of suspense and mystery continued until the class was through.

Then they discovered what had happened. Father Arno has "baptized" a doll furnished by Mary Ann Merrill. The "baby" was sponsored by Mary McCloskey and Bill Soulliere. A name could not be decided upon so it received both Mary and John.

So now we all know the cause of all the noisy laughter.

Brave Rescuer Gets No Reward

"He's going to fall, watch out!" "He's slipping, help!" That's what the excited students whispered while the victim was slowly slipping from the edge of a third story window. They wanted to help him, but all in vain as Sister, not knowing of his tragedy, had asked that everyone remain in his seat.

The students sat watching helplessly. Then all of a sudden a brave student leaped up and saved him from certain death.

The brave rescuer received no reward or thanks for his heroic deed, but he knew the little black bug was very grateful.

Time Will Soon Tell

I hear the boys all sighing— For the prom is almost here, I see the girls all crying For they have such awful fear, But all their sighs and little crys Will very soon be o'er, When the boys find nerve enough To knock at each girl's door.

J. O.

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Knights of Columbus Honor SBH Athletes

Gregg McBride Speaks At Columbus Banquet

The athletes of St. Bonaventure were honored at a banquet, March 15, in the school gymnasium, under the auspices of the Knights of Columbus. Approximately two hundred were present.

Gregg McBride, renowned sports commentator from the Omaha World-Herald, who described many interesting occurrences which he encountered in more than thirty years of sports writing, was the guest speaker.

Other celebrities present were following: Rev. Albert Lischer, pastor of St. Bonaventure parish, who gave the invocation; Rev. Arno Hartman, athletic director; Mayor Lee Nauenberg; J. R. Bitner, superintendent of city schools; Francis Haney, Grand Knight of the Knights of Columbus, who presented the welcome; Charles Brock, former professional football star and new line coach at Omaha University; Jacob Glur of the park board; Bill Callahan, member of the Detroit Lions professional football team; and Paul Ernst, St. Bonaventure coach.

During the course of the banquet Coach Ernst described the season's achievements and prospects for next year, and introduced the lettermen in the three sports—football, basketball, and track. David Schumacher, Jack Miller, Daniel McNair, and Bill Merrill, responded in behalf of the athletes.

Mr. Callahan, terminated the festivity by showing a color motion picture of the Lions-Chicago Bears' football game.

John C. Miller presided as toastmaster for the evening, and Louis R. Rambour rendered the music at the piano.

The dinner was prepared and served by the St. Anne's Society and the senior girls, respectively.

Irish Alumni Ends Successful Season

The Irish Alumni cagers have completed a successful season with 11 triumphs in 18 starts.

Bob Gutzmer, tall guard, took the lead in points this season with 154 while Rich Nosal, speedy forward, was runnerup with a 135.

The Alumni have scored a total of 623 points to their opponents 591. The Irish have an average of 35 points to their foes' 33.

They entered the A. A. U. Tournament at Norfolk and dumped Winside in the first round with a count of 40-33. In the second round they bowed to powerful Cedar Rapids 49-36. Cedar Rapids was one of the better town teams in the state. During that game the Irish were without the services of Jim Olivetti and Bob Gutzmer because of illness.

This season has been the third for the Alumni and in that period they have marked up 36 wins to 14 losses.

Last season Leo Syslo was leading scorer with 199 points, followed by Jack Ross with 159.

Syslo, Zabawa, Putnam, and Ross reached over the 100 mark in points. They won 14 and lost 5 and made 730 points to average 38 points per game.

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Miller, McNair Win Co-Captain Honors

Seniors—Jack Miller and Dan McNair—were elected co-captains of the 1947-48 St. Bonaventure basketball squad in the voting which was held by the lettermen, February 23. Both are veterans—McNair earning his fourth cage monogram this season, and Miller his third.

Miller, standout forward, played a vital part on the Shamrock offensive. He has led the scoring for the past two seasons. He was also named to the Platte county all-tournament squad the past two campaigns, and made the State Catholic tournament Roll of Honor this season.

McNair, dependable guard, showed himself to be a capable defensive player and came up to hit the best point-making pace of his career. He was also selected on the Platte county all-tournament squad the past two years.

The eleven monogram winners are as follows: Seniors—Miller, McNair, Dick Hayes, Bill Merrill, Charles Haney, and Dave Schumacher; juniors—Don Baumert, Bob Tooley, Rex Rupprecht, Paul Gutzmer, and Dick Kemnitz.

As a junior, Hayes preceded McNair and Miller, as honorary captain. He is the first lower classman to receive this honor.

St. Francis Beats Irish In Overtime

In the last game of the season St. Bonaventure cagers were bested by the St. Francis quintet in an overtime game, 37 to 36.

Jack Miller connected to send the Irish into an 8-3 lead at the quarter and also on top at the half, 17-12. A rally in the third period brought the Franciscans within a 21-22 score. Both teams duelled on even terms the second fourth period and this brought on the overtime as the score was tied 35-35 at the end of the regulation playing time.

St. Francis' two points were dropped in as gift tosses by Albers while Don Baumert dunked one for the locals in the overtime.

Frey was high point man for the winners with 12 points while Miller took scoring honors for the locals with 14 points.

The Irish finished their season with 16 wins against three defeats.

In a preliminary, the Irish seconds shook loose from an 8-8 half-time deadlock to beat the St. Francis Reserves 18-14. Dick Kemnitz led with 8 points for the winners.

Shamrocks Submit To Spalding Five

Coach Paul Ernst's Irish lost their fourth game in twenty starts by bowing to the Spalding Shamrocks, 27-24. The Irish were not up to their usual standards and could not locate the hoop.

The Spalding boys led all the way although the Irish were deadlocked with them five times. At the end of the first period the count was 9-4.

The second period looked pretty even with Spalding connecting one field goal and the Irish dumping in five points. The halftime count stood at 11-9.

Don Baumert started the second half with two field goals, but the score read 17-15 at the end of the third period.

Spalding raced to a 25-17 lead with two and one-half minutes left. St. Bonaventure Shamrocks came back with three field goals. Spalding added two more points to their score and the final was 27-24.

Baumert was high-point man for St. Bons, snaring ten points.

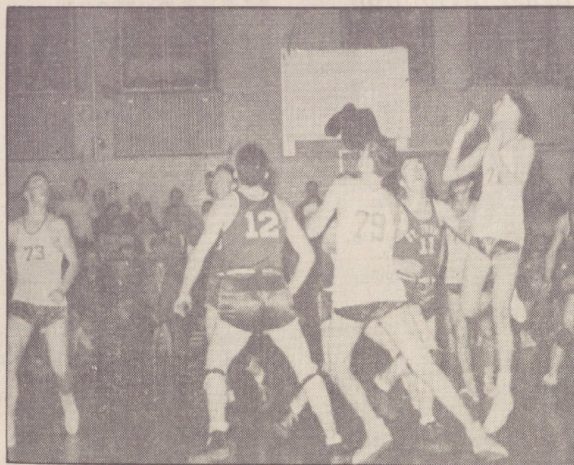
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Irish Trample Duncan In Easy 37-20 Victory

In their last home game, the St. Bonaventure cagers thumped Duncan in a ragged game 37 to 20. The Shamrocks had a comfortable margin all the way but their play was not up to par.

Jack Miller and Bob Tooley connected to send the Irish into a 4-0 lead as Duncan trailed 11-4 at the quarter.

Dan McNair and Paul Gutzmer took over in the second period and engineered the locals into a 21-12 bulge at the half.

After intermission, the Irish jumped into a 28-16 lead, and by padding this margin ended their 15th victory in 17 starts. Rich Micek's effective long shots were the only Duncan mainstay. McNair took high-point honors with 10 while Miller had 8.

A preliminary between seventh and eighth grade teams of St. Bons and Columbus Junior High found St. Bons nipping Junior High 16-15 in an evenly-matched contest.

Honor Roll

(3rd — Six Weeks) SENIORS

Dan McNair
Rose Rita Podraza
Darlene Savage
Therese Savage
Luella Zabawa

JUNIORS

Florene Dohmen
Clare Kaipust
Margaret Korgie
Rosella Kush
Lorrie Lou Mimick
Verdian Romaneck
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Shamrocks Spank Osceola Quintet

St. Bonaventure cagers collected their 16th win in 18 starts by turning back Osceola on the Bulldog court, 49-22.

The Irish passed the ball smoothly and worked in for good shots, while their defense kept the Bulldogs shooting from outcourt. The Shamrocks started slowly with a 5-4 lead in the first period and hit the hoop for 18 points in the next two quarters. Intermission found the Shamrocks on top with a 17-10 score.

Jack Miller contributed five baskets in the third period as the Irish raced into a 35-16 lead.

The winners continued to roll in the final eight minutes and the score stood at 42-18 at the automatic time-out.

Dick Hayes, the Irish game pilot, collected 10 points. Norton gave 10 points to lead the host's team, while Negley's three long shots kept the Bulldogs in the game the first half.

The little Bulldogs came back in the final period to hand the Shamrock reserves a 16-18 defeat in the preliminary game. Johnston had 12 points for the winners, while little Bill Ragatz got six for the junior Irish.

"List a characteristic of a speech for a special occasion" (a test question in English).

Ray M.: "Always use a glass of water."

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D—evout. Raphael Gladfelter.
E—xaggerative. Dick Urban.
F—lirty. Jack Miller.
G—reen. The freshie class.
H—andsome. Ray Marsolek.
I—rish. Danny McNair.
J—cose. Charlotte Messing.
K—ind. Alice Bernt.
L—ikeable. Mary Ellen Clark.
M—ischievous. Augie Warholoski.
N—oble. Lorrie Lou Mimick.
O—bedient. Romayne Cerny.
P—olite. Charles Jaworski.
Q—uiet. Lorene Shonka.
R—eserved. Margaret Korgie.
S—weet. Theresa Moritz.
T—alkative. Gloria Nosal.
U—tterly utter. Jody Olivetti.
V—ivacious. Y'Vonne Pfeifer.
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Lorrie Lou — I would like the new look because I can get all new clothes. (Wistful dreaming.)

Margaret Korgie — It is very convenient for those with dirty knees. (Whom do you have in mind?)

Rex Rupprecht — It's all right I suppose. (The quiet type.)

Jerry Melcher — You can't even see if your own girl is knock-kneed. (Ever try listening?)

Harriet Reifenrath — Just a little longer and we'll trip at every step. (Instead of every other one.)

Louise Ernst — It's swell, but if you girls dress up the boys should too. (We agree.)

Vince Fiek — The best excuse women could think of to hide their legs. (Prove it.)

Marlynn Diederich — It keeps your legs warm. (One advantage.)

Bill Soulliere — It makes the girls look like old maids. (Probably we'll be.)

Romayne Cerny — Keep it in its place. (The grave they dug it out of?)

Raphael Gladfelter — We men will have a new look, too. The beltless, cuffless suit will soon be in style. (Caveman style, eh?)

Lois Dineen — The women have gone fashion crazy. (Where does that leave the men?)

Colleen Mayberger — The long skirts are ideal because they hide what some girls don't like showing. (Legs??)

Allice Syslo — They are swell for hiding runs in my nylons. (What nylons?)

Milton Melliger — I wasn't old enough before this to notice the women. (He's a big boy now.)

Cecelia Cynova — I'm very pleased with the "Old Look."

Paul Diederich — They looked much better the other way.

Ralph Czuba — We don't believe in being fooled. Let's keep the "Old Look."

Irene Wilcynski — At last my hips are coming into style.

Mary Anne Dunn — It's new and different — I like it. (Glad to hear it.)

Alfred Micek — This is 1948 not 1848 — so women should keep the knee-length style.

Keith Thraen — The boys should part their hair down the middle and get a horse and buggy, so they are in step with the "New Look." (I have one I'll sell you cheap, Keith.)

Jim Soulliere — Dresses are dresses regardless of length. (Hum-mm.)

Marvin Mayberger — I think it's looking better all the time. (He's getting taller.)

Kenny Euteneur — It looks like they're wearing gunny sacks.

Lambert Shonka — A little longer and they'd mop the floor. (Some brooms.)

Betty Dischner — The males have gotten used to worse fashions before, they'll have to give in. (To what?)

John Syslo — The "New Look" looks no good to me (It looks yes good to me. What say we both hunt an English book?)

Rita Schmid — It just takes more goods to make a dress. (Do you make yours?)

Eugene Lassek — I think its sensational. (Boy, these freshies are agreeable—sometimes.)

SHB Boys Don 'The New Look'

What's new at St. Bons? Just take a look at the boys. Yes, that's right — they're bringing spring to St. Bons early this year. Almost everyone is sporting a new "butch" hair-cut.

When boys talk about girls with their new long skirts, the girls retaliate with, "Well, your new look isn't so hot either."

However, as usual, opinions vary about the much-celebrated "butch." Some maintain it makes even the dullest boy look cute, while others tear their own long hair whenever they see one.

Oh, well, the boys seem to like them!

During English Sister L. was explaining a transitive verb. Then she gave the following example: "Dick bumped his head," and then she asked, "What was the receiver of the act?"

Dick Kemnitz very seriously answered, "The bump."

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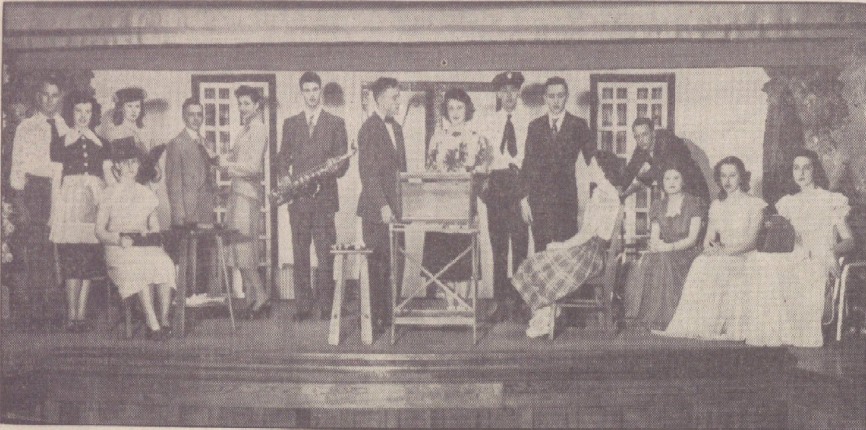
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Audience Enjoys 'A Lucky Penny'

The senior cast of Anne Marten's "A Lucky Penny" pleased a capacity audience with their skillful interpretation of the three act comedy, April 11-12 in the school auditorium. The youthful antics and unexpected developments by Penny, her family and friends evoked much laughter and hearty applause.

Bill Merrill was outstanding in his portrayal of Kerry, Penny's spirited and always resourceful boy-friend, who was determined to make Penny forget her passion for impressionistic art. Sensible but modern Gram was capably portrayed by Rose Rita Podraza. Penny, herself, was made realistic and lovable by the professional acting of Darlene Savage. Outstanding characterization was also effected by Alice Bernt, as the

loyal but sometimes dubious best friend of Penny.

Others in the cast were Dan McNair, Ralph Czuba, Marion Thiele, Pat Jarvis, Pat Robb, Colleen Mayberger, Lorraine Ramaekers, Y'Vonne Pfeifer, Paul Diederich, Luella Zabawa and Charles Haney.

Everett Johnson acted as announcer for the play Sunday evening and Anastasia Ernst introduced the cast Monday evening. Jean McNair and Rosie Keller were in charge of makeup. Sister M. Cunegundis supervised the entire production.

Furniture for the stage was available through the courtesy of the Alexand Furniture Company.

The proceeds of the event, which totalled \$558.80, the largest amount ever taken in for a class play, will be added to the school building fund.

Don't Forget

The Prom
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Twenty-Five Students Represent High School At Omaha Convention

Rev. Freeman Leads Panel Discussions

Twenty-five members of Our Lady's Sodality represented St. Bonaventure High School at the annual Sodality Convention, on April 10, in Omaha. Sister M. Laurentine, sponsor, Sister Gabriel, principal, and Rev. Albert Limacher, director, accompanied the Sodalists.

The convention, which opened with Holy Mass in St. John's Church, was followed by three general panel discussions conducted by Rev. Joseph M. Freeman, S. J., in the Creighton University auditorium.

The discussions pertained to the following topics: First, the personality of Christ, our Greatest Model; second, tips on leading a good Catholic social life; and third, the bringing of Christ into the home.

Adeline Wozny represented St. Bonaventure School in a candle-light dedication ceremony in the church where a delegate of each Sodality, which was represented, consecrated her organization to the Blessed Mother. Benediction with the Most Blessed Sacrament culminated the solemn ceremony.

A social hour in the Creighton gymnasium climaxed the event.

The following Sodalists from St. Bonaventure attended the convention: Louise Ernst, Romyne Cerny, Ina Claire Frischholz, Agnes Pickhinke, Marcia Locher, Lois Dineen, Rose Marie Jahn, Patricia Kaminski, Jo Ann Olivetti, Verdiann Romanek, Adeline Wozny, Anna Mae Pfeifer, Helen Marie Ternes, Mary Gerhold, Polly Speice, Helen Dunn, Margaret Hayes, Rita Burzynski, Mary Jane Schaefer, Barbara DeLarme, Sandra Mitera, Mary Ann Twork, Donna Rae Wheeler, Clare Kaupt, and Harriette Reifenrath.

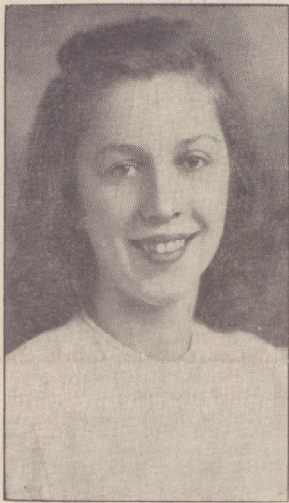
SBH Students Enjoy Song of Bernadette

"The Song of Bernadette," a full-length movie starring Jennifer Jones, was viewed by the entire student body, April 2, in the auditorium.

The action centered around a poor peasant girl, Bernadette Soubirous, and her vision of the Blessed Virgin at Lourdes, France. Ridiculed by her friends, nevertheless, she continued her visits to the grotto and was responsible for the miraculous spring which appeared there. Today, millions of people journey to Lourdes to bathe in its miraculous waters.

Jennifer was awarded an "Oscar" for her outstanding performance in this picture.

Elks Prize Winner



ANASTASIA ERNST

A. Ernst Receives Local Elks Award

Anastasia Ernst, St. Bonaventure senior, has merited the \$100 "valuable student" award given by the local lodge of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. The Elks award this check in order to aid the student in furthering his education.

Six senior students had been chosen to compete at Kramer High School and three senior students at St. Bonaventure High School. Each student then prepared a brochure telling of awards that were won, school and church offices held, activities participated in school grades, character references, and other pertinent information.

Each was then graded by a committee of judges in Omaha and the highest from the two schools was selected.

Anastasia, who is an honor student, is active in both school and extra curricular activities. She is president of the senior class, president of Our Lady's Sodality and co-news editor of "The Venture." Marilyn Kaasch merited the award at Kramer High school.

Coming Events

- April 28. Junior Prom
- April 30. District Track meet
- April 30. May Crowning
- May 13. Freshman Candy Sale
- May 2. David City C. Y. O. "The Light Eternal"
- May 3. Soph-Frosh Hop
- May 7. Senior sneak day
- May 7. "Miss Sodality"
- May 9. Mother-Daughter Banquet
- May 14-15. State Track Meet
- May 19. Honor Convocation
- May 20-21. Final Examination
- May 23. Baccalaureate Service
- May 23. Graduation

Sympathy

The faculty and students of St. Bonaventure school express their deepest sympathy to Mrs. J. R. Bitner and family on the death of their beloved husband and father, Mr. J. R. Bitner, city superintendent.

M. Korgie Wins Shorthand Prize

Margaret Korgie, junior, won the highest award, a pin, among the twelve shorthand students, members of the Spiral Speedsters Club, who participated in the March Order of Gregg Artists (O. A. T.) contest which is given to commerce students in 6,000 schools in the United States and is sponsored by the Gregg Writer of the Gregg Publishing Company, N. Y.

The following met the standard requirements and received merit certificates: Margaret Korgie, Florene Dohmen, Mary Ellen Clark, Jean Gerber, Georgina Holys, Rosella Kush, Lorrie Lou Mimick, Jo Ann Peck, Anna Mae Pfeifer, Verdiann Romanek, Lorraine Ramaekers, Harriet Reifenrath, and Adeline Wozny.

The purpose of the contest is to make shorthand characters as perfect as possible according to the standard requirement in order that students will be able to read each other's notes.

David City C. Y. O. Stages Third Performance 'The Light Eternal' May 2 at Kramer High

Critics Agree Comedy Superior Stage Acting

"THE LIGHT ETHERNAL" by Charles George pronounced by critics to be one of the finest contemporary dramas will be presented May 2, at 3 p.m. and 8:15 p.m. in the Kramer High School Auditorium.

This play was staged in David City by a talented C.Y.O. group of that city on Easter Sunday and by a unanimous demand again April 26. Critics who saw it all agreed that it touched on the professional while others who are noted theatre-goers said it was superior to any home-talent plays which they had ever seen in Lincoln or Omaha. Outstanding lighting and sound effects as well as make-up helped to make it an artistic production.

This entertaining Irish comedy-drama is not a religious play, but does give proof that faith brings about peace and happiness. It has thrilling dramatic situation and climaxes, plentifully sprinkled with hearty, wholesome laughs. Loyalty versus degradation is the theme.

Cast of Characters

The characters and the actor portraying them, respectively, are as follows: Margaret O'Brien, Rosemary Litjen; Danny Collins,

George Hain; Mag. O'Brien, Eileen Mysenburg; George O'Brien, John Knott; Mike O'Brien, John Moran; Marie Stafford, Marilyn Schmit; Mrs. Conway, Dolores Koza; Father Nolan, Don Sobolik; and James, Yarmel Troupe.

These players after weeks of rehearsal and deliberation portray famous parts in which sterling professional actors have scored. The climax in Act III is one of the most powerful scenes ever written into drama and literally sweeps the audience to its feet by its dramatic force. You will have a beautiful outlook on life after meeting the O'Briens with whom you will laugh and perhaps brush away a tear.

The production staff is as follows: Stage manager, Elaine Rutchka; property manager and assistants—John Schlentz, Alex Cermak, Jerome Beringer, respectively; construction manager and crew—Norman Sovoda, Kenneth Rumery, respectively; electricians—Bob Mysenburg, Barbara Michael; music and sound—Mary Ann Mulligan, Marilyn Demuth, Rosemary Hoffman; make-up, Marilyn Demuth; and house manager, Eleanor Vanis.

Sister M. Ambrosine, a graduate of Denver University and the Catholic University of America, Washington, D. C., has degrees in Speech and Drama. While working in Washington, she worked on some of the original plays—"Lute Song," "Yankee Doodle Dandy," "The Song of Bernadette," "Sing Out Sweet Land," "Stardust," "Count Me In," and "All Gaul Is Divided"—which were later shown on Broadway.

Remember, THE O'BRIENS are having open house for you, Sunday, May 2, at 3 p.m. and 8:15 p.m. in the Kramer High School Auditorium.

N.B. The David City cast would like to have given their play in the auditorium of St. Bonaventure, but because of equipment already made to fit a larger stage it was impossible.

Seniors Entertain Lower Classmen

The senior class was host to the freshmen class at a panel discussion on Catholic Laywomen Authors on April 2, in the auditorium. Those comprising the panel were Colleen Mayberger, Luella Zabawa and Alice Bernt with Rose Rita Podraza as chairman of the group.

The following authors were discussed: Mary Teresa Waggaman, who wrote lively and interesting fiction; Alma Savage, who spent most of her life working at Sheed & Ward Publishing House where she gained valuable experience; and Masie Ward whose latest and most popular book is "The Splendor of the Rosary."

'The Light Eternal'



An exciting dramatic moment in Act II is climaxed as the curtain rings down on Yarmel Troupe (James), Marilyn Schmit (Marie Stafford), and Don Sobolik (Father Nolan).

Graduation Opens New Door!

For all seniors the long, tedious years of study are almost over. In the few remaining weeks of school lie last minute parties, the long awaited Prom, sending out graduation invitations, getting caps and gowns, and finally living that last great day, graduation.

You solemnly walk up the aisle to receive that little role of paper which is your evidential reward for twelve years of study. This small scroll doesn't seem like much, yet on this mere piece of paper lies your passport to a whole world full of wonderful opportunities.

Whether your future days are spent in colleges, hospitals, offices, laboratories or stores you must never forget that your tickets to these jobs were bought in your grade and high school days and paid for with your own efforts and time.

How you use these passports, whether wisely or not, is due entirely to each individual. If you don't make full use of them you are throwing away twelve years of work, but if you take every opportunity they find for you then you can be sure that you have found your proper reward for your efforts.

Don't let all of your past school days prove to be a waste of time. Let them be your continuous guide, spiritual and terrestrial, through the rest of life.

Don't forget!

B. M.

Have You Found It?

Do you remember during your primary years when your life's ambition was to be a brave fireman, or policeman like the man next door, or a famous cowboy or dancer like those in the movies, or even a fearless snakecharmer like the lady in the circus? Yes, everyone had some such secret ambition regardless of how ridiculous it may seem now.

Do you know what this disregarded fact means? It points out that since you began to acquire the use of reason you started the long and tedious job of seeking your purpose in life, your vocation.

When we speak of a vocation many think this refers only to the religious life, but that is only one among hundreds of vocations. Your vocation can be any job or position from a streetcleaner to a king if it's the one you like and feel will lead you to your final goal in life, heaven.

Most young people feel that finding their vocation is a task that comes during their last week of high school or even when they are ready to marry and settle down. This idea is a very sad one, one which you should avoid.

From the time you enter high school, you should select the studies which you think will aid you best in your station in life. Even if you change your mind twenty times, don't give up searching and praying until you are sure that you have found the right one, your vocation.

Regardless of your age, if you haven't yet begun to think of your state in life, then start hunting right now. Never get discouraged for God has destined a special career for everyone, but He gave us a free will and expects us to use it accordingly.

For the best guidance on this long, doubtful climb, let Almighty God show you the way. Never omit that extra prayer for your vocation and you won't have any trouble in finding it.

Try it!

J. O.

Have You Done Your Spring Cleaning?

March ushers in the happy and fresh season of spring. Every year at this time you have seen your mother going about her annual spring house-cleaning. Perhaps you have noticed her diligence in scrubbing the smallest corners, in vacuuming rugs and washing the curtains and walls. She always takes inventory of any needed repairs or adjustments. Then when the house is sparkling and clean she adds a new desk or lamp or rug for a new and different effect.

How about attempting a little spring cleaning of your own? This fresh season of spring is the time to begin a new way of life. Why not take inventory of yourself, your habits and faults, and your needed repairs. It can be the time to purge yourself of any little habits or faults that may be spotting your character.

For instance, how are your studies progressing? Do you devote a sufficient amount of time and effort to their preparation? Have you developed habits of disobedience or alibiing or lack of punctuality? What about laziness? Then, too, there is the all-important factor of your duties to your Lord and Master.

Have you neglected your daily prayers or found yourself skipping daily Mass in order to slip in another half-hour of sleep? There are countless other little faults which we all have and are scarcely conscious of that need a good cleaning out.

Why not determine the broken or unclean spots that are marring YOUR house and then resolve to repair them through diligence, perseverance, and real application.

When you have succeeded in cleaning your house to a shining newness why not add a few new ideas—ideas that will give you a new outlook on your life. You might try reading at least one good book a month. Vary your literary diet to include autobiography, science, current events, and some really good religious material, in addition to fiction.

Or why not attend Mass on Saturdays, if not every Saturday, then every other one. This practice pays large dividends as well as being self-satisfying.

Many ideas can be planned and put into practice. New ideas to take the place of the old ones which you have cleaned away. New ideas which will not only enrich your personality but the life of your soul as well.

This "spring cleaning" may seem difficult to you at first but the rewards will be well worth the effort set forth.

P. J.

Merrill McNair Musings

Spring is officially here. The daily softball game in front of school is proof enough.

Bob Tooley wants his name in this column. O.K. Bob Tooley, Bob Tooley. (Cut rates—three for a quarter.)

Bill Ragatz has a new interest. He isn't seen around much at night lately.

The juniors have ordered their class rings, and may they all graduate!

Congrats to Anastasia Ernst for winning the Elks Scholarship.

D-Day (Diploma Day) for the seniors in May 23. Sneak Day also looms in the near future. We won't say for sure just when it will be. (They don't know.)

Dave Schumacher showed his love for his school when he painted his red Model T green. Outcasts Dick Hayes and Don Baumert painted their green Model T red.

Fritz Loeffler has found out that it is a long way home from Schuyler.

Paul Revere had his ride and so did Keith Thraen. Was it a long way back, Keith?

Pat Jarvis and Lorraine Ramaekers are crazy. (Five will get you ten, this doesn't get in the paper. They edit this column and have been taking some of our best literary efforts out before they even see the printer.) Editor's Note: You owe us ten bucks. See you next pay day.

Now we come to the most important question in this column. Why did you waste your time reading it anyway?

Book Review

By ORLETHIA WASS

As cheerful as a "Dr. Pepper" and ten times as refreshing is this spirited account of Betsy Ray's junior year at Deep Valley High in *Betsy Was A Junior* by M. H. Lovelace. These were the days of Mom and Dad when the horse and buggy were the most popular means of transportation. But different though their customs might have been, their problems were the same as every average American teen-age girl.

How to ensnare masculine hearts (specifically Joe Willard with his blond good looks and intriguing air of self-reliance) is of course Betsy's primary concern. There are also other problems which Betsy must meet and contend with. For instance, a botany assignment for Mr. Gaston, taking big sister Julia's place in the family circle, and competing in the annual essay contest. But consequences are gay and rueful and the experiences lovingly treasured.

Betsy's junior year is indeed a busy one devoted to football games, dances, the Prom, parties, and the attentions of a new beau.

But during this year she has learned that a large, flexible, crowd is more rewarding than a small exclusive sorority. She also realizes that she is quite unexpectedly growing up in her own irrepressibly lovable, Betsy-like way along with the golden era recreated so heart-warmingly during a junior year.

Juniors Announce 'They're the Best'

"Hey, kids, he's here! Gee, look at all the boxes! I can't wait to see what's in them.

"Ah, at last! Oh, boy, look! Now, look at that one and that one and get a load of that one.

"Which one do you like best? Here's my choice. Oh, that's dumb, I don't like that at all.

"Sh—we're going to vote now—oh, heck the one I don't like! Wait—they changed their mind—we're voting over! Hurray, my choice won! Boy, it is neat too!"

What's all the commotion? Oh, it's nothing really—the juniors just selected their class rings and believe it or not everybody's happy.

Father Arno: "Does anyone know whose dog I ran over this morning?"

Fritz L.: "Was it the one that was in church this morning?"

Father: "Yes."

Fritz: "Well, I guess he died a happy death."

Timid Ghost Puzzles Fellow Companions

I was just a lonely little ghost who roamed old St. Bonnies. I had been asked to resign because I was too bashful to cause any excitement and afraid to investigate any. I just walked my rounds in silence.

Then one day as I passed the chemistry lab, I saw my companions grouped about the door. I heard strange noises coming from within. None of my ghostly friends wanted to investigate so I bravely entered. I crept in and discovered the noise was coming from various objects dangling on chains which were fastened on note books. I strolled out quickly ready to burst out laughing but I had to look excited and I kept my secret.

My companions were still there with puzzled expressions on their faces. I said, "I believe they've found the secret of the atom bomb." As quickly as I had said it, they raced down the hall as white as "humans."

That night I was elected "the bravest ghost that ever roamed St. Bons." Of course, I never told them what it really was, so don't let my secret out. We ghosts have our pride, too.



'And They All Lived Happily Ever After'

Once upon a time there were three bears—mama bear, papa bear, and (so the story goes) "baby bear." Now baby bear was not exactly a baby, but neither was he exactly a bear. He was more the wolfish type, so I'll call him "Wolf."

Yes, Wolf was a handsome man. He was 6 feet, 2 inches tall, had dark curly hair, long black eyelashes that curled over big blue eyes, the broadest shoulders imaginable, and was the proud owner of a sleek, blue Cadillac convertible with four white walled tires.

One day Wolf and his parents went for a ride in his long sleek convertible. While they were gone, a beautiful lil' Southern gal named "Honey" with a "whistle bait" figure, came tapping along in her size 5AA "platforms." She had big brown eyes and a pert little nose, with a slight tilt. (Sounds like a pinball machine, doesn't it?) On her was draped (The New Look) a bright red dress.

She walked up to the "Bears" mansion and rang the bell. (Yes, I know Goldilocks knocked, but Honey definitely rang.)

No one answered so she rang again. Still no answer, so she walked right in. She looked in all the rooms, wondering who lived there. In one room (which was Wolf's, I guess,) she found a pair of jeans and the loudest plaid shirt she had ever seen. She gleefully put them on and looking around she found a pair of green, blue and red striped socks. Of course she had to wear those, too. She had just finished dressing when she heard voices. She jumped and hid in the closet.

Mama bear said in her high lady-like voice, "Who has been eating my chocolate cake?"

Papa bear in his man-like voice said, "Who has been drinking my bourbon?"

And "baby bear" said in his not so baby-like voice, "Who has been wearing my shirt and where are my jeans?"

Hearing this, Honey came out from her hiding place and explained that she had run away from home, distressed because she didn't have a DATE for the Prom. Wolf hearing her very common predicament assured her he would be glad to escort her to the Prom, April 28.

And they all lived happily ever after.

Test Your I. Q. Now Read This Article

Nine months out of every year are devoted to acquiring an education or at least attempting to. Every one of those days you see the same faces and associate with the same personalities, so you should be pretty well acquainted by now (we hope so.) Can you recognize your fellow students from these sketches? In case you get bewildered you'll find the answers on page 3.

1. "Shorty" is a sophie. He's lively and sandy-haired and especially noticeable because his boots are almost as big as he is.

2. "Little Frenchy" is an aspiring freshman. He's short and dark and pals around with Willy Ernst.

3. This one's a senior girl. She's tall and fair and is class president and Sodality president (practically a dead give away.)

4. A class personality is this sophomore girl. Blonde and lively, she is the proud possessor of a letter sweater.

5. Star of the girls' Sunday basketball games, this freshie girl is friendly, genial, and full of fun. She's known around the halls as "Sis."

6. Possessor of a hundred nicknames, this junior boy is freckled and Irish. He was guard on the Irish basketball squad.

7. It's best to steer clear of this senior girl right now for she's learned to swing Indian Clubs for the class play. She's short and peppy and was 1947-1948 cheerleader.

8. "A tall lad" is this junior boy. "Legs" played center on the basketball team and some say he's quite the Chemistry student.

9. There are two of these. They are freshies and as alike as two peas in a pod. Short, light-haired and always grinning are these two.

10. May I introduce a senior girl, blonde, 5 feet, 5 inches. Just call her Penny from now on.

11. A senior boy this time. He's really got a line, especially with the freshie girls. Well-known guard on the basketball team.

12. I'm sure you know these two sophomore girls who are coy and reserved. They both live a whole block from school. Now you know.

13. This senior is St. Bons glam-our boy. He goes to school days and models afternoons on the side. He's better known as "Lefty."

14. Of course you all will recognize this little sophomore girl. She believes in the old adage "Children should be seen and not heard." Her musical talents include yodeling and guitar playing.

15. This little girl is the brains of the sophomore class. "Nuff said."

16. We'll give you two important clues to this sophie girl's identity—horses and Tom H. She also has a decided liking for arguing.

17. This senior boy is very mischievious and on rare occasions arrives at school on time for the first period. He's not very tall and his thespian associates refer to him as "Flash."

Reporters Conduct Survey On Retreat

"What I derived from the retreat," a survey, in regard to the annual retreat held March 23-24, was conducted among the high school students of St. Bonaventure.

Twenty-two percent of the students queried derived a greater, clearer, and more concise knowledge of sin and its circumstances. Twenty-two per cent gained a greater knowledge concerning the 10 commandments and what they require of a good Catholic. The retreat gave 16 per cent a clearer attitude toward their education and purpose in life. The lectures imparted to 12 per cent a more definite knowledge of their religion, and for 11 per cent clarified the meaning of their soul and what it really is. It strengthened the faith of 10 per cent of the students and explained prayer more fully to about seven per cent.

The retreat conducted by Rev. Father Michael, O.F.M., consisted of Mass, four lectures, the Stations of the Cross, the Rosary and Benediction each day.

Sister R.: "Alice, where is your book this morning?"

Alice B.: (thinking of her play book) "Oh, I think I left it home this morning."

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Tracksters Win Platte County Meet

The Irish track team came through with victories in seven events and ties for first in two others to capture the Platte County track meet for the third consecutive year with 95-1/3 points. The Shamrocks scored in every event.

Bill Merrill broke his own meet record with a 2:11 half mile while the Shamrock 880-relay team lowered the time to 1:42. Lawrence Blaser of Duncan broke the only other record with 42 feet 2 inch effort in the shot put.

Irish scorers were the following in both track and field events: 120-yard high hurdles—third, McNair; fourth, Zuroski; 200-yard low hurdles—second, Miller; fifth, Hayes, 100-yard dash—second, Speicher; 220-yard dash—tie for first, Speicher; fourth, Zuroski; 440-yard run—first, Ragatz; fourth, Jaworski; 880-yard run—first, Merrill; mile run—fourth, J. Melcher; fifth, P. Melcher; 440-yard freshman relay—first, (Lippstreu, P. Melcher, Soulliere, Ryba.) 880-yard relay—first, (Speicher, Zuroski, Ragatz, Merrill.)

Shot put—second, Schumacher; high jump—first, Miller; fifth, Merrill; pole vault—tie for first, Schumacher; third, Miller; broad jump—first, Merrill; discus—first, McNair; second, Syslo.

The other school and number of points, respectively are as follows: Duncan, 50 3/4; Columbus B., 46 1/2; Creston, 18-7/12; Monroe, 16-7/12; Platte Center, 11 1/4; and Humphrey 8.

Mystery Situation Puzzles Intruders

It was 8:30 already and pitch dark, but figures could be seen approaching the school. My pal and I decided that the situation needed attention. Either some ambitious student wanted an early start for morning classes and planned to spend the night there, or maybe burglars were out for plunder.

At this thought we quickened our steps. (To make sure that they found the junior room and made off with their chemistry books was what we really wished.) They went up the steps and into the auditorium. We followed, then paused outside the door and listened. Footsteps and the scraping of furniture were heard and then all was silent.

Several minutes later hollering was heard. We looked at each other in surprise. It sounded like the exasperated words of some artists for they were talking about the "soul" of a picture. (Imagine that!) A second later we were shocked to hear one of them say, "Hulda, for my second breakfast I would like a piece of lemon meringue pie and a tall glass of milk. By the way, that chocolate cake I had before was terrific."

Being able to stand it no longer, (the pie, you know) we pulled open the door and peeked only to be greeted by a volley of voices which told us in unison to "scram!"

And we did for we really felt ridiculous. You see it was only the seniors practicing for their class play.

Here's a Message To Latin Students

I have a friendly message for all of you Latin students. All of you, sometime or other, have griped about the Latin language and its various forms and translations. If you think Latin is hard, try taking Greek for about two weeks.

To start with, you must learn a completely new alphabet consisting of 24 letters. I won't tell you what they are because the printer probably couldn't even print them. That's only the beginning. Then you learn three different declensions for "the" alone.

Do you still want to go on? No, I didn't think anyone would. You don't blame them do you? But every time you think you have it tough think about the poor Greek student. After all you know, Romans declined only their irregular adjectives.

Inquiring Reporters Report Inquiries

This month, recognizing the desire of everyone to be in the "wide open spaces" and play hooky, the Inquiring Reporters decided to ask just what the students enjoyed most (in school). Almost everyone enjoyed the basketball and football games. Here are some of the results:

Emil Jarecki — I liked our math teacher's stories. (Tell us more, teacher.)

Mary Ann Johnson — The excellent additions to The Venture. (The Inquiring Reporter?)

Sandra Mitera — I enjoyed the movies Father Arno showed us this year.

Alfred Micek — I liked Algebra with Sister Cunegundis. (That should be good for an "A" at least.)

Norma Shonka — I liked it when the temperature was above 90 degrees and we got out of school. (How about the below zero mornings?)

Helen Dunn — I enjoyed the school dances most of all. (Why, Shortie?)

Rita Schmid — I like the exercise we get going up and down four flights of stairs about ten times a day. (Puff! Puff!)

Don Baumert — I enjoyed choosing our class rings. (Best so far at SBH.)

Everett Johnson — I enjoyed watching the poor freshmen wandering through the halls during the first weeks of school.

Anastasia Ernst — I enjoyed the experiments in Chemistry. (An "A" for sure, Annie.)

Alice Bernt — I enjoyed the free-days and the class play.

Mary McCloskey — I enjoyed playing amateur basketball on Sunday nights. (No bones broken, we hope?)

Marcia Locher — I enjoyed the Sodality Convention in Omaha. (The social hour?)

Darlene Savage — I enjoyed the shortened periods before the play, exchanging class pictures, and the knowledge that I am finally graduating. (Lucky girl!)

Lorraine Ramaekers — I enjoyed the speeches made in our school by the various men. (Especially the one asking for a date to the Prom, eh?)

Ralph Czuba — I enjoy my special seat in the senior room. When a girl comes in, I see her "new look" before anyone else does. (Quite a seat you have, "sonny.")

Joan Fischer — I enjoyed hitchhiking to certain games. (Quite by accident, of course!)

David Schumacher — I enjoyed, mostly, Saturdays and Sundays. (A Lost Weekend?)

Lambert Shonka — I enjoyed taking the girls uptown in my little coupe. It was crowded, but not too crowded. (Why, Lambie!)

John Syslo, Dick Rice, David Schumacher, Bill Soulliere, and Bill Ragatz enjoyed the basketball and football games.

Clare Kaipust — I enjoyed getting ready for the Prom and keeping secrets.

Don Vanek — I enjoyed reading the Inquiring Reporters. (We, too.)

Ann Marie Luis — I enjoyed the Platte County Tournaments.

Herman Blahak — I enjoyed the scenery I could see from my seat by the window. (Boids?)

Rose Ann Vanek — I liked everything except the things I didn't like. (Huh?)

Lorrie Lou Mimick — I enjoyed shaking crepe paper for the Prom. (What do you mean "shaking?")

Rose Jahn — I enjoyed getting lost in the boys' dormitory at Creighton Prep.

Sister L.: "Who were the lower class of people in France?"

Rose Marie J.: "The pheasants." (peasants).

St. Bons Places 3rd In 2nd York Relays

The St. Bonaventure track team found the competition keen as they placed third in the second annual York relays as twenty-nine schools competed for the Class B crown.

The only Irish triumph came in the 440 Frosh relay as Cliff Speicher, Carl Ryba, Paul Melcher and Ed Zuroski raced to a new meet record of :51.1.

Bill Ragatz, Charles Jaworski, Jerry Melcher and Bill Merrill placed second in the mile relay to establish a school record. It was the first mile relay ever run by an Irish quartet, so the record stands at 3:57.8. The third school record of the day came in the two mile relay which finished third in 9:44.7. Vince Feik, Jake and Paul Melcher and Merrill made up the team.

The surprise record came in the 880 yard relay which finished fifth. Speicher, Morrie Melcher, Ragatz and Zuroski did the half in 1:42.1.

The Irish finished with ten points behind Ravenna and Arapahoe.



Cindermen Cop 5th At Invitational

The St. Bonaventure cindermen came through with two victories as they placed fifth in the 16th annual Columbus invitational. Both events set new school marks as the Irish racked up 13 points to trail College View, Ulysses, Malcom and Leigh, respectively.

The Frosh relay team composed of Cliff Speicher, Carl Ryba, Paul Melcher and Ed Zuroski, broke their own school record as well as the meet mark with a fast :50.9 quarter.

The 880-yard relay team won easily in 1:41.7 as Speicher, Zuroski, Bill Ragatz and Bill Merrill received the credit for a new school record.

Merrill also placed fourth in the half-mile while Jack Miller took fourth in the pole vault at 9-3. Sophomore Ragatz placed fifth in the 440 as heaced the quarter in :56.8, a second behind the winning time.

The meet took place under sunny skies for the first time in many years.

Cute Bunny Breaks School Monotony

The long "seconds," as long as proverbial minutes, grew (to our dislike)—more than one second.

How extraordinary! To break the monotony of it all, Sister provided a little show. (Not the kind I usually attend. Anyway she came in sporting a—? (Keeps you in doubt, doesn't it?) "It" could be a tiger. No? Then, too, "it" could be an elephant. Heavens, no! Or a rat. Oh, no!

"It" wasn't either, neither, nor. "It" was only a cute, fuzzy, little brown rabbit. (Real little bunny.)

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Energetic Girls Find Newest Ambition

If you ever feel like you want a good laugh just drop into St. Bons gym around 7 o'clock any Sunday evening. I'm afraid you could knock all day and you never would get in, but if you just peek in the window I'm sure you would find the view quite satisfying.

What's it all about? Well, a few energetic little high school girls have acquired the exciting ambition of becoming great basketball stars. (Whether they do it for reducing or just for fun, I won't say.)

They play according to boys' rules with a few minor exceptions. Did I say MINOR exceptions? Well, anyway, you can bite (not too hard), scratch (if necessary) and kick (in certain places.) Pulling hair depends on the circumstances.

Each team has from four to ten players who all play at once but there are never less than twenty on the floor at one time. (The more, the merrier.) Instead of having time out you just rest whenever the urge comes over you.

Anyway, we wish our future athletes good luck and here's hoping they make Madison Square Garden without too many broken bones.

Honor Roll

(4th Six Weeks)

Seniors — Alice Bernt, Anastasia Ernst, Dan McNair, Luella Zabawa, and Rose Rita Podraza. Juniors — Florene Dohmen, Juliann Jarecki, Clare Marie Kaipust, Margaret Korgie, Theresa Moritz, Harriet Reifennath, Verdiann Romanek, Rex Rupperecht, and Adeline Wozny. Sophomores — Romayne Cerny, Betty Dischner, Louise Ernst, Ina Claire Frischholz, Raphael Gladfelter, Patricia Kaminski, Anna Marie Luis, Mary McCloskey, David Pensick, and Agnes Pickhinke. Freshmen — Rita Burzynski, Barbara Delarame, Mary Helen Gerhold, Myrle Hadcock, Mary Ann Johnson, Sandra Mitera, Mary Ann Tworek, and Oriethia Wass.

(5th Six Weeks)

Seniors — Alice Bernt, Joan Fischer, Patricia Jarvis, Dan McNair, Rose Rita Podraza, Lorraine Ramaekers, Patricia Robb, and Luella Zabawa. Juniors — Florene Dohmen, Juliann Jarecki, Clare Marie Kaipust, Margaret Korgie, Rosella Kush, Lorrie Lou Mimick, Theresa Moritz, Jo Ann Peck, Verdiann Romanek, Rex Rupperecht, and Irene Wilczynski. Sophomores — Romayne Cerny, Betty Dischner, Louise Ernst, Ina Claire Frischholz, Raphael Gladfelter, Patricia Kaminski, Anna Marie Luis, Mary McCloskey, David Pensick, and Agnes Pickhinke. Freshmen — Rita Burzynski, Mary Helen Gerhold, Helen Marie Ternes, Mary Ann Tworek, and Oriethia Wass.

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Alumni News

Annie Rooney, graduate of Cathedral High School, Lincoln, Nebr., became the bride of Raymond Hauser, '42, on March 29, at Sacred Heart Church, Lincoln. Rev. S. B. Hart officiated.

Mr. and Mrs. Hauser left for a short wedding trip to points of interest in Kansas.

Mr. Hauser is in his senior year at the Agricultural College at Lincoln.

Charmagne Pfeifer, '43, became the bride of William Gaines of Fremont, Nebr., on April 20 in St. Bonaventure Church. Rev. Arno Hartman officiated at the double ring ceremony.

Mr. Gaines is an agent for the Greyhound Bus Line in Fremont. Upon return from a short wedding trip, Mr. and Mrs. Gaines will reside in Fremont.

Miss Velma Chambers, who attended St. Bonaventure School and served as a first Lieutenant in the Army Nurse Corps in France, is playing an important role in current infantile paralysis experiments in the University of Washington, Seattle.

She received her Bachelor's degree at the University, and is now working for her Master's degree.

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Freshmen Conduct Panel Discussions

"Will Electric Power Ever Replace Coal and Oil Power?" and "The Problems of Palestine" were the titles of the two panel discussions presented by the freshman class, March 5 and March 15, respectively.
Mary Helen Gerhold was acting chairman of the first discussion in which Helen Ternes, Mary Ann Tworek, Sandra Mitera, Agnes Pickhinke, William Ernst and Myrle Hadcock also participated. They stressed the increasing importance of electric power in our modern industrial world.
The partition plan for Palestine and its Jewish problems were the main topics of the second discussion. Orlethia Wass presided during this panel. Polly Spiece, Margaret Hayes, Donna Rae Wheeler, Paul Melcher, and August Warholoski were the other members of the panel.

Teacher: "John, why are you late for class?"
John: "Because the class started before I got here."

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 13. Fred Loeffler.
 14. Cecilia Cynova.
 15. Ina Claire Frischholz.
 16. Rose Mary Ramaekers.
 17. Marion Thiele.

Radio Interrupts Boy's Homework

The other night while attempting to finish my home work, I absent-mindedly switched on our radio. You could have knocked me down with a feather after hearing the following announcement:

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Hurry! Hurry! Hurry! We only have three hundred thousand left. Twisting the dial, I tuned in on my favorite program. And now straight from Berlin, station K.A.P.U.T. (formerly known as N.A.Z.I.) brings you another thrilling episode of Johann's Other Frau, the true-to-life story of Johann Shapico, Man (?).

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But now back to Johann's Other Frau. We left Johann feverishly trying to crossbreed a turkey with a centipede so that he could get more drumsticks. He is now on the verge of discovery when suddenly— Tune in tomorrow for the next thrilling episode. Did you think we were going to tell you today—you sillies, you?

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Freshmen Purchase Books For Library

The freshman class has purchased ten new books for the school library with their donation of \$22.00.

The ten books include the following: Pictorial Lives of the Saints by Butler; Blessed Martin De Porres by J. C. Kearns; Joel Chandler Harris by Alvin F. Harlow; Our Lady of Light by Chanoine C. Barthas; Betsy Was a Junior by Lovelace; Plain Clothes Patricia by M. Yrmston; The Green Years by A. J. Cronin; Daddy Long Legs by Jean Webster; My Friend Flicka by Mary O'Hara; and The Sheriff of the Beech Fork by Henry Spalding.

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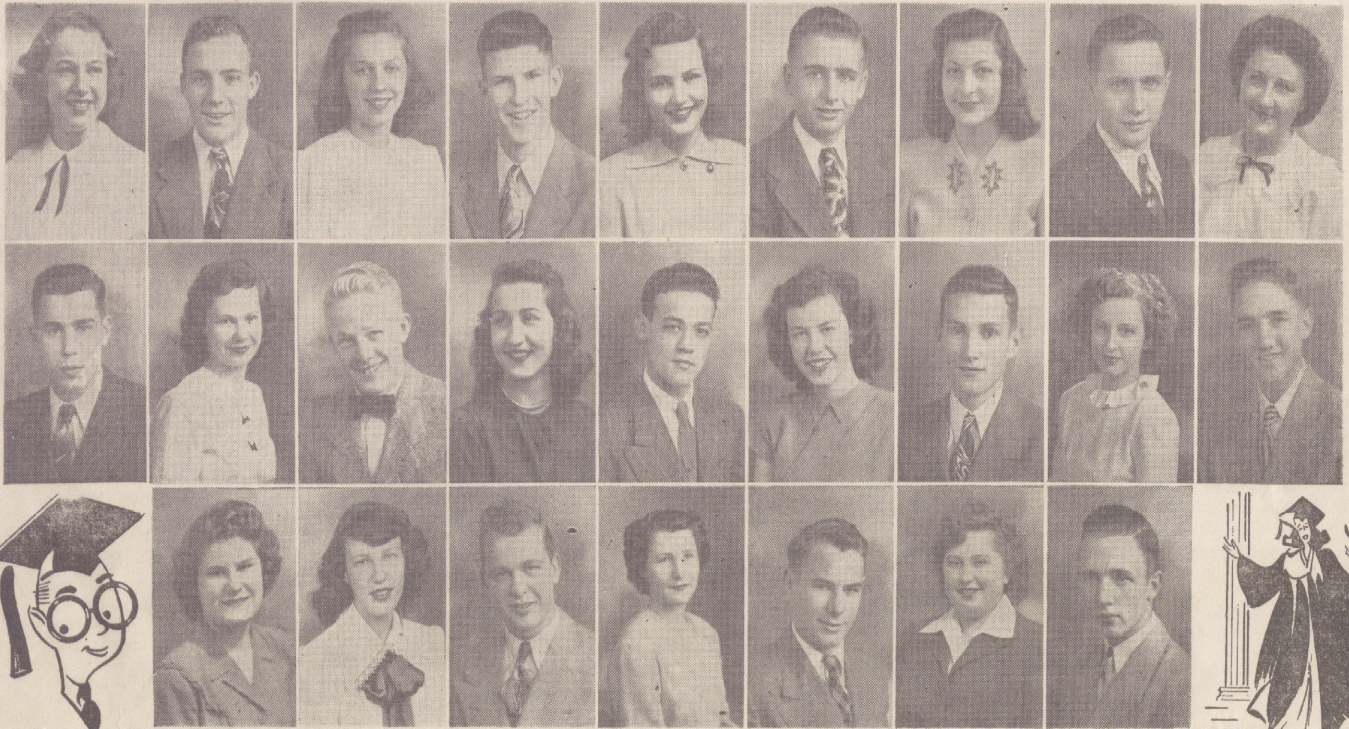
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ST. BONAVENTURE HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES OF 1948



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Patricia Jarvis—Efficient and Vivacious. Class Secretary 2, 3, 4. Sodality: 1, 2, 3, 4; Chairman of Good Literature Committee 2; Vice-president 3; Chairman of Eucharistic Committee 4; Miss Sodality Attendant 3. Dramatics: "A White Christmas" 4; "A Lucky Penny" 4. The Venture Staff: Reporter 1; Assistant Make-up Editor 2; News Editor; Editor-in-Chief 4. Clubs: Speed and Accuracy 3; Dramatics (A. E. T. A.) 4; Latin; Secretary 1; Biology; Secretary 2; Pep Club 1, 2, 3, 4; Glee 1, 2, 3, 4. Choir 1, 2, 3, 4. Contest: Teen Board of Extension 4.

William Merrill—Happy-go-lucky and Mischievous. Class Secretary 1; Class President 2; Class Treasurer 3. Holy Name 1, 2, 3, 4. Dramatics: "This Business of Christmas" 4; "A Lucky Penny" 4. The Venture Staff: Reporter 1, 2; Co-news Editor 3, 4. Clubs: Latin 1; Biology 2; Speed and Accuracy 3; Dramatics (A. E. T. A.) 4; Glee 1, 2, 3, 4; Physical Fitness 1, 2. Choir 1, 2, 3, 4. Athletics: Football 2, 3, 4; Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4; Track 1, 2, 3, 4; Student Manager 1, 2, 3, 4. Contest: Pepsi Cola Scholarship 4.

David Schumacher—Energetic and Good-natured. Holy Name: 1, 2, 3, 4; Secretary 2; President 4. Dramatics: "This Business of Christmas" 4. The Venture Staff: Reporter 3; Co-feature-Editor 4. Clubs: Dramatics (A. E. T. A.) 4; Biology 2; Speed and Accuracy 3; Glee 1, 2, 3, 4; Latin 1; Physical Fitness 1, 2. Choir 1, 2. Athletics: Football 1, 2, 3, 4, Honorary Captain 4; Basketball 1, 2, 4; Track 1, 2, 3, 4.

Lorraine Ramackers—Faithful and Amiable. Sodality 1, 2, 3, 4. Dramatics: "A White Christmas" 4; "A Lucky Penny" 4. The Venture Staff: Typist 4. Clubs: Dramatics (A. E. T. A.) 4; Latin 1; Biology 2; Pep Club 1, 2, 3, 4; Spiral Speedsters, President 4; Speed and Accuracy, Vice President 3; Glee 1, 2, 3, 4; Physical Fitness 1. Choir 1, 2, 3, 4.

Charles Haney—Carefree and Earnest. Holy Name: 1, 2, 3, 4; Vice President 3. Dramatics: "A Lucky Penny" 4. Clubs: Dramatics (A. E. T. A.) 4; Speed and Accuracy 3; Biology 2; Latin 1; Glee 1, 2, 3, 4; Physical Fitness 1, 2, 3. Choir 1, 2, 3, 4. Athletics: Football 3, 4; Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4; Track 1, 2, 3, 4. St. Mary's School, Grand Island, Nebraska 1.

Mary H. Gerhold Wins First in Essay Contest

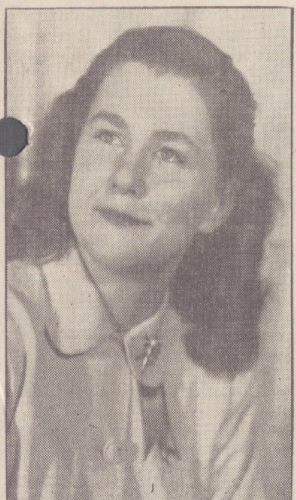
Mary Gerhold, freshman, recently won first honors in an essay contest, "Our Great American Heritage, Liberty," sponsored by the American Legion Auxiliary. Students from both Kramer and St. Bonaventure High schools participated in the contest.

Her essay has been submitted to the state entry where along with hundreds of others from all parts of Nebraska, it will again be judged for higher rating.

Mary, who is an honor student and a talented pianist, is a member of Our Lady's Sodality and the Pep Club, librarian of the school library and reporter for "The Venture."

Larry Sanders, seventh grader at St. Bonaventure, won first prize in the junior division of the same contest.

Essay Winner



MARY GERHOLD

Anastasia Ernst—Reliable and Likeable. Class President 4. Sodality: 1, 2, 3, 4; Secretary 2; Chairman of Our Lady's Committee 3; President 4; Miss Sodality Attendant 1, 3, 4. The Venture Staff: Reporter 1, 2, 3; Co-News Editor 4. Clubs: Latin 1; Biology 2; Pep Club 1, 2, 3, 4; Treasurer 4; Speed and Accuracy, Secretary 3; Glee 1, 2, 3, 4. Choir 1, 2, 3, 4. Contests: Pepsi Cola Scholarship 4; Winner of Elk's Scholarship 4.

Daniel McNair—Irish and Handsome. Holy Name 1, 2, 3, 4. Dramatics: "A Lucky Penny" 4. The Venture Staff: Sports Editor 3, 4. Clubs: Dramatics (A. E. T. A.) 4; Speed and Accuracy, President 4; Physical Fitness 1, 2; Biology 2; Latin 1; Glee 1, 2, 3, 4. Choir 1, 2, 3, 4. Athletics: Football 1, 2, 3, 4; Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4, Honorary Captain 4; Track 1, 2, 3, 4.

Joan Fischer—Kind and Refined. Class Treasurer 4. Sodality: 1, 2, 3, 4; Chairman of Entertainment and Refreshment Committee 3; Treasurer 4. Dramatics: "This Business of Christmas" 4. The Venture Staff: Assistant Advertising Manager 3; Advertising Manager 4. Clubs: Glee 1, 2, 3, 4. Choir 1, 2, 3, 4.

Marion Thiele—Diminutive but Independent. Holy Name 1, 2, 3, 4. Dramatics: "A Lucky Penny" 4; Clubs: Speed and Accuracy 3; Latin 1; Biology 2; Physical Fitness 1, 2, 3, 4; Dramatics (A. E. T. A.) 4. Choir 1, 2, 3, 4. Athletics: Football 1; Basketball 2, 3; Track 1, 2, 3.

Yvonne Pfeiffer—Peppy and Attractive. Sodality: 1, 2, 3, 4; Chairman of Advertising Committee 3. Dramatics: "Vocational Works" 3; "A White Christmas" 4; "A Lucky Penny" 4. The Venture Staff: Reporter 3, 4. Clubs: Latin 1; Biology 2; Shorthand 3; Glee 1, 2, 3, 4; Speed and Accuracy 3; Dramatics (A. E. T. A.) 4; Pep Club 1, 2, 3, 4; Secretary 4; Physical Fitness 1. Choir 1, 2, 3, 4.

Ralph Czuba—Conservative and Courteous. Holy Name 1, 2, 3, 4. Dramatics: "A Lucky Penny" 4. Club: Dramatics (A. E. T. A.) 4; Biology 2; Glee 1, 2, 3, 4. Physical Fitness 1, 2.

Allee Bert—Dainty and Sweet. Sodality 2, 3, 4. Dramatics: "Vocational Works" 3; "Nativity Scene" 4; "A Lucky Penny" 4. The Venture Staff: Reporter 4. Clubs: Speed and Accuracy 3; Shorthand 3; Pep Club 2, 3, 4; Dramatics (A. E. T. A.) 4; Biology, President 2; Glee 2, 3, 4. Choir 2, 3, 4. Schuyler High School 1.

Tom McKown—Self Reliant and Helpful. Holy Name 1, 2, 3, 4. Clubs: Biology 2; Speed and Accuracy 4; Glee 1, 2, 3, 4; Latin 1; Physical Fitness 1, 2. Choir 1, 2, 3. Athletics: Football 4; Track 4.

Luella Zabawa—Persistent and Friendly. Sodality: 1, 2, 3, 4. Chairman of Entertainment Committee 3; Miss Sodality Attendant 4. Dramatics: "A White Christmas" 4; "Vocational Works" 3; "A Lucky Penny" 4. The Venture Staff: Typist 4. Clubs: Dramatics (A. E. T. A.) 4; Speed and Accuracy 3; Latin 1; Bi-

New Editor



JO ANN OLIVETTI

Jo Ann Olivetti Earns Editorship

Jo Ann Olivetti, junior, has been announced as the new editor-in-chief of "The Venture" staff. Her appointment is the result of faithful and efficient service as assistant editor during the past scholastic year.

Jody's journalistic activities began in her freshman year as a reporter and as a sophomore she acted as co-assistant make-up editor. She has submitted over 190 inches of material within the past year. She has spent long hours in making headlines and at different times helping in proof and copy reading and assembling articles for the paper.

Jo Ann, who is president of the Pep Club and chairman of the entertainment committee of Our Lady's Sodality, is an honor student and has always maintained a high scholastic standing.

Patricia Robb—Lovable and Neat. Class Vice-president 4. Sodality 1, 2, 3, 4. Dramatics: "This Business of Christmas" 4; "A Lucky Penny" 4. The Venture Staff: Typist 4. Clubs: Latin 1; Speed and Accuracy 3; Dramatics (A. E. T. A.) 4; Biology 2; Pep Club 1, 2, 3, 4; Glee 1, 2, 3, 4; Physical Fitness 1. Cheerleader 4. Choir 1, 2, 3, 4.

Eugene Fischer—Unassuming and Reserved. Clubs: Dramatics (A. E. T. A.) 4; Biology 2; Speed and Accuracy 3; Glee 1, 2, 3, 4; Physical Fitness 1, 2; Choir 1, 2, 3.

Darlene Savage—Capable and Genial. Sodality 1, 2, 3, 4. Dramatics: "Nativity Scene" 4; "A Lucky Penny" 4. The Venture Staff: Typist 4. Clubs: Speed and Accuracy; Glee 1, 2, 3, 4. Pep Club 3, 4; Biology 2; Latin 1; Physical Fitness 1. Choir 1, 2, 3, 4.

Jack Miller—Athletic and Stately. Class President 1, 3. Holy Name 1, 2, 3, 4. The Venture Staff: Business Manager 3. Clubs: Biology 2; Dramatics (A. E. T. A.) 4; Speed and Accuracy 3; Glee 1, 2, 3, 4; Choir 1, 2, 3, 4. Athletics: Football 2, 3, 4; Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4, Honorary Captain 4; Track 1, 2, 3, 4.

Coleen Mayberger—Obliging and Casual. Sodality 1, 2, 3, 4. Dramatics: "Nativity Scene" 4; "A Lucky Penny" 4. Clubs: Dramatics (A. E. T. A.) 4; Biology 2; Pep Club 3, 4; Speed and Accuracy 3; Latin 1; Glee 1, 2, 3, 4; Physical Fitness 1. Choir 1, 2, 3, 4.

Therese Savage—Brilliant and Artistic. Sodality: 1, 2, 3, 4; Miss Sodality Attendant 1. Dramatics: "Nativity Scene" 4. The Venture Staff: Co-make-up Editor 3. Clubs: Latin 1; Biology 2; Speed and Accuracy; Treasurer 3; Pep Club 3, 4; Dramatics (A. E. T. A.) 4; Physical Fitness 1. Choir 1, 2, 3, 4.

Fred Loeffler—Good-hearted and Companionable. Clubs: Speed and Accuracy 3; Latin 1; Dramatics (A. E. T. A.) 4; Physical Fitness 1, 2; Biology 2; Glee 1, 2, 3, 4. Choir 1, 2, 3, 4. Athletics: Football 1, 2, 3, 4; Basketball 1, 2.

Rose Rita Podraza—Dependable and Charming. Sodality 1, 2, 3. Dramatics: "A White Christmas" 4; "Vocational Works" 3. The Venture Staff: Typist 4. Clubs: Speed and Accuracy 3; Latin 1; Biology 2; Pep Club 1, 2, 3, 4; Dramatics (A. E. T. A.) 4; Physical Fitness 1. Choir 1, 2.

Everett Johnson—Shy and Well-groomed. Holy Name 1, 2, 3, 4. Dramatics: "This Business of Christmas"; "A Lucky Penny" 4. Clubs: Glee 1, 2, 3, 4; Dramatics (A. E. T. A.) 4; Latin 1; Biology 2; Physical Fitness 1, 2, 3. Athletics: Football 3, 4; Basketball 1; Track 1.

Agnes Czaplak—Quiet but Sociable. Sodality 1, 2, 3. Dramatics: "Nativity Scene" 4. Clubs: Pep Club 4; Latin 2; Biology 2; Speed and Accuracy 3; Glee 1, 2, 3, 4; Physical Fitness 1. Choir 1, 2.

C. Messing Merits 'Miss Sodality of 48'

Charlotte Messing, received the title, "Miss Sodality of 1948" at an impressive ceremony on May 6, in St. Bonaventure auditorium. The Socialists were hosts to their mothers.

Dorothy Wozny, '43, conferred the title, "Miss Sodality" on the receptor and presented gifts to the following honor court of "Miss Sodality": Maids of honor—Rosella Kusch and Mary Ann Tworek; Attendants—Anastasia Ernst, Mary Helen Gerhold, Helen Marie Ternes, Luella Zabawa, Patricia Robb, Adeline Wozny, Donna Rae Wheeler, and Louise Ernst. They merited their positions through merit points which they earned through faithful and active participation in the various Sodality projects of the year.

'Miss Sodality'



CHARLOTTE MESSING

Inquiring Reporters Report Inquiries

This month your Inquiring Reporters dedicate this column to the graduating class of '48. We have asked the seniors what school memories they wish to cherish most. Here are their replies:

Bill Merrill, Darlene Savage, Alice Bernt, Colleen Mayberger, Lorraine Ramaekers — I want to remember all my friends and the good times we had together.

Pat Jarvis — I long to remember all the swell kids and the trouble we had getting to games.

Everett Johnson, Dave Schumacher, Charles Haney, Marion Thiele — I want to remember the football games.

Ralph Czuba — I want my diploma which will always remind me of my happy school days.

Rose Rita Podraza — I love to remember all the things I learned at good old St. Bons.

Agnes Czapla — I want to remember our sneak day.

Y'Vonne Pfeifer — I want to remember all the troubles and woes which we had at dear old St. Bons.

Dan McNair — I want to cherish the memory of my freshman year.

Luella Zabawa — I want to remember the Priests, Sisters, and my friends.

Fred Loeffler — I want to remember mostly May 2 and my freshman year.

A. Ernst Crowns Queen of May

Anastasia Ernst, president of Our Lady's Sodality, crowned the Blessed Virgin Mary queen of May in a solemn ceremony, which marked the beginning of the month of Our Lady, April 30, in St. Bonaventure church.

The procession consisted of the following: grade school girls dressed in white; high school girls in white blouses and dark skirts; the altar boys; boy and girl scouts in uniforms; and the clergy.

Miss Ernst, clad in a blue formal and a white long train was preceded by the following: Patricia Jarvis, maid-of-honor; Patricia Robb, Colleen Mayberger, and Alice Bernt—attendants; Joan Fischer, the crown-bearer, and her attendants.

Luella Zabawa, Darlene Savage, Lorraine Ramaekers, and Y'Vonne Pfeifer wearing formals carried the statue.

During the singing of "Bring Flowers of the Fairest" Anastasia crowned the Blessed Virgin.

Benediction with the Blessed Sacrament followed and the devotion closed with the singing of "Holy God" by the entire congregation.



Wise Prophetess Unveils Graduates' Future

"Friends, I, Don Langan, have the privilege of presenting to you a most distinguished soothsayer. My acquaintance with her came about in a very unusual manner.

"While sitting in my study one evening trying to make a very important decision which would affect my entire life this gypsy girl came forth from I know not where. She revealed to me, for but a small fee, my entire future, and as she read my thoughts she found some of my deepest secrets.

"She truly proved herself a wise prophetess. Her insight into the future so fascinated me that I asked her to come here and roll back the curtain of the future. With this in mind, I have brought her these twenty-five handkerchiefs fragrant with the personalities of the 1948 graduates.

"Please, fair gypsy, look now into the future and relieve these anxious hearts of the worry that weighs them down because they cannot guess what is in store for them."

Prophetess: "Thou art indeed brave to dare to look down the vista of things to be. Knowest thou not that a glance into the future is never a pleasure unmixed with pain? Knowest thou not, aspiring youth, that to know what the future holds may be to thee a never-ending curse. But thou has spoken as thou hast dared to tempt the gods by thus challenging their revelations of these students.

"Listen, and it shall be prophesied unto thee even as thou hast said, and by these tokens will I discover unto thee of those from which they have come.

"Ah! Such an exquisite fragrance in this handkerchief. Hm—lavender and old lace. In this dainty handkerchief edged in lace I see a quaint ballroom and a beautiful lady of society. She is envied and flattered by all, the queen of every gathering and the belle of every ball. Who is this modern Cinderella? Her name is Alice Bernt.

"Ah! This bright hankie reveals an outstanding athlete. He is a smart college student and star of the basketball team. He is known and celebrated throughout the nation. This celebrity is also a great ladies' man—Jack Miller.

"Ah! I see a smartly dressed young lady walking swiftly into a great business building. She carries a handsome briefcase which holds important documents. She walks into her office and takes her place as secretary of the great millionaire. Who is she? How could you miss that beautiful array of breath-taking red hair, for it is Luella Zabawa.

"A handkerchief with stars? What could this mean? And oh! I see swooning girls shouting and screaming. Wait—someone comes into my view. Oh! It is a tall and dark gentleman. He is making funny motions. I see now—he is acting and my, such wonderful acting! Who is this talented star? Danny McNair.

"Ah! A strong breeze and a whiff of far off prairies. A girl of the plains riding bareback over the wide spaces. I hear crowds cheering and bands playing for she is the queen of the world-wide rodeos. Who is this lovely western madonna? Joan Fischer.

"On this fresh print handkerchief I see a pretty maiden. She is married to a successful business man. What's this? I see five, six, seven children running about the house. Who is this happy and typical housewife? Pat Robb.

"Ah! Twenty, thirty years hence I see a man, blond, handsome and strong. As he sits on the bench sweat rolls from his worried brow, for his team is fighting hard for their final victory of the year. Who is this man? He is the famous young football coach of the great Notre Dame University—David Schumacher.

"My, such magnificent pictures do I see on this white handkerchief. They must be the work of some remarkably talented photographer. Ah, such steadiness and perfect views. What's this? Why it is a woman and she is as graceful and lovely as the pictures she portrays. Who is the distinguished artist? Y'Vonne Pfeifer.

"Ah, yes! I recognize this unusual black worn handkerchief. Its civic-minded owner has graduated from a great university and holds a distinguished position in the big, little city of Columbus. He has spent many tedious years in ac-

quiring this high position. I see his name engraved on a door at the city hall—it reads 'Eugene Fischer, Mayor!'

"Well, to whom does this belong? I wonder if it could be... no, not he, wait—maybe it's—no, not he either. Well let's look into his future. I see a blond curly-headed good-looking young man traveling on a speedy streamliner to the west coast. He must be going to address a meeting of some big importance. Well, he has a uniform on, not a soldier, sailor nor marine—I see now, a boy scout uniform clad with medals and ribbons of honor. He is a Field Scout Executive and his name is Bill Merrill.

"How odd, I see, on this beautiful linen hankie, writing. What does it say? Whom does it belong to? Let me see—ah, yes, the owner is a lovely young career woman. She is a writer, she will add many immortal works to our volumes of great literature. She is not married—but look—one, two, three, four, yes, four suitors are fighting for her hand in marriage but she refuses each, for her love is only for her work. Who is this woman? Pat Jarvis.

"I see an average married woman standing by and chatting with her neighbors. Her handsome husband runs a prosperous grocery store and their five children keep them occupied. Who is this charming woman? Agnes Czapla.

"I see a beautiful big brick house with flowers around the drive. It is fit for a king. Now I see a man of small stature who is feeding his pigs, cattle and chickens. His livestock has earned him his fortune. I can see him clearer now—of course, it is Marion Thiele.

"Hear the newsboy running down the street? What does he say? Listen—I catch it now, 'Extra, extra! Read all about the big battle! American forces led to victory by the gallant soldier, hero of the hour, General Everett Johnson.'

"I see a great well-dressed man. He has so many, many clothes. He is standing before other men. He seems to be instructing them. What is he teaching? Ah, it's clearer now. He is teaching new models how to be as successful as he for he is president of the great men's modeling agency — Fred Loeffler.

"My! I feel like crying—I must cry, I must—this woman's grief overwhelms me! Surely it is some lonely widow mourning her husband. No—not so—I see nothing like that! 'Tis only a fair bride weeping because she has to leave her childhood farm-home to go to live in the big city. Who is the bride? Her maiden name was Lorraine Ramaekers.

"Hummmmm—here is one that interests me—it's large and beautifully white. Ah, now I see a wealthy man, he is head of the greatest bookkeeping agency in the world. What's this? He is surrounded by many beautiful women? They can't all be his wives! I see now—they are his secretaries. My, what a wonderful and glamorous life he will lead. Who is this fortunate millionaire? None other than Charles Haney.

"Ah, such an odd handkerchief. Why, here are grease spots and holes in it. It reveals a factory and two men putting up a sign. It's fading—wait—now it's coming back. I can read it clearly now. It says: 'Repair Factory, Ralph Czuba, Proprietor.'

"What's this I see—thousands of people standing around yelling and cheering and—here comes the first of many motorcycles speeding across a line marked 'finish'. Who is this handsome popular man standing so calmly amid the clamoring crowds? It's the motorcycle champion of the world—Tom McKown.

"Hum-m-m-m—I see a tall man walking down the street. What's this? He's wearing a badge and murderers and robbers shrink away when he comes into sight. This famous plain-clothes detective is Paul Diederich.

"Brave and wise members of the illustrious class of 1948, my duty is at an end. The future is hereafter to thee and thy classmates an open book. May each of you follow faithfully the paths which I have marked out for your footsteps, and so make your lives the glorious successes that fate has decreed for each of you."

Merrill McNair Musings

Having come to the end of a trying and tedious year, we, the editors and sole proprietors of this column, have come to the conclusion that St. Bons (aside from the staff of The Venture who are always cutting things out of our column) is a pretty swell place. We dedicate this column to all who have helped to make and to keep it what it was for the last four years.

Another conclusion we have reached is that these last four years have been the happiest in our young lives, so thanks everybody, good luck underclassmen, and so long, seniors.

P. S. Parting is such sweet sorrow!

Odd Sound Startles Curious Passer-by

While passing the sophomore (future juniors, they hope) room one day, I was greatly astonished to hear peculiar noises from inside. I knew it was supposed to be a study period so I decided to investigate.

I cocked my nose head by (almost in) the keyhole and the most ridiculous sounds started pounding my ear drums. "Gobble, gobble, gobble, gobble! Stomp, stomp, stomp!" (This went on for ten minutes.)

Finally my curiosity got the best of me so I ran in and inquired about the unusual happenings. There they were, those sophisticated, (ha! ha!) sophomore boys making all those strange sounds.

My startled mind was somewhat relieved when I found that they were merely practicing their play, "I Have a Turkey to Sell," for the Sophomore-Freshmen Hop.

Orchids

A bouquet of orchids to: Father Albert for his interest in Our Lady's Sodality and other school activities.

Father Arno for the entertaining movies which he has shown us. Father Martin for his loyal support in the Holy Name Society and "The Catholic Rural Youth Club." Coach Paul Ernst for the excellent coaching in athletics and for leading the Shamrocks to so many victories.

Chuck Anderson for the kind use of his bus for our games. The grades for selling tickets for the Senior Class Play, and for patronizing the high school's candy sales.

Daniel Studio for the courtesy shown to "The Venture." Our advertising patrons for their loyal support to "The Venture."

Sophies Entertain Freshies at Hop

The Sophomores were hosts to the Freshmen at the Freshmen-Sophomore Hop on May 5 in the school auditorium.

Dick Rice opened the program with a welcome. Entertainment was as follows: Musical selections—"Song and the Breezes" and "Now Is the Hour" by the sophomore girls; other vocal numbers by Ramona Messing, Rosemary Ramaekers and Marcia Locher; Piano and piano accordion numbers by Anna Marie Luis and Agnes Pickhinke, respectively; Playlets—"A Bird in Hand" by Rosemary Cerny, Ina Clare Frischholz and Pat Kaminski; "Slightly Exaggerated" by Rose Marie Jahn, Anna Marie Luis, Agnes Pickhinke, Anna Mae Roddy and Louise Ernst; "A Turkey to Sell" and "The Lost Flea" by the sophomore boys.

Dancing and a luncheon climaxed the evening.

SYMPATHY

The faculty and students of St. Bonaventure High School express their sincerest and deepest sympathy to Helen Marie Ternes, freshman, on the death of her dear father, Mr. Ben Ternes.

New Staff Expresses Thanks

In behalf of the new staff I wish to dedicate this year's final issue of The Venture to the outgoing staff of '47 and '48. They have spent many long and tedious hours in striving to keep the high standards which have been built up in the past years.

Working on the school paper is a difficult task which calls for much time and effort. The visible rewards seem small now, but I am sure that the experience gained through writing, proof and copy reading, making headlines, assembling stories, typing, and advertising will prove to be of the greatest value in future years.

I only hope that we, the new staff, will be able to continue to uphold the high standards which this and other staffs have striven to maintain.

I wish especially to thank our outgoing editor, Patricia Jarvis, and her most faithful helpers—Bill Merrill, Dan McNair, Joan Fischer, Rose Rita Podraza and Lorraine Ramaekers—all who have from the beginning of their high school careers spent countless hours of their time in furthering the top standing of The Venture. Then last, but by far not least, I wish to thank in behalf of every member and subscriber of The Venture, Sister Honoriana, sponsor, for the lasting and patient assistance which she had always given us.

J. O.

Let's Not Forget!

The time of year that we are all waiting for is just around the corner. Yes, vacation time is almost here.

We are all planning to have jobs this summer or to take a real vacation. But this is the time of the year when we forget the one important thing—prayer. It seems as if we are always too busy or too tired to think of God when we are not reminded every day by our teachers.

Vacation time is the period when it is so easy to stray from God, but it should be the time when we are closest to Him. During the three months of freedom we need God's help more than ever, both spiritually and bodily. We need prayer to help us in our every word, deed and action. It is so hard to resist temptation when the devil is working overtime to lure us away from the righteous path.

One way to keep close to God is to stay close to His church by receiving the Sacraments often. In our leisure moments let's make a visit to the Blessed Sacrament and ask Jesus Christ to keep us near Him always.

Let this summer pay dividends even more than the school year did. Let's not forget!

J. M.

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Students Merit Honor Awards

The merit awards will be presented by Rev. Albert Limacher, Coach Paul Ernst, and a representative of the Elks Lodge, to the high school students at the Honor Convocation May 21 in the auditorium.

Students receiving awards are as follows:

Perfect school attendance—Agnes Czapla, Darlene Savage, David Schumacher, Luella Zabawa, Laura Mae Gates, James Lippstrew, and Orlethia Wass.

Four years perfect school attendance—Luella Zabawa and Agnes Czapla.

Scholarships—Patricia Jarvis, Lorraine Ramaekers, and Anastas Ernst.

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Seven athletic trophies—Shamrocks.

Cindermen Enjoy Victorious Season

The Irish cindermen have broken three school records and established two more for a successful season in track.

The Irish made the two records in the York Relays. Vince Feik, Jerry and Paul Melcher, and Bill Merrill finished third in 9:44.7 in the two mile relay. The second record was set when Bill Ragatz, Charles Jaworski, Jerry Melcher, and Merrill placed second in the mile relay in a new record time of 3:57.8.

The Frosh relay—Cliff Speicher, Carl Ryba, Paul Melcher, and Ed Zuroski—shattered the old school record when they finished in 50.9. The old record was set by McNair, Schumacher, Lakers, and Johnson in '45 with a time of :53.

The surprise time came in the 880 relay as Speicher, Zuroski, Ragatz, and Merrill finished in 1:40.4. They broke the record set in '47 by M. Melcher, Merrill, J. Dineen, and Dick Hayes with a time of 1:42.3.

The only field event record to be broken was in the high jump. Jack Miller leaped 5'4" to break the record set by Ray Syslo in '43.

Irish Earn Berths For Championship

Seven Shamrocks are eligible for competition at the annual State track and field championships to be held in Lincoln, May 14-15. The Irish earned berths by placing in various events according to NHSA rules. The District Class C qualifying meet was held April 30.

The boys eligible to participate are: Bill Merrill, 800; Jack Miller, vault and broad jump; Dave Schumacher, vault; Morrie Melcher, vault; Cliff Speicher, 220; and the 880 relay quartet of Speicher, Ed Zuroski, Bill Ragatz, and Merrill.

St. Bonaventure Junior-Senior Prom



Junior-Senior Prom Proves Grand Success

Elegant Banquet Opens Festivities

The junior-senior prom climaxed the social events of the school year at St. Bonaventure April 28 as the juniors paid their compliments to the seniors in a picturesque setting featuring the theme, "Lavender and Old Lace."

At 6:15 p. m., the charmingly attired junior and senior girls and their escorts, preceded by Charles Jaworski, junior class president, and his lady of the evening, Adeline Wozny, marched to the church premises where they were joined by their guests-of-honor—Rev. Albert Limacher, Rev. Arno Hartmann, Rev. Martin Wolter, and Coach and Mrs. Paul Ernst. The entire cortege then proceeded to the school gymnasium.

Table decorations were in keeping with the prom theme. A large crystal basket with fragrant double lilacs interspersed with roses, tulips, and dainty fern leaves graced a lace-covered stand which stood between the rectangular center tables. This attractive centerpiece was flanked by four crystal candle holders with tall white tapers.

Silver crepe paper runners edged in orchid with Pampose Fern arranged artistically upon them gave a delicate touch of color to all tables. A low silver bowl of double lilacs interspersed with tulips and fern leaves centered the speakers' table.

Sparkling crystal vases of spring flowers and tall orchid tapers

placed on silver lace doilies alternated with each other. Upright "48" pieces of fernbases glittered in silver circles. Shiny silver foil girls, dressed in full length formals and wearing large picture hats, served as nut cups. Small place cards, memory booklets, and dance programs featuring the prom theme, were at each place. Four tiny crepe paper violets, the seniors' class flower, were attached to small, white lace doilies which were mounted on orchid backgrounds. To each of these small circular booklets a silver pencil was tied with white ribbon.

Program Follows Banquet

Rosella Kush presided as toastmistress. The following program was presented: Welcome address by Charles Jaworski; response by Patricia Robb; "Alice Blue Gown," sung by Irene Wilczynski with Helen M. Ternes at the piano. The main entertainment was provided by the "Senior Class Prophecy" which was presented by Donald Langan and Betty Dischner. Betty, attired in a gay gypsy costume, proceeded to roll back the curtain of the future by means of handkerchiefs, which were later presented to the seniors, in which she claimed to see the future.

Following the prophecy, the "Senior Class Will" was presented by the entire class with an introduction by Patricia Jarvis. Short talks were given by Father Albert, Father Arno, Father Martin, and Coach Ernst. "Mother Machree" sung by Charlotte Messing, accompanied at the piano by Mrs. E. Messing, concluded the banquet program.

Ballroom Presents Theme

In the school auditorium wide, lacy fringe fell from three ornamental centers in chandelier loops to the six colorful chandeliers and from there it draped in graceful folds to the walls where it was attached. The three alternating centers of orchid and white fringe were enclosed by a diamond design of the opposite colored fringe.

Eighteen octahedral structures ranging from two and one half feet to three inches dangled from the main center at varying lengths. The violet and silver mirror-flaked surfaces caught and reflected sparkling beams of light as they were gently twirled by the merry dancing couples.

From the six decorative chandeliers, terminating in long tassels, mellow rays of white and orchid light contributed to the effective setting. Full length white fringe curtains and orchid fringe drapes hung over the eighteen windows. The orchid drapes were caught back by silver ropes which tied in graceful loops, while dainty violet-tinged bands held the white curtains in place. Scalloped valances with silver tassels added to the finishing touch.

Centering the seven circular drawing-room tables, which cleverly concealed radiators, were fancy silver foil, orchid tipped baskets with fragrant spring flowers. Centering the north wall was a large picture depicting a lively

maiden standing before a garden gate and gazing at the twinkling stars and silver moon, which scattered their mellow beams upon the shrubbery and the flagstone walk.

Pit Portrays Garden Scene

The orchestra pit was formed by a scene of an enchanting garden, centered by a sparkling fountain with a base of graceful swans. To the left stood a picturesque vine-covered stone wall with a riot of colorful flowers at its base. The wings to the left and right were transformed into spots of scenic beauty by means of grass mats, spring flowers and stage scenery. The north wing was centered by a lawn bench. A white bird bath and a small lawn chair occupied a prominent place on the south wing. A small white picket fence, with natural flowers peeping through, spanned the gracefully arched stage.

This picture of loveliness was completed as the juniors and seniors marched into the hall to the tunes of Bobby Mills' eight-piece orchestra.

Charlotte Messing sang "One Alone" by Sigmund Romberg, and "Still As the Night" by Bohn; and Irene Wilczynski sang "Beg Your Pardon," and "Now Is the Hour," during intermission.

Committee Heads

Mrs. J. Urban, chairman, and Mrs. C. Hittner, assistant chairman, aided by the mothers of the members of the junior class prepared the banquet. Mrs. F. Gerber, chairman, assisted by Mrs. J. T. Jaworski, Mrs. C. Kush and Mrs. L. Wozny had charge of the dining room decorations.

Chaperones were Dr. and Mrs. P. H. McGowan, Mr. and Mrs. M. A. Olivetti, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Miller, and Mr. and Mrs. P. Pfeifer.

Sister M. Richardis, junior sponsor, supervised the entire activity.

Miss Ebner Wins Stamp Queen Title

Marylee Ebner, who was unable to be present at the "Miss Sodality" celebration because of serious illness at St. Mary's Hospital, merited the title of "Stamp Queen of 1948" because of the 4000 stamps which she collected for the Far East Missions.

The "Stamp Queen" project was inaugurated at the beginning of the school year by Our Lady's Sodality.

Other Sodality members who ranked high in this project were Rose Ann Vanek, Donna Rae Wheeler, Rosella Kush, and Luella Zabawa.

Congratulations!

The faculty and students heartily congratulate the freshman class for the grand success in their candy sale which they achieved by netting the grand sum of \$101.55 for the benefit of the school, last Tuesday.

St. Bonaventure Holds Graduation, May 23

Twenty-Five Seniors To Receive Diplomas

St. Bonaventure High School will hold its annual Commencement Exercises for the twenty-five seniors of 1948, Sunday, May 23, in the St. Bonaventure Church. The Rev. John J. O'Brein, pastor of St. Joseph Parish, Platte Center, will be the guest speaker at the Graduation Exercises, and Rev. Albert Limacher, pastor here will give the baccalaureate address.

Baccalaureate Services will begin the graduation exercises on Sunday at the 8:00 o'clock Holy Mass. The Seniors—the girls clad in white caps and gowns and the boys dressed in black caps and gowns—will receive Holy Communion in a body.

In the evening at 8:00 o'clock the class, again attired in caps and gowns, will march to the church where Father O'Brien will deliver the graduation address, after which Father Albert will present the diplomas to the graduates.

Sister M. Constantia, organist, will play the grand march and direct the choir during the services for both occasions.

After Benediction with the Blessed Sacrament, the graduates will close the solemn ceremony by singing "On This Day, O, Beautiful Mother" and the congregation will sing "Holy God, We Praise Thy Name."

Supt. L. Patterson Visits S. B. School

Mr. L. Patterson, city superintendent of schools, was a welcomed visitor at the St. Bonaventure high and elementary school May 12.

Mr. Patterson inspected the entire school and met and greeted every member of the faculty and all the classes.

Shamrocks Defend District C Crown

The Shamrock cindermen successfully defended their Class C District Crown by scoring 41 4/5 points and qualifying seven boys for the State Track Meet. Bill Merrill and the 880 relay team—Cliff Speicher, Eddie Zuroski, Bill Ragatz—were the Irish winners. The relay team was a worthy winner, running the 880 relay in 1:40.4. Merrill took the half-mile in 2:09.

St. Bonaventure points in the meet were scored as follows:

Track Events

120 highs—fourth, Dan McNair. 440—fourth, Bill Ragatz. 220—second, Cliff Speicher. 200 lows—fourth, Jack Miller. 880—first, Bill Merrill. 880 relay—first, St. Bonaventure (Speicher, Zuroski, Ragatz, Merrill).

Field Events

Shot—fourth, John Syslo. Discus—fifth, John Syslo. High Jump—tied for third, Jack Miller. Vault—tied for second, Jack Miller, Dave Schumacher, and M. Melcher. Broad Jump—second, Jack Miller.

Freshies Contribute Over \$200 To School

The freshman class has been outstanding in its contributions, which totaled over \$212.75, towards the good of the school.

The freshmen Sodalists participated with their results.

The freshmen Sodalists participated in the collection of used stamps for the missions. Thirty-three dollars were donated for the spread of the devotion of Our Lady of Fatima. During Lent they collected \$25.00 for the Bishop's Relief Fund; also as a part of that project old clothing was collected for the unfortunate in Europe.

Other donations were as follows: \$7.25 for a picture of the Immaculate Heart of Mary; \$10.00 sent to Father Caecilia in New York for the poor; and \$15.00 for Liturgical pictures for the bulletin board in high school.

Thanks

The faculty and students of St. Bonaventure High express their sincerest thanks to:

Mrs. L. Locher for her kindness in substituting for Sister M. Richardis in the Science Department.

Miss Catherine Moschenross, alumna, for the generous donation of sixteen new books-of-the-month valued at \$40.00.

The Spiral Speedsters Club for a subscription to the magazine, "Home," for the school library.

Margaret Hayes, freshman, for the many library books.

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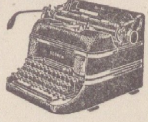
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