

St. Bonaventure Football Squad of 1948



Left to right—Back row: B. Soulliere, C. Ryba, B. Tooley, D. Kemnitz, D. Baumert, P. Gutzmer, J. Billesbach, L. Savage, D. Baumert; Second row: Coach P. Ernst, R. Gladfelter, J. Melcher, T. Mimick, C. Speicher, D. Rice, B. Ragatz, A. Gdowski, J. Syslo; Front row: R. Marsolek, J. Soulliere, E. Zuroski, P. Melcher, V. Feik, D. Korger, J. Lippstreu.

Columbus Honors City Lettermen At Banquet, Dec. 6

The St. Bonaventure Shamrocks will be among the lettermen who will be honored at a football banquet on December 6 at the city auditorium. The Rotary Club, Lions Club, and Columbus Chamber of Commerce have joined in sponsoring the celebration.

Features on the program will include the following: Charles Brock, line coach of Omaha University, will be the speaker; films of two University of Nebraska games; and Notre Dame and Kansas State films.

The Shamrock squad consists of the following: Dick Kemnitz, Bob Tooley, Paul Gutzmer, Don Baumert, Jerry Billesbach, Jerry Melcher, Vince Feik, John Syslo, Raphael Gladfelter, Lester Savage, Ray Marsolek, Bill Soulliere, Dick Rice, Bill Ragatz, Carl Ryba, Ed Zuroski, Paul Melcher, Jim Soulliere, Jim Lippstreu, Cliff Speicher, Don Korger, Andy Gdowski, Dennis Baumert, and Ted Mimick.

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St. Bonaventure High Rates 'Class B' School

Enrollment Hits All-Time-High

The all-time-high enrollment of 179 students has made St. Bonaventure High a "Class B" school. Last year's registration was 154. The grand total for the high and elementary school is 479.

The freshmen lead with a total of 60; the sophomores follow with 43; the seniors edge the sophomores by 42; and the juniors claim 34.

The seventeen new students are as listed: Seniors—Jerry Billesbach, St. Mary's High, Grand Island; Jack Kiner, Ottumwa High, Ottumwa, Ia., and Victoria Guszak, Perkins High, Grant; Juniors—Mary Ellen Hoffman, Battle Creek High, Battle Creek, and Lester Savage, St. Joseph Seminary, Westmont, Ill.; Sophomores—Tom Pensick and Ted Niedbalski, Kramer High, Columbus; Freshmen—Arnold Krzycki, Mary Ellen Marsolek and Virginia Jarecki, St. Anthony's, Columbus; Rosalie Billesbach, St. Mary's, Grand Island; Edward Galus and Lois German, St. Francis, Humphrey; James Kirby, Silver Creek; Patricia Mahoney, District 8, Columbus; and Mary Paprocki, Duncan.

Members of the high school faculty are as follows: Rev. Albert Limacher, Rev. Arno Hartman, Sister Gabriel, Sister Richardis, Sister Aureliana, Sister Laurentine, Sister Honoriana, Sister Clotildis, and Paul Ernst.

Sister Michael, who replaced Sister Cecilia, is the new music teacher.

Speakers Lecture On Various Topics

Five speakers entertained the students and faculty of St. Bonaventure High School during the last two months.

Mr. C. H. Rhoades, chief of the Nebraska State Employment Service, centered his talk on these questions—"Can the disabled people hold the jobs of healthy men?" and "Will their work be as good as others?"

Father Raphael, O.F.M., an army chaplain, recently called back into the Transport, told about the jet-propelled planes and the missile guided bombs.

On Navy Day Naval Lieutenant Junior Grade Vincent N. Hawkins from the Hastings Naval ammunition depot spoke about the present strength of the navy.

The Civics and Modern Problems classes, preceding election, were honored by two speakers—Mr. Howard Burdick, democrat, and Mrs. Paul Gertsh, republican.

St. Bons Alumna



Eleanor Lakers, '47, Becomes 'Queen'

Miss Eleanor Lakers, '47, St. Bonaventure, had the honor of reigning as Queen of the Homecoming Ball at St. Benedict's College, Atchison, Kan.

Eleanor was an active member in all school and community organizations and activities while a student here at St. Bonaventure High.

Holy Name Society Holds Reception

The Junior Holy Name Society held its reception of new members into the organization October 29 at St. Bonaventure Church.

Father Martin, director, conducted the services. He was assisted by the newly elected officers—Bob Tooley, president; Vincent Feik, vice president; and Paul Melcher, secretary-treasurer.

The new members are Arnold Krzycki, Bill Messing, Dick Tooley, Bob Plantz, James Kirby, Bill Jarvis, Dennis Baumert, Tom Zuroski, John Hentges, John Kaminski, Keith Thraen, Jerry Speicher, Alvin Chochon, Andy Gdowski, Kenneth O'Kane, Herman Keefer, Richard Otterpohl, John Blahak, Ted Mimick, Charles Meyers, Leo Theile, Leo Cynova, Ronald Steiner, Edward Galus, Herbert Abts, Charles Kaipust, Don Sokol, Richard Nickolite, Robert Seyser, Robert Gonda, Ted Niedbalski, Ray Marsolek, Ted Pensick, Lester Savage, Jerry Billesbach, and Jack Kiner.

After the group recited the litany of the Holy Ghost and sang "Come Holy Ghost," the new members took the Holy Name Pledge.

Benediction with the Blessed Sacrament concluded the ceremony.

Pastor Receives Saintsday Tribute

The Rev. Albert Limacher, O. F. M., pastor of the St. Bonaventure Church, celebrated his Saintsday, in the presence of a large audience, by attending a program which the grade school pupils presented in his honor, November 12, in the school auditorium.

In the name of the students, Ambrose Speicher, senior, and Kenneth Savage, eighth grade, presented Father a nameday gift and a spiritual bouquet, respectively.

Kenneth Savage opened the program with a "Nameday Welcome Speech." Next the first grade sang "Nameday Greetings" and played several rhythm band selections. The second grade entertained the audience with an action song, "How Would You Like to Be a Boy or Girl?" Grade three dramatized "A Flippity Flop Doll Show" and conducted a spelling contest. The fourth grade staged a playlet, "All Aboard." Grades five and six sang "The Blessing of St. Francis," "The Jolly Boys" and "Gay Little Butterfly" were sung by grade six. Grade seven dramatized a playlet, "Chimney Sweep." The eighth grade boys sang "My Mother Has No Girl to Do the Dishes." John Robb and Shirley Mae Ewert delivered a short dialogue, "The Rival Speakers." The eighth grade girls concluded the program with a spiritual playlet, "Love's Tribute."

The following pupils provided the entertainment between intermissions: Piano selections—Mary Alice Moersen, Victoria Guszak, Helen Ternes, Mary Gerhold; Trumpet numbers—Betty Gregorius accompanied by Delores Rupprecht.

Journalists Attend N.H.S.P. Convention

Nine students represented St. Bonaventure High among the six hundred Nebraska journalists at the Nebraska High School Press Association November 5 and 6 in Lincoln, Nebraska.

St. Bonaventure journalists attending the convention were as follows: Jody Olivetti, Jackie Micek, Harriette Reifenrath, Ina Claire Frischholz, Agnes Pickhinke, Mary Ann Dunn, Phyllis Thraen, Ramona Messing and Victoria Guszak. Sister Honoriana accompanied them.

Competitive contests, panel discussions, and educational lectures were among the many events in the program.

A social evening of entertainment and dancing concluded the convention activities.

Jacqueline Micek Reigns As 'Irish Grid Queen of '48'

The announcement and crowning of Jacqueline Micek as the "Irish Grid Queen of '48" climaxed the fall social season at St. Bonaventure high school. The coronation ceremony took place November 10 in the gymnasium.

The guards of honor—Don Baumert, Dick Kemnitz, Jerry Billesbach, Bill Soulliere, Carl Ryba, Cliff Speicher, and Paul Melcher—stood at attention while the king, Paul Gutzmer, escorted by Vincent Feik, Edward Zuroski, Ted Mimick and Charles Kaipust, ascended the elaborately decorated green and

white throne in which the Shamrock was used as a dominant feature.

Appropriate music was played as the queen's attendants—Mary McCloskey, Helen Marie Ternes, Rosalie Billesbach and Mary Ellen Marsolek entered. Applause greeted the arrival of the queen, Jacqueline Micek. The king then crowned her as "Irish Grid Queen" with a beautiful crown.

The queen was attired in a pink taffeta gown featuring a flounce skirt set off by an attractive bustle. Her attendants wore delicate gowns of pastel shades.

Irish Grid King, Queen of '48



Jacqueline Micek and Paul Gutzmer

Candy Sales Reap Successful Profits

The first two candy sales of the year sponsored by the junior and senior classes, respectively, took place on October 4 and 22 in the school gymnasium.

The juniors reaped a grand total of \$85.36 over the seniors net proceeds of \$58.22.

Agnes Pickhinke and her committee — Ramona Messing, Charlene Nickolite, Raphael Gladfelder, Dick Rice, David Pensick, and Marlyn Diederich — netted the highest sum in the junior class by making a total of \$20.36. Romayne Cerny, Mary McCloskey, Ina Claire Frischholz, and Betty Dischner led the other competing tables in close range with the winning sum.

In the senior sale Harriette Reifenrath and her committee—Alice Syslo, Jo Ann Olivetti, Irene Wilczynski, Anna Mae Pfeifer, Mary Ann Dunn, Lorene Shonka, Theresa Moritz and Jean Gerber were with the winning group by making a total of \$23.00. Other senior leaders were Rosella Kush, Tom Hembd, and Dick Kennitz.

Daring Girl Hunter Relates Experience

It's just natural that all the boys were anxious for hunting season to open. However, I know a certain girl who was interested, too.

During teachers convention, my dad took me hunting as usual. We walked in some lonely corn fields and I carried his new double barrel gun, while he picked sandbars from his trousers.

I walked on ahead, and I saw a pheasant. I thought that there was no use to call my dad for just one little bird so I tried my own luck. I shot a wild shot, missing the pheasant, of course.

My dad got there just in time to pick me up and informed me that my hunting for this season was over.

Guess who I am? (I'll give you a little hint—my last name is Rae-makers.)

Forty-Niners Start Exciting Gold Rush

Money! Money! Money! As I lurk near the senior class room of St. Bon's High, I hear but one thing—that little word money. I wonder what those gold-diggers (the forty-niners) are up to now?

But wait! Here comes a group of seniors. I think I'll sneak up a little closer and find out what this is all about. Listen—I hear two other words now—pictures, ads, pictures, ads. It sounds like everybody is going to have their pictures taken. My goodness, I wonder what for!

Now let me see—I'll have to put the two together. Hmmm-um! senior class, money, pictures, ads? It's too early for graduation so that can't be it.

Yup, that's it! Those ambitious forty-niners are planning St. Bon's very first annual.

Good luck, seniors, and be sure to save a copy for me.

Puzzling Sounds Mystify Students

Our class was studying as usual when a clapping sound was heard from the next room.

Immediately a silence fell upon our room and we all sat wondering what in the world could have happened. Surely not some prominent speaker was in there. Oh, no, that couldn't be, because everyone in the school would know about it.

Our eyes bulged with amazement when we heard Sister say, "Jerry, ask them what they're clapping about."

Jerry hopped to the door like "Bugs Bunny" and knocked like "Woody Woodpecker," then slowly opened the door and peeked around the corner into the adjoining room. He said something and turned to sit down, when two seconds later a knock sounded at our door. Sister was looking in a little book and counting something. Jerry again opened the door and said, "You'll have to wait."

Something mysterious you say? Yes, the juniors and the sophies were comparing the amounts of money which they each collected for Father Albert's NAMEDAY. Guess who had the most?

Movies Feature Thrills, Hilarity

Since the beginning of school, the St. Bonaventure students have enjoyed two movies through the courtesy of Father Arno.

Hilarity and thrills accompanied the technicolor splendor, "Detour to Danger," which involved the adventures of two men in capturing a ring of gangsters.

Three short features, "Parade of Roses," "Yellowstone National Park," and "Romeo and Juliet" were shown with the movie.

"Breaking the Ice" starring Bobby Breen was the other movie shown. With this, "Defense Against Invasion," a short health picture, and "Billy Goat's Whiskers," a comedy, added to the entertainment.

Photography Causes Sudden Primping


Is it a man, a bird, or could it be Superman? A strand of coarse black hair fell on my desk. My shorthair bonnet was blown shut by a swift breeze. A loud crackling noise filled the room. That was the end!

I had to find out the cause of all this mystery. I turned my head slowly around and was astonished to see little Lorraine Hilbert combing her hair. She was fully equipped with a portable dressing table which contained a large mirror, lipstick, powder and, of course, a comb.

Why all the sudden primping? Why, Sister Honoriana just informed us that in a few minutes Raphael Gladfelder would be in the room to take our picture for the year.

"Oh, Lorraine, may I please borrow your make-up kit when you're finished?"

In Memoriam



EUGENE FISCHER

The faculty and students of St. Bonaventure School express their deepest sympathy to Mr. and Mrs. J. Fischer and family on the death of their beloved son, Eugene Fischer, '48.

Sodalists Sponsor Stamp Queen, King

Under the sponsorship of Our Lady's Sodality, a committee under the chairmanship of Romayne Cerny is making plans for a gala program of King and Queen of Stamps. This program will be held at the end of the school year.

The purpose for collecting the stamps is to help the missions. Not only are girls from the Sodality eligible to enter but all other girls and all boys are welcome to partake in the contest.

The person collecting the most stamps, in each group of boys and of girls, will be made the King and the Queen of Stamps, respectively.

Upperclassmen Take Home Nursing Aid

The junior and senior girls of St. Bonaventure and Kramer High Schools are taking a six-weeks Home Nursing course. The course is conducted by Mrs. Norma Baronosky, R. N., of Humphrey. She is assisted by Mrs. Margarte Mays, a former Kramer High physical education teacher.

The class is divided into two groups and meets every Monday and Wednesday at Third Ward School. The purpose of the course is to enable the girls to give proper care and attention to a patient in the home.

Each student passing her examination at the end of the course will receive a certificate and a fraction of a credit.



What Does Thanksgiving Mean to You?

On November 25, we celebrate Thanksgiving. What significance does this day hold for you? Does it just mean a free day or a day to have turkey or duck for dinner? It should mean a time especially set aside for all to thank and to praise God.

We, as Americans, have so much to be thankful for that we could thank God every day for the rest of our lives and still not show Him sufficient gratitude. We must thank God for the abundant graces He has given our forefathers in securing this land of opportunity and freedom for us; for giving us a wonderful home and parents; and for offering us the opportunity to worship Him in the Catholic church and to attend a Catholic school; and even for giving us life.

These are just a few of the endless gifts rendered to us through the mercy of our Heavenly Father. Let's show Him we really do appreciate them. Offer Him not only this Thanksgiving Day but make every day of our lives one long constant prayer of thanks.

Let's not forget!

J. M.

Put Yourself In Their Place

Have you ever taken a look into the prison of Purgatory? Did you not see some of your friends or relatives whom you knew so well on earth? If those Poor Souls could talk to you, what do you think they would say? Most likely they would ask a favor of you. Yes, prayer is what they would plead for imploringly.

The Poor Souls are helpless and only we, the living, can help relieve them from the excruciating fires of Purgatory.

The month of November is designated as Poor Souls month, during which Holy Mother Church reminds us to remember not only our parents, relatives, and friends but especially poor forsaken souls.

Many of the suffering souls have at one time or another done things to make us happy. Many remembered us by gifts on special occasions.

How ungrateful we would be if we did not give them a helping hand. How? By offering Holy Mass, Holy Communion, and prayers.

Don't you think that you too will some day be a Poor Soul waiting and begging for prayers?

A. P.

Let's Work Pro Instead of Con

How much longer do we have to wait for that new school which they promised us? These words sound a familiar chord in our mind for many a St. Bon's student has uttered them at one time or the other.

On October 6 of 1946, St. Bonaventure parishioners fired the starting gun which began the race in the campaign to raise a building fund for a new St. Bonaventure school. Since this time the entire parish has been putting forth every effort in reaching the set goal.

As students what can we do to help in aiding this immense project? Most of us, still dependent, cannot contribute direct financial support; therefore, we must find other means.

Do we realize that when we mar a book, desk or any other object, which is school property, we are tearing down one of those hard-earned bricks from our new school and thus lengthening the time when that final dollar is made? For it costs money to buy the supplies needed to repair objects which students abuse and destroy and this same money could have been used to add another brick to the growing store of materials necessary in beginning the structure of our new school.

Let's begin working for this worthy cause instead of hindering it. Start today!

J. O.

You Can Make the Peace

Thirty years ago this November 11, 1948, Armistice Day was declared. This event brought to an end the terrible First World War—the war that was to end all wars, as everyone thought.

During this three decade interval bloodshed was again to come about. Peace reigned in the United States for twenty-three years and war was thought to be a thing of the past.


But it lurked and waited and sprang on the unsuspecting people with its attack at Pearl Harbor. Thousands upon thousands of men were killed. Finally another Armistice was declared.

Have these two horrible wars been fought in vain? Again the world is on the verge of a great turmoil. The wickedness on the earth today is advancing.

It is up to us, the youth of America, to do something about it. To get peace—a real God-like Armistice—what can the remedy be?

Prayer! Prayer! Prayer!

I. C. F.



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Student Discovers Something Missing

I arrived in school five minutes late one morning instead of my usual ten. I felt rather embarrassed as I walked to my desk because the whole class was watching me.

I prepared my books for the next class and then I looked up at Sister. Something was wrong because I found myself looking down at her.

Finally I noticed the platform from under Sister's desk was gone. What had happened? Had someone chopped it up for kindling? Surely not!

That night as I entered the gym I noticed the throne of the king and queen at the homecoming dance and, suddenly, it popped into my head—"Oh, here's the platform."

Mass Honor Roll

- Seniors
- Laura Mae Gates
- Richard Urban
- Juniors
- Mary Ellen Hoffman
- Raymond Marsolek
- David Pensick
- Agnes Pickhinke
- Lester Savage
- Sophomores
- Barbara DeLarme
- Eugene Gates
- Myrle Hadcock
- Marvin Mayberger
- Myron Mayberger
- Ralph Pfeifer
- James Roberts
- Freshmen
- Herbert Abts
- Leo Cynova
- Frances Fischer
- Edward Galus
- Lois German
- Virginia Jarecki
- Charlotte Jones
- Charles Kaipust
- Herman Keefer
- Ruth Kluever
- Robert Gonka
- Betty Koch
- Arnold Krzycki
- Patricia Mahoney
- Barbara Markhofer
- Mary Ellen Marsolek
- Bill Messing
- Richard Otterpohl
- Gennene Spidle
- Mary Ann Staroscik
- Maryldean Steiner
- Mary Lou Stuehmer
- Leo Thiele
- Mary Jo Tucek

High School Acquires Vital Improvements

Many new improvements have been made in high school this year for the convenience of the students.

The Sisters' dining room was transformed into the senior home room which is furnished with new desks, lights, black-boards, and pictures.

The biology laboratory, which is now the Sisters' dining room, was moved to the second floor behind the stage where the two dressing rooms were located and it too has been completely remodeled.

A display set consisting of forty-eight vertebrae specimens has been purchased for the biology department.

The floors in the classrooms and halls have been sanded and varnished and a water fountain has been installed on the first floor.

Two new courses — Civics and Word Study — have been offered to the students.

Onlookers Witness Chemical Surprise

Nine jaws dropped in amazement! Eighteen eyes popped out in astonishment! Twenty million hairs stood on end! The smoke in creased then flames shot straight up in the air in a large puff.

The onlookers stepped back in joyful surprise. One of them stepped up to the table where a small lump of potassium permanganate was soaked in some glycerine. Stirring the ashes, more of the substance came in contact with the glycerine and another miniature atomic explosion occurred.

"Let's try it again," said one to the other. "It ought to be good for one more explosion."

"Yes, the whole school should go up this time," said another.

Don't get excited, folks, it was only the chemistry class performing a Lab experiment.



St. Bonaventure Irish Gridsters Complete Tough Schedule As 'Class B' Football Squad

Season Winds Up With One Victory, Two Ties, Five Losses

St. Bonaventure gridsters faced a tough schedule in their first experience as a 'Class B' team. The season wound up with a mark of one victory, two ties, and five losses.

Irish Deadlock Lincoln 'B'

The Irish launched their 1948 season by battling a bitter 0-0 deadlock with Lincoln Central's B squad, having striking power by chalking up 11 first downs to 4 for the Central team.

Aurora Edges Shamrocks 7-6

Aurora slipped past the Shamrocks after a pass to Jerry Billesbach from Bob Tooley for 40 yards. On the next play, Paul Melcher crashed over for a score. A pass failed for the extra point. Aurora struggled over for a touchdown. The extra point was good, which eventually meant the game.

Irish Trample Madison

The Irish ousted Madison 13-7 for their first win. It was nip and tuck all the way with the alert St. Bons team capitalizing on its two main scoring opportunities. Bob Tooley's jump pass to Don Baumert for the first score proved good. Don Korger's drop-kick for the extra point was good. Paul Melcher took a lateral and went over for the winning touchdown. The extra point failed.

The Schuyler Warriors came from behind to win 20-13 after a stubborn battle. The Irish started out with Cliff Speicher connecting to Ed Zuroski for a touchdown in the opening minutes of the game. Don Baumert's block made it possible for the speedy quarterback's tally. Korger's extra point failed.

Meanwhile Schuyler scored for six points. Following, Jerry Melcher intercepted a pass to go 35 yards for a touchdown. Korger completed the extra point.

Later St. Bons fumbled and Schuyler recovered on the one yard line to tally for a touchdown and tie the game, 13-13.

The Warriors followed up with another touchdown, displaying good blocking and tackling. The extra point was good. The Irish came close to scoring in the fourth quarter when Baumert snagged a pass and lateraled to Jerry Billesbach who was knocked down by the safety man. Schuyler intercepted a pass and the game ended.

Cathedral Wins 26-13

A potent and smooth Cathedral Club bested the Shamrocks by a two-touchdown margin.

The first half favored Cathedral when they recovered a St. Bons fumble. Bill Costello and Don Stopek engineered the first touchdown. The extra point was good.

After another Bonnie fumble, Cathedral passed from Morris to Griffith for a score. Shortly after the fourth quarter began Bob Tooley intercepted a pass and ran 60 yards for a touchdown despite a knee injury. Jerry Billesbach did the blocking. Don Korger's drop kick was good.

The hard-hitting Cathedral Club marched down the field to score again and completed the extra point.

The Irish moved with effective runs by Cliff Speicher to the Cathedral 25-yard line. Tooley went over from the 2 yard line. Korger's kick was blocked.

Irish Lose Final Game 26-0

The tough-going Ravenna eleven hit the Green and White hard at the climax game of the Irish '48 grid season.

The first Bluejay score came when Powell completed a pass from Svando. The extra point was good.

The Shamrocks worked four first downs to the Ravenna 26. A pass was intercepted which quelled the threat. In a few plays the Bluejays passed which meant another touchdown.

In the second half the Shamrocks drove down to the Ravenna 20 but a penalty put them back to the 35 yard line. The Blue and White took over four downs. Finally, on a play from the 15 yard line, they pushed near their final margin to score. The extra point counted.

St. Bons made another attempt, but failed to carry out their threat before the time ran out.



Shamrocks Tie St. Joe

St. Bons tied St. Joseph of Omaha 7-7 giving the Hawks a 7-0 margin through the first three quarters. The Irish had a miserable first half but steamed back in the second to tie St. Joe's in the last quarter. A punt partially blocked was taken by Dick Kemnitz who rambled 60 yards for a touchdown. Don Korger's drop-kick was good.

The Omahans took it and held it until near the end of the game when Bob Tooley ripped off 12 yards, followed by a pass to Don Baumert who lateraled to Jerry Melcher, but the ball was fumbled. St. Joe's recovered as the game ended.

Tooley played an all-around game with a knee injury received in the first half.

Irish Bow To Holy Name

The hard playing and well developed system of Holy Name bested the Bonnie boys 19-6. Bob-by Decker and Dick Chizek rambled for the extensive yardage on the ground. Holy Name took the first three quarters.

In the last quarter the Shamrocks marched 67 yards to score in the warning moment of the game. A pass from Cliff Speicher to Don Baumert and another to Jerry Billesbach showed the way as Eddie Zuroski ran 15 yards to score on Tooley's pass.

Paul Gutzmer received a shoulder injury while Tooley saw little action but did a wonderful job on passes in spite of an injured knee. St. Bons Lose To Schuyler

Thanks!

The faculty and students of St. Bonaventure High express their sincerest thanks to the following:

Father Albert, for his gracious support in purchasing a new drum for the Pep Squad.

Mrs. R. Dodendorf, for the Holy Mass attendance chart which she designed.

Sister M. Bede, secretary at St. Joseph Motherhouse, for substituting for Sister Honoriana.

Miss Marie Kyle for a contribution of \$25.00 to the school library.

Demos Win Mock Election

President Truman swept a victory for the Democratic Party in the school's election with a four to one margin over the Republican candidate, Thomas E. Dewey. This marks the first mock election ever held at St. Bons. Voting privilege was given to all juniors and seniors.

Sister Gabriel directed the election with the help of the following committees appointed by the civics class: Registration—Irene Wilcynski and Agnes Pickhinke; Information—Jody Olivetti and Don Langan; Booths—Jerry Billesbach and Rex Rupprecht; Ballots—Jack Kiner and Dale Hittner; and Judges—Jerry Billesbach, Rex Rupprecht, and Agnes Pickhinke.

Both parties elected the following pep speakers: Republican—Agnes Pickhinke; Democrats—Dick Kemnitz and Mary Ann Dunn.

The purpose of this mock election was to give the students a clearer idea of voting and what it should mean to the citizens of our country.

Just Wonderful Food

Drop in Anytime
Adams Cafe

St. Bonaventure Cheerleaders of 1948-1949



Left to right: Mary Ann Merrill, Jack Kiner, Jean Gerber, Don Langan, Adeline Wozny.

Lettermen Select Dick Kemnitz As Honorary Captain

Dick Kemnitz, dependable senior center, was elected honorary captain of the St. Bonaventure football team in voting by the lettermen at the Homecoming Ball in the gym.

Kemnitz, a 172 pounder, has been a capable all-around man throughout the hard campaign, and his defensive work has been especially prominent. Being Dick's first year as regular he has shown an exceptional iron-man ability. He has missed only four minutes of play all season during the seven contests.

Dick was the champion who caused the Shamrocks to deadlock St. Joseph of Omaha, 7-7.

Rubinoff Inspires St. Bons Students

Humor, inspiring talks, and enrapturing music of David Rubinoff captivated the students and faculty of St. Bon's High school on October 15.

"Take advantage of the opportunities made possible for you in this country" was the main topic of his speech.

With David Vasquez at the piano, he played "Dance of the Russian Peasant," his own composition; "Intermezzo" by Provoost; and "Don't Fence Me In" played in nine different versions each illustrating the theme of a different country.

As a preview of his concert he played the opening bars of "Clair de Lune" by Debussy; "Fiddlin' the Fiddle" by Rubinoff; "Polonaise" by Chopin; and "Rhapsody in Blue" by George Gershwin.

That afternoon the majority of students, attending the concert in the city auditorium, were from St. Bon's showing their appreciation of a truly great artist.

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'Bonnie B Club' Elects Four Annual Officers

The "Bonnie 'B' Pep Club", which was reorganized, elected new officers at the beginning of the scholastic year.

The following selections were made: Jackie Micek, president; Mary McCloskey, vice president; Mary Pat Tooley, secretary; and Helen Dunn, treasurer.

Other members of the Pep Club are as follows: Seniors—Mary Ellen Clark, Harriette Reifenrath, Jo Ann Peck, Mary Ann Dunn, Jean Gerber, Verdiann Romanek, Adeline Wozny, Rosella Kush, Phyllis Thraen, Jody Olivetti, Anna Mae Pfeifer, Irene Wilcynski, Laura Mae Gates, Clare Marie Kaipust, Lorrie Lou Mimick, Alice Syslo, and Victoria Guszak; Juniors—Romayne Cerny, Marilyn Diederich, Lois Dineen, Betty Ann Dischner, Louise Ernst, Ina Claire Frischholz, Lorraine Hilbert, Mary Ellen Hoffman, Rose Marie Jahn, Patricia Kaminski, Marcia Locher, Mary Ann Merrill, Ramona Messing, Charlene Nickolite, Gloria Nosal, Agnes Pickhinke, Rosemary Raemakers, and Anna Mae Roddy; Sophomores—Donna Rae Wheeler, Polly Speice, Margaret Hayes, Helen Marie Ternes, Mary Gerhold, Orletha Wass, and Mary Ann Tworek; Freshmen—Rosalie Billesbach, Mary Ellen Marsolek, Frances Fischer, Mary Alice Moersen, Audry Trofholz, Marilyn Noonan, Mary Jo Tucek, Jean Clark, Diane Haney, Marydean Steiner, Barbara Markhofer, Bernadette Holy, Connie Hittner, Betty Koch, and Mary Lou Stuehmer.

Assembly Chooses New Cheerleaders

An excited St. Bonaventure High School assembly participated in the democratic election of its cheerleaders at the beginning of the semester. Bob Tooley, senior class president, presided.

Three of last year's cheerleaders—Don Langan and Adeline Wozny, seniors, and Mary Ann Merrill, junior—were re-elected. Jack Kiner, a senior, completed the group. Jean Gerber, senior, has been appointed drummer.

Competition ran high when eighteen spirited contestants tried out for the honor. Those competing were as follows: Rosella Kush, Clare Marie Kaipust, Anna Mae Pfeifer, Margaret Hayes, Helen Ternes, Helen Dunn, Rosalie Billesbach, Mary Pat Tooley, Bill Jarvis, Leo Thiele, Mary Alice Moersen, Marilyn Noonan, Ramona Messing and Gloria Nosal.

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High School Students Elect Class Leaders

St. Bonaventure High school students elected class officers for the new scholastic year, September 14.

The senior class chose as their leaders the following: Bob Tooley, president; Irene Wilczynski, vice president; Harriette Reifenrath, secretary, and La Vern O'Kane, treasurer.

In the junior class Ray Marsolek presides as president with Agnes Pickhinke, vice president; Mary McCloskey, secretary; and Vincent Feik, treasurer.

The sophomore group elected Alfred Micek, president; Paul Melcher, vice president; Donna Rae Wheeler, secretary; and Polly Speice, treasurer.

The freshman classes, which consist of two groups, have each selected their own respective officers. Group one chose Dennis Baumert, president; Bill Jarvis, vice president; Herbert Abts, secretary; and Connie Hittner, treasurer. The second group voted for Pat Tooley as president, Mary Alice Moersen, vice president; Dick Tooley, secretary; and Richard Otterpohl, treasurer.

Inquiring Reporters Report Inquiries

Having the Thanksgiving spirit, the Inquiring Reporters decided to find out who else at St. Bons was imbued with a feeling of gratitude. Here are some of the results:

I am thankful . . . That school will be out in just six months, so that I can start loafing.—Dick Kemnitz, '49.

That I was elected football king.—Paul Gutzmer, '49.

That we don't have football games after November 11. (He's a cheerleader.)—Don Langan '49.

That I have two legs to carry me to school.—Jerry Billesbach, '49.

That Bill Soulliere has a car. Now I ride.—Vince Feik '50.

For getting to wear Phil's shoes.—Irene Wilczynski '49.

For the free days.—David Pensick '50.

Because I have two understanding parents.—Betty Dischner '50.

For my car, the only "Graham-paige" in town.—Jerry Melcher '50.

That I have the right to live in a free and democratic nation.—Ina Claire Frischholz '50.

For my respectable job. (Not everyone can be a soda jerk.)—Alice Syslo '49.

That the sophies will get to run the "Hop" this year.—Mary Langan '51.

For my 'C' in Algebra on my report card.—Rita Burzinski '51.

Because I am such a good boy in school.—Jim Soulliere '51.

For the new pencil sharpener in Room III.—Bill Ernst '51.

For my front seat in every class.—Carrell Ebner '51.

Because I live within the city limits.—Sis Hayes '51.

For my many friends.—Mary Gerhold '51.

Because I have a job.—Robert Johnson '51.

That Truman was elected president because now all the Melcher boys can afford to get a haircut.—Paul Melcher '51.

Because I have no girls sitting around me.—Carl Ryba '51.

For Smith Brothers cough drops (both kinds).—Lorraine Hilbert '50.

Because I was born, otherwise, look at all the fun I would miss.—Bob Tooley '49.

For sitting behind LaVern O'Kane.—Anna Mae Pfeifer '49.

For being in my last year of school (I hope).—Tom Hembd '49.

Because we have sports.—John Syslo '50.

For my warm bed.—Richard Otterpohl '52.

For not being crippled after having polio.—Marydean Steiner '52.

That I had luck during the hunting season.—Kenneth Euteneuer '51.

That I received my class ring.—Juliann Jarecki '49.

Because I took shorthand instead of chemistry.—Rose Jahn '50.

For my front seat in typing class.—Gloria Nosal '50.

For my Catholic faith.—Theresa Moritz '49.

Because I can attend a Catholic school.—Lorrie Lou Mimick '49; Georgina Holys '49; and LaVern O'Kane '49.

For my gift of speech.—Dick Urban '49.

That I was able to attend the conventions in Lincoln.—Agnes Pickhinke '50.

For my mother and dad.—Rose Ann Vanek '51.

Because I received a good grade in biology.—Emil Jarecki '51.

For growing an inch since last year.—Helen Dunn '51.

That I am in the biology class.—Myron Mayberger '51.

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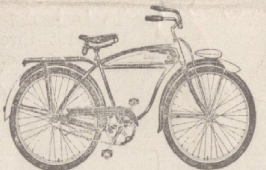
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St. Bons Community Reorganizes P. T. A.

Membership Exceeds
Over Two Hundred

St. Bonaventure Parish has, after twenty years, again reorganized a Parent-Teacher Association on May 11.

The P. T. A. has elected the following officers: Rev. Albert Limacher, O. F. M., spiritual director; Sister M. Gabriel, honorary president; Mrs. William Gerhold, president; Mrs. Joel Roberts, vice-president; Mrs. Paul Ernst, secretary; and Mrs. Walter Gregorius, treasurer.

The organization has a total of two hundred thirty-seven members and holds its meetings on the third Tuesday of each month.

The Room-Mothers are as follows: Mrs. L. Kowalski and Mrs. L. E. Minette, first grade; Mrs. N. J. Malone and Mrs. G. Altmanshofer, second grade; Mrs. E. Hauk and Mrs. N. Phillips, third grade; Mrs. M. C. Novicki and Mrs. P. Mielak, fourth grade; Mrs. Ed Kavanaugh and Mrs. Ivan Jaeger, fifth grade; Mrs. Frances Tooley and Mrs. Henry Bothe, sixth grade; Mrs. J. Gahan and Mrs. M. Rupprecht, seventh grade; Mrs. W. Ewert and Miss Helen Dineen, eighth grade; Mrs. A. Tucek, Mrs. Ed Otterpohl, Mrs. J. Baumert and Mrs. C. Hittner, freshmen; Mrs. Ben Ternes and Mrs. J. Lippstreu, sophomores; Mrs. C. Cregar and Mrs. Ed Messing, juniors; and Mrs. A. Gutzmer and Mrs. E. O'Kane, seniors.

At the October meeting a tour was staged through the school, and at the November meeting a food shower was held for the Sisters. In order to make money for various purchases a card party was held on November 28. The net proceeds from this amounted to \$175.25. A Christmas party will be held on December 21.

The P. T. A. awarded a beautiful picture of the Sacred Heart to the class having the highest number of parents present. The senior, first grade and junior classes received the honor at the first three meetings, respectively.

Seniors Present Formal Speeches

Several members of the senior English class presented formal speeches at a general assembly held December 7, in the auditorium.

Rosella Kush, mistress of ceremonies, introduced the following speakers and their topics: Anna Mae Pfeifer, "The Teenagers of Generations Ago and the Teenagers of today"; Clare Marie Kaipust, "The Need of a Catholic Education"; Victoria Guszak, "Things to be Thankful For"; Jo Ann Olivetti, "The New Typical Teenager of Catholic Model"; Adeline Wozny, "Punctuality"; and Harriette Reifenrath, "Independence."

A vocal number, "Pep," sung by Irene Wilczynski and accompanied by Victoria Guszak concluded the program.

Club Picks Name 'Buttons and Beau'

"Greggs Buttons and Beau!" "Greggs Buttons and Beau!" they sang. Hey, doesn't it go—"Buttons and Bows?" Not any more since the shorthand class chose it for their club name.

You see there are nineteen buttons (girls, that is) and one beau (Bob Brehm).

The following "buttons" were elected as officers: Ina Claire Frischholz, president; Alice Syslo, vice-president; Lorraine Hilbert, secretary; and Lois Dineen, treasurer.

"Greggs Buttons and Beau Club" decided to exchange gifts for Christmas and plan on having a Christmas party.

A Merry, Merry Christmas!



THE DIVINE INFANT

Third Order Installs Nineteen Members

Father Martin admitted nineteen high school students into the Third Order of St. Francis on Sunday, November 28, in St. Bonaventure Church.

Father Martin conducted the services in which each new member was enrolled into the scapular and the cord. Each candidate also selected a saint's name for his Third Order name.

Before the reception day, the students attended several meetings during which Father Martin instructed them about the following: The Life of St. Francis; the origin of the Third Order; and the wearing of the cord and scapular.

The following were received: Jean Gerber, Clare Marie Kaipust, Rosella Kush, Anna Mae Pfeifer, Rex Rupprecht, Bob Tooley, Adeline Wozny, Romayne Cerny, Ina Claire Frischholz, Paul Melcher, Mary Gerhold, Jim Roberts, Clifford Speicher, Helen Marie Ternes, Charlotte Jones, Arnold Krzycki, Barbara Markhofer, Kenneth O'Kane and Mary Ann Staroseik.

A social hour and luncheon followed the church services.

At the last meeting which was held December 16, Father Martin, Prefect, appointed the following members as officers: Lester Savage, president; Ray Marsolek, vice president; Jean Gerber, secretary; and Rex Rupprecht, treasurer.

Climaxing the meeting Father told the story of the Christmas Crib backed by Christmas music.

Seniors Plan First Annual

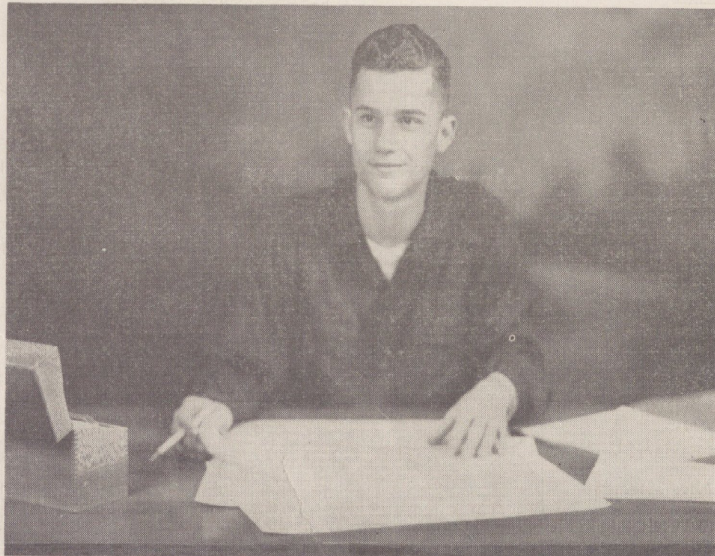
Dale Hittner Heads
'49 Yearbook Staff

The St. Bonaventure seniors are organizing the first annual to be published in the history of the school.

The annual staff consists of the following: Dale Hittner, editor-in-chief; Jack Kiner and Clare Marie Kaipust, assistant editors; Rosella Kush, business manager; Dick Kennitz, assistant business manager; Margaret Korgie, Victoria Guszak and Irene Wilczynski, typists; Don Langan and Jerry Billesbach, sports editors; Raphael Gladfelter, photographer; Dick Urban, Rex Rupprecht, and Paul Gutzmer, circulation managers; Theresa Moritz, Juliann Jarecki, Lorene Shonka, and Mary Ellen Clark, subscription managers; Mary Anne Dunn and Verdiann Romanek, advertising managers; Jo Ann Peck, Phyllis Thraen, Anna Mae Pfeifer, Jean Gerber, and Alice Syslo, editorial staff. Sister M. Richardis is sponsoring the annual.

The work on the annual is being done by the following: The State Journal Printing Company, Lincoln, Nebr., makes the cuts. The Art Printery, Columbus, will do the printing. The pictures have been taken by Daniel Studio, Avenue Studio, and Raphael Gladfelter.

Annual Editor



DALE HITTNER

Civics Club Gives U. N. Panel, Debate

The Citizenship Club, under the direction of Sister M. Gabriel, won high esteem in the presentation of its first activity—a panel discussion and a debate—which was held on December 19, in the school auditorium, for the public.

The panel discussion concerned the United Nations, its problems, and how it can be strengthened. Don Langan, chairman, and his committee—Romayne Cerny, Ina Claire Frischholz, Ray Marsolek, Agnes Pickhinke, Charles Jaworski, and Jo Ann Peck—comprised the members of the panel. A debate on the controversial question—"Resolved: That the United Nations be resolved into a Federal World Government," terminated the program. Those on the affirmative side were Jack Kiner and Adeline Wozny and their opponents were Dale Hittner and Harriette Reifenrath. Jo Ann Peck was chairman of the debate.

The Citizenship Club, which consists of the two Civic classes, found its position in the school curriculum for the first time. The purpose of the organization is to aim to make better citizens of the students in school, at home, and in their community; also to take greater interest in the problems of community, state, and nation as well as international disputes.

Club officers are Jerry Billesbach, Paul Gutzmer, Irene Wilczynski, Don Langan, Jo Ann Olivetti, Dick Kennitz, Dale Hittner and Dick Urban.

Sodality Holds Christmas Party

Society Accepts
27 New Members

A Sodality Christmas party, honoring its new members, was held December 6, in the gymnasium.

Carrying out the Christmas theme, large posters of Santa were located at various points of the room. The tables, placed in a "U" shape, were dominated with delicate centerpieces consisting of three red candles resting on dainty silver doilies and surrounded by artistically arranged pine branches.

After the official meeting, Anna Mae Pfeifer welcomed the new sodalists, to which Mary Pat Tooly responded. Jo Ann Peck presented the "Calendar for the Month" and related the life of St. Nicholas. Jacqueline Micek gave the "History of the Christmas Crib."

On behalf of the Sodality Jo Ann Olivetti presented Father Albert with a Christmas gift.

Irene Wilczynski and Lorrie Lou Mimick provided entertainment by presenting the new Sodality in a "Truth or Consequence" game.

Jean Gerber led community singing after which a delicious supper was served by the sophomore room mothers and the alumnae girls. A huge bag of gifts was then distributed among the Sodality members.

The party ended with the singing of "Silent Night." Mary Ann Dunn and Jean Gerber were in charge of decorations.

Installation of new Sodality members took place on December 6, in the church. The candidates recited the Act of Consecration and were presented with medals in an appropriate ceremony. Benediction with the Blessed Sacrament terminated the solemn service.

C. R. L. S. C. Holds Monthly Meeting

The Catholic Rural Life Study Club held its first meeting on December 3, in the school auditorium.

The officers—Tom Hembd, president; Myron Mayberger, vice president; Jim Lippstreu, treasurer; and John Euteneuer, secretary—presided at the meeting.

The study club, Catholic Manifesto, will have Father Martin, principle speaker, and Alvin Chochon, assistant, to report on "Farm Ownership and Land Tenancy," at the next meeting.

Leo Thiele, chairman, and his committee—Bill Ebner, '44, Robert Gonka, and Don Korger—will supervise the religious program. Carroll Ebner and Myron Mayberger will take care of the recreation.

Students Attend U. N. Convention

Ten students from St. Bonaventure were privileged to be among the 350 delegates attending the United Nations Convention on November 14, at the University of Nebraska campus, Lincoln. Sister Gabriel, Sister Aureliana, and Sister Richardis accompanied the students.

Delegates were able to exchange ideas in two panel discussions which were held among students of various schools. Romayne Cerny, Ina Claire Frischholz, and Agnes Pickhinke took part in the panels.

Other students representing St. Bonaventure were Harriette Reifenrath, Romayne Cerny, Jo Ann Peck, Jack Kiner, Dale Hittner, Dick Urban, Charles Jaworski, and Adeline Wozny.

The school heard various speakers who had witnessed the United Nations in action. They spoke on the foundations, structure, and problems confronting the United Nations.

Angles Confuse Geometry Profs

"Let's see," piped the first. "The adjacent angle is equal when—" "No, no, that's not right." "It's equal right angles inside parallel lines?" Or is it—the hypotenuse equal to the curve?" queried the other.

Well, anyway folks, if you're puzzled about all this—it's just Professor "Einstein" Melcher figuring a geometry problem with Professor "Edison" Marsolek. And if you see Bill Ragatz noticing curves, or Pat Kaminski walking in circles, or Bob Tooley making A's in the shape of triangles you'll have a pretty good idea how hard we students study Geometry.

Juniors Surprise 'Mighty Seniors'

So you, mighty seniors, thought that we, juniors, couldn't do anything to make money for the prom. Surprised, huh? "The school dance isn't going to be fun at all." That's what the juniors heard days and days before the event, but who had the grandest time?

You guessed it! The mighty seniors! Wasn't the dance floor just swamped? And with whom? Right again!

And the Homecoming dance? Yes, we heard "oh's" and "ah's" when they (the seniors) beheld the Royal Throne in its beautiful splendor.

Well, if you "forty-niners," thought that these decorations were superb, just wait until you see what's cooking for that junior-senior prom!

So, just beware or you might get a shock on prom night and that would be too bad! Boy, I can see your eyes popping already!!!

Take Your Pick, Pal, 'One To a Customer'

"The vote is unanimous. It will all be kept a secret and if you tell you'll be sorry. Chuck, you may now pass the box around and remember only one to a customer," said Sister.

"Oh, look what I got and I wonder who drew mine?" "Psst—I'll tell you mine if you tell me yours but don't tell anybody we told." (Confusing, isn't it?)

"Okay, I got LaVern." "I got Georgie." "Well, if everybody else is telling—I got Bob, and Alice got Ambrose, and Rosie got Jody and—"

If you'd like to know what all the confusion is about—it's just the seniors exchanging names for Christmas gifts. (Don't they all keep secrets well?)

Excited Seniors Act In Peculiar Manner

Look at those poor seniors! Do they always act like that? There is Harriette waving her hands around with all her might. And what is Adeline screaming about? Poor Clare, she looks as if she's just seen a ghost and Anna Mae looks like a shaky leaf in a storm.

Oh, the bell just rang, but it isn't time yet. What's going on around here? Has everyone gone insane? Sister just said we're going to have an assembly. I hope it's going to be something interesting!

Well, what do you know! It's those nervous seniors putting on an inspirational program. No wonder they were acting so odd.

(By the way, the assembly enjoyed their program immensely so I guess their nervousness was worth it.)

Proud Juniors Say 'No More Dodging'

Look at my new camera! Isn't it flashy? Say that is a cute compact you have. Is it Christmas or something? Nope, just the prizes the industrious juniors earned by selling chance cards.

You remember don't you? Those good old days when you saw a junior approach you and you ran like a deer. Well, it's all over now and no one is crying about it.

Yes, we, proud juniors, are prancing around showing off our prizes, but don't feel bad about it, because we really earned them.

Our class treasury is \$100.00 richer, too!

Sudden Explosion Terrifies Students

Everyone ran helter skelter! The entire group tripped over their own feet in an attempt to escape safely from the lurking danger.

A flame was glowing on the end of a glass tube on the table. A draft filled the room as the door opened and Sister said, "Raphael, don't go away. Come here and help."

"Bob! Eob! do something," said Jack as he tugged at Bob's shirt sleeve.

I looked around and it seemed that Mary Ann had just vanished into thin air. I looked down and there was Bob crawling on the floor. We didn't know until later that he was looking for a rag. Suddenly he pulled out his handkerchief and bravely marched to the table and smothered the flame.

Behind my back I heard a little giggle. I turned around just in time to see Mary Ann Merrill crawling out from under the table.

This frightening experience caused many laughs but it wouldn't have been quite so funny if that hydrogen we were collecting would have decided to explode.

What will that Chemistry class do next?

Shopper Purchases Christmas Dinner

What shall I Koch for my Christmas dinner? I think I'll stop Messing around and go over to Gutzmer's Grocery right now. Maybe if I hurry I'll be able to catch the Thraen, but you know me, I'm Syslo.

I Kiner think I'll get some Fish(er), Rice, a Peck of peaches, some Clarks, a few Bergers (May, that is) and let's see, maybe I'll get Micek of flour and Tucek of sugar. There now, I'm all Dunn.

This ought to make a fine Dish(ner). At least I think it will be OK(ane).

'Mary' Prevails In Latin I Class

Mary! Mary! It's a grand old name. Did anyone notice all the "Marys" enrolled in school this year? There are exactly ten of them in Latin I class. (No other class can make that statement.) This unusual predicament often results in complication, especially when trying to decide which "Mary" is being called upon.

However, if one doesn't know the answer, she can pass it on to another Mary (sometimes). The ten "Marys" include: Mary Anne Dunn, Mary Ellen Marsolek, Mary Paprocki, Mary Ann Staroscik, Mary Jo Tucek, Mary Alice Moersen, Mary Pat Tooley, Mary Ann Euteneuer, Mary Noonan and Mary Lou Steuhmer.

Others in the school include Mary Ann Merrill, Mary Ann Tworek, Mary Ann Johnson, Mary Ellen Clark, Mary McCloskey, Mary Ellen Hoffman, Mary Jane Schaefer and Mary Langan.

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(2nd Six Weeks)

SENIORS

Dale Hittner
Juliann Jarecki
Clare Marie Kaipust
Jack Kiner
Margaret Korgie
Harriette Reifenrath
Jo Ann Peck
Adeline Wozny

JUNIORS

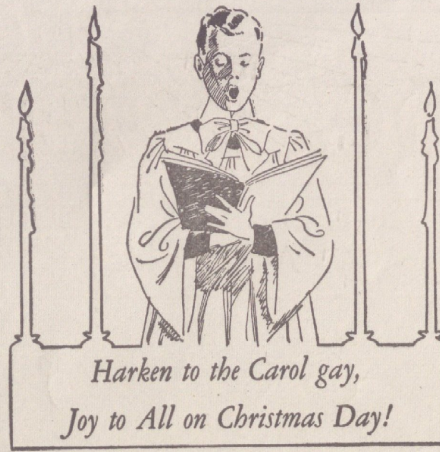
Romayne Cerny
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Louise Ernst
Ina Claire Frischholz
Mary Ellen Hoffman
Patricia Kaminski
David Pensick
Agnes Pickhinke
Mary McCloskey

SOPHOMORES

Mary Gerhold
Ted Niedbalski
Polly Speice
Helen Ternes
Orletha Wass

FRESHMEN

Herbert Abts
Dennis Baumert
Lois German
Mary Alice Moersen
Richard Otterpohl
Mary Jo Tucek
Estelle Wemhoff



Wish Him A Happy Birthday!

The day was cold and dreary. The wind whistled around the corners of the buildings, blowing the stinging snow into the faces of the last-minute shoppers. But strangely enough there didn't seem to be an unhappy face in the crowd. Everyone had the holiday spirit. Christmas greetings rang out through the streets. Gifts were being purchased for everyone. Yes, no one could be forgotten at Christmas time.

But do we ever stop to think why we have Christmas? It is really someone's birthday which we are commemorating. Of course, there is the traditional "Santa Claus" but actually we are supposed to be honoring the birth of our Saviour. Do we ever think of giving Him a birthday present?

How many Sundays of the year do we use our church envelopes? Is it right that we should let the collection box pass by us unnoticed week after week? Don't we think God wants our material gifts as well as our spiritual?

Why not put away just a small portion of that Christmas fund, which we so lavishly spend, for a gift for our Lord. It may be an extra dollar or two in our Sunday envelope or a donation to the poor missions.

It is a wonderful way to wish Him a very "Happy Birthday" J. M.

It Isn't How Much We Give!

When the Infant Jesus made His appearance in a dark, cold cave over nineteen hundred years ago, His first visitors were the poor shepherds from the hillsides. Some brought Him elegant gifts of prize lambs, gold and incense. Others presented Him with the only possession they had—their humble love. But this love was warm and made the Son of God forget the hard crude manger in which He lay.

Will Jesus come into our hearts this Christmas feeling the icy tinge of the commercial Christmas we have today? Or will He find it warm with love and praise for Him?

Let's start now with the true Christmas spirit, and when we receive Holy Communion on Christmas morning tell Jesus how glad we are that He has come. Let's make this Christmas like that first Holy Christmas.

It isn't how much we give, it's how we give it. M. A. D.

Make This A Happy New Year!

The stately steeple clock strikes twelve. The entire nation rings out in glorious song and festivity. Chiming bells join the exclaiming voices of a happy and rejoicing people. Amidst the excited laughter the words, "Happy New Year," fill the brisk air.

Yes, it is New Year's Eve and the country is hopefully celebrating the opening of a new and prosperous year.

It is common tradition for everyone to make New Year's resolutions during this national holiday. It is so simple to make a list of worthy promises and haphazardly resolve to keep them. But how many people really do faithfully follow them?

Let's not make a list of impossible resolutions that we've no intention of keeping. Instead let's seriously stop and take an inventory of ourselves. Find out our most outstanding fault and earnestly resolve to rid ourselves of it.

Perhaps we could resolve not to talk unnecessarily in school; to always show prompt obedience to our superiors; never to utter an unkind word towards anyone; or to overcome any other item which may be our down-fall. No human being is perfect; therefore, we all have room for improvement.

Why not dig out our predominant fault now during the infancy of this coming year and make an earnest New Year's resolution to destroy it.

Even if it takes till the maturity of the year let's not give up until we have conquered our pet fault. And when we have won our victory we will truly be able to say, "I have had a happy and progressive year." J. O.

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Judge, Jury Find Defendant Guilty

The room is tense. Everyone looks as if a ghost is in their midst or the end of the world is at hand.

Suddenly we hear footsteps which seem to be advancing in our direction. The door creaks (or is it someone's teeth rattling?).

The door opens and in walks—the jury. You could hear a pin drop (no pins).

Suddenly we hear—"The accused will please step forward." The jury, after serious and conscientious deliberation, (big words) finds him—"Guilty."

We all turn our attention to the accused. He looks as if the sky would fall. It does (pardon me, someone dropped a book).

Again we hear—"And I, David Pensick, as district judge of this court, sentence you to an "A" on your report card."

Whew! What a relief! That's a narrow escape!

The juniors had as a special English project, "A Trial and Jury," on book reports.

Juniors Possess Traditional Pranks

What would life be in the junior room if the following lost...

Mary Ann Merrill, her voice;
Ina Claire Frischholz, her brain;
Betty Dischner, her smile;
Rosie Raemakers, her rodeo shirt;

Lois Dineen, her blond bangs;
Vincent Feik and Bill Ragatz, their crew cuts;

Bill Soulliere, his big green car;
Rosie Jahn, her giggle;
Jake Melcher, his little toy car;
Marcia Locher, her jokes;

Lorraine Hilbert, her mirrors;
Ramona Messing, her bubble gum;

Louise Ernst, her seventh study period;

Bob Brehm, his shorthand tablet;

Ray Marsolek, his ambition;
This Reporter, her pencil.

Songster Takes Trip Via Musical Road

"I Went Down to Virginia" and whom did I run into but "Maleguana" (a native of South America). We decided to go "Across the Alley from the Alamo" and join "Clair de Lune" and her "Three Little Sisters." I wanted to get rid of the extra four so I told her "Let's Get Away From It All" and we would take the "Long, Long Train with a Red Caboose" to "Managua-Nicaragua."

There I asked her for "Just a Little Fond Affection" but she said give me "Five Minutes More." After thinking it over she said you're such a "Heartbreaker" I cannot refuse. And I said, "You Were Only Fooling."

Mass Honor Roll

(2nd Six Weeks)

SENIORS

Laura Mae Gates
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Louise Ernst
Mary Ellen Hoffman
Ray Marsolek
David Pensick
Agnes Pickhinke
Anna Mae Roddy
Lester Savage

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Barbara Markhofer
Billy Messing
Mary Ellen Marsolek
Richard Otterpohl
Marydean Steiner
Mary Lou Stuehmer
Mary Lou Staroscik
Robert Super
Mary Jo Tucek
Virginia Jarecki

Cage Squad Includes Five Senior Lettermen

Five lettermen will make up Coach Paul Ernst's cage squad this year. They are Bob Tooley, Don Baumert, Rex Rupprecht, Paul Gutzmer, and Dick Kennnitz.

Bob Tooley, guard, and Don Baumert, tall center, are the only returning regulars. Tooley shows up well on rebounds and passing while Baumert is the main pivot man. Rex Rupprecht and Paul Gutzmer, forwards, and Jerry Melcher, guard, are the newcomers to the starting lineup. Gutzmer and Rupprecht saw plenty of action in the 1947-48 season and both have an eye for the basket. Jerry Melcher, junior, is turning in some good ball-handling.

Main substitutes for the first team are Jerry Billesbach, Dick Kennnitz, and Lester Savage which completes the first eight players. Billesbach, who lettered at St. Mary's of Grand Island last season is working out as forward while Lester Savage can help with his needed height at guard position. Dick Kennnitz, who can fill any position, will not see any action until after the first of the year because of a knee injury suffered in football.

Bonnie Briefs

The freshmen English class, headed by Mary Pat Tooley, held a panel discussion on the resources of Nebraska.

Those taking part in the discussion were as follows: Mary Pat Tooley, Herbert Abts, Bernadette Holys, Mary Lou Stuehmer, Mary Ellen Marsolek, Lois German, and Audrey Trofholz.

The students of St. Bonaventure school enjoyed two motion pictures—"Captain Fury" and "No Indians Please"—last month.

The Home Nursing Class completed their course by a tour through St. Mary Hospital on November 24. Ann Heiman conducted them through all the floors; Rita Frischholz, 44, R. N., and Sister Osmana, explained the functions of surgery, and kitchen, respectively. Mrs. Norma Baranovsky, instructor, planned the tour and accompanied the class.



Basketball Schedule

- Dec. 3—At St. Edward.
- Dec. 21—Lincoln Cathedral.
- Dec. 30—At St. Marys, Grand Island.
- Jan. 7—At Newman Grove.
- Jan. 10—Schuyler.
- Jan. 13—Sacred Heart, Norfolk.
- Jan. 21—Catholic Tournament.
- Jan. 28—County Tournament.
- Feb. 4—Open.
- Feb. 10—Platte Center.
- Feb. 11—At Holy Name, Omaha.
- Feb. 14—Osceola.
- Feb. 18—At St. Francis.
- Feb. 25—At Guardian Angel, West Point.

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Wishes All

A Merry Christmas
and
A Happy New Year

St. Bonaventure High 1948-1949 Sophomore Class



Left to right—First row: R. Pfeifer, M. Mayberger, C. Ebner, M. Mayberger, D. Korger, R. Johnson; Second row: A. Warholoski, J. Lippstreu, J. Soulliere, A. Micek, P. Speice, P. Melcher, D. R. Wheeler, C. Speicher, E. Zuroski, H. Blahak; Third row: M. Langan, M. Schaefer, M. Tworek, O. Wass, R. Vanek, R. Schmid, M. Roddy, H. Dunn, H. Ternes, M. Johnson; Fourth row: B. DeLarme, L. Wemhoff, J. Dohmen, M. Gerhold, M. Hayes, S. Mitera, N. Shonka, J. Roberts; Back row: M. Speicher, C. Ryba, T. Pensick, E. Gates, E. Jarecki, M. Hadcock, T. Niebalski, W. Ernst.

Graduates Pursue Many Occupations

A survey of the twenty-five seniors of 1948 reveals that seven are furthering their education, eleven have acquired working positions, five are helping at home, one has enlisted in the Marine Corps, and one is deceased.

Those attending institutions of higher learning are the following: Daniel McNair, St. Ambrose College, Davenport, Ia.; Patricia Jarvis, Mt. St. Scholastica, Atchison, Kan.; Lorraine Raemakers, Wayne State Teachers College, Wayne; William Merrill, Omaha University, Omaha; Patricia Robb, National Career School, Omaha; and Darlene Savage, Commercial Extension School, Omaha.

The graduates who are employed in Columbus are as follows: Joan Fischer, cashier and bookkeeper, Scott's Store; Y'Vonne Pfeifer, clerk, Greiner's Market and Greyhound Bus Depot; Luella Zabawa, bookkeeper, Mead Lumber Company; and Anastasia Ernst, clerk, Scott's Store.

Thomas McKown, Charles Hanev, Fred Loeffler, David Schumacher, Ralph Czuba and Colleen Mayberger work at Columbus Gas Company, Dr. Pepper Bottling Company, Stillenger Construction Company, Alfalfa Mill, and St. Mary's hospital, respectively.

Therese Savage attended Electronic, Radio, Television Institute, Omaha, during the summer months and is now employed at the Mutual Benefit Company, Omaha.

Rose Rita Podraza, Paul Dietrich, Agnes Czapl, Everett Johnson, and Marion Thiele are helping at home.

Jack Miller has enlisted in the U. S. Marine Corps and is now stationed in Seattle, Wash.

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Shamrocks Drop Season Opener

The Shamrocks dropped their first basketball game to the St. Edward Beavers 37-36 on the Beaver court.

St. Edward scored first with Edmunds hitting from the side. The Beavers had 5-0 before Paul Gutzmer connected a gift shot. St. Edward led at the period 11-5.

The Irish changed defensive play in the second period and the offense picked up and it was 15-12 at half time.

Don Baumert racked up eight points for the Shamrocks in the third quarter as the Irish led 25-24. It was nip and tuck early in the fourth period before St. Edward broke away by three points. Then the Irish tied it up on Rex Rupprecht's lay-up and Jake Melcher's free throw. After this, the Beavers dunked two baskets with 30 seconds left. Rupprecht made good a gift toss and Gutzmer hit, making it 37-36. With eight seconds left to play, St. Bons almost connected with two close-in shots before the game ended.

Sister A.: "What is the disease people die from in the fall?"
Bill R.: "Sleeping sickness."
Sister A.: "Then you would be dead all the time."

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Did You See It? Did You Hear It?

By MARY LOU STUEHMER
On the afternoon of December 6, St. Bonaventure chemistry lab was considerably damaged. The cause of the fire has not yet been determined as no one was in the lab at the time of the catastrophe.

At approximately 2:15 p. m., Sister Aureliana said that she smelled smoke. Upon investigation she found the lab completely in flames. She immediately rang the fire bell.

After the fire department left, the lab looked as if it had shrunk to one-third its original size. The lab was the only room damaged but the students surely had their fill of smoke!

Believe it or NOT!

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Alumni News

Many of our alumni have married during recent months. Anita Jaworski, '43, became the bride of Russell Raybould, a student at Creighton University, in St. Bonaventure Church. Rev. Andrew Augustyn officiated at the ceremony. The couple will reside in Omaha.

In a recent wedding held in Seattle, Elizabeth Coupens, '45, married Peter V. O'Leary of Seattle, Wash. The couple chose the San Francisco Bay area for their wedding trip and are now living in Seattle, Washington.

St. Francis Catholic Church in Humphrey was the scene of the wedding of Richard Speicher, '45, and Florence Boesch of Humphrey, on November 24. Rev. Claude Rust officiated at the marriage. The couple plans to reside in Columbus.

With Rev. Albert Limacher officiating, Mathilda Mimick, a former student of St. Bons, on November 17, at St. Bonaventure Church, became the bride of James C. Valasek. Mr. Valasek is now employed at the Columbus Insulation Company.

On November 7, Miss Lillian Dietz, '44, married Don Rowless. Rev. Arno Hartman performed the ceremony. The Rowless are residing in Columbus.

Adeline W.: "The early bird gets the worm."
Phyllis T.: "But who wants a worm?"

Inquiring Reporters Report Inquiries



Who believes in Santa Claus? Ask any St. Bons student this simple question and he'll say "No". But if you promise you won't tell, we'll reveal a few secrets to you.

While snooping through the wastebaskets, what do you think we found? That's right—letters to Santa from those very same students who say that there is no Santa Claus.

Do you want proof? Just take a gander and draw your own conclusions. . . .

Tom Hembd—All I want is a great big beautiful doll. (You and a million other men.)

Arnold Krzycki, John Blahak, and Edward Galus—My dream is a new St. Bons school built over Christmas vacation. (Dream is right!)

Alvin Chochon and Dick Kemnitz—We've decided that an elevator is all St. Bons needs. (All?)

Lorraine Hilbert—My only hope is a new stream-lined body. (Car, that is.)

Richard Otterpohl—I'll be satisfied with a nice long vacation. (Atta' boy!)

Louise Ernst and Pat Kaminiski—We want something that will make our fingers fly in typing.

Mary McCloskey—All I want for Christmas is—"My Two Front Teeth." (A song, that is.)

Marilynn Diederich—Please, send me a solution to make my hair grow longer.

Charlene Nickolite—Just send me twenty two sticks of bubble gum. (Pop!)

Betty Dischner—How about sending me a truly, sincere dreamboat? (Watch out, boys!)

Gloria Nosal—An electric short-hand machine would be wonderful!

Bob DeLarme—I would appreciate a few passing grades on my report card very much.

Rita Burzynski—I want a "Red Ryder" sweat shirt and a "Sparkle Plenty" doll.

Margaret Hayes—I want a pair of roller skates so I can get to town more often.

Myrle Hadcock—I want very little. A new airplane. (Very little, eh?)

Helen Dunn—Please, send me someone to do my algebra. (What's wrong with big sister?)

Mary Gerhold—I want a Latin book all translated into English. (Swell idea, Mary.)

Ted Mimick—Please, talk the juniors into having more school dances. (Ditto!)

Jim Lippstreu—Please, dear Santa, I need an electric razor badly. (only a sophie too!)

Alfred Micek—I would like a private bus to carry me from Duncan to school.

Carroll Ebner—I would only like about four inches added to my height.

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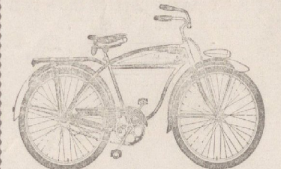
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New Crib Greet St. Bon's Parish

Mrs. R. L. Dodendorf
Paints Original Scenery

A newly constructed crib, placed in the alcove used for the baptismal font, greeted the St. Bonaventure's parishioners on Christmas. Up until this year, the crib had been placed in front of St. Joseph's altar.

Father Albert, Mr. Carol Marlar, and Mr. Feik spent many weeks constructing the crib. Being approximately six by eight feet in size, it represents the rude stable in which Jesus was born. It is very natural and its rafters are made from real trees.

The scenery is an original painting by Mrs. R. Dodendorf, alumna. In the background the town of Bethlehem is shown. A gleaming golden star beams down on buildings of rustic structure while fig trees surround it. Above the stable, in the night blue sky is an angel heralding the birth of Christ.

Here, in this stable are found the life-size statues, which many years ago were imported from Europe. Mrs. Dodendorf repainted them in liturgical colors. Lying in the straw is the curly, golden-haired baby Jesus wrapped in a white swaddling cloth. Intently watching the Divine Infant is Mary dressed in soft blues and whites with her light brown hair flowing down her back; and Joseph wearing a light purple tunic, his black hair setting off his tan mantle with the green lining, which is thrown over his shoulder. Adoring cherubim with golden-tipped wings, one wearing pink and the other blue, are seen between Joseph and Mary. On each side of the stable is an angel—the one on the left is dressed in pink and the one on the right in blue.

Latin II Organizes Olympian Council

The fifteen students of the Latin II Class have organized an Olympian Council.

The O. C. has elected the following officers: Lester Savage (Jupiter), president; Donna Rae Wheeler (Juna), secretary; Alfred Micek (Mercury), sergeant-at-arms; and Harriette Reifenrath (Venus), committee chairman.

The club chose as its motto, "Vincit qui se vincit," (He conquers who conquers himself) and selected Roman purple and gold as its colors.

The Latin names chosen by the students are: Athena, Helen Terne; Pandora, Mary Gerhold; Minerva, Sandra Mitera; Penelope, Polly Speice; Diana, Oriethia Wass; Niobe, Mary Ann Tworek; Pomona, Helen Dunn; Vesta, Mary Jane Schaefer; Apollo, Robert Johnson; and Mars, James Roberts.

Samples of a club pin, in the shape of a helmet or an eagle, will be sent for.

R. L. S. C. Attends Exhibition, Movie

Members of the Rural Life Study Club attended an exhibition and witnessed a movie at Frederickson's Implement Company, Columbus, in the afternoon of January 7.

Preceding this, a meeting was held in the auditorium in the morning. Father Martin, club director, conducted a discussion on soil conservation. Bill Ebner, '44, explained various methods of protecting the soil and then recorded names of the club members who are interested in joining the 4-H Association.

The next meeting is scheduled for February 4.

St. Bonaventure's New Christmas Crib



THE NATIVITY

Mother General Visits American Provinces

Franciscans Tour St.
Bonaventure School

Mother Fabiana, Mother General of the Sisters of St. Francis Seraph Order, visited the St. Bonaventure Sisters and school, January 9 and 10. Mother Reginalda, Provincial superioress of the St. Joseph Western Province, Denver, Colorado, and Sister M. Paula, College Instructor and Mother Fabiana's companion from Germany, accompanied her.

Mother Fabiana, whose headquarters are at the Mother House at Olpe, Westphalia, Germany, is the Mother General of four Franciscan provinces—two in Germany, and two in the United States. In Germany the provinces consist of five institutions in the American Zone, eighty in the British, five in the French, and three in the Russian. In America the provinces are divided into—the St. Joseph Western Province, Denver, Colorado, where Mother Reginalda is head, and to which the St. Bonaventure Sisters belong; the Sacred Heart Eastern Province, Mishawaka, Indiana, where Mother Philotera is Provincial Superioress.

Mother Fabiana, with Sister Paula, flew to New York, December 4 and from there via Omaha to Denver where they visited at the St. Joseph's Mother House. On December 30, the three Sisters traveled to St. Joseph's Hospital, Omaha, and after a short stay came to St. Mary's Hospital, Columbus, where they made their headquarters while they visited the various houses in the vicinity. From Nebraska, they will go to New Mexico and then to Kansas where they will visit each house.

After completing the visitation in the Western Province, the Sisters will go to the Eastern Province where they will go through the same visitation procedure.

Mother Fabiana and Sister Paula will remain in the U. S. six months and in May will fly back to Germany.

Alumnae Organizes Senior B. V. Sodality

Young ladies of the alumnae of St. Bonaventure, who formerly belonged to Our Lady's Sodality, have recently organized a senior branch of the sodality. Those who are not alumnae of this school but who have belonged to the sodality in another school can also join this senior branch of Our Lady's Sodality.

1949 Calendar

- Jan. 7—Game at Newman Grove.
- Jan. 5—Junior school dance.
- Jan. 10—Appointment of junior political parties.
- Jan. 10—Schuyler game.
- Jan. 12—Registration for Cornhusker election.
- Jan. 12—Effigy and school.
- Jan. 13—Sacred Heart game at Norfolk.
- Jan. 15—Deadline for stamp contest.
- Jan. 19—Catholic Tournament dance.
- Jan. 13—North Central meeting at Omaha.
- Jan. 19—Cornhusker primary election.
- Jan. 19 & 21—Semi-final examinations.
- Jan. 26—General election of Cornhusker county government.
- Jan. 27—Freshmen II candy sale.
- Jan. 28—Cornhusker participation day in the city.
- Jan. 28—Movie.
- Jan. 28—County Tournament.
- Feb. 3—Valentine Box Social.
- Feb. 10—Platte Center game.
- Feb. 11—Game at Holy Name, Omaha.
- Feb. 14—Osceola game.
- Feb. 18—Game at St. Francis, Humphrey.
- Feb. 24—Crowning of Stamp King and Queen.
- Feb. 25—Game at Guardian Angel, West Point.
- Feb. ??—District Basketball Tournament.
- Feb. 27—Freshmen I candy sale.
- Mar. 2—Beginning of Lent.
- Apr. 14-19—Easter vacation.
- Apr. 17—Easter.
- Apr. 22—Class play matinee.
- Apr. 24 & 25—Senior Class Play.
- Apr. 28—County Tournament (track).
- Apr. 28—Sophomore candy sale.
- Apr. 29—District track meet.
- May 1—Crowning of May Queen.
- May 5—Prom and Banquet.
- May 9—Freshmen-Sophomore Hop.
- May ??—Senior sneak day.
- May 15—Crowning of "Miss Sodality".
- May 26 & 27—Final examinations.
- May 29—Baccalaureate and Breakfast.
- May 29—Commencement.
- May 29—Report cards.

J. Olivetti Becomes Nebr. U. Reporter

Jo Ann Olivetti, editor-in-chief of "The Venture," has been chosen reporter for the University of Nebraska monthly paper, "The Scarlet and Cream."

The University Journalism Department has requested to have a reporter from each high school in order to send it news which might be of interest to other Nebraska high school students. These contributions will be sent to the University to be condensed and this will make up an entire section of "Scarlet and Cream" publication.

Jody's journalistic activities began in her freshman year as a reporter, while sophomore and junior she acted as co-assistant make-up-editor and assistant editor, respectively. Besides being editor of the paper she serves as treasurer of Our Lady's Sodality.

Jo Ann has always been an honor student and holds a high scholastic rating.

Jo Ann, who represented St. Bonaventure High, was one of the students among the six hundred Nebraska journalists at the Nebraska High School Press Association, last November. She took part in the competitive contests and panel discussions.

Nebraska U. Reporter



JO ANN OLIVETTI

Juniors Participate In County Government

National, Federal
Comprise Parties

The juniors of St. Bonaventure High School are participating in the Cornhusker County Government which is being held January 28. It is being introduced into Platte County for the first time and is sponsored by Mr. Quick, county superintendent. Nine county officials will be elected by the entire high school, four will be appointed as the Board of Supervisors.

The Nationals and Federals comprise the two parties. Agnes Pickhinke and Ray Marsolek are the campaign managers with Romayne Cerny and Mary McCloskey, assistants.

The Federal's candidates and their positions are as follows: Ray Marsolek, County Clerk; Patricia Kaminski and Ina Claire Frischholz, Clerk of District Court; Mary McCloskey and Gloria Nosal, Register of Deeds; Dick Rice, County Treasurer; Bill Ragatz and Bill Soulliere, Sheriff; Rose Jahn, Assessor; and John Syslo and Louise Ernst, County Attorney. Supervisors will be chosen after primary election.

Non-political candidates are Mary Ann Merrill and Bob Brehm, County Judge; Lois Dineen and Ramona Messing, Superintendent of Schools.

The National's candidates and their positions are as follows: Agnes Pickhinke and Lorraine Hilbert, County Clerk; Betty Ann Dischner, Clerk of District Court; Vincent Feik, Register of Deeds; Rosemary Raemakers and Romayne Cerny, County Treasurer; David Pensick and Raphael Gladfelter, Sheriff; Lester Savage and Marcia Locher, Assessor; and Mary Ellen Hoffman, County Attorney. Supervisors will be chosen after the primary election.

Primary election will be held January 19, General election, January 26, and Participation Day, January 28.

The Nebraska Department of the American Legion sponsors this plan which is set up to acquaint high school students with the workings and functions of the various county offices and positions.

The activity was originated by the Legion last summer and conducted experimentally in six counties. It proved so successful and valuable that thirty-one counties are practicing the project this year.

Sr. Herman Joseph Relates Experiences In German School

More than a year ago Sister Herman Joseph, principal of St. Bonaventure, 1946-47 promised to write a letter to the students after her arrival at St. Francis Lyceum, Olpe, Westfallen, Germany. In keeping her promise the following condensed letter was recently received:

Dear Boys and Girls in St. Bon's, Since I am interested chiefly in boys and girls, I shall begin with the schools in Germany, which are very different from American schools. All attend the Folkschule from grades one to five inclusive. Then the better pupils are admitted to the Lyceum for girls and the Gymnasium for boys. In grade six they take up four languages together with other subjects. Our girls study from three to five hours every day, because they must pass rigorous tests, and if they fail they are dropped. The students must pay tuition for this education because the State does not supply it. In the school here, we have six hundred girls ranging from Kindergarten to Junior College. We have thirteen sisters, four men and nine women on the faculty. Before the war Hitler took our building, which is very modern, and had it made into a Nazi hospital. The day before the chapel was to be converted into a dance hall the Americans and English entered Olpe and rescued our hospital. The sisters here who helped to take care of our soldiers always speak of them in words of praise and admiration which makes me very proud.

Of course, the Holy Sacrifice is always the same, but the manner of assisting at Holy Mass is so different from America. The High Mass is a mixture of Latin and German; where we stand they kneel and visa versa. The servers stand during the entire sermon which is by no means short.

The streets are very narrow and there is lack of parking places. There are no sidewalks and the pedestrian must use the highway which is very dangerous. The children have no playground and are kept busy herding various animals because if one doesn't have some livestock of his own, he will be in want of milk and meat.

Food is very scarce, especially in the cities. Most all food is rationed and is of inferior quality, yet sells at incredibly high prices. Clothing is bought at a premium and so those who receive cast-offs from relatives or friends in America are very fortunate. But no matter how poorly the children may be dressed, they are always very clean, in spite of the fact that they have no soap. I know that you people in the U. S. A. have been very charitable in sending clothing, etc., but please do not give up that holy practice for it is truly needed here.

In spite of all the suffering and poverty, the people try to keep up their customs of having little celebrations in honor of their Patron Saint. Soon St. Nicholas will come and then the Christ Child. What won't we give for a stick of candy at these times!

If you boys and girls want Pen-Pals you might write to our school here because the students will be happy to hear from you.

Although I am far away from St. Bon's, my thoughts are often with you, and my prayer is that God will bless you.

Sister Herman Joseph
St. Francis Lyceum
Olpe, Westfallen, Germany

Intruder Mystifies Junior Typing Class

One afternoon this week as the members of the third Typing Class were going to the typing room they heard an unusual sound. They looked at one another and wondered what it could be.

As they opened the typing room door cautiously, something flew past them.

"What is it?" "What is it doing in here?" were the questions on everyone's mind.

"Learning to type," one of the wise seniors replied as he peeked into the room.

"What next!—A dog typing?"

Don't Be a Wall Flower!

Dancing is one of our most enjoyable activities, but there are many students who wonder about certain manners in regard to it, especially those who are just learning.

So here are a few helpful pointers: Never chew gum, this is for home enjoyment and should not be practiced at a dance. Boys, the most undesirable person at a party is one who doesn't dance. Don't think that the girls would refuse you because no matter what kind of a dancer you may be, they came to dance and to have fun, and not to be a wall flower. If you come to a dance just to sit, then why not stay home. A girl should absolutely never refuse a boy a dance unless she has a substantial reason, and no girl at St. Bon's would!

Three songs is the customary number of pieces of one dance. A boy and girl alike should never forget to thank each other after a dance. Never laugh at your partner if he makes an error in his steps. Merely accept his pardon and let the matter pass. A boy or girl may ask his or her partner to teach them a certain step. This should be considered a compliment and you should happily gratify the request. If your partner desires to talk while dancing you should return your share of conversation, but you must not forget what you are doing.

Next time you go to a dance, don't be a wall flower. Get out and dance! That goes for both boys and girls. Let's all be sports! And if everyone cooperates and does his share, all of our school dances and other activities will be grand successes.

Fun and happiness for all at our dances! Let's have it!

R. M.

Legion of Decency Works For You!

"As a member of the Legion of Decency, I pledge myself to see only good pictures. I promise further, to stay away altogether from places of amusement which show pictures that can be an occasion of sin." This is a phrase taken from the Pledge of the Legion of Decency which most of us have recently made. To some this pledge is considered a promise of great concern, but to others it is merely a matter of routine and holds little actual meaning.

The motion picture is a good form of entertainment and it provides the working mind with due relaxation from everyday problems. But unfortunately this type of entertainment does not always afford only good ideals but very often contains much immorality and evil. Therefore, the Legion of Decency maintains the code for our guidance in selecting harmless pictures.

Movies, regardless how harmless, should not be attended too often. How often may a person attend a movie? To quote Father Richard Felix, O.S.B., "Only once a week, at the most. More than that would likely be harmful." It also tends to make soft heads and soft hearts.

Our school is stressing the support of the Legion of Decency through the Third Order. As Catholics we should give complete support to the Legion and give the high school students of tomorrow a good example as to morals in amusement as well as life itself. It is only you, as an individual, that can prevent yourself from becoming immoral and soft-headed.

The Legion of Decency was established for our good and we should make good use of it. Check with the Legion of Decency before going to that movie. Make sure you aren't walking into an occasion of sin!

A. P.

The Early Bird Gets the Worm!

A most necessary characteristic which so many people take for granted and yet do not possess is punctuality.

Do you ever come late for school with no actual reason and think nothing of it? But wouldn't you be on time if for every minute tardy you were given one more assignment or had to come one extra hour on Saturday?

Do you have the reputation of always being late? You have, no doubt, heard your friends say, "Oh, I wish Suzie wasn't going to the movies with us tonight—she's always late." Does this ever refer to you?

We all know that besides having a job well done, it should be done on time. No matter how perfect your English assignment is, it won't receive due credit if handed in a week late.

What if we couldn't count on the sun rising in the morning? Yes, punctuality is important. If the Lord wasn't punctual about the sun, rain, or gravity, we would go flying off into space or die from lack of regularity.

Punctuality is a habit, a good habit! Develop it now while you are young and it will stick with you always. Others will hold confidence in you and tag you as dependable.

It's an old worn-out saying but isn't it true—"The Early Bird Gets the Worm?"

A. W.

Stop and Think!

We, children in the U. S. A., don't know what great privileges we have. Take for instance school.

We think it's a lot of work to get up at seven, eat a hearty breakfast and then go to school. We sit in school from six to seven hours, and at 3:45 p. m. we run out as if the school was on fire. We are careless about the school property, and say it doesn't matter. When we have to pick up papers from the floors, we grump. When we get a slightly long lesson, we complain because we haven't enough time to get it done.

The European children don't have the privileges we have. They have to walk far to get to school. Their teachers are few and not free to teach according to their consciences.

So instead of doing so much complaining, we could do a little thanking, especially, that we can go to a Catholic school like "St. Bon's." Ted Niedbalski.



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Inquiring Reporters Report Inquiries

The other day Bessie's cousin's mother's father's aunt died. Bessie being the only living relative inherited a million dollars, but she doesn't know what to do with it. Now our problem is, if you had a million dollars, what would you do with it?

Rose Jahn—I'd bribe Sister to let me pass. (Why Rosie?)

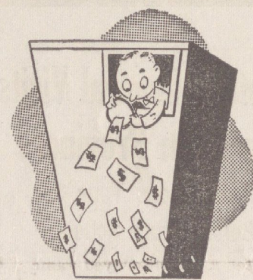
Betty Dischner—I would buy a million "cupids" so everyone would be happy.

Marlynn Diederich—I would buy everyone a dollar's worth of bubble gum and put the rest in the bank. (That's very considerate of you, Marlynn.)

Mary McCloskey—I would build a super deluxe girls' lounge with four walls of beautiful, shiny mirrors so everyone would get a chance to see her beautiful hair.

Lorraine Hilbert—I'd buy a printing press. (For The Venture and the Annual?)

Richard Otterpohl, Tom Zuroski, John Blahak, Barbara Markhofer, Virginia Jerecki, Edward Galus, Herman Keefer, Leo Cynova, Bill Jarvis, Bernice Maag, Pat Mahoney, Dick Tooley, Gerald Speicher, Betty Koch, Donald Sokol, Bernadette Holys and Kenneth O'Kane—I would donate to the new school. (How happy Father Albert would be.)



Pat Tooley—I'd bribe my mother to let me stay out late. (\$2,000 a bribe.)

Audrey Trofholz—I'd treat my friends to an F & F cough drop. (How generous!) (How generous?)

Helen Dunn—I'd donate it to the building fund, then maybe I could graduate in a new school.

Al Micek—I wouldn't speak to Bill Ernst.

Dennis Baumert, Margaret Hayes, Herman Blahak—With my first million I would retire. (From school that is.)

Arnold Krzycki, Sandra Mitera—First I'd see that we get that Annual, they've been talking about.

Johnny Kamniski—I'd build a cottage for two, or three or four. (Why Johnnie??)

Mary Ann Starosick—I'd buy all the things I've always wanted. (What's that?)

Leo Thiele—I'd look into the future for my children and their education. (Imagine, he's just a freshie!)

Mary Alice Moersen—If I'd inherit a million dollars my Dad would insure me against theft, leave me with my weekly allowance, and I'd still be broke.

Robert Sueper—With a million dollars I'd buy a share in a baseball team.

Mary Ann Tworek—You wouldn't see me around any more.

Jeanette Dohman and Norma Shonka—I'd die of shock.

Orletha Wass—I'd buy all the wisdom I could get and give it to the sophies. (How nice!)

Ralph Pfeifer—I would buy Sister Clotidis a new lead pencil.

Ted Niedbalski—I'd buy a new thinking cap.

Rita Schmid, LaVerna Wemhoff, William Ernst, Myrle Hadcock—We'd buy a new school for St. Bon's. (Hmmm, \$4,000,000.)

Eddie Zuroski—I'd buy a new report card. (Watch the "A's")

Augie Warholski—I would enlarge the gym so I could learn to dance. (How touching.)

Sandra Mitera—I'd buy some chances from the sophies to keep them from pestering.

Mary Paprocki—I would take my mother to a specialist and have some Masses said for her. (How sweet!)

'We Want Sleep' Proclaim Sophies

"What's the matter? You didn't get all your sleep? But I thought that you just got back from a week and a half vacation. You have to study now for your exams, you know."

The mere thought of that kills the sophies for they want but one thing—more sleep.

When I asked them what they did to make themselves so tired, they informed me of the following activities: They worked (imagine that); went to shows; went ice skating; went to parties; ate; took care of kids; visited friends; and tried to use their Christmas gifts, but—no sleep.

Well, sophomores and students, we'll just have to mope around until Easter vacation begins and then make up for that lost sleep.

Shy Freshies Make Earnest Resolutions

Naturally we all make New Year's resolutions and those shy little freshies are by no means an exception. Here are a few of their unique yet earnest promises of 1949:

Herbert Abts, Dennis Baumert, John Hentges and Herman Keefer resolve to get more sleep. (Too many parties lately?)

Francis Fischer is going to attempt keeping Mary Alice Moerson from falling so much while skating. (Getting sore Mary?)

Estelle Wemhoff, Pat Mohaney and Bernice Maag promise to study harder. (Exams are around the corner.)

Connie Hittner decided to try to keep her mouth shut at least part of the time. (This I gotta see.)

Dick Tooley has pledged to sit down in school and not get a drink more than ten times in one study period.

Mary Jo Tucek and Arnold Krzycki resolve not to spend so much of their money.

Audrey Trofholz promises to be on time for study period.

Jerry Speicher has earnestly pledged to stop borrowing so much paper. (Alleluia!)

Virginia Jarecki promises not to go to Angell's Grocery store every day. (Spending too much money?)

Richard Otterpohl is not going to go to the show every Friday night.

Andrew Głowski has decided to enjoy the weather. (Is he kidding?)

Rosalie Billesbach and Mary Pat Tooley promise not to argue so much with each other.

Margaret Hembd resolves to wake up before she's half way to school.

Mary Lou Steuhmer is off boys forever. (Tee-hee)

Charles Kaipust hopefully pledges not to break his arm again.

Mary Ann Euteneuer resolves to try to do her math without referring to the back of the book for answers.

Pep Squad Stages Unique Pep Rallies

St. Bonaventure Pep Squad has sponsored two unique Pep Rallies during the past months.

In accordance with the St. Edward game, the first rally was held December 21 in the school auditorium. It featured Lester Savage singing "I Am a Gay Cavalero" as its main event. Coach Paul Ernst presented the '49 basketball lineup and amused the students with some of his "famous joking" ability. Paul Gutzmer, game captain, gave an appropriate pep talk.

The next rally, in preparation for the Norfolk game, featuring the burning of an effigy was held on January 13 in the school yard. Helen Ternes provided the "Doomed Dummy." The cheerleaders showed their fine ability by leading the students in various yells before the enormous fire. The effigy was followed by a "hard-time" school dance held in the gymnasium.

Alumni News

Miss Rosemary Glur, '38, became the bride of William Ingold on December 12 at St. Bonaventure Church. Rev. Arno Hartman officiated at the ceremony.

The couple chose Denver, Colo., for their wedding trip and are now residing in Columbus where Mr. Ingold is employed at the Nielsen Chevrolet Company.

Shamrocks Topple St. Mary Ramblers

St. Bonaventure defeated St. Mary's of Grand Island by a score of 30-23. It was the first victory for the Shamrocks. The Irish displayed their smoothest game of the season with ball handling smooth, fast, and sharp.

The Irish hurried into the lead, 8-2 on Bob Tooley's one hander, with Rex Rupprecht and Don Baumert helping out. St. Mary's pulled into the game with Stobble peppering the Ramblers. The Third City five got seven points and St. Bons three and it was 13-9 at intermission.

The Irish were off to a slow start in the third quarter and St. Mary's pulled up to 14-14. Ed Zuroski converted a free throw and the Shamrocks hung out a 19-16 lead.

At the automatic timeout in the fourth quarter it was 24-21. Rupprecht dunked in two baskets and Tooley converted two free shots to push the count to 30-21.

Rupprecht hooped 12 points for the winners while Stobble had 9 for the losers.

Knights Edge Irish In Overtime Thriller

Sacred Heart of Norfolk won a heartbreaker from the St. Bonaventure Shamrocks in the final 20 seconds to win by a score of 37 to 35.

There were 20 seconds remaining to play with a 35-35 tie when guard Duane Crotty of the Knights notched a long archer. At the automatic rest period the Irish led by a single tally, 33-31. Harley Strutesman, Sacred Heart center, connected to tie the score and shortly afterwards Don Manion grabbed a pass and went in for a lay-up which put the Knights out front for the first time, 35-33 with a minute remaining.

With 30 seconds left, Bob Tooley bagged a basket to even the score 35 all. Then Crotty's shot won the game for Sacred Heart.

The Shamrocks scored early and held a 6-2 margin. They held large leads several times in the game. At the start of the last quarter, the Shamrocks held a 27-23 margin. Rex Rupprecht was high-point man for the Irish with 11, while Tooley had the best floor game. Eddie Zuroski turned in some nice passing.

The second-team game found the Little Shamrocks playing good ball with a 32-20 win over the young Knights. Dennis Baumert was high-point man with 10 points.

Shamrocks Yield To Newman Grove

St. Bonaventure Shamrocks bowed to the Newman Grove Bluejays after a rugged game and came out on the short end of a 38-32 final score.

The Bluejays rolled in 15 points in the second period after racking up 11 in the first. While the Newman Grove lads were running away with the points, the Shamrocks had one of those nights where they just couldn't locate the basket. They notched only 3 points in the first stanza.

This left the visitors trailing by a 26-10 intermission score. Don Davis collected 11 points during the first half for the winners but the live-wire cooled off in the last two periods to get only 5 points.

The Irish cagers made a determined comeback in the latter half but old "Mister Time" left them. The third quarter was played about even up with the scoreboard showing 32-18.

The Shamrock hoopsters started to spurt in the final session as they fired in 14 points to the Bluejays 6.

It was a fast all-around game with both teams exhibiting good ball handling. Rex Rupprecht and Paul Gutzmer led the Irish offense getting 14 and 8 points, respectively. Bob Tooley turned in a good all-around game.

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St. Bonaventure High 1948-1949 Junior Class



Left to right—First row: C. Nickolite, R. Jahn, V. Feik, M. McCloskey, A. Pickhinke, R. Marsolek, R. Raemakers, R. Cerny, I. Frischholz; Second row: R. DeLarme, M. Diederich, A. Roddy, P. Kaminski, M. Hoffman, R. Messing, R. Brehm, V. Nickolite; Third row: R. Gladfelter, L. Ernst, B. Dischner, M. Locher, G. Nosal, L. Hilbert, L. Dineen, M. Merrill; Back row: K. Euteneuer, D. Pensick, W. Soulliere, L. Savage, G. Melcher, W. Ragatz, J. Syslo. (S. Krzycki and R. Rice were absent.)

Cathedral '5' Nips Irish In 30-28 Win

The Cathedral "5" had a one basket edge over the Shamrocks 30-28 after a loosely-played game.

Cathedral relied on their two forwards, Ken Lohmeier and Phil Becker each getting 11 and 10 points respectively. Rex Rupprecht was the Irish spark plug getting 13 points and did good work under the baskets.

Rupprecht gave the locals their only lead early in the first stanza by dumping three gift shots, but then Lohmeier caught afire and put Cathedral on top with a 11-6 score at the end of the first quarter.

A fielder by Rupprecht and gift tosses by Bob Tooley, Don Baumert and Paul Gutzmer put the Irish on an even count, 11-11, early in the second quarter but the Irish couldn't hold the pose, trailing 13-16 at the half.

The invaders had a 24-22 edge entering this stretch. Baskets by Baumert and Rupprecht with Lohmeier hitting a side shot knotted the count, 26-26, early in the final period, but Lohmeier and Becker hit again for a 30-26 edge at the automatic time out.

Rupprecht bagged a setup with a minute and fifty seconds remaining, but the locals couldn't find the range on several shots as the time ran out.

St. Bons Irish Tops Schuyler Warriors

The Shamrocks marked up their second victory of the season by turning back Schuyler 32-26. It was a nip and tuck battle all the way, with the Irish holding the lead most of the game.

Rex Rupprecht and Don Baumert pepped the winners with Rupprecht getting nine of his thirteen points in the first half and Baumert dumping eight of his eleven after intermission. The Irish had a close call as the Schuyler five came within a 27-25 score at the automatic time out, but Rupprecht made the lead safe with a pivot shot and a free throw.

The invaders held the lead only twice, by 1-0 and later 6-4 in the first quarter. Rupprecht had five points as the home team went into 9-8 lead. As the scoring pace slowed in the second stanza, St. Bonaventure left the count at the half owning a 14-12 margin.

Schuyler crowded 15-16 early in the third period but Baumert and Ed Zroski led the Shamrocks to a 22-15 lead. As the third period ended the Shamrocks had a five point lead.

Schuyler made its last bid in the last quarter with five points coming within a two point margin, but ran into basket drought.

Zuroski dunked the winning basket as the little Shamrocks edged Schuyler 18-17 in the preliminary.

Sophomore Ends Rascal's Pranks

There had been a considerable amount of fuss caused by some little rascal around school, especially in Rooms 3 and 5. One morning while the sophomores were having algebra there was a continuous gnawing under the piano. Everybody became quite excited, but you'll have to wait to find out who it was.

Every noon when the sophomores got their lunch sacks from the cupboard there were a few with little holes in holes.

Finally the culprit was found. Cruel-hearted Mary Ann Tworek quickly put an end to our friend. She brought a mouse trap and a piece of cheese and—what do you think happened? Good-bye, poor little mouse!

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"I'm sorry, Miss Hayes, but we are without our important instruments now. You will have to wait until someone comes and rescues us."

"Nurse, nurse, please give me water. I just have to have water."

"Dr. Tooley, and Dr. Kush, we must have an important meeting soon for we are running short of ether," said the nurse.

"Oh, nurse, will they ever find us in this terrible blizzard?"

"Keep faith, Miss Micek, I'm sure they will find us." (I hope.)
Is this some exciting movie? Is this a part from a famous book? No, it's just some of the imagination that was displayed on the bus coming home from the St. Mary's game at Grand Island.

The story was that the bus was supposed to be marooned by the snow and people were sick on the bus.

Oh, by the way, if you see someone running around without a head, just say "Hi, Sis" and I'm sure you won't hurt her feelings. (You now know how the pep squad spends its time while traveling.)

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Nerve-Racked Seniors Face Dreaded Ordeal

As I sat in study hall on that nerve-racking day of semi-final exams, I discovered that it was very interesting to study the violent expressions fixed on the grimace faces of those forty-two dying seniors. As I gazed into their tortured eyes, I could very closely imagine what horrible thoughts were passing through their bewildered minds. Here are my conclusive impressions:

Verdiann Romanek — Save me somebody, please!

Mary Ann Dunn — Here's a gun, shoot me!

Theresa Moritz — I think I'll have my brain overhauled.

Jo Ann Peck — This is slow torture!

Jean Gerber — I'm too young to die!

Jerry Billesbach — Help!

Bob Tooley — Are all Irishmen so dumb?

Dick Kemnitz — Give me a match, I'll burn the school.

Jackie Micek — Thank heaven, it's my last year. (You hope.)

Victoria Guszak — This is fun! (How'd she get in here?)

Ambrose Speicher — Happy Year — my foot!

Bob Ryan — I just can't go on!

Don Vanek — Come on blizzard, hurry up!

Mary Ellen Clark — Shall I drown myself now, or just die slowly?

Phyllis Thraen — I want to go home!

Clare Kaipust — Farewell cruel world — bang!

LaVern O'Kane — I wish I were a moron!

Dale Hittner — Oh, to be back in kindergarten.

Lorraine Shonka — Life is so cruel!

Tom Hembd — (Censored).

Lorrie Lou Mimick — I'm so mistreated.

Anna Mae Pfeifer — Pass the arsenic, please!

Don Langan — I'll get even some day.

Don Baumert — I just gotta have a drink. (Milk, that is.)

Jody Olivetti — Help, I'm going to faint!

Jack Kiner — Why do I deserve this?

Adeline Wozny — Let's go on a strike.

Rosella Kush — I hate exams, I hate them!

John Euteneuer — I want my mommy!

Juliann Jarecki — I'll fail anyway.

Laura Mae Gates — Somebody call a doctor.

Margie Korgie — Who cares what two plus two equals anyway?

Rex Rupprecht — (Groan.)

Irene Wilcynski — Oh, to be a mere mouse!

Alice Syslo — Who invented school anyway?

Chuck Jaworski — I think I'll be a ditch-digger.

Harriette Reifenrath — I give up!

Dick Urban — Shall I cheat or shall I...?

Georgina Holys — Give me strength!

Paul Gutzmer — Goo, goo, goo, goo — (He's gone crazy.)

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Addition Causes Undue Confusion

"Oh, please give me one! Hey, you didn't give me any yet, Chuck. Where are yours, Vicky? I don't have mine yet because I don't have enough money. Oh, Don, did you bring yours?"

"Alice, don't forget to bring yours tomorrow. Irene, will you write something on the back of mine? My, doesn't Mary Ellen look sweet and isn't Lorrie Lou's hair pretty!"

Some of the sisters' comments were—"You put all of those away, or I'll start a gallery." "Anyone I see having them around during class time will pay me a fine of 50c each time."

"Do you think I'm crazy? Oh, no, the mighty seniors have received their class pictures and the whole school is going wild over them. (Class pictures, I mean.)"

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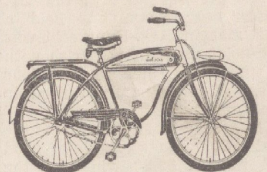
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Box Social Nets Grand Total, \$81.00

The annual box social sponsored by the junior class was held on February 17 at the high school gym. A grand total of \$81.00 was made at the social, which will go into the junior treasury for the Junior-Senior Prom.

Many elaborate designs and styles were represented among the boxes. Louise Ernst and Betty Dischner were the winners with Keith Thraen and Dick Tooley paying \$4.20 for the box. The box was decorated in a three tier cake with an angel food cake topping the top tier, trimmed in white, green, and pink.

Runners-up were Adeline Wozny, Rosella Kush, and Verdiann Romanek with their box going to the highest bidders, Carrol Ebner, Eugene Gates, and Myron Mayberger for \$5.35.

The auctioneers were Ray Marslek and Lester Savage; cashiers were Ramona Messing and Rose Marie Jahn; recording the names of the buyers of the boxes were Lorraine Hilbert and Gloria Nosal; numbering the boxes were Mary McCloskey and Louise Ernst.

The remainder of the evening was spent dancing.

Juniors Preside At County Trial



Left to Right—Seated: P. Kaminski, M. A. Merrill, L. Ernst, M. McCloskey; Standing: R. Marsolek; Seated in jury box—Front row: M. Diederich, L. Hilbert, L. Dineen, R. Messing, R. Cerny, A. Pickhinke; Back row: R. Rice, L. Savage, D. Pensick, V. Feik, R. Jahn, A. M. Roddy; Seated at attorney's table—Right side: R. Gladfelter, I. C. Frischholz, V. Nickolite; Left side: K. Euteneuer, B. Dischner.

Seniors Compete For Elks' Award

Three St. Bonaventure seniors—Margaret Korgie, Jo Ann Olivetti, and Clare Marie Kaipust—are competing for the \$100 "valuable student" award which will be given by the local lodge of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks.

These students hold the three highest standings of the senior class for their entire high school. Each applicant must prepare a brochure which shows her school and outside activities, her average grades in school, and various letters of recommendation. This information is judged and prizes are awarded accordingly.

Winners of the local awards will compete for the state and national prizes which total more than \$8,000.

It is the aim of the Elks Foundation in contributing these scholarships to encourage the students to continue their education and thus become valuable citizens.

Anastasia Ernst, '48, received the Local Elks' Award last scholastic year. Therese Savage and Patricia Jarvis were the other two competitors in 1948.

Don't Forget!
Lenten
Devotions



THE VENTURE

Remember!
Candy Sale
Feb. 28

Juniors Give Reports Of County Positions

Students Fill Offices On Participation Day

The juniors of St. Bonaventure High presented reports of their duties and responsibilities in their respective county offices in the Cornhusker County Government, before the high school assembly, on February 9, in the auditorium.

The juniors who participated in the program are as follows: Ray Marsolek, county clerk; Richard Rice, county treasurer; Rose Jahn, county assessor; Lois Dineen, county superintendent; David Pensick, county sheriff; Mary Ann Merrill, county judge; Vincent Feik, register of deeds; Patricia Kaminski, clerk of district court; Louise Ernst, county attorney; Romayne Cerny, county coroner; Lester Savage, county surveyor; Mary McCloskey, county assistance director; Ina Claire Frischholz, county agent; Betty Dischner, home demonstration agent; Agnes Pickhinke, county physician; Marilyn Diederich, Lorraine Hilbert, Anna Mae Roddy, Ramona Messing and Raphael Gladfelter, supervisors.

Here is a summary of the reports: The juniors took their respective county offices on January 28 at the Platte County court house. Students went through the procedure of filing certificates of election, being sworn into office, and performing the duties of their offices with the assistance of the county officials. Noon luncheon took place at the city auditorium with Mr. Wayne Lang, guest speaker.

The highlight of the day consisted of two mock trials in which students took the places of attorney, judge plaintiff, defendant, and jury.

P. Jarvis Receives Honor Roll Merit

Patricia "Pat" Jarvis, '48, is one of the twenty students at Mt. St. Scholastica College in Atchison, Kansas, who has made the semester honor roll, according to word received from Sister Ambrose, dean of the college.

In order to gain this honor, each student was required to have six A's. Pat, a freshman, went above the mark and made seven A's.

During the school year of 1947-48, Patricia was the editor-in-chief of the paper and under her editorship, "The Venture" received the highest awards bestowed on the publication up to the present date.

Students Choose '49 Class Themes

St. Bonaventure high school students have chosen mottoes, colors, flowers and Patron Saints for their respective classes.

The Senior selections will predominate in the decorative theme at the Junior-Senior Prom and Banquet which will be held in May. All choices will appear in The Annual at the end of the year.

The selections are as follows: Seniors—motto, "Don't Try Dying But Die Trying"; colors, Green and Gold; flower, Talisman Rose; and Patron Saint, St. Patrick. Juniors—motto, "A Quitter Never Wins and a Winner Never Quits"; colors, Nile Green and Pink; flower, Pink Rose; Patron Saint, Mystical Rose. Sophomores—motto, "Just Budding"; colors, Old Rose and Silver; flower, Lily of the Valley; Patron Saint, Immaculate Heart of Mary. Freshmen Group 1—motto, "Push, Pull, or Get Out of the Way"; colors, Royal Blue and Gold; flower, Orchid; Patron Saint, Saint Therese, The Little Flower. Freshmen Group 2—motto, "Can Your Can'ts"; colors, Lavender Blue and White; flower, Violet; Patron Saint, Immaculate Conception.

Notable Speakers Address PTA Meet

Prominent speakers and unique programs were the dominating features of the January and February P. T. A. meetings, respectively.

At the January meeting City Superintendent J. Young stated in his speech, "If a child is treated as an individual he will turn into the kind of citizen the world of today needs."

Mrs. Leonard Miller, first vice-president of the State P. T. A., praised the local P. T. A. for its fine start.

Mrs. Joel Roberts, entertainment chairman, introduced Betty Dischner, who gave a reading entitled "Aunt Melissa on Boys."

At their February meeting the P. T. A. planned their international program, which consists of collecting suitable books and magazines to send overseas.

In commemoration of Scout Week, Mr. Leo Weidner, scout leader, spoke on the topic, "Boys," and the Scout and Cub leaders of Troop 115 and Pack 115 were honored by introductions.

Mrs. Charles Anderson conducted a "Founders' Day" program. Mrs. L. E. Minette and Mrs. Fred Gerber presented biographies of Mrs. Bierney and Mrs. Hearst, founders of the P. T. A.

Assemblies Honor American Heroes

In recognition of two of our great national heroes, Abraham Lincoln and George Washington, St. Bonaventure High presented two respective programs on February 11 and February 18, under the sponsorship of Sister Gabriel.

The following senior boys presented the Lincoln Day Program: LaVern O'Kane announced the topics as each speaker presented his view on the traits of Lincoln; Chuck Jaworski gave an interesting account of the boyhood of Lincoln and how he overcame all obstacles to become one of America's greatest presidents; Dick Urban spoke on the "Typical American"; Dick Kernitz gave "Should God Bless America?" He stressed that God will not help us unless we turn to Him; Tom Hembd told how he, as an American boy, spends his day and Jack Kiner related a beautiful and inspiring story of one of the incidents in Lincoln's life as President of the United States.

Bill Jarvis and John Kaminski concluded the program with a short skit, "Lincoln versus Washington."

Between intermission Ted Niedbalski and Myrle Hadcock played "God Bless America" on their harmonicas while the assembly accompanied them by singing.

The George Washington Convocation was presented by the following senior girls: Anna Mae Pfeifer spoke on "The American Constitution"; Clare Marie Kaipust explained "How To Be A Good Citizen"; Lorrie Lou Mimick stressed the importance of "The Constitution"; Verdiann Romanek and Mary Anne Dunn, dramatized two skits—"Scene In The Drug Store" and "Going To The Declamatory Contest," respectively.

A selection, "A Patriotic Medley," was sung by the following girls: Phyllis Thraen, Jackie Micek, Juliann Jarecki, Florene Dohlen, Mary Anne Dunn, Mary Ellen Clark, Theresa Moritz, Victoria Guszak, Margaret Korgie, Laura Mae Gates, Jean Gerber and Irene Wilczynski under the direction of Anna Mae Pfeifer.

Theresa Moritz acted as mistress of ceremonies.

School Participates In Poetry Contest

St. Bonaventure's High School students and Elementary pupils are participating in a National Catholic Poetry contest sponsored by the Catholic Daughters of America.

The poem must be original with a Catholic theme and limited to sixteen lines.

'The Venture' Receives Highest Rating Award

Publication Merits 'All-Catholic' Title

"The Venture" has again been recognized internationally by meriting the "All Catholic," which is the highest rating awarded by the Catholic School Press Association, and "First Honors" by the Quill and Scroll.

The Catholic School Press Association, international honorary society for high school journalists, awarded the paper 2,745 points out of a possible 3,000. The award was based on make-up, news coverage, promotion of Catholic activity, variety of features, and general writing ability.

The Quill and Scroll International Honorary Society rated the paper "First Honors" on recognition of its journalistic qualities and content.

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 The Daily Telegram Company, a regular, local newspaper printing press.

Freshmen II Shatter Candy Sale Record

The Freshman Class 2 shattered the all-time high candy sale record by netting a total profit of \$117.30 in their January sale. The previous record of \$101.78 was set by the present sophomore class last year.

The proceeds have been donated to help finance the Annual, which is being sponsored by the seniors.

The winning table, which was headed by Mary Pat Tooley, cleared a neat profit of \$24.00. Her committee was as follows: Audrey Trofholz, Betty Koch, Gene Spidle, Andy Gdowski, and Maryidean Steiner.

Other chairmen and their table proceeds are listed as follows: Mary Lou Stuehmer, \$23; Mary Ellen Marsolek, \$21; Mary Jo Tucek, \$21; Donald Sokol, \$14.50 and Charles Meyers, \$13.80.

The Freshmen Class 1 plan to sponsor their candy sale February 28.

Again in 1944, the size of the paper was enlarged from four columns to the present five and more departments were added.

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

This year, for the first time, "The Venture" joined the University of Nebraska School of Journalism.

The following excerpts were received from the previously mentioned association: "Congratulations! Your publication has won high honors in the 1948 Critical Service. . . ."

. . . Again let me commend you upon the splendid improving achievements of last year's staff."

Patricia, "Pat" Jarvis was the editor-in-chief of The Venture, with Jo Ann Olivetti as assistant editor.

Sodality Sponsors Clothing Project

During Lent the junior branch of Our Lady's Sodality will work on another project—clothing. Points earned will count for "Miss Sodality of 1949."

Clothes are to be collected by Sodalists and given to St. Ann's Society who will sell them in a future rummage sale. Each person's articles will be listed under a number and then evaluated by the organization. For every dollar, fifty points will be given.

All boys are asked to help by giving old clothes to the girl who first asks for the articles. If the boys co-operate a Sodality Night will be held at the end of the year with the boys invited, according to an announcement made by the Sodality sponsor.

Sophomores Give W. History Debate

"Resolve That Peace Rather Than War Makes for Progress" was the subject of the debate presented by the Sophomore World History Class on February 18.

The teams were divided with the girls on the affirmative and the boys, the negative. Mary Helen Gerhold was chairman of the girls' team which included Helen Marie Ternes, Barbara DeLarme and Sandra Mitera. William Ernst acted as chairman of the boys including Paul Melcher, Clifford Speicher and Herman Blahak.

Now Is the Time to Take Inventory!

How many times have we read a Catholic magazine or paper in the last year? Let's ask ourselves this question and then really stop and meditate on it. What does our analysis show? Do we read seventy, fifty, or ten Catholic articles, or is it more likely—none at all?

We speak and brag about Catholic Action, but do we ever really contribute any of our own efforts? How can we spread our faith if we know nothing about it? That would be just like a professor teaching a subject he has never studied.

Catholic papers and magazines do not merely contain editorials on being good, by all means—not. In fact, it would surprise many people to discover what and how many interesting facts and ideas are actually published on the many pages of Catholic literature.

Any man, regardless of his schooling, always has spacious capacity for further learning. This is especially true in regard to church affairs.

As students in a Catholic school every possible opportunity is given to us to read any Catholic or uplifting moral literature we want. Our library is well supplied with up-to-date magazines and world events concerning our faith.

February is Catholic Book Month. Let's set this time to be the primary turn in our reading habits. Instead of always reading a mystery or western story why not check out a book on the life of a saint? In place of indulging in a comic book, why not substitute the **Catholic Boy** or **Catholic Girl**. Make the act of reading our **Sunday Register** and other Catholic newspapers as much as an every day occurrence as reading our daily newspaper. Then we will form a habit which will stick with us throughout our entire life.

Now is the time to take an inventory on our reading!

J. O.

Catholic Youth Can Do It!

Today the need for Catholic Action is as pronounced as it was in the beginning of Christianity. The old paganism, modernized and with new names, once more seeks supremacy in a world that should belong to Christ. The ever increasing complexities of life, products of industrialism, have made it ever more difficult for the clergy to reach the great mass of men. So it has come about that the layman's role in the conquest of the world for Christ has once again come to the front.

The Catholic youth of the world can play a part in this conquest. He can make his life a shining example of a true Catholic. He can take a more active part in his Sodality or Holy Name Society. Above all he can pray for the conversion of sinners.

Stop and think it over. What are you doing to promote Catholic Action?

M. G.

How Do We Play the Game?

"It isn't if you won or lost but how you played the game" is a saying which applies not only to the game of sports but to the game of life as well.

In this quotation can be found the success or failure of any undertaking—because in those few words are the qualities of co-operation and sportsmanship—attributes essential to everyone. If these characteristics are firmly rooted in us now during our high school days, we will never be known as trouble-makers in our later years.

What would high school be without co-operation, that quality of working together; or sportsmanship by which a person is fair, generous, and strives not only for his own selfish aims but also helps others to get ahead?

Not only should this be carried out in the big things but also in the little things of life. Let's not shrug our shoulders, stick our nose in the air, sneer and walk off, when others ask us to do something. But on the other hand, let's not try to do everything by ourselves either. After all who of us is self-sufficient?

Let's ask ourselves this question, "Am I a good sport, or a trouble-maker?" If our answer is positive, we deserve congratulations; if it is negative, let's watch out; if we're not sure, then we'd better start thinking it over and do something about it.

Co-operation — that's the solution!

I. C. F.

Give and Give Up During Lent!

The Church has set aside the season of Lent in order that its members might properly prepare for one of its greatest holidays, Easter Sunday. If the Church takes such measures in approaching the Resurrection, then we, as its members, should also do our part in welcoming Our Lord. For this reason we always put a special emphasis on Lent.

When we were in grade school we gave up the things that meant the most to us then, such as candy, ice cream, and shows. Now, as high school students, we can get by without these enjoyments without missing them very much. We can still give them up along with other things that have more effect on us. Now that we are older we must give more mature gifts to Our Saviour. It seems that we do not have time for Our Lord during these fast-moving, busy days, except for Holy Mass in the morning. To give more time to God would be a real sacrifice.

Wouldn't it be a wonderful, pleasing gift if we would take time out during the day to make a visit to the Blessed Sacrament or to say an extra rosary? Of course, we always like to do things like that if we have time or if we just weren't so tired. But during the coming forty days let's make time and if we stop to think we really aren't tired at all, we are just rather lazy.

All we have to do is give as well as give up during this Lent and no one will be more prepared for Our Lord or happier on Easter morning than we will be.

J. M.

Mass Honor Roll

(3rd Six Weeks)

Seniors
 Laura Mae Gates
Juniors
 Mary Ellen Hoffman
 Stanley Krzycki
 David Pensick
 Agnes Pickhinke
 Anna Mae Roddy
 Lester Savage
Sophomores
 Eugene Gates
 Alfred Micek
 Mary Ann Tworek
Freshmen
 Herbert Abts
 Jean Clark
 Francis Fischer
 Edward Galus
 Virginia Jarecki
 Charlotte Jones
 Charles Kaipust
 Arnold Krzycki
 Barbara Markhofer
 Mary Lou Stuehmer.

SBEU Broadcasts Latest News Events

Good morning, friendly listeners of station S. B. U. E. (St. Bonaventure Unusual Events). This is your noney news finder "Jolly Joe" bringing you the latest events of that stupendous high school, St. Bonaventure—

Feb. 1—Screams and confusion filled the halls of St. Bonaventure as excited girls hurried to and from the rest room on their official one minute priming period between classes. The cause of this disrupting order was the horrible fact that one of the two vital mirrors had been mysteriously removed from the wall. The question of the month still remains—"How are one hundred little girls all going to fix their little faces and comb their little heads at the same little mirror in one little minute??"

Feb. 4—While attending the Sodality First Friday breakfast recently, my attention was suddenly distracted to an undue clamor in the kitchen. Upon investigation I discovered Verdiann Romanek sitting on the floor in the mist of a pool of delicious hot cocoa. The moral of this story is: never pour hot cocoa into an ice cold bowl.

Feb. 6—The Latin class had the pleasure of announcing a new student to their distinctive group. But due to the surprise and disapproval of their teacher, the new addition was cast out of the building and refusal of his admission was made definite. The name of this poor defriended soul is none other than "Fee Fee" the St. Bernard dog. (Laughs are now in order.)

Feb. 10—The students in the library during the fourth period were hosts to a fashion show in an odd sense of the word. Mary Gerhold displayed a beautiful new cape acquired recently by Our Lady's Sodality for various future crowning ceremonies. Your exhibition did perfect justice to the garment, Mary. By the way, when are you going to Hollywood?

Feb. 15—The following comments were heard on this winter day: "May we go down the fire escape?" "Open the window and doors, please!" "Boy! I'm glad I've got a cold, I never knew a cold could be so helpful." "Oh—this odor is too much. Somebody please tell me what's happened." Don't worry, listeners, it's not a run-away skunk or a rotten-egg season, it's simply those mischievous chemistry students experimenting with sulphur.

Feb. 24—I noticed those active juniors roaming stiffly around school in their best bib and tucker on this unusual afternoon and naturally my snoop curiosity got the best of me. Believe me, it was quite a unique scene—the boys in their Sunday's best with pressed suits, ties, polished shoes and all. And it looked like the girls were displaying fashion show according to their rustling skirts and long hose.

What caused this elaborate display? Oh, yes, they had their pictures taken for the occasion of the Cornhusker County Government. Congratulations, juniors!

The clock just struck 3:45 p.m. so I'll be signing off until next time. 'Bye now!

Cautious Prowler Discovers Plot

The cloaked figure looked cautiously back and forth, then slowly crossed to the other side of the street. She stopped now and then to see if any one was following her. A small parcel was carefully guarded under the cloak and now and then the cloak would slip off and reveal the treasure. Silently the figure turned off the sidewalk towards a lighted doorway. Two short rings of the doorbell and a face appeared between the Venetian blinds. The door opened slowly; a short word of greeting was exchanged as the visitors entered the house of brick.

Fearing that this had all the earmarks of a Communist spying, I crept up to the window and looked in.

To my surprise I found the two sitting at a dimly lit table—a glow of mystery surrounding them. If I could only open the window to hear what they were saying. Ah! But look! It's giving a little! There! It's open! Now to hear what they're saying! What do I hear—?

"Pickles, olives, potato chips—what else should we have, Alice?"

Oh, darn it, it was just some girls planning for the box supper!

Honor Roll

(3rd Six Weeks)

Seniors
 Juliann Jarecki
 Clare Marie Kaipust
 Margaret Korgie
 Jo Ann Olivetti
 Jo Ann Peck
Juniors
 Romayne Cerny
 Betty Ann Dschner
 Ina Claire Frischholz
 Raphael Gladfelter
 Mary Ellen Hoffman
 Agnes Pickhinke
Sophomores
 Mary Helen Gerhold
 Ted Niedbalski
 Polly Speice
 Helen Marie Ternes
 Orlethia Wass
Freshmen
 Herbert Abts
 Dennis Baumert
 Lois German
 Bill Jarvis
 Charles Kaipust
 Mary Alice Moersen
 Mary Paprocki
 Mary Lou Stuehmer
 Mary Pat Tooley
 Mary Jo Tucek
 Estelle Wemhoff

'Please, Not Again' Screams Tired Sis

Well, here it's 8:45 again, and I must go in for another beating (sniff-sniff). Our step-parents are so cruel to us. They beat me, my sis and brother every morning and in the afternoon, too.

Just listen and you'll see what I mean. But first I'll introduce myself. My name is "Royal," my sis's name is "Remington," and my brother's name is "Underwood."

O---w!!! They just hit me in the stomach (space bar). Oh---hhh, now it's in the eye (margin release). (Groan---hhh). They didn't, keep my hand (shift key) down long enough so they will probably injure my insides (ribbon), by ripping out the paper and starting over.

But one nice thing is that I am like a cow, because you see, after I am fed, my feed (reverse) is reversed and I start once again.

Oh, — there go my tired aching feet (keys) but they should be tired and aching because our tormentors are always squeezing us together.

And what gets me is when I get punched, hit and pounded and that's not enough—no, the worst is yet to come. They beat me up so badly that they leave me as dead, because all through the night I'm covered in black (cover), I sometimes wish I were, because tomorrow is another day (typing period).

Jack Frost Haunts Freezing Students

Old Jack Frost has come at last, A fierce cold spell on us he has cast,

The reason we know that this fact is true, Is because the students all look so blue.

For instance take a look at Jack Kiner's nose, It's just the color of a bright red rose.

Then there's John Euteneuer who has such a cold, Ten hankies a day he uses, we're told.

And poor Sis Hayes who lives so far from school, Will say if you ask her, "My, what it's cool."

If earrings on Ruth Kliver's ears you do see, Just touch them and icicles they'll turn out to be.

Why is Jo Ann Peck, like others, walking too? It's because her car is at home with the flu.

And if you notice lumps on Ray Marsolek's feet, It's his toes turned to ice cubes, due to the sleet,

Now if you see Theresa Moritz standing so straight, It's because the weather has made this her fate.

If you look at Jim Roberts and can't find his eyes, It's because his glasses are steamed up like pies,

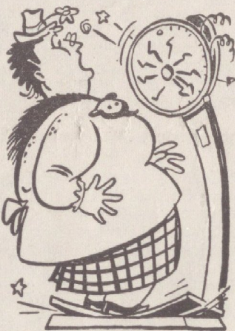
But don't fret, students, because the sun soon will Come out over the clouds and Jack Frost kill.

Distressed Seniors Display Emotions

"Oh, no—no, not that! Help!" "Ah, Romeo! Wherefore art thou, Romeo?"

"Hey, Phil, do you have a mirror? I want to see how I should twist my face when I say this line. Now Corky, take it easy. It won't be so bad. Chuck, will you please stop talking to yourself? That's it, Jerry, keep practicing that French accent (wee wee). My goodness, Tom, you'd better hurry up and decide which parts you're going to try out for. Alice, stop biting your nails; you're down to your elbows now.

"Now why do these great big husky seniors get so nervous over a little thing like trying out for a class play? Why can't they be calm like me?" (That loud thumping you hear is only my heart beating.)



Fate Shakes Finger At Fashion Plate

By Adeline Wozny

Naturally you've had the fun of mounting a weighing machine, dropping in your money, and getting a little card back that tells your weight and your fortune. But have you ever glanced at that card only to find that you are two and a half pounds overweight? The whole world has come crashing down on your head. "You can see your dark future, no dates, no one caring to associate with a fatty, and worst of all, having to wear dumpy looking clothes. But suddenly you stop to think this through after the shock has passed over. Are you going to allow disaster to strike and not raise a finger to help yourself? There is still time—so tightening your belt and adjusting your hat, you waddle off down the street to the reducing salon. Two hours and one-fourth pounds less later, you stagger out, deciding there must be easier ways to die.

Suddenly you remember that one of your old fat friends had gone on a diet and lost quite a few pounds. Immediately you decide not to eat anything fattening for a week and see what happens. Five minutes later, you happen to glance in a drug store window, loaded with banana splits, and you know at that very moment a diet wouldn't do a thing for you. Reflecting on ways your friends had reduced, while munching on your banana split, you are unable to think of a thing.

So you lower yourself down from the counter stool and waddle out, a one hundred and sixteen pound fatty.

Oh, kids, don't take me seriously —this is just an essay for English class.

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St. Bons Cagers Capture Platte County Tournament

Irish Beat St. Francis In Final Tourney Round

St. Bonaventure clicked in the second half to defeat St. Francis in the Platte county tournament finals 33-24.

The victory avenged a loss to St. Francis in last season's meet.

The Irish dominated rebounds and were able to work the ball in for close-up shots, but couldn't hit the hoop with any consistency until after intermission. The Franciscans had held the count to a 10-10 deadlock at half-time.

Again it was Rex Rupprecht showing the way with nifty basket shooting, totaling 14 points. Don Baumert contributed 11, and teamed with Bob Tooley to sweep the boards.

Slim Jack Karthaus kept St. Francis close most of the way with his lengthy loopers accounting for 10 points. St. Francis had battled into a 14-13 edge but couldn't keep up the pace and was trailing 22-18 at the end of the third period.

It was St. Bonaventure's game at the automatic time-out 28-21. Tooley's one hander and a set up by Rupprecht within the minute iced the game for the Shamrocks.

Irish Romp Humphrey High
Rex Rupprecht's turn shot with 40 seconds remaining gave St. Bonaventure a 26-25 victory over Humphrey High in a hotly contested opening game of the Platte county tournament.

Don Baumert notched six points as the Green and White took an 11-7 first quarter lead. Bill Olson's long shot cut the edge to 9-11 early in the second stanza, but Baumert bagged two quick baskets to send the Irish on the way to a 18-13 half-time margin.

Humphrey then staged a spirited rally to pull the Bulldogs into a 21-20 lead entering the stretch.

Rupprecht's free throw knotted the score, and it remained deadlocked as Loseke and Kemnitz matched baskets. Baumgart connected from the side to give the Bulldogs their short-lived 25-24 margin. Baumert had 10 points and Rupprecht eight to spark the winners while Tooley turned in a good all-around game. The Humphrey standouts were Baumgart and Olson with 10 and 7 points, respectively.

S.B.H. Five Tramples Duncan
St. Bonaventure disposed of their second opponent of the meet by romping Duncan 51-22.

With Rex Rupprecht meshing 10 points the Irish rallied to a 16-5 first quarter lead. Duncan closed the gap 10-16 early in the second period but couldn't hold the pace and trailed 26-11 at intermission and 13-37 going into the final stanza.

Rupprecht had 19 points and Don Baumert 13 to spark the winners while Bob Tooley led the floor play and stood out by rebounding. Melvin Ernest pepped the Bluejays with eight points.

Irish Cagers Drop In Tourney Opener

The St. Bonaventure Shamrocks were ousted from the State Catholic Tournament in the opening round of play by Spalding Academy 35-31.

Spalding opened the game fast with Harry Wray, tall center, drawing first blood and before long it was 7-0. Here the Irish went to work and pulled up 6-7, but the Academy added a goal and always managed to be out in front. It was 11-9, as the first period ended.

Tom Murphy was the big gun in the second and Spalding soon owned another seven point margin. The Irish couldn't cut the margin much and left the floor at half-time, 19-14.

The third period saw the Shamrock Five miss shot after shot while the Academy kept on its steady pace.

The last period saw the Shamrocks make a fast 15 points, one less than they made the first three periods of play.

Spalding made only 13 field goals but hit 11 of the free shots which won the game.

Wray hit 12 points to lead Spalding while Rex Rupprecht popped 15 for the Irish. Bob Tooley turned in a neat all-around game.

St. Bonaventure Beats Maroons

St. Bonaventure rolled their third tournament win by besting the Kramer High Reserves 44-20. Bill Floyd's boys were only in the competition the first four minutes. It was 4-4 at that point with Virgil Olson's two fielders matching Bob Tooley's basket and free throws by Don Baumert and Dick Kemnitz.

Rex Rupprecht chipped in with a fielder and a gift toss, and Tooley converted two gratis shots for a 9-4 quarter margin. Field goals by Rupprecht, Jerry Melcher and Baumert sent the Irish into a 17-6 intermission edge.

The little Maroons put up a good try but Tooley and Baumert pepped a St. Bonaventure rally which led to a 30-10 advantage, entering the stretch. Rupprecht and Melcher kept the ball rolling for a 42-14 count at the automatic time out.

Rupprecht had 13 points and Baumert 11 to pace the winners, while Tooley contributed 9 counters and a fine all-around game. Virgil Olson had 8 points for the reserves.

Bob Tooley received the trophy for the Irish, Jack Karthaus received the runner-up trophy for St. Francis, and Jim Schultz received the trophy for the Kramer freshmen.

Shamrocks Romp Platte Center Five

The Irish had an easy win when they romped over Platte Center 53-33.

Rupprecht started the ball rolling in the first quarter as the Irish took a 7-4 lead.

The Explorers got hot the second period and pulled up within a 15-18 score. But baskets by Tooley and Baumert put the Irish on the top half of a 26-19 halftime score.

The Irish hit 20 points in the third period while the visitors only got four and it was 46-23 entering the stretch.

Rupprecht was top scorer for the Irish with 20 points while Tooley and Baumert turned in a good all-around game. Podraza and G. Krings were the standout for Platte Center.

In the preliminary the Irish reserves dropped the Platte Center seconds 31-9. Jim Soulliere and Dennis Baumert paced the winners while Harsh was tops for Platte Center.

Holy Name Topples St. Bon's Quintet

A fast Holy Name club gave the Irish a 53-21 setback. Holy Name owned a 14-0 first quarter lead. The Irish had several shots but couldn't find the hoop.

Dick Kemnitz broke the ice after 10 minutes of play for the Irish. The Irish couldn't stop the Holy Name boys and left the floor at intermission on the short end of a 30-8 score.

Holy Name kept up the steady pace in the third and entered the stretch with a 47-11 lead.

Speedy Bob Decker and McGill set the scoring pace for Holy Name with 11 points each. Rex Rupprecht had six points while Bob Tooley and Don Baumert contributed five each.

In the preliminary game, Lester Savage dropped in a free shot with five seconds remaining to defeat the Holy Name reserves 19-18.

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R. Rupprecht Gets Top Player Award

Rex Rupprecht, sharpshooting St. Bonaventure forward, was named the outstanding player of the Platte County Tournament in voting by a committee of experts. The blond senior tallied 54 points in four games to lead the Shamrocks to the Championship.

Bill Olson, Humphrey High star, was named runner-up for his excellent all-around showing. Bob Tooley, St. Bonaventure defensive ace, was awarded third place. Jack Karthaus of St. Francis, a fine all-around guard and Art Pillen of Platte Center, who tallied 16 points as his team nearly upset Creston in the first round, were named fourth and fifth, respectively.

Don Baumert, St. Bonaventure center, who tallied 45 points in the meet and starred on rebounding, headed the second five. Gene Hastreiter of St. Francis, Duane Mueller of Creston, Virgil Olson of K. H. S. Reserves, and Myron Baumgart of Humphrey High completed the honor list.

S. H. Knights Oust Irish Hoopsters

The Sacred Heart Knights of Norfolk spurted in the last half to hand the Shamrocks a setback for the second time this season 31-17.

With half of the third period gone, it was still a toss-up game. Scoreboard at half-time showed St. Bonaventure trailing by a narrow margin, 10-13. The Irish crowded 14-15, late in the third quarter, with field goals by Don Baumert and Eddie Zuroski.

Then the Shamrocks "blew up" both offensively and defensively, and the Norfolk lads took advantage of it by widening their margin.

Forward Don Manion of the Knights bagged two fielders and set it up for Norfolk entering the stretch 19-14. He had plenty of help from guard Duane Crotty and tall Harley Stutesman to keep the ball rolling. The visitors headed the scoring column at the automatic time-out, 26-15.

Coach Paul Ernst's hoopsters were without a field goal from Baumert's turn shot midway in the third period until Rex Rupprecht snagged a lay-up with a minute remaining.

As the time ran out, Sacred Heart had widened their margin to 31-17. Stutesman was the all-around star in the game. He hit 10 points for scoring honors. Rupprecht was the only scoring threat for the Shamrocks, meshing nine counters.

In the preliminary, the little Shamrocks took on an early lead and went on to best the Sacred Heart reserves, 17-11. Lester Savage bagged 10 points for the winners.

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- M—anly—St. Bon's Basketball Team

Cagers Throttle St. Francis, 29-24

St. Bons rallied in the last six minutes to turn back a determined St. Francis club, 29-24. It was a nip and tuck battle all the way with the Irish taking a 5-4 quarter lead. The score was knotted 14-14 late in the second period but Bob Tooley's long shot gave the Irish a 16-14 half-time margin.

St. Francis counted on E. Zach's fielder and gratis shot by Hastreiter's to squeeze into a 21-20 lead entering the stretch.

Then Don Baumert took over for the Irish. Baumert converted three straight free throws and a bucket to give the Irish a 25-23 margin at the automatic time-out.

Dick Kemnitz hogged two quick baskets in the last two minutes to put the game in the bag for the Irish.

Baumert paced the winners with 11 points while Karthaus had 12 for St. Francis.

Rupprecht's six points ran his season scoring mark to 201 points in 16 games.

In the preliminary, Jim Lippstreu's basket in the last few seconds gave the St. Bon's reserves a 14-12 win over the St. Francis Reserves.

Alumni News

Jack Miller, '48, former Irish cage star, who is playing regular forward on the Bremerton, Washington Marine team, is hitting the hoop very consistently again. Over a five game period, Miller scored 101 points for a 20 point per game average. In a recent tournament, he scored 44 points in three games.

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S. B. H. Girls Serve C. D. A. Banquet

Seventeen St. Bonaventure High School girls served at the C. D. A. reception banquet which was held on February 6.

The girls taking part were as follows: Mary Anne Dunn, Harriette Reifenrath, Verdiann Romaneck, Victoria Guszak, Mary McCloskey, Ramona Messing, Jean Gerber, Rose Jahn, Polly Speice, Mary Gerhold, Helen Ternes, Margaret Hayes, Orlethia Wass, Helen Dunn, Rosella Kush, Patricia Kaminski, and Louise Ernst.

Irene Wilczynski offered a vocal solo accompanied on the piano by Joann Kummer. Group singing was also enjoyed.

Preceding the banquet 50 new members were initiated into the Court of the Little Flower, No. 988, in the school auditorium.

Bonnie Briefs

Helen Ternes (Athena) and Orlethia Wass (Diana) presented reports on "The Pets of Ancient Rome," and Polly Speice gave an account of Penelope, her Latin Patron, at the Olympian Council meeting which was held on February 7.

The O. C. discussed a Latin Banquet which will be held in May for both Latin classes. As entertainment the students participated in several Latin games.

Lester Savage (Jupiter), president, and Donna Rae Wheeler (Juna), secretary, presided.

The students of St. Bonaventure witnessed a comedy movie, "Taxi, Mister?," and two short features, "A Dog's Life," and "The Flea Makes His Home Again," on February 28 in the auditorium. The selections were presented through the courtesy of Father Arno.

Lester Savage, prefect, presided at the January Junior Third Order meeting during which Father Martin gave a short instruction on the purpose of this organization.

Leo Cynova provided entertainment by playing his guitar and singing. The evening was climaxed by a series of square dances.

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St. Bons Team Scores Honorable Records

St. Bonaventure basketball team has completed its basketball season with honorable records. The Shamrocks won 12 out of 20 games, took the County Tournament, and were placed third in the District Class "B" Meet.

Rex Rupprecht, senior, was the star and spark plug of the Irish, scoring 250 points in 20 games. He was named the outstanding player in the county meet and on the all-tourney team at the class "B" meet at Central City.

Bob Tooley, senior, showed nifty ball handling on offense and fine defensive work. He took third place in individual scoring.

Don Baumert, senior, helped the Irish with his height, and neat pivot shots, scoring 168 points to take second place.

Dick Kemnitz, senior, showed fine ability in both defensive and offensive work.

Jake Melcher, junior, did excellent work and is expected to be a star leader next season.

Eddie Zuroski, sophomore, showed-off well and his speed will enable him to cause trouble for the opposing team next year.

Lester Savage, junior, played good ball and his height will help the Irish next season.

Dennis Baumert, freshman, showed much promise for the future.

Cliff Speicher, sophomore, did splendid work in the limited time and was always in there "pitching."

Paul Gutzmer, senior, missed half of the season due to illness, but did excellent work in the opening games.

Jerry Billesbach, senior, and Vincent Felk, junior, (not on the picture) also helped the Shamrocks by their good team work.

Seniors Take Part In Merit Exams

The seniors of St. Bonaventure will participate in the Nebraska Merit System examinations for clerks, typist-clerks, and stenographer-clerks on April 2.

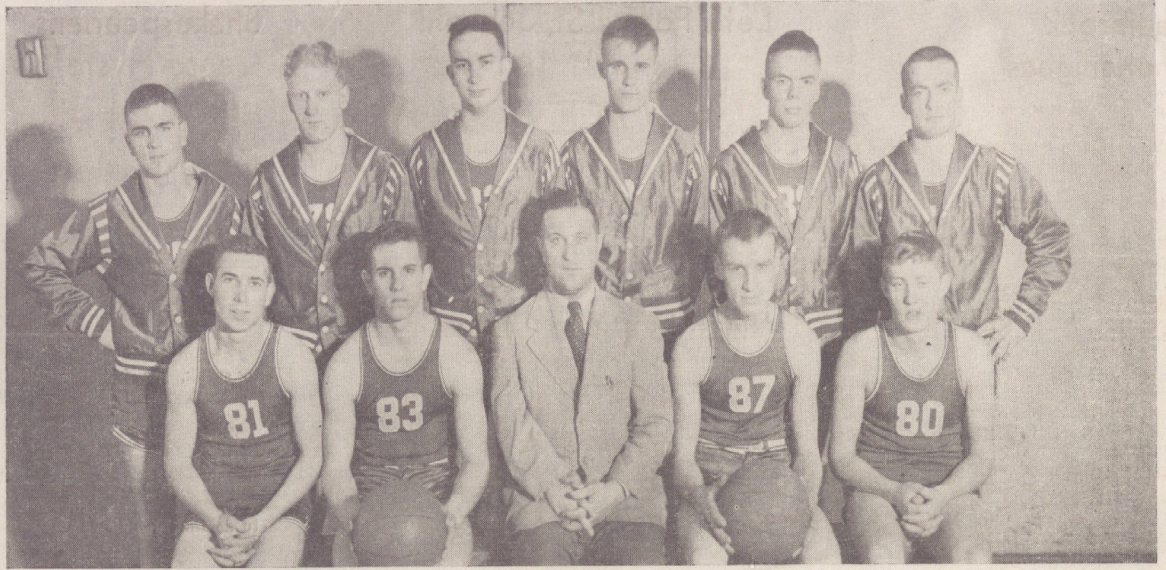
These examinations are open to all Nebraska high school seniors and are sponsored by The Merit System Council for Nebraska, Lincoln.

Persons earning a place on the registers will be offered employment in the County Welfare offices, offices of the Nebraska Employment Service, State Institutions, and the State Capitol.

The written examination will consist of a clerical-aptitude test, and a test based on vocabulary, filing, English usage, spelling, business arithmetic, office practice, punctuation, and proof reading. The system used in scoring will be similar to the International System.

"The examinations themselves provide an excellent motivation for study, and the experience in taking them has been found to be very valuable. Many students may find the offers of employment under the Merit System most desirable," according to I. J. Montgomery, Merit System Director.

St. Bonaventure Basketball Team of 1949



Left to right—Front row: E. Zuroski, C. Speicher, Coach Paul Ernst, L. Savage, D. Baumert; Back row: J. Melcher, R. Rupprecht, D. Kemnitz, D. Baumert, P. Gutzmer, B. Tooley.

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Mr. Quick Presents Adventurous Movie

Robert Quick, county superintendent, gave the St. Bonaventure students a treat by showing them movies on March 15.

"The Life of Huckleberry Finn" accompanied by the following: an educational picture, "The String Instruments"; a technicolor comedy, "Mother Goose Rhymes"; and "Puppy Fables" were shown.

Freshmen Gather Grand Total, \$70, In '49 Candy Sale

The freshman class group I gathered in a total of \$70 at their candy sale held on February 23 in the gymnasium. The proceeds were donated to "The Venture" fund.

The winning table which reaped a neat sum of \$25.75 set an all-time high record for the individual tables. The former record of \$21 was held by the junior class.

The co-chairmen of this winning table are Connie Hittner and John Kaminski with the following committee: Margaret Hembd, Charlotte Jones, Bernadette Holys, and Mary Ann Euteneuer.

Other co-chairmen and their net receipts are the following: Herbert Abts and Lois German, \$18.75; Dennis Baumert and Francis Fischer, \$14.80; and Bill Jarvis and Ruth Kluever, \$10.70.

St. Bons Organizes School 4-H Club

St. Bonaventure can now boast a newly organized 4-H Club. At their first meeting held February 23, the members chose the "Platte-Venture 4-H Club" as the official name of the club.

Lawrence Thiele and Bill Ebner are the leaders of the club. The following members were elected officers: Leo Thiele, president; Carroll Ebner, vice-president; Emil Jarecki, secretary; and Donald Korgen, news reporter.

Jim Roberts was taken into the club at the meeting held March 11.

Royce Fish, county agent, gave a talk on how to organize a club.

Edward Galus and Emil Jarecki brought two gas engines, which the club will study.

Juniors Sponsor First Square Dance

The junior class sponsored a square dance February 23 at the school auditorium.

Gary Altmanshofer served as square dance caller for the evening. One square consisting of Helen Ternes, Paul Melcher, Romayne Cerny, Vincent Feik, Mary Gerhold, Clifford Speicher, Agnes Pickhinke, and Ted Niedbalski, demonstrated various square dances. The demonstrating set taught those present.

Senior Class Presents Comedy 'The Whole Town Is Laughing'

Upperclassmen Choose As Date, April 25-26

The senior class will stage "The Whole Town Is Laughing," a three-act comedy by Robert St. Clair, as the annual class play, April 25-26, in the school auditorium under the direction of Sister M. Richardis, senior sponsor.

The Brien-Moore family have been looked-up-to by the citizens of a mid-western summer resort town as the "best family" in the community because of their exalted ancestors, distant titles, and as the owners of a large castle in Ireland. Douglas Brien-Moore, the son, is "ancestral-conscious." His mother, Mrs. Margaret Brien-Moore has reared him to believe that he is a little better than anybody else because of his honored birth. With Douglas engaged to wealthy Doris Dutton, the Brien-Moore family is pointed out as superior persons by all of the townspeople.

Five Students Enter Yearly UN Contest

Five students from St. Bonaventure High School will take a written examination on the United Nations on April 1. The contest is sponsored by the American Association for the United Nations of the National Broadcasting Company.

The twenty-third annual U. N. contest is open to all high school students in the United States. Those taking part in the competition are Romayne Cerny, Ina Claire Frischholz, Jack Kiner, Jo Ann Peck, and Agnes Pickhinke.

Among the valuable awards, which the contestants will receive, are cash prizes, scholarships, a trip to the United Nations, NBC broadcasts and telecasts, and a trip to Europe for the National Winner.

Speakers Discuss Nursing Profession

Mrs. Phillip Stewart, a graduate of St. Bonaventure and of St. Joseph's School of Nursing, Omaha, was a guest speaker of the junior and senior girls Friday, March 11. Miss MacCarthy, a junior student nurse at St. Joseph's, accompanied Mrs. Stewart.

Mrs. Stewart spoke of the requirements of becoming a nurse and encouraged all to follow this profession if they thought they would like it. Miss MacCarthy explained that the entertainment and school activities make up for all the hard work there is in becoming a nurse.

Just before Douglas' arrival home from college, Margaret discovers that the deep and surprising secret of her family's past is about to be exposed. She confesses her secret to Douglas who decides that they must keep this secret hidden or else he knows "The Whole Town Will Be Laughing" at them.

Adding to the predicament Larry O'Brien, Margaret's laughable Irish brother-in-law, whom she has for many years kept in her secret background, arrives with two girls and they are mistaken by the whole town as the Count and Countess De Jong whom Mrs. Brien-Moore is expecting from France.

The climax arrives when the real Count and Countess appear and the whole dead past of the Brien-Moore family is brought to life.

The situation is complicated further by the witty and often unnecessary comments of the following: Sarah, the comical Brien-Moore maid; Innes McGuire, an old family friend who suddenly pops up; Chester, the mischievous young son; Polly Dutton, a husband-seeking society matron; and Geoffrey Lamont, a Brien-Moore trouble-maker.

Cast of Characters

The characters are Douglas Brien-Moore, the "ancestral-conscious" son who will never endure the disgrace, Jack Kiner; Margaret Brien-Moore, his sophisticated yet confused and well-meaning mother, Jo Ann Olivetti; Chester "Chet" Brien-Moore, his young mischievous brother who hates royal ancestry, Dale Hittner; Doris Dutton, a pretty and wealthy young lady engaged to Douglas, Adeline Wozny; Polly Dutton, Doris' vivacious and society-minded mother, Harriette Reifenrath; Innes McGuire, a comical old family friend, Mary Anne Dunn; Sarah Edward, the Brien-Moore's good-natured but not too bright maid, Rosella Kush; Geoffrey Lamont, a handsome robust fellow who has a great interest in Doris and causes a lot of trouble, Charles Jaworski; Uncle Larry O'Brien, the unwelcomed yet laughable Irish relative, Bob Tooley; Clare Bell May, Uncle Larry's peppy young protegee, Irene Wilczynski; Mary Ellen Sullivan, an attractive and determined young woman, Clare Maire Kaupt; Count De Jong, a handsome foreign visitor, Jerry Billesbach; and Countess De Jong, the Count's charming sister, Anna Mae Pfeifer.

The play is being produced by special arrangement with The Northwestern Press Company of Minneapolis, Minnesota.

Freshmen Group I Winning Table



Courtesy Daniel Studio

Left to right—Front row: Connie Hittner, John Kaminski, Bernadette Holys; Back row: Charlotte Jones, Margaret Hembd, Mary Ann Euteneuer.

Shamrock Shenanigans

Here's all the little things that keep St. Bons humming. If you like them we will keep them coming next month.

Sister G. has suggested that two sophomore boys get a telephone for study hall. (How about making it a party line, boys?)

Question — "Why did Sister A. move certain seniors into Room 4 study hall?"

Could it be the mighty forty-niners are not so anxious to graduate after all, now that commencement day is so near? There must be some reason why the calendar in Room 6 (senior room), reads January when it's really March.

Flash! — A certain senior boy now holds St. Bons basketball record with 250 points. Congratulations, Rex!

Spring is just around the corner and we see there are several new romances blossoming at St. Bons. We won't mention any names because they wouldn't get in the paper anyway.

Our press had just been informed that a number of "poor" students missed classes because of the measles or mumps. (Lucky kids!)

We hear they have a nice bank in Albion—Huh, Addie? (Nice employees, too—right?)

Flash!—Alice Syslo and Jackie Micek have new shoes. (Spring sale, we gather.)

Attention, boys! Just heard about two prom dates. Congrats, girls! Effer hurry, boys, only two months and thirty-eight girls are left.

Tom Hembd, Lorrie Lou Mimick, and Adeline Wozny all have birthdays in March. Happy Birthday to all of you!

"To have or not to have Prom Dates."—That is the question of the senior and junior classes.

Did everyone notice that shiny Hudson convertible which a certain senior gal has been cruising around in?

Hear ye! Hear ye! A new professor has been discovered in geometry class. (How did you do it, Kenneth?)

Cheerio, kids, and may you all kiss the Blarney Stone on St. Pat's Day, and sure and begorra, we'll have something to write next month.

Let's Follow St. Joseph!

The month of March is dedicated to the foster father of Jesus, guardian of our Blessed Mother and patron of a happy death. On March 19 we have the special feast day of St. Joseph.

As we look through the life of St. Joseph, we find him always ready to do God's command in ever-loving obedience. St. Joseph, as the foster father of Jesus, had the greatest honor which God could bestow on any man and yet, St. Joseph was humble, kind, just and a real example to the human race.

Are we kind, humble, and obedient? Do we grumble when told to do tasks for our parents and teachers? Are we examples of kindness, humility and obedience?

Follow St. Joseph and ask him to help us gain his virtues.

A. P.

Which Will You Choose?

March is the month of vocations — a time set aside especially for vocational callings to the religious life.

A vocation is a calling to a way of life. Marriage and single life are vocations but usually when we speak of vocations we think of a more perfect vocation — one in which a person sets aside his life and works for God as a religious.

Everyone has a vocation. To some it may come sooner than to others. Two things are necessary to know if a person has a vocation—first and foremost, prayer, and secondly, the advice of our spiritual directors.

Pope Pius XII admires Americans, especially for their courage, and since we are the only major country that did not suffer hardships because of the war, he looks toward the courageous young men and women of today for the missionaries who are sadly lacking in the world.

Pray, during this month of vocations, that you may clearly see if you are called to the religious, married, or single life.

The only way to be truly happy is to follow the vocation to which God has called you.

I. C. F.

Here's To St. Patrick!

On March 17 our eyes are focused on the sight of bright shamrocks, green ribbons and Irish laughter. These symbols are signifying memorable expressions of recognition to a great and holy man, St. Patrick.

This Saint was born towards the close of the fourth century in Scotland. In his sixteenth year he was carried into captivity by certain barbarians, who took him into Ireland, where he was obliged to tend cattle amidst the snow, rain, and ice of the desolate mountains. During this period of work and hunger he found his deep and faithful love for God continually growing with new strength. After six months of this he had a dream whereby God instructed him to return to his own country.

Some years later, after returning home, he was again led captive but recovered his liberty after two months. St. Patrick then began to prepare himself for his sacred work of spreading the faith and converting Ireland. He performed innumerable Christian deeds and continuously cured sick souls in spite of his own many sufferings and trials.

He baptized a countless number of people. He ordained clergymen, induced women to live in holy widowhood, consecrated virgins to Christ, and instituted monasteries.

By the instrumentality of St. Patrick, the faith is now as fresh in Ireland, even in this cold twentieth century, as when it was first planted.

Let's ask him to obtain for America the special grace of his children—firm Faith in our holy religion.

J. O.

'Give and You Shall Receive!'

"Strengthen ye the feeble hand and confirm the weak knees. Say to the faint hearted, 'Take courage and fear not; behold your God will come and save you.'" These are the words that we Christians have sent as Christmas greetings to the suffering peoples of the world. Ours, then, is the duty to fulfill this prophetic promise through active love of God and neighbor. This active love is expressed in our contribution to the Bishops' Relief Fund.

The program of the Bishops' Relief Fund has a two-fold objective. It constitutes the shipment of food stuffs, clothing, and medicine to victims of war; and secondly the continuation of an active program in aiding the resettlement of displaced persons. Again, therefore, Catholic youth has the opportunity to put to practice the obligated virtues of justice and charity.

Our Holy Father concluded his plea for peace with the words—"It is with special confidence that we turn to Catholic youth. To you, young people, who bear in the flower of your age the responsibility of a tomorrow so uncertain."

The immediate objective of this campaign is to collect money for the aid of victims of war. But a longer range aim is the stimulation of Catholic Americans to continue their duties toward less fortunate fellowmen. Your contribution is not given too regretfully when one realizes that the welfare of all of us is bound up with this appeal. Millions of people everywhere are in dire need of help. As long as there are suffering people in the world the Mystical Christ will be concerned with the relief.

"The crisis we are experiencing in history is unique. It will be the honor of this generation, if it understands its missions, to have helped the world in a religious spirit," according to Pope Pius XI.

Be generous in your contribution to the Bishops' Relief Fund and keep in mind these true spoken words—"It's not what you give but it's how you give it."

Remember—"Give and you shall receive."

O. W.



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Shakespearians Cause Hysterics

As I, a certain junior, was walking into a study hall, I approached a certain senior, and naturally I spoke to her and she replied, "To be or not to be, that is the question." "Well," I thought, "she's just been working too hard."

I then approached a senior boy and politely greeted him and he dramatically replied, "This above all, to thine own self be true."

Pray, with these questioning phrases in my (ha!) mind, I was just about to approach another girl when before I had a chance to speak, she jumped out at me and said, "Thou canst not then be false to any man."

Well, that did it. With fear, anger, and fire rushing out of my nostrils, I began to pack to go to a sanatorium, but then I was stopped, (Who'd be foolish enough to do that?) and was told that it was only the seniors (forty-niners) sweating out "Hamlet."



Embarrassed Carillon Finds Larynx Missing

One morning I awoke to find something missing. I looked myself over in the summer sunshine, and ole' Mr. Sun just stood there and laughed at me. I felt very embarrassed and I turned purple and every other color. I looked at the very quiet tree which leans over me and shelters me when it rains, snows, or even when it is nice and quiet, but this day it gave me a glance at me and laughed thought it would die.

I went over my wardrobe and found nothing missing. Finally came the one thing that hurt my feelings more than anything else in this wide world. A door had just been unlocked and out came three queer looking humans who began to push and kick me and I wondered what in the world I had done to make them so mad at me.

Then I thought, "What should I do? Yes, I would leave this cruel world and go where I would be appreciated." So I was just getting ready to end it all, when out came those three (girls, I guess) again.

Then, like a flash, I remembered what was missing — my tongue! So this girl picked up my tongue and rang me as I had never been rung before.

Oh-h-h, before I end this, I am the St. Bons tower bell, which almost didn't get the kids into school by 9:30 First Friday morning.

Mass Honor Roll

(4th Six Weeks)

- Seniors: Laura Mae Gates
Juniors: Mary Ellen Hoffman, Stanley Krzycki, Ray Marsolek, David Pensick, Agnes Pickhinke, Lester Savage
Sophomores: Barbara DeLarme, Eugene Gates, Myron Mayberger, Rita Schmid
Freshmen: Herbert Abts, Leo Cynova, Jean Clark, Francis Fischer, Edward Galus, Lois German, Robert Gonka, Virginia Jarecki, Charlotte Jones, James Kirby, Charles Kaipust, Richard Otterpohl, Gene Spide, Ronald Steiner, Mary Ann Staroscik, Mary Lou Stuehmer, Robert Sueper, Mary Jo Tucek

Inquiring Reporters Report Inquiries

This month your Inquiring Reporters have found a subject interesting to every boy and girl in St. Bons High. Our question was, "What is your ideal date?"

From the poll, we have found that the girls like them tall or short; dark or light; quiet or loud. But most requested qualities are good manners, neatness, and consideration.

The ideal girl, so the boys think, need not be beautiful but at least attractive. She should be neat and ready on time. Besides all this, she must be able to take the lead in conversation.

Irene Wilczynski—One who will treat me to hamburgers and crack cornier jokes than I. (Could they be cornier?)

Jerry Billesbach—A girl who eats little and talks less but is a lot of fun.

Rosie Raemakers—A man who is at least half my size and not completely bald. (That shouldn't be hard to find.)

Bill Ragatz—Must have money and a car.

Jody Olivetti—Need not have money or a car but be able to laugh and to have fun.

Dale Hittner—A girl who is sweet, little and intelligent.

Vince Feik—Has to be a girl. Betty Dischner—Need not have a special color of eyes or hair. It's what's inside that counts most to me.

Jackie Micek—The "Humphrey Bogart" type, of course.

Tom Hembd—A brunette with brown eyes and a Pontiac.

Ramona Messing—My ideal date should be funny, with a personality bright and sunny.

He doesn't have to have much money, but he should be able to support his honey.

(A poet in our midst.)

Raphael Gladfelter—Must be a lot of fun and have a pleasing personality.

Phyllis Thraen—Must be tall, dark and handsome.

Don Baumert—Must be the type that grows on trees in India. (Seed or seedless?)

Rosie Jahn—Is any facsimile to Lon McCallister?

Dick Rice—Is just an ordinary girl. (He's not fussy.)

Rosie Kush—Is tall and blonde with an enticing smile.

Marcia Locher—Need not take me to an expensive place, but just to a movie would be swell.

Virgil Nickolite—Is a movie star like Betty Grable.

Mary Anne Dunn—Should be lots of fun, with a keen sense of humor, and yet can be serious at the right time.

Don Langan—Should have Scotch blood and money, money, money.

John Syslo—Need not have looks but must be neat in appearance.

Alice Syslo—Should be a prize fighter. (Joe?)

Paul Gutzmer—Should be able to lead in a conversation.

Anna Mae Pfeifer—Is an intriguing boy with manners and a sense of humor. (Hm-m-m!)

Anna Mae Roddy—Should have a good sense of humor and know a lot about trucks.

Ray Marsolek—Should be ready at the set time.

Adeline Wozny—Should have broad shoulders.

Lois Dineen—Is a man who is taller than myself or at least as tall.

Bobby Brehm—Is just my size, and lots of fun.

Harriette Reifenrath—Would be very intellectual and handsome.

Denny Baumert—Should be talkative, vivacious and neat.

Bob Tooley—Must know her geometry. (A cute angle?)

Mary McCloskey—Is anyone bearing any resemblance to Glenn Ford? (Do I hear any bids?)

Jean Gerber—Should be the athletic type.

Agnes Pickhinke—Is intelligent with much courtesy.

Don Vanek—Should have "Hair of gold, eyes of blue, lips like cherry wine." (Musical, eh?)

"Learn to live and live to learn."

Honor Roll

(4th Six Weeks) Seniors

- Victoria Guszak, Dale Hittner, Juliann Jarecki, Clare Marie Kaipust, Jack Kiner, Margaret Korgie, Rosella Kush, Jacqueline Micek, Theresa Moritz, Jo Ann Olivetti, Anna Mae Pfeifer

Juniors

- Romayne Cerny, Betty Ann Dischner, Louise Ernst, Ina Claire Frischholz, Raphael Gladfelter, Mary Ellen Hoffman, Rose Marie Jahn, Patricia Kaminski, Ray Marsolek, Mary McCloskey, Agnes Pickhinke

Sophomores

- Rita Burzynski, William Ernst, Mary Gerhold, Ted Niedbalski, Polly Speice, Helen Marie Ternes, Orlethia Wass

Freshmen

- Herbert Abts, Dennis Baumert, Lois German, Charles Kaipust, Mary Jo Tucek.

"Try not to keep ahead of the one behind, but to catch the one before."

Shamrocks Topple West Point, 33-29

St. Bonaventure Shamrocks ended their regular basketball schedule by defeating Guardian Angel of West Point in a well-earned 33-29 victory.

The victory gave the Irish a season record of 10 wins against 7 losses.

Dick Kemnitz ignited the Irish with a setup in the first minute of play and from there on the Irish were in the lead or tied for it. Kemnitz, Don Baumert, and Rex Rupprecht kept the ball rolling as the Irish took a 14-10 first stanza edge.

Both teams played on even terms as Baumert and Rupprecht hit three points each giving the Irish a half time advantage of 20-16.

The St. Bons five blew a number of easy shots in the third quarter by making only three points against the four for the West Pointers. The Shamrocks opened the fourth quarter with an 11 point barrage to give the Irish a 31-23 lead with four minutes gone. West Point crowded but Baumert's pivot shot, with two minutes to go, gave the Irish a 6-point margin.

St. Bonaventure's defensive game was good but the Green and White had difficulty in finding the hoop.

The Irish Seconds were defeated 29-22 in the preliminary.

Irish Place Third In District Meet

St. Bons Shamrocks took a sing-song battle from Aurora by a score of 39-34 to capture third place in the Class "B" district basketball tournament.

The lead exchanged hands often during the first period but the Irish held a 11-9 margin. The Irish kept up their offense in the second and took a 20-18 intermission lead.

At one time in the third quarter the Irish had a 10 point lead but the Huskies battled back and tied the score 32-all, with four minutes remaining.

The Irish were out in front 34-32 at the automatic time out and padded their lead with 3 free throws and a basket by Rex Rupprecht.

Rupprecht took scoring honors with 16 points and Don Baumert hit for 15.

The Shamrocks were awarded a third place trophy by the Central City Chamber of Commerce.

The Scoring

	G	FG	FT	PF	TP
Rupprecht, f	20	94	82-123	45	250
Don Baumert, c	18	68	32-73	43	168
Tooley, g	20	34	34-68	62	102
Kemnitz, f	18	22	11-29	36	55
Zuraski, f	17	13	8-15	21	34
Gutzmer, g	9	12	10-22	13	34
Melcher, g	18	9	8-20	32	26
Billesbach, g	12	2	4-6	10	8
Denny Baumert, c	7	2	2-4	3	8
Savage, f	7	1	0-3	1	2
Speicher, g	6	0	0-1	1	0
Feik, g	3	0	0-1	1	0

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Students Entertain At P. T. A. Meeting

Three St. Bonaventure High School students provided the musical entertainment, which was sponsored by Louis R. Rambour, at the P. T. A. meeting held on March 15, in the gymnasium.

Mary Alice Moersen offered a piano solo, and Marcia Locher accompanied by Helen Marie Ternes sang two vocal selections.

Guest speakers for the evening was Mrs. Elsie Brugger introduced by Mr. Rambour. "Love your children, understand them, and help them," was her main topic.

In observation of "States Day" a panel discussion was held under the leadership of Mrs. J. Douglas, with Mrs. Wm. Gregorious, Mrs. Walter Neppi, and Mrs. E. C. Kavanaugh comprising the rest of the panel.

Girl Scout Troops six and seven presented a skit, "A Typical Girl Scout Meeting," and a song, "Indian Taps." Mrs. William Markhofer, Mrs. W. L. Boettcher and Mrs. William Gregorius, the girl scout leaders, were introduced to the members of the P.T.A.

Group singing was led by Mrs. William Markhofer, with Mrs. Ed Messing as accompanist.

"Life is a game. Will you play it?"

St. Bonaventure High 1948-1949 Freshmen Group II



Left to right—First row: M. A. Staroscik, M. Steiner, M. A. Moersen, R. Otterpohl, M. P. Tooley, M. J. Tucek, M. E. Marsolek, P. Mahoney; Second row: G. Speidel, M. Noonan, L. Thiele, R. Nickolite, B. Gonka, J. Speicher, B. Markhofer, A. Trofholz; Last row: K. O'Kane, K. Thraen, M. Paprocki, B. Maag, B. Koch, M. Stuefmer, A. Krzycki, C. Meyers, B. Sueper.

St. Bons Quint Oust Fullerton Warriors

The St. Bons Shamrocks nicked the Fullerton Warriors 34-32, to advance to the semi-finals.

The Irish won out in story-book fashion. The score was tied 32-32, with 20 seconds remaining. Rex Rupprecht broke loose for a setup but missed and Nelson, Warrior guard, was fouled on the rebound. He failed to make the point and Rupprecht dribbled down the court, leaped into the air, and sent a difficult shot soaring through the hoop with only five seconds remaining. The first quarter was nip and tuck with the Warriors taking a 11-10 first count advantage.

Rupprecht and Don Baumert got "hot" early in the second period and put the Irish on top of a 23-18 count at intermission.

Then came the "poor half" for the Irish as Fullerton kept firing and went ahead 28-27. Baumert's gratis toss tied the game. A pair of free tosses by Dick Kemnitz and Bob Tooley's basket put the Irish out in front 32-28. Dubas and Mathieson fired in the tying baskets before Rupprecht's winning basket.

Rupprecht had 13 points for the winners with Dubas also getting 13 for the Warriors. Tooley turned in a good floor game.

Loup City Nicks Irish In Class 'B' Tourney

The Loup City Red Raiders defeated St. Bonaventure Irish in the Class "B" semi-finals at Central City.

Joe "The Real" McCoy and Center Irving Thode paced the Red Raiders to victory over St. Bons with 16 and 15 points, respectively.

Thode, brilliant high-jump artist, used his leaping ability to good advantage in rebounding and turning jump attempts from the foul arc.

Game pilot Bob Tooley had a "hot" night totaling 13 points, while Rex Rupprecht and Don Baumert each totaled 7 points.

McCoy hit in the first quarter giving the Raiders a 13-5 lead. Baumert's three gratis shots and Tooley's one-hander from the foul arc pulled the Irish within 13-10, early in the second stanza, but they couldn't keep up with Thode and the rest of the Raiders as they enjoyed a 29-13 halftime margin.

The Irish came up with a quick rally to close the gap to 20-31 midway in the third stanza but Loup City drew away again to lead by 36-23 entering the stretch.

St. Bons had a bad night under the basket and couldn't work the ball in and they fell into defeat 43-31.

Rex Rupprecht Sets New Scoring Record

Rex Rupprecht, St. Bonaventure star forward, set a new individual scoring record in the school by scoring 250 points in 20 games. He acquired this mark by making 94 field goals and 62 free throws.

The record was formerly held by Jack Miller, who scored 210 points in 19 games, last year.

Rex, a senior, was named the outstanding player in the Platte County Tournament and also on the All-Tourney Team at the Class "B" Meet in Central City.

In the Platte County Tournament, the blond senior tallied 54 points in four games to lead the Shamrocks to victory and to the Championship.

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Students Participate In Essay Contest

Students of St. Bonaventure High and Elementary School are participating in the annual essay contest. The theme is "American Freedom—Now and Forever."

The junior high group includes the seventh, eighth, and ninth grades while the tenth, eleventh, and twelfth grades are in the high school division.

The first and second prizes are five dollars and three dollars, respectively.

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Now what are they doing? Taking me up that ladder. They can't leave me sitting here! I'll fall! I'm not used to the altitude. Please, take me down.

That's better. Now I can breathe again. Ouch! Someone just kicked me in the stomach. They spilled all the water out of me.

Did I hear right! Those girls are going to get jobs washing walls. Brother, where are my legs? I'm getting out of here. One day is enough for me. Those junior girls will have to wash walls without this bucket.

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Song Titles Register Clues to Personalities

Who is the first person or thing you think of when you hear a certain song title? Could it be something like the following:

"Slow Boat to China"—What certain students must take to school at noon.

"Doctor, Lawyer, and Indian Chief"—Jack Kiner, Vince Feik, and Bill Soulliere.

"School Days"—Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and also Friday.

"One Meatball"—Jackie Micek.
"The Cowboy and the Lady"—Don Vanek and Mary McCloskey.
"Smoke-Rings"—Jerry Billesbach.

"Toolie Oolie Doolie"—Mary Pat, Bob and Dick.

"Temptation"—To talk in study.
"There Must Be a Way"—To get to the out-of-town games.

"Snooky Ookums"—Dick Urban.
"My One Rose"—Rosella Kush.
"Sweet Adeline"—Adeline Wozny.

"Hair of Gold, Eyes of Blue"—Jean Gerber and Rex Rupprecht.

"Harriette"—Harriette Reifentath.

"I Love a Piano"—Jo Ann Peck.
"Dark Eyes"—Dale Hittner.

"Fiesta"—Lunch during class.
"Tramp, Tramp, Tramp"—Change of classes.

"Chatanooga Choo Choo"—Phyllis and Keith Thraen.

"My Happiness"—An "A" on my report card.

"Rambling Rose"—Rose Jahn.
"Playmates"—Rosie Raemakers and Mary Ann Merrill.

"Spaghetti"—Jody Olivetti.
"Butterfly"—Anna Mae Pfeifer.

"It's Been a Long, Long Time"—Since the last school dance.
"Bell Bottom Trousers"—What the well dressed Miss wears under her pea coat.

"Going My Way"—A ride, yip-pee!
"Beautiful Dreamer"—Andy Gdowski.

"Ramona"—Ramona Messing.
"We Three"—Jackie, Jody, and Phil.

"Buttons and Bows"—The shorthand club.
"Surrey With the Fringe on Top"—Any St. Bon's jalopy.

"I Came Here to Talk for Joe"—Alice Syslo.
"Mary, It's a Grand Old Name"—Mary Gerhold.

"Don't Let Julia Fool Ya"—Julian Jarecki.
"Margie"—Margaret Korgie.

"Lulu Belle"—Lorrie Lou Mimick.
"I Have a Song"—Irene Wilczynski.

"Little Girl"—Spud Ternes.
"Baby Face"—Polly Speice.

"Give Me a Car"—Sis Hayes.
"Laura"—Laura Mae Gates.

"Empty Saddles"—Old saddle shoes.
Marcia Reale"—Marcia Locher.

"Gloria"—Gloria Nosal.
"Congratulations"—Rex Rupprecht.

"This is the Moment"—For prom dates.
"It's Too Soon To Know"—Senior sneak day.

"Diane"—Diane Haney.

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Sophomores Debate Questions of Serfdom

Resolved: "That Serfdom Was Preferable to American Negro Slavery," was the subject of a recent debate, in the series of debates, presented by the sophomore World History Class, on March 9.

Orlethia Wass introduced each speaker. With Ted Niedbalski as chairman, the boys composed the affirmative side, while the girls under the chairmanship of Polly Speice upheld the negative side.


Emil Jarecki, Milton Speicher, and August Warholski comprised the remainder of the affirmative team. Completing the negative team were Mary Ann Tworek, Mary Ann Johnson, and Donna Rae Wheeler.

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Father Martin Holds Recollection Services

Father Martin Wolter, assistant pastor, conducted the Day of Recollection services, for the men of the parish sponsored by the Knights of Columbus at St. Bonaventure Church, Sunday, April 3.

Several high school boys, and many alumni were among the 150 men who attended the services which were designed to promote the spiritual welfare of Catholic men.

After a lecture by Father Martin on the evils of the world today and the necessity of Catholic Action, the group attended Lenten services in the church.

Following this Father Martin gave a talk on the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass and then the rosary and a litany were recited.

Student Body Views Film, 'King of Kings'

"King of Kings," a most impressive movie, was shown on March 25, through the courtesy of the Knights of Columbus, to the grade and high school students of St. Bonaventure.

The movie was a Cecil B. DeMille production of the public life of Christ. His Passion and Death and Resurrection were included.

That evening the movie was again shown for the adults.

S. B. H. Juniors Sponsor '49 Junior-Senior Prom

Green, Gold Predominate In Forty-Niners' Theme

The junior class is making preparations for the Junior-Senior Prom which will be held in the school auditorium on May 5, under the direction of Sister Aureliana, sponsor.

The senior class colors, green and gold, will predominate in the decorations which will center around the forty-niners' theme.

The following decorating chairmen and their committees are: Windows — Chairman, Betty Dischner; assistants, Gloria Nosal, Rose Jahn, and Marcia Locher; Ceiling—Chairman, Lester Savage; assistants, Ray Marsolek, Marlynn Diederich, Rosemary Ramaekers, Charlene Nickolite, Mary Ellen Hoffman, Mary Ann Merrill, and Anna Mae Roddy; Walls — Chairman, Mary McCloskey; assistants, Lois Dineen, Bill Ragatz, Louise Ernst, Bob DeLarme, Bob Brehm, and Kenneth Euteneuer; Radiators — Co-Chairmen, Agnes Pickhinke and Romayne Cerny; assistant, Ramona Messing; Lights—Chairman, Jerry Melcher; assistants, Bill Soulliere and Vincent Felk; Special Decorations—Chairman, Pat Kaminski; assistants, Lorraine Hilbert, Ina Claire Frischholz, Ramona Messing, David Pensick, Raphael Gladfelter, and Jerry Melcher.

Mrs. J. F. Cerny is in charge of the banquet.

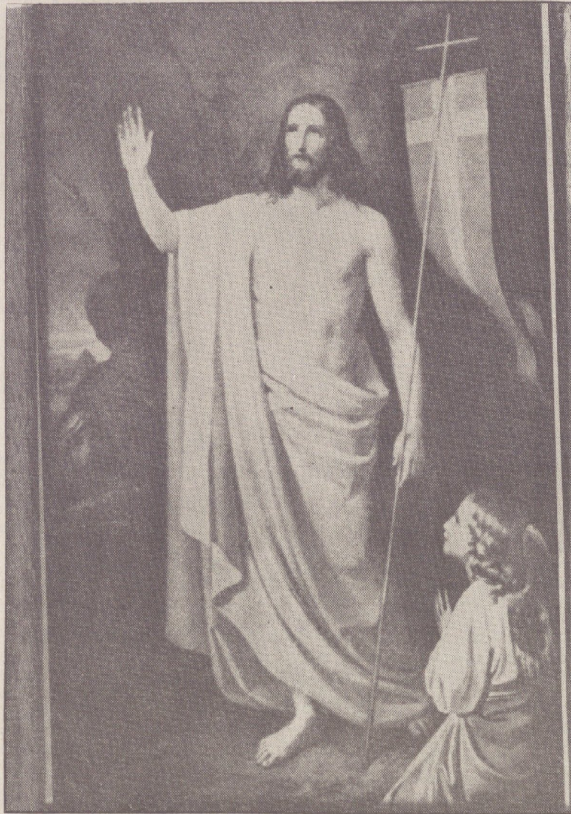
Freshies Organize Girls' Softball Team At St. Bons

St. Bons High School girls have now taken an active interest in sports. Freshmen girls of both Groups I and II have organized a kittenball team.

Lois German, who once belonged to the baseball team at Humphrey, is captain of the team. The other members are as follows: Diane Haney, Estelle Wemhoff, Jean Clark, Gennette Spidel, Virginia Jarecki, Mary Jo Tucek, Mary Ann Euteneuer, and Marilyn Noonan.

In the future they hope to play the Freshmen kittenball team at Humphrey.

A Happy Easter!



THE RESURRECTION Courtesy of Daniel Studio

Lois Dineen Merits Title 'St. Bons '49 Stamp Queen'

Lester Savage Merits Stamp King Award

Lois Dineen received the title of "Miss Stamp Queen of 1949" in a gala celebration on February 24, in the gymnasium. Lester Savage merited the honor of "Stamp King of 1949."

Attired in a light blue formal and a dark blue velvet cape with a high collar, the queen, preceded by her attendants—Clare Marie Kaipust, Rosella Kush, Jean Gerber, and Ruth Kluever—and the rest of the Sodality, made a striking entrance.

Following the singing of "On This Day, O Beautiful Mother," Lois as Stamp Queen was crowned by Adeline Wozny, sodality president.

The Queen and her attendants received gifts which they merited for having collected over 70,000 stamps.

Red, white and blue were the dominating colors in the decorations carried out in the patriotic theme. Runners of red and white crepe paper were placed lengthwise down the middle of the tables which were placed in a U shape. American flags combined with yellow and red flags alternated with red candles placed in silver holders provided center pieces on the table. Place cards with the names of the classes printed on them designated the places at the table.

After a short business meeting, Father Albert, sodality sponsor, gave a brief talk on Lent.

The following entertainment was featured: Mary Ellen Hoffman played the piano for a "Song Title Quiz" of which Louise Ernst won first prize. Helen Marie Ternes and Clare Marie Kaipust shared the prize in the game "Who Is It?" A series of Truth or Consequences and community singing concluded the entertainment program.

The party closed with the group singing the national anthem, "The Star Spangled Banner."

The junior girls were in charge of the entire affair under the direction of Sister Laurentine, sodality sponsor. The chairmen and their respective committees were as follows: Decorations — Co-chairman, Patricia Kaminski and Marlynn Diederich; Refreshments — Louise Ernst; Entertainment — Betty Dischner; and Gifts — Ina Claire Frischholz.

Agnes Pickhinke and Romayne Cerny designed the Queen's crown.

Some sodalists have already begun to save stamps for next year's campaign and the total is expected to go over the 100,000 mark.

Rev. Schell Advises Junior Third Order

Rev. Jordan Schell, O. F. M., Third Order Provincial Commissary, who was formerly an army chaplain, was guest speaker at the Junior Third Order meeting in the gymnasium March 29.

He presented a humorous and inspiring talk on the Third Order and sainthood and praised Father Martin for having reorganized the Junior Third Order.

Father Martin gave a short instruction on the Third Order and then records depicting the passion of Christ were played.

Under the direction of Bill Jarvis, Helen Marie Ternes and Mary Gerhold, a Truth or Consequences was held with several members receiving the consequences.

Agnes Pickhinke and Ted Niedbalski provided the musical portion of the evening by playing selections on the piano accordion and harmonica, respectively.

W. Ernst Submits Scholarship Entry

William Ernst, sophomore, has submitted his name for the Omaha World-Herald Carriers College Scholarship. The purpose of this scholarship is to aid paper-carriers who wish to further their education. Twelve awards are given annually.

In order to be eligible for this scholarship the student is required to carry the World-Herald paper for one year preceding his date of application. His scholastic standing must be above 'C'. A personal investigation is made of each applicant's route, his school work and his citizenship.

The applicants are graded on promptness, efficiency, politeness, courtesy, and attendance of both school and route work.

Contestants Get O. G. A. Awards

Eighteen members of the Buttons and Beau Shorthand Club, who participated in the March (O. G. A.) Order of Gregg Artists Contest, have received certificates or pins designating passing entries. The contest is sponsored by the Gregg Writers of the Gregg Publishing Company, New York.

Those receiving awards are: Jacqueline Micek, Jo Ann Olivetti, Alice Syslo, Phyllis Ann Thraen, Robert Brehm, Romayne Cerny, Marlynn Diederich, Lois Dineen, Ina Claire Frischholz, Lorraine Hilbert, Mary Ellen Hoffman, Rose Marie Jahn, Patricia Kaminski, Mary McCloskey, Ramona Messing, Gloria Nosal, Agnes Pickhinke, and Anna Mae Roddy.

The purpose of the contest is to make shorthand characters as perfect as possible, according to the standard requirements, so that students will be able to read each others notes.

Commercial students in 6,000 schools in the United States take part in the contest. Students may choose either a pin or certificate as their award.

Boys Stater



RAY MARSOLEK

R. Marsolek Claims Boys State Honor

Ray Marsolek, junior, has been selected by the Columbus Lions Club to represent Columbus at the ninth annual session of Cornhusker Boys State, June 4-11, on the University of Nebraska campus in Lincoln.

Ray is an active member of all school activities. He is co-sports editor of "The Venture", president of the junior class, vice-prefect of the Junior Third Order and a letterman in football. He was elected county clerk in the recent Cornhusker Boys and Girls County Government.

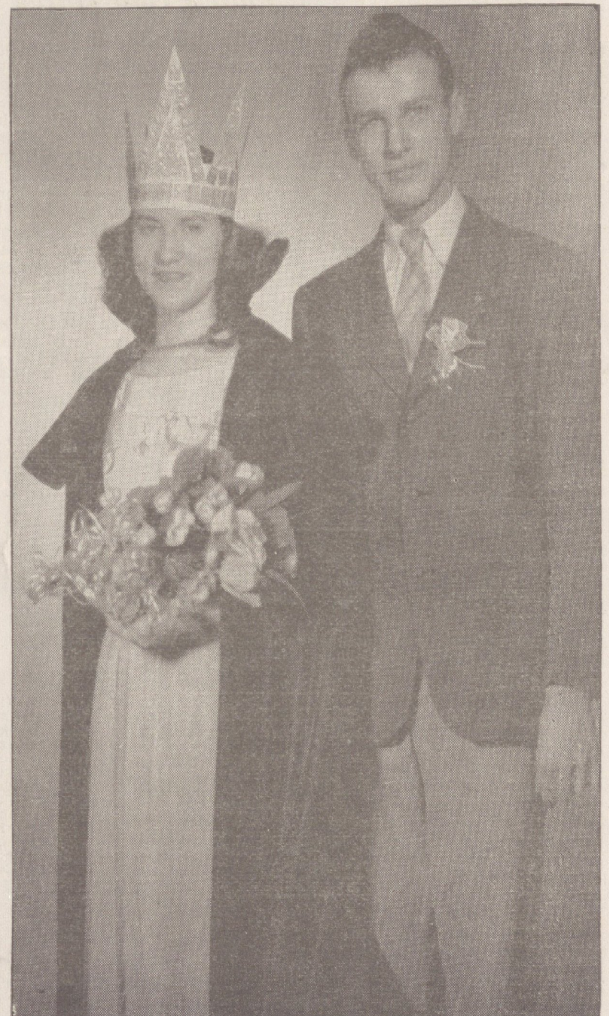
Boy Staters are chosen on the basis of scholastic ability, leadership, qualities of citizenship and general good health.

This is the first year St. Bonaventure has had the honor of sending a representative to Cornhusker Boys State.

Class Play

What: "The Whole Town Is Laughing."
When: April 24 and 25.
Where: St. Bons auditorium.

Stamp King, Queen of '49



LOIS DINEEN AND LESTER SAVAGE

Sympathy

The faculty and students of St. Bonaventure School express their deepest sympathy to Sister M. Gabriel, principal, on the death of her dear father.

Prying Inquisitors Create Huge Boom In 'Zati' Business

What would you do with a "zati"? You say you don't know what a "zati" is? Well, don't feel bad because neither do the students of St. Bon High. Here are some of the amazing remarks they gave. (By the way a "zati" is a monkey!)

If I had a "zati" . . .

Adeline Wozny—I'd paint it and put it on a shelf.

Jack Kiner—I'd fry it and give it to my best friend to eat. Maybe I'd eat it myself. (Hmmm, fried monkey.)

Betty Dischner—I'd wear it over my formal to the prom.

Jerry Billesbach—I would go into business with it. (Could he mean monkey business?)

Lorraine Hilbert—I don't know what a "zati" is, but I'm sure my mother wouldn't like it, so I'd sneak it into my room and hang it in the closet.

Pat Kaminski—If I had a "zati" I'd give it to Rosie Jahn and hope it wasn't a man. (It wasn't.)

Francis Fischer—I'd name it "Katie."

Dennis Baumert—I'd shoot it. (How cruel.)

Herbert Abt—I'd sell it to the Columbus Music Store.

Lois German, Jean Clark, Jonnie Kaminski, Lois Dineen and Mary McCloskey—I'd eat it.

Romayne Cerny—I'd ride it to school.

Agnes Pickhinke—I'd curl my hair with it.

Clare Kaipust—I'd use it for a pillow.

Jackie Micek—I'd slice it and eat it. I love "zatis" with mustard.

Bill Jarvis—I'd let it do my homework. (You better do your own, Bill.)

Ruth Kluever—I wouldn't be here. (Oh, yes you would.)

Virginia Jarecki—I'd try to buy another one.

James Kirby—I'd sell it. (Maybe Virginia would be interested.)

Ina Claire Frischholz—I would wear it in my hair. (Something new, anyway.)

Nosey Sleuth Goes Keyhole Peeking

With the prom growing nearer each minute, and I being a curious senior, who just happened to be passing the auditorium door, heard voices belonging to junior girls, and a rustle of crepe paper. Well, I just couldn't resist the temptation to look through the key hole. (They had it filled with paper, so I just listened.)

"Do you think we should have both colors or just one there?" "They're surely dirty. (Oh not the seniors surely.) I think they should be washed." "I prefer Gregory Peck to Van Johnson." (How'd that get in there?) "It will be pretty, won't it?"

I didn't get much satisfaction out of such a gab session but anyway the juniors finally got started on the prom. So don't worry, seniors, I guess we'll have that prom.



By Paul Melcher, '51

Hurry! Hurry! Get Your Prom Dates

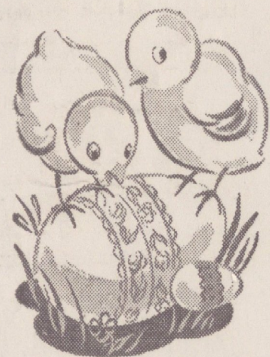
The whole school is talking, (sounds like the class play) about guess what? That's right—Prom Dates!

Walking through the halls is like walking into "Grand Central Station," with all the girls chirping like magpies.

The other day we heard a conversation of about twelve girls huddled in a cubby hole. Here's how it went. "Who did you say asked her? Bob did? I never expected that! Is she glad? I thought she would be!"

Gee! I could go on like this forever (but what a waste of time). Oh, we wish someone would warn those boys. They'd better hurry up!

"We labor not for time, but for eternity."



A Little Girl's Easter Prayer.

"My dear Jesus, today has finally arrived. Chiming bells from every church in the nation are blending their harmonious tones to spell out this glorious feast—Easter! You, my sweet Lord, who suffered and died on the cross to save all mankind, have triumphantly arisen from the dead.

"Forty days ago, Ash Wednesday, I knelt before Thy sacred altar and promised to perform my humble penances in honor of Thy great sufferings. I gave up candy, movies and ice cream. I promised to attend Holy Masses and Lenten devotions and to receive Holy Communion as many times as possible. I pledged to be more obedient to my teachers and parents and to try harder in my studies.

"I know these tiny sacrifices are small compared to the innumerable pains You suffered for my soul, but they are mine and I give them to You.

"It seems like some people consider Easter as simply a time for a new spring outfit, lots of Easter eggs, and plates of extra special delicious food. I admit that these things hold a symbolic purpose and even I look forward to them, but they are only a little part of what this beautiful day really means to me.

"Now that Lent is over, it does not mean I'm going to stop my little acts of penance and forget about You until next Easter. Instead I have come to make a new promise—one that I will keep until the day I die.

"My new promise, dear Jesus, is that I offer not only my hurts and aches that come naturally with everyday living but also I give You all my wonderful pleasures and joys that may ever occur in my life.

"All I have You gave to me and now they are Yours again because I have given them back to you.

"Happy Easter, dear Jesus!"

J. O.

Help His Holiness By Prayer!

Catholics throughout the world, together with their co-religionists, are celebrating the golden jubilee of His Holiness Pope Pius XII this month. On Passion Sunday, the Pontiff, like all Catholic priests, said two Holy Masses. The Holy Father himself granted this extraordinary privilege "to expiate the crimes of the enemies of God." He prays fervently for his church, torn and divided, as it has not been since the sixteenth-century Protestant Reformation.

Now seventy-three, the Pope, who for a decade has occupied the most influential post in Christendom, is well prepared for his pontificate. Journeys to Buenos Aires, the United States, Paris, and Budapest were to win for Cardinal Pacelli the title of the "most-traveled pope." At the 1928 Budapest congress the prelate, who much later was to see Joseph Cardinal Mindszenty imprisoned by a communist regime in Hungary, was already then warning the world against "the philosophers of godlessness."

His Holiness now sees his faithful tormented by the Red threat of atheism. In Hungary, Yugoslavia, Poland, Rumania, Czechoslovakia, the Ukraine, Latvia, Estonia, and now China, he watched his clergy imprisoned, tortured and killed. The Pontiff fights back through his addresses, his paper, *L'Osservatore Romano*, and through, perhaps, his most powerful weapon, the Vatican radio.

From the quiet priest of fifty years ago, Pius XII has become a fighting pope. He intends to protect his people and their faith at whatever personal effort and cost.

Let's all join in and offer him our assistance in this great fight. Offer him your most powerful weapon—prayer, prayer, prayer.

M. G.

Make Your Education the Best!

What does a real education mean to you? We may not realize it now but our education is our way of future life—earthly as well as spiritually.

Do you know what you are going to do when you leave high school? Most of us do not. Then why not go to college. Many of us throw away our chances of higher education merely because we do not realize the full value of it.

A college education is one of the most important factors in the modern world. The question is always there—"What is the extent of your education?" It is practically impossible to hold a good position in the business world today if one is not educated to the best of his ability.

After deciding upon college, one meets with another problem—how to select a proper institution. First, we should take into consideration the morals of the school. Our education must be true and entire. There can be no falsehoods in the college we attend. Therefore, we should decide upon a Catholic college. This is the only kind that can give us the teachings that will correspond with the religious foundation which we have received in high school.

Then we must look toward the reputation and standards of the school. The college which we decide upon must have the reputation of producing intellectual and outstanding Christian personalities. Our education must be the best.

Let's decide **pro college** and **pro a good Catholic college**. It is the one thing we can be proud of always.

J. M.

Shamrock Shenanigans

Greetings and salutations! We're back again with the latest creations.

We would like to sing "Happy Birthday" but due to conditions beyond our control we will just wish, "A Happy Birthday" to Gloria Nosal, Mary Anne Dunn, Dick Kemnitz, Jerry Billesbach, and Irene Wilczynski.

For rent: One front seat in any class. Willing to trade for a back seat. Must be by window. Please, see Rosie R. in Room 4.

The seniors are having a very hard time getting to play practice. Besides getting there by 7:00 P. M. they have to practice over the screams, giggles, gossip, jokes, and songs of the juniors getting ready for the Prom down the hall. Speaking of the Prom did anyone notice the shiny walls in the auditorium? I guess the juniors are really eager beavers.

Could it be that Jerry B. is taking his play acting seriously? He now recites his lessons in French. Also, did you notice a conceited snob walking down the halls? The cast was told to live their parts.

It seems Barney has a new theme song. ("A" You're Adorable.) On hearing this song Barney gets all hot and bothered.

Congratulations to Raphael Gladfelter who has just become the proud owner of a bouncing baby girl. The new car was christened "Tin Lizzie Gladfelter," but will be known as "Liz" to the relatives and close friends.

Say, by the way, Cliff, are you hiring yourself out now?

Are certain Freshies taking jobs as painters or was it perhaps their "paws" that caused them the trouble?

Flash! There are exactly twenty-six days left until vacation.

Cheerio! We hope the kids, our successors, next year will be as good as we are. (Not conceited just truthful, eh?)



Juniors Announce 'Ain't They Pretty'

"Oh! Lookit there, ain't they pretty? Oh! Lookit there ain't they sweet? Lookit the lines! Lookit the curves! Lookit the size! Lookit the swerves! Oh! Lookit there ain't they pretty?" Now what are these juniors singing about? Could it be a girl? No, never! Then is it a flower? (Are you kidding?) Then what on earth are they talking about?

They were just trying to describe their beautiful class rings. You can't blame them for that, can you? What! You haven't seen them? You poor, poor child. You don't know what you're missing.

Thanks!

The junior class of St. Bonaventure High express their sincerest thanks to the following:

Mr. Jos. Cerny, Mr. Anton Pickhinke, and Mr. Ed Messing for assisting in painting the auditorium walls.

Mr. Gary Altmanhofer for calling and teaching square dancing to the class.

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Cindermen Begin Irish Track Season

Once again the track season is rolling around. The Irish cindermen have hopes of setting new track records.

Approximately twenty-five boys have reported to Coach "Cookie" Ernst. The hurdle marks and the 100 yard dash seem to be the safest this year. The team will be full of experienced runners and full of promising material.

The returning lettermen are as follows:

- Chuck Jaworski—Sr. 440.
- Jake Melcher—Jr. Mile.
- Bill Ragatz—Jr. 440, 880 relay.
- Vince Feik—Jr. 2-mile relay, broad jump.
- John Syslo—Jr. Shot and Discus.
- Paul Melcher—Soph. Mile.
- Jim Soulliere—Soph. 440.
- Jim Lippstreu—Soph. 440 relay.
- Ed Zuroski—Soph. Hurdles, pole vault, 880 relay.
- Cliff Speicher—Soph. 100 yd. dash, 220, 880 relay.

St. Bonaventure High 1948-1949 Freshmen Group I



Left to right—First row: L. German, F. Fischer, H. Abts, B. Jarvis, C. Hittner, D. Baumert, T. Zuroski, M. Hembd, J. Clark; Second row: C. Jones, M. A. Euteneuer, R. Kluever, E. Wemhoff, B. Holy, R. Billesbach, D. Haney, V. Jarecki, J. Kirby; Third row: L. Cynova, D. Tooley, R. Steiner, B. Messing, D. Sokol, H. Keefer, A. Gdowski; Back row: J. Kaminski, J. Hentges, E. Galus, C. Kaipust, J. Blahak, T. Mimick.

Basketball Star



REX RUPPRECHT

Hoopsters Elect Rex Rupprecht Honorary Captain

Rex Rupprecht, star forward, was chosen as Honorary Captain of the 1948-49 basketball squad.

Rex acquired 250 points in 20 games to set a new individual scoring record in the school. He was named outstanding player in the Platte County Tournament and was chosen as a member of the All Tourney team at the Class "B" Meet in Central City.

Lettermen for the season were also named. They are as follows: Rex Rupprecht, Bob Tooley, Don Baumert, Paul Gutzmer, Jerry Billesbach, Jerry Melcher, Lester Savage, Cliff Speicher, Eddie Zuroski, and Dennis Baumert. Out of the ten boys that lettered, five will be lost via graduation route.

Sudden Intruder Excites 'Promsters'

We were sitting quietly (as juniors usually do?) when all of a sudden the auditorium door flew open, and we gazed upon a face that expressed anger, fear, and emotional strain. We shuddered with fear, beads of perspiration appeared on our foreheads, the crepe-paper became slimy in our hands, our knees began to knock to the tune of the "Death March," and our teeth began to chatter (like a typewriter).

Then we looked at this boy (ha) and we saw that his lips began to move, his jaws began to function, and then in a thunderous voice he spoke, "Will you girls be quiet so we seniors can concentrate?" That did it. I looked about me and noticed that several girls had passed out.

But then we heard laughing, for there was Sister saying, "Bob Tooley, please come back here and continue practicing for the play." Then after applying artificial respiration to some of the girls, we laughed and continued to twist crepe paper for the prom.

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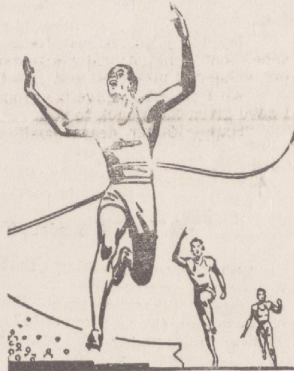
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The P. T. A. for its donation of \$20.00 to the school library.

The grade school pupils for patronizing the high school candy sales.



Sophomores Enjoy Educational Movie

In connection with the study of the Holy Eucharist, the sophomore religion class, recently, enjoyed a movie slide, which was presented by Father Arno in the school auditorium.

The movie explained the vestments worn and the holy vessels used by the priest during Holy Mass and Benediction.

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"My, won't the world look different to us after we're finished? Gee, I can hardly wait."

You probably wonder just what this is about and why some of the sophies look funnier than usual lately. It's all because they are trying to improve their posture by carrying books on their heads. So if you see a big heap of something at the foot of the stairs, just remember — it's a well-meaning sophie.

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When I walk down the street why do the birdies call?
At school why do I always want to sleep,
When I should have my mind in a study deep?

Why do I hear all this talk about hikes,
And baseball, tennis, and the like?
Why are my shoes always covered with mud?
Why are the trees all covered with buds?

After continuous study I finally found,
The answer to these questions so sound,
It's because April is here with her spring showers,
That soon will bring May's pretty flowers.



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 "Don't get afraid now. Just think and the answers will come to you."
 So after it was all over, the talking went something like this:
 "Ho, hum at last I'm through. I'll see you at the pier."
 "You can bring my fruit down to the ship."
 "Do you have to go all alone?"
 Yes, that was the kids taking the United Nations test.
 Good luck on the outcome and if any of you get that trip to Europe (National Award) — Bon Voyage!

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Inquiring Reporters Report Inquiries

In this, our last column, we have asked the students what they wanted the Easter Bunny to bring them. Here are their replies:
 Dear Easter Bunny. Please bring me...
Leo Thiele — An automatic crop planter and harvester.
Bill Messing — A deck of cards with six aces, six kings, six queens and six jacks.
Andrew Gdowski and Diane Haney — A stack of money. (You'll have to see "Little Orphan Annie" about that.)
Arnold Kryzcki — Five reams of history paper to pay back all I have borrowed.
John Kaminski and Dennis Baumert — A new brain so I can pass my exams.
Gerald Speicher — A seven-day vacation. (Only seven?)
Richard Otterpohl — A set of encyclopedias so I can study.
Jean Clark — Lots and lots and lots of candy.
Virginia Jarecki — Anything he might bring will satisfy me.
Irene Wilcynski — Easter eggs. (Now, how did she think of that?)
Tom Hembd — I don't think I'll get anything because I shot one last year. (A rabbit, that is.)
Tommy Zuroski — A new set of teeth. (??)
Kenneth O'Kane and Jim Kirby — A shiny new red school and a brain to go with it.
Rose Jahn — A date for the prom.
Vince Feik — Some typing paper for Bill Ragatz so he'll stop using mine.
Lester Savage — A perfect copy of my O.A.T. test.
David Pensick — Extra money for the prom.
Mary Ellen Hoffman — A new style of glasses.
Mary McCloskey — A nice big shorthand answer book.
Agnes Pickhinke — A bicycle built for two.
John Hentges — A couple of \$100 bills.
Leo Cynova — A driver's license. (And he's just a freshie!)
Alvin Chochon — Anything that isn't too heavy for Bunny to carry. (Jelly beans?)
Charles Meyers — A model T would be fine.
Keith Thraen — Anything that moves on its own power.
Lorraine Hilbert — I want the Easter Bunny. (For a prom date?)
Anna Mae Roddy — A powder blue dress.
Ina Claire Frischholz — Some warm days so I can put my winter coat in mothballs.
Virgil Nickolite — A new fishing pole so I can catch some fish. (Stories?)

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 Mary Gerhold's new permanent. Raincoats and rubbers replacing the old winter garb.
 Irene Wilcynski's new spring edition of "Cornier Jokes Than Before."
 Ramona Messing cruising around on her new roller skates.
 Louise Ernst preferring to walk instead of riding the bus to school.
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Class Play Proves Wonderful Success

The senior cast of "The Whole Town's Laughing" evoked much laughter and applause through their capable interpretation of the three-act comedy-drama, on April 24-25, in the school auditorium.

Jo Ann Olivetti was outstanding in her role of Mrs. Margaret Brien-Moore, a society matron, who labored to impress people with her importance. Jack Kiner and Dale Hittner deserve high honors for their parts as Douglas Brien-Moore, a snobbish son, and Chester Brien-Moore, a young lad who loved fun and hated his family aristocracy, respectively. Bob Tooley drew many laughs in his portrayal of Uncle Larry O'Brien.

Others in the cast were Adeline Wozny, Harriette Reifenrath, Mary Anne Dunn, Rosella Kush, Charles Jaworski, Irene Wilczynski, Clare Kaipust, Jerry Billeschach, and Anna Mae Pfeifer.

Sodalists Attend Omaha Convention

Three junior Sodality members—Romyne Cerny, Ina Claire Frischholz, and Agnes Pickhinke—attended the annual Sodality Convention on April 30, at the Creighton University in Omaha. They were accompanied by Father Albert, Sister Laurentine, and Sister Clotildis.

Ina Claire represented St. Bonaventure Sodality at the dedication ceremony which was held in St. John's Church, Omaha.

"These three (Pope, Bishop, and Pastor) are the most important men in your life," was the theme of the convention.

Archbishop Bergan celebrated the Mass in St. John's Church. Rev. Henry Casper, S. J., spoke on Pius XII. Rev. Philip Derrig, S. J., Rev. Edward McCaslin, acting chancellor of the diocese, and Rev. James O'Brien, pastor of St. Peter's Church, held open discussions.

'Miss Sodality'



MARY GERHOLD

M. Gerhold Becomes 'Miss Sodality of '49'

Mary Gerhold gained the title of "Miss Sodality of 1949."

"Miss Sodality," attired in an orchid formal with a fingertip veil, was honored in the May procession on May 1, in St. Bonaventure Church. She was one of the honored guests along with "The Ideal Sodalist of 1949," Ina Claire Frischholz, at the Sodality-Holy Name dance which was held on May 20.

Mary merited the award for having earned over five thousand points for attendance at Sodality meetings and Communion, choir, and choir practice, and especially for her contribution to the old clothes drive, a special Sodality project.

Mary is an honor student. She is a news editor on The Venture and a member of Our Lady's Sodality, Third Order Pep Club, and Latin II Club.

Dance Climaxes Social Activities

The Sodality-Holy Name Societies climaxed the social activities of the year with a dance on May 20.

Mary Gerhold, "Miss Sodality," and her attendants—Louise Ernst, Ina Claire Frischholz, Mary Jo Tueck, Mary Ann Tworek, Donna Rae Wheeler, and Adeline Wozny—wearing formals, were honor guests on this occasion. An honor guard of boys for "Miss Sodality's" court consisted of Bill Jarvis, Paul Melcher, Ted Niedbalski, David Pensick, Rex Rupprecht, Lester Savage, and Clifford Speicher.

Opening the event, Mary Gerhold crowned the Blessed Virgin during the singing of "Bring Flowers of the Fairest." Father Martin, Holy Name director, was guest speaker.

One of the largest crowds of the entire year attended the dance. Special features of the evening were Solo and Trap Dances.



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Future Freshmen Receive Diplomas

Forty-one eighth graders will receive diplomas in graduation exercises at St. Bonaventure, Ascension Thursday evening, May 26.

Supper will be served at 6:00 o'clock at the gym after which diplomas will be conferred to the candidates by Rev. Albert Limacher, pastor. A program will follow. Parents of the graduates will be guests of honor.

The graduates to-be made their Solemn Communion Sunday, May 22, at the 9:00 o'clock Mass during which Father Albert officiated and gave the address.

The graduates are David Bowe, Joseph Dineen, Martin Dunn, Donald Enyeart, Jack Gladfelter, Walter Gregorius, James Jaworski, Frank Kuta, Ronald Melcher Lawrence Miller, Anthony Pensick, Tom Podraza, Valerian Podraza, Arthur Roddy, John Robb, Larry Sanders, Eugene Savage, Kenneth Savage, Donald Schmid, Keith Speicher, John Stevens, Eugene Wennekamp, Lavern Thraen, Max Woerth, Adolphine Euteneuer, Shirley Mae Ewert, Catherine DeLarme, Rosemary Irwin, Marilyn Johnson, Betty Ann Kretz, Elizabeth Kaminski, Doris Melliger, Dorothy Mielak, Julene Pfeifer, Elaine Romanek, Janice Smagacz, Shirley Ann Sokol, Eleanor Syslo, Arlene Wemhoff, Patricia Jones and Arlene Pickhinke.

Four Seniors Pass State Examinations

Four St. Bonaventure seniors—Victoria Guszak, Margaret Korgie, Richard Urban, and Adeline Wozny—have passed the Nebraska Merit System examination, according to a recent announcement received from I. J. Montgomery, state director, Lincoln.

Mr. Montgomery, in behalf of the State Examination Board, in a letter sent congratulations to those who passed the examinations.

The students who qualified may send in their application when they desire a State position. The three top names of the specific divisions for which they are certified will be given consideration.

Sophies Entertain Freshies At Hop

The sophomores were host to the freshmen at the Freshmen-Sophomore Hop on May 12 in the gymnasium.

The highlight of the evening was a Broom Dance which began with a boy and a broom. The broom was passed on while each boy chose a partner until every one was dancing.

Chairmen and the assistants of the following committees were: Entertainment—Helen Marie Ternes and Cliff Speicher; Refreshment—William Ernst and Mary Ann Tworek.

New Editor



INA CLAIRE FRISCHHOLZ

I. C. Frischholz Merits Editorship

Ina Claire Frischholz, who has recently been selected as "The Ideal Sodalist of '49," has been announced as the editor-in-chief of the school paper, The Venture.

Her achievement is the result of faithful and efficient service on the school paper for the past three years. This year she served as co-news editor, during which she submitted over 100 inches of material. Besides fulfilling her obligation, she spent countless hours in assembling articles, and proof and copy reading.

Ina Claire is a high honor student. She has been on every honor roll during her three years of high school and has the highest scholastic standing in her class.

She is president of the Short-hand Club; a member of Our Lady's Sodality, Pep Club, Junior Third Order, and Choir.

Ina Claire represented St. Bonaventure at the High School Press Association Convention at Lincoln, and the Sodality Convention at Omaha, this year.

She participated in the essay contest, the poetry contest, the U.N. examination, the Shorthand O.G.A. and the Typing O.A.T. contests, and in the United Nations Panel Discussion. She served as Extension agent in the Cornhusker Boys' and Girls' County Government.

Assembly Enjoys 'Gallant Journey'

"Gallant Journey," starring Glenn Ford and Janet Blair, was the exciting movie shown by Father Arno to the students on May 13. It was based on the true life story of John Montgomery, the first man who successfully flew an airplane.

A. Wozny Crowns Mary, May Queen

St. Bonaventure church held its annual May procession, which marked the beginning of the month of Our Lady, at St. Bonaventure church on May 1.

Adeline Wozny, president of Our Lady's Junior Sodality, crowned the Blessed Virgin, Queen of May, in a solemn and picturesque ceremony.

Miss Wozny, who wore a crown of assorted flowers, was clad in a white formal and dark blue velvet cape with an Elizabethan collar. She was followed by Clare Marie Kaipust, Harriette Reifenrath, special attendants; and James Boethe and Donald Gablenz, pages, who carried her train.

Preceding Miss Wozny and her court were the following Sodalist attendants: Jo Ann Olivetti, maid of honor; Gladys Pickhinke, crownbearer; Anna Mae Pfeifer and Louise Ernst, attendants; Mary Gerhold, "Miss Sodality of 1949"; Donna Rae Wheeler, Mary Ann Tworek, Mary Jo Tueck, attendants to "Miss Sodality"; Mary Anne Dunn, Verdian Romanek, Lorrie Lou Mimick and Laura Mae Gates, statue bearers; and Rosella Kush, Victoria Guszak, Jacqueline Micek, Alice Syslo, Phyllis Thraen, Irene Wilczynski and Jean Gerber, Honor Guards.

The remaining procession consisted of the following: The first communicants—girls in white dresses and veils and boys in suits; grade and high school girls in white blouses and dark skirts; the Knights of the altar; boy and girl scouts in uniforms; and the clergy.

During the singing of "Bring Flowers of the Fairest," Miss Wozny crowned the Blessed Virgin, with a crown made of fresh red and white rosebuds.

The services closed with Benediction with the Blessed Sacrament.

Thanks!

The students and faculty express their sincerest thanks to Miss C. Mosehenross for her contribution of the latest new books for the library, valued at \$50.

Rev. Viator Gives Talk on Vocations

"Vocations to help further the spread of Christ's Church on earth," was the topic of an address given by Father Viator, a Franciscan priest from St. Joseph's Seminary, Westmont, Illinois, to the students of St. Bonaventure on May 12.

Largest Class Graduates At St. Bonaventure High

Graduates Receive Diplomas, May 29

Forty-one seniors, the largest class in the history of St. Bonaventure High School, will graduate May 29 in St. Bonaventure Church, Rev. Humbert Korgie, O. F. M., St. Francis Church, Sioux City, Iowa, will be guest speaker at the commencement exercises. Rev. Albert Limacher, pastor, will deliver the Baccalaureate Address.

Baccalaureate services at the 8:00 o'clock Holy Mass Sunday morning will begin the ceremony. The seniors—girls attired in white caps and gowns and the boys

dressed in black caps and gowns—will receive Holy Communion in a body. A breakfast prepared by the graduates' mothers will be served following the Mass.

With Robert Tooley, class president, as toastmaster, the program will include: "Class Poem," Dick Kemnitz; class colors, "Green and Gold," Donald Vanek; class flower, "Rose," Victoria Guszak; and the farewell address, "Good-bye, Dear School," by Verdian Romanek. "St. Bonnies High," the class song and the hymn, "On This Day, O Beautiful Mother," will conclude the program.

Father Albert and Coach Ernst will be speakers at the breakfast.

At 8:00 p.m. the graduates, dressed in caps and gowns, will march to the church. An honor guard comprised of members of the junior class—Louise Ernst, Ina Claire Frischholz, Marcia Locher, Mary McCloskey, Raphael Gladfelter, Ray Marsolek, Virgil Nickolite, and Richard Rice—will precede the seniors. At the commencement exercises Father Humbert will deliver the address and Father Albert will present the diplomas to the class.

The solemn ceremony will close with Benediction and the congregation will sing, "Holy God We Praise Thy Name."

Assisting Father Albert at the altar will be David Pensick, Jerry Melcher, Clifford Speicher, and Vincent Feik.

The high school choir will sing for both occasions.

P. Lakers Stresses Every-Day Honesty

"Honesty and truthfulness applied to our every day work," was the theme of a lecture given by Mr. P. W. Lakers to the students on May 12. Father Martin introduced the speaker.

Mr. Lakers commented on the importance of all jobs to our society. He especially stressed that honesty, whether in a large or small way, is the only principle by which one can succeed.

By numerous examples, he cleverly illustrated the importance of truthfulness in the business world.

C. D. A. Announces Contest Winners

The Catholic Daughters of America have announced the winners of the local Poetry Contest.

Mary Helen Gerhold received first prize and William Ernst and James Roberts were awarded first and second honorable mention in the high school division, respectively.

Sharon Bowe received first prize and Shirley Mae Ewert and Lawrence Miller were given first and second honorable mention, respectively, in the elementary division.

Girls' Stater



ROMAYNE CERNY

R. Cerny Receives Girls' State Title

Romyne Cerny has been selected by the Catholic Daughters of America to represent Columbus at the ninth annual session of Cornhusker Girls' State, June 6-12, on the University of Nebraska campus in Lincoln.

Romyne is a member of Our Lady's Sodality, Pep Club, Commercial Club, Choir, Junior Third Order; and typist for "The Venture." She was appointed county coroner in the recent Cornhusker County Government.

She participated in the "American Freedoms, Now and Forever" essay contest, United Nations examination, typing and shorthand contests.

Betty Ann Dischner was chosen as alternate.

Betty is an active student and is a member of Our Lady's Sodality, Choir, Pep Club, and Commercial Club. She was Home Demonstration Agent in the Cornhusker County Government.

Let's Make Every Day Mary's Day!

A little flower shoots forth from the new spring carpet of earth. It speaks of new life, of springtime, of rebirth, of a creation. It is thrilling to catch its odor of perfume. A tiny flower, a thing of beauty, it is a joy forever, as each new spring comes — for spring is eternal, it seems.

This tiny flower is symbolic of Mary. She is the Mother of mankind. She comes back to us again each springtime and Maytime assuring us of a life that is unending and eternal.

On May 13, 1917, Our Lady made her first appearance to the children of Fatima. Her message was one of warning and love. She came to beg us to pray.

The world is too material-minded, too busy with its distraction of the hour to hear the voice of Mary. But are we? Do we have the deep love of Mary that we should? Do we place our complete confidence in her power and intercession?

Let us strive always, and especially during this month, to increase our love for our Blessed Mother, to make every day of our lives "Mary's Day," asking her to bring peace into our hearts and into the world.

M. G.

Till We Meet Again!

"Books and pencils, pen and ink —
Don't they somehow make you think?
Don't they make you really blue
When they say — 'We're done with you.
Throw us in a corner now,
We have yet to take our bow,
But for the present we will rest;
Since no longer you're our guest.'"

These words remind us that we are at the close of another year here at St. Bons. No doubt, we all enjoy standing in our favorite gossip corner and talking over the events of the bygone days.

We've all had our ups and downs, joys and sorrows, trials and labors, during this year, but reflecting on these now, we see not only how much they meant to us but also how trivial they must have seemed in the eyes of others. However, these memories are not foremost in our minds. There are others that are far more deeply impressed in the pages of our emerald isle, which makes leaving St. Bons, even for the vacation difficult. Some of our memories envelop the seniors. We look with regret on their departure. But they leave us the bright prospect of our own graduation day when we too will leave our "Alma Mater" as accomplished bearers of Faith and Good Will—Faith in the goodness of God to keep us on the right path and Good Will as a means of keeping the Faith.

We look forward to peace and joy on the green knolls of vacation—floating downstream and gazing dreamily at the big blue sky or the zip and spring of the tennis courts. No matter how we choose to spend it, summer is vacation; it is wonderful because it holds the fulfillment of our day dreams.

So go to it students! It is a well-deserved rest. As a climax, I now say, "Farewell."

May the Blessed Mother keep you under her protection in order that your rest be attained so that next semester when the portals of old St. Bons swing open, we shall all meet again in the corridors of our "Alma Mater."

O. W.

New Editor Expresses Thanks!

Once more the time has come for a new Venture staff to take over the difficult, but enjoyable, task of preparing a monthly edition of the school paper for the enjoyment of the student body. For this reason, we dedicate this, the last issue of the 1948-1949 The Venture, to the outgoing staff.

Many long hours are spent in writing articles, typing, gathering ads, copy, and proof reading. It is a tremendous task but everyone enters into it whole-heartedly. To be sure the staff has been rewarded by the smiles of satisfaction seen on the students' faces, as they eagerly devour the contents of each issue.

We, the new staff, desire with all our hearts to maintain the high standards of our paper and will earnestly strive to do so, by imitating the last year's staff who so patiently paved the way for us.

We wish to congratulate and to thank — Jo Ann Olivetti, editor-in-chief, and Jacqueline Micek, assistant editor — and all their capable assistants for the fine work which they have done in the past year. We take this opportunity, on behalf of the old and new staff, to thank, most sincerely, Sister Honoriana, who as our adviser makes our school paper possible. Also, we graciously thank our patrons and advertisers. And lastly, we thank most heartily the entire student body for their splendid co-operation in the past year.

I. C. F.

We Need Prayers For World Peace!

The men of many wars lie silent. Their names are etched on time-discoloring tombstones, but are unforgettably engraved on the hearts of all posterity. The battles, which they fought, made history. However, to many of them the glory of victory was theirs on history's pages only, because they died before the dove of peace was able to proclaim war's end.

Let the men of today, and the children, who will be the men of tomorrow, know a greater victory — that of not fighting the greatest of all enemies, war itself. Let there be no bloodshed, no maimed, no dead, but only life and strength with which to build a greater world.

So on Decoration Day, when you place a wreath on the grave of loved and lost ones, pray that all those who are working for a world without wars shall attain their goal; that the future generations shall not know the pain of the battlefield.

R. M.



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Sophomore Class Winning Table



Courtesy of Daniel Studio
Left to right, Front row: O. Wass, C. Speicher; Back row: M. Mayberger, D. Korgor, B. DeLarme, and M. Mayberger.

Sophomores Top Candy Sale Record With Sum of \$123.37

With a record-breaking total of \$123.37 the sophomores have shattered the annual candy-sale-high of \$117 formerly held by the present Freshmen Class II.

The proceeds will be used for rebinding books, and for financing "The Venture."

The winning table set an unheard-of record of \$48.50 for an individual table—an amount, never before reached in the history of the school. The table was under the chairmanship of Orlethia Wass and Clifford Speicher with Barbara DeLarme, Myron Mayberger, Mar-

vin Mayberger, Donald Korgor as their assistants.

Other chairmen, according to their highest receipts were: Mary Ann Tworek, Mary Helen Gerhold, Polly Spiece, Helen Marie Ternes, Donna Rae Wheeler, and Margaret Hayes.

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'Yea, They're Here' Cry Eager Students

"Hallelujah, at last they're here! Gee, don't they look neat. Oh! look, there's my picture. Ha! Ha! If I don't look like something the cat dragged in. Gosh, the cover is sure swell. It couldn't have been better. Hey, here come some seniors. Let's get them to sign their pictures. I bet they're really proud. Gee, they sure wrote a lot. Oh, there's some more kids let's ask them to write something. Oh, my heavens, I ran out of space. What'll I do?"

Don't get excited kids, this is just a part of the conversation which took place when the students of St. Bons got their annuals a few weeks ago. It was the first annual ever published at St. Bons and everybody hopes that it's not the last.

Orchids

A big bouquet of orchids is the following:

Father Albert for his interest in all the high school activities.

Father Arno for the religious instructions and the interesting movies.

Father Martin for his zealous work in The Catholic Rural Youth Club, Holy Name, and Junior Third Order.

Coach Paul Ernst for his excellent coaching in athletics.

Mrs. Faith Hurford, school nurse, for her loyalty to St. Bons school.

The faculty for their interest in the students throughout the school year.

The basketball team for winning the County Tournament.

The grades for selling senior class play tickets and for patronizing the high school candy sales.

The senior class for starting the first annual in the history of St. Bonaventure High.

Daniel Studio for courtesy shown to "The Venture."

St. Ann's Society for contributing money for the mimeograph and a subscription to the Extension magazine.

The P.T.A. and C.D.A. for contributing funds for the library.

Our advertisers for their loyal support of "The Venture," and the annual.

Little Things

Oh, it's just the little homey things,
The clear friendly things,
The "Won't-you-let-me-help-you" things,
That make our lifetime light.

And it's the jolly, joking things,
The "Never - mind - the - bother" things,
The "Laugh - with - me-it's-funny" things,
That make the world seem bright.

So here's to the little things,
The "Done - and - then - forgotten" things.
Those "Oh! it's really wishing" things,
That make life worth the fight.
—Sandra Mitera

Mass Honor Roll 1948-1949

Laura Mae Gates
Eugene Gates
Mary Jo Tucek
Edward Galus
Charles Kaipust
Mary Lou Stuehmer

Third Order Starts New Activities

The Junior Third Order has organized three clubs — dramatic, glee, and square dancing. The leaders and their assistants are as follows: Dramatics—Agnes Pickhinke and Bill Jarvis; Glee—Lester Savage and Margaret Hayes; Square Dancing—Romayne Cerny and Ted Niedbalski. The clubs are under the direction of Father Martin.

All high school students are eligible to join the clubs.

Through these clubs the Junior Third Order intends to introduce into the school curriculum new activities and entertainment for all students.

Season of Lent

(Second Honorable Mention)
I'm just a young man, I know,
But now that Lent is here,
I'll try to make these forty days
The best of all the year.

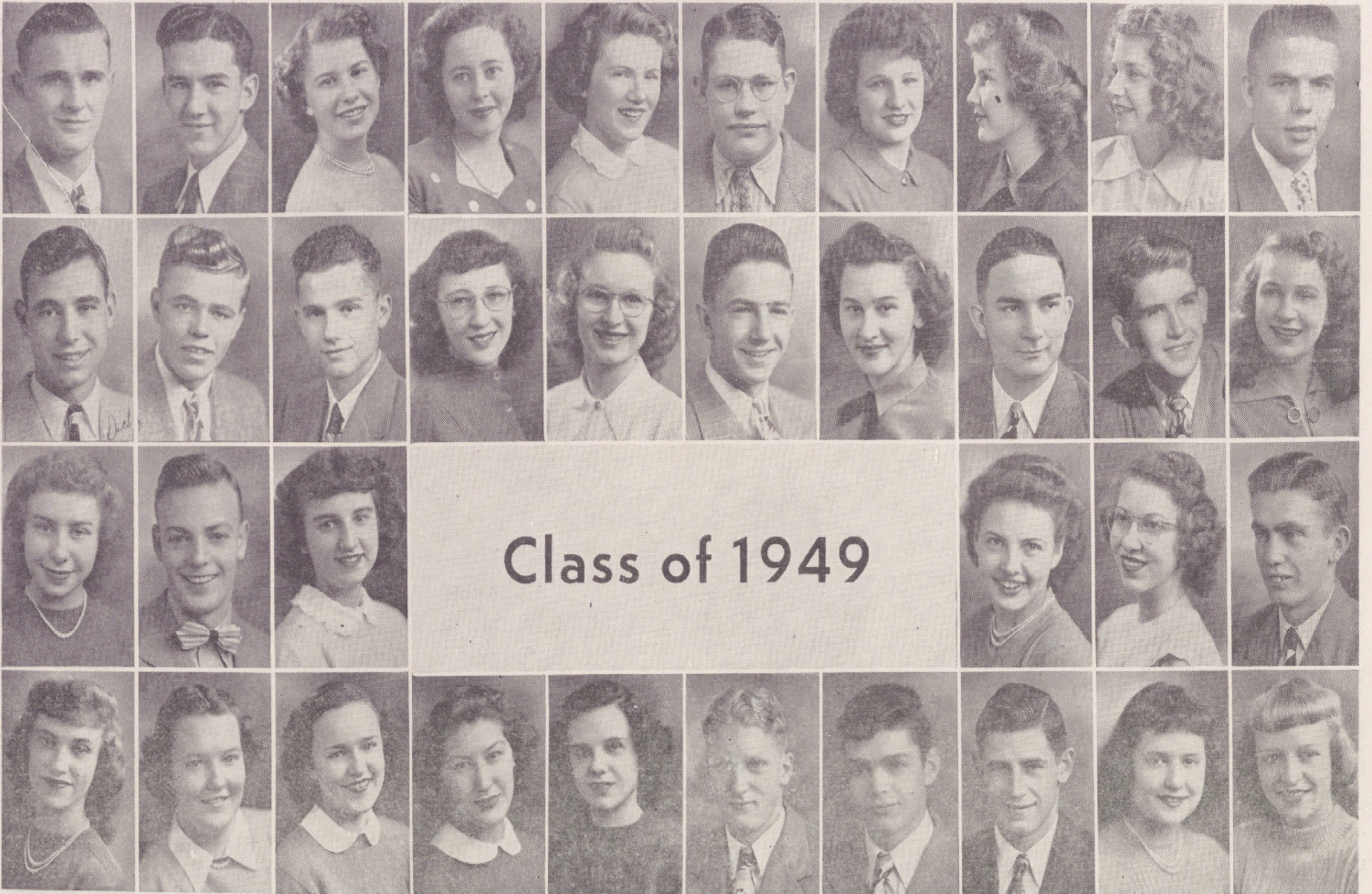
I'll study harder than before,
And never miss a class,
And every morning I will go
To the eight o'clock Mass.

I'll refrain from things I like,
As movies, gum, and such
For these little things, I know
Will please Him very much.

Whatever I decide to do,
I'll keep it all through Lent,
So I'll be a better boy
When these forty days are spent.
—Jim Roberts



Members of St. Bonaventure Senior High School Class



Class of 1949

Donald Baumert
A fine lad, though very shy, in basketball extremely spry. Holy Name 2, 3, 4. Clubs: Speed and Accuracy 3; Citizenship 4; Glee 2. Athletics: Football 2, 3, 4, Guard of Honor 4; Basketball 2, 3, 4; Howell's High School 1.

Jerold Billesbach
With dark wavy hair and blue eyes, gay Lochinvar in S. B. High. Holy Name 4. The Venture Staff; Assistant Sports Editor 4. Annual Staff; Sports Editor 4. Dramatics: "The Whole Town's Laughing" 4. Clubs: Citizenship 4, President 4. Athletics: Football 1, 2, 3, 4. Guard of Honor 4; Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4. St. Mary High, Grand Island 1, 2, 3. Sodality 1, 2, 3. Marion Staff 1, 2, 3; Chimes Staff 1, 2, 3. Altar Boy 1, 2, 3. Choir 1, 2.

Mary Ellen Clark
Though she's quiet in a pleasant way, there's something about her that's always gay. Sodality 2, 3, 4. Annual Staff: Subscription Manager 4. Clubs: Speed and Accuracy 3; Spiral Speedsters 3; Pep 2, 3; Glee 2. Choir 2, 3. St. Mary High School 1. Alpha Beta Club 1.

Florence Dohmen
A radiant smile and sweet disposition, not lacking in character or ambition. Sodality 1, 3. Clubs: Glee 1; Pep 1, 3, 4; Speed and Accuracy 3; Spiral Speedsters 3; Citizenship 4. Leigh High School 3. Class Treasurer 3.

Mary Anne Dunn
It's the Irish in her, that makes her sweet and sure. Sodality 1, 2, 3, 4. Chairman: Our Lady's Committee 2; Publicity Committee 4. Venture Staff; Reporter 1, 2, 3. Feature Editor 4. Annual Staff: Advertising Manager 4. Dramatics: "The Whole Town's Laughing" 4. Clubs: Spiral Speedsters 3; Speed and Accuracy 3; Pep 1, 2, 3, 4; Glee 1, 2. Citizenship 4. Choir 1, 2, 3, 4.

John Enteneuer
Big, but rare. Is a ray of sunshine everywhere. Holy Name 1, 2, 3, 4. Clubs: Speed and Accuracy 3; Latin 2; Citizenship 4; Glee 1, 2. Rural Life Study Club 3, 4.

Laura Mae Gates
A girl who never misses school, who has never broken the golden rule. Sodality 1, 2, 3, 4. Clubs: Speed and Accuracy 3; Citizenship 4; Pep 1, 2, 3, 4; Glee 1, 2. Choir 1, 2, 3, 4.

Jean Gerber
Never a worry, never a care, a grand personality ever so rare. Treasurer 3. Sodality 1, 2, 3, 4; Chairman of Entertainment 2, 4; Chairman of Good Literature 3. Stamp Queen Attendant 4. Annual Staff: Editorial 4. Clubs: Speed and Accuracy 3; Spiral Speedsters, Treasurer 3; Pep 1, 2, 3, 4. Vice President 1; Glee 1, 2. Choir 1, 2, 3, 4. Third Order 4.

Victoria Guszak
Very tiny and petite. Her personality is especially sweet. Sodality 4. Annual Staff: Typist 4. Clubs: Pep 4. Perkins County High School 1, 2, 3. Physical Ed. 1, 2. Dramatics: "Tish" 3. Clubs: Y-Teens, Pianist 2, 3; Glee 1, 2, 3; Pep 1, 2, 3; Commercial 3; Chorus 1, 2, 3; Band 1, 2, 3.

Paul Gutzmer
Our sports king and so skilled. In all games for which he's drilled. Holy Name 1, 2, 3, 4; Secretary 2. Annual Staff: Circulation Manager 4. Clubs: Speed and Accuracy 3; Citizenship 3; Vice President 4; Glee 1, 2. Choir 1, 2. Servers 1, 2, 3, 4. Athletics: Football 1, 2, 3, 4; Football King 4; Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4; Track 1, 2, 3, 4.

Thomas Hembd
A nicer pal couldn't be found, Always fun to have around. Vice President 1. Holy Name 1, 2, 3, 4. Clubs: Citizenship 4; Glee 1, 2; Rural Life Study Club 3, 4. President 3, 4. Choir 1, 2. Athletics: Football 2, 3, 4; Basketball 1; Track 1, 2.

Dale Hittner
Neither short nor tall, But a fine chap, and liked by all. Class President 1. Holy Name 1, 2, 3, 4. Annual Staff: Editor-in-Chief 4. Dramatics: "The Whole Town's Laughing, Clubs: Speed and Accuracy 4; Citizenship, Councilman 4; Glee 1, 2. Server 1, 2; United Nations Program 4. Athletics: Football 1; Basketball 2, 3; Track 1, 2, 3.

Georgina Holys
Very cute and sprightly walk, Spreading sunshine with her talk. Venture Staff; Typist 4. Clubs: Speed and Accuracy 3; Spiral Speedsters 3; Citizenship 4. Clarks High School 1, 2; Vice President 1. Girl's Chorus 1, 2; Mixed Chorus 1, 2. Band 1, 2.

Juliana Jarecki
Is quiet and small, A dear little lady, a friend of all. Annual Staff: Subscription Manager 4. Clubs: Speed and Accuracy 3; Pep 1, 3, 4. Glee 1, 2, 3.

Charles Jaworski
Always ready for jest and sport, And to help with work of any sort. Class President 3. Holy Name 1, 2, 3, 4. Venture Staff: Business Manager 3, 4. Dramatics: "The Whole Town's Laughing, Clubs: Speed and Accuracy 3; Citizenship 4; Glee 1, 2. Choir 1, 2. United Nations Program 4. Server 4. Basketball 3, 4; Track 2, 3, 4.

Clare Marie Kaipust
An attractive girl with a charm so rare, A grand personality welcome anywhere. Sodality 1, 2, 3, 4; Miss Sodality Attendant 2; Stamp Queen Attendant 4. Venture Staff: Associate Editor 4. Dramatics: "The Whole Town's Laughing, Clubs: Spiral Speedsters 3; Speed and Accuracy 3; Pep 1, 2, 3, 4; Citizenship 4; Glee 1, 2. Choir 1, 2, 3, 4. Third Order 4.

Richard Komnitz
Though he has a step very loud, He has a character of which to be proud. Holy Name 1, 2, 3, 4. Clubs: Glee 1, 2; Citizenship, Councilman 4; Venture Staff: Reporter 1. Annual Staff: Assistant Business Manager 4. Altar Boy 1, 2, 3, 4. Athletics: Basketball 2, 3, 4; Track 2; Football 1, 2, 3, 4, Honorary Football Captain 4.

Jack Kliner
At school he's known as "genius Kliner." In our opinion there's no one finer. Holy Name 4. Annual Staff: Associate Editor 4. Clubs: Citizenship 4; Cheerleader 4. United Nations Program 4. Business 2, 3; Shorthand 2, 3; Players' 2; Hi-Y 2, 3; Dramatics: 2, 4. "The Whole Town's Laughing," Ottumwa, Iowa, 1, 2, 3; Stuart Boosters: Reporter 1; Student Council 1. Apollo Choir 1, 2, 3. Thespians 2, 3.

Margaret Korgie
She is ever so fair and kind, Always ahead and never behind. Sodality 1, 2. Venture Staff: Reporter 2, 3; Typist 4; Annual Staff: Clubs:

Speed and Accuracy 3; Spiral Speedsters 3; Latin 2, 3; Citizenship 4; Pep 1, 2, 3, 4; Glee 1, 2.

Rosella Kush
Her charming manner and smiling face, Are an asset in any place. Vice President 3. Sodality 1, 2, 3, 4; Chairman of Our Lady's Committee 3; Maid of Honor to "Miss Sodality" 3; Miss Sodality Attendant 2; Stamp Queen Attendant 4. Venture Staff: Reporter 2, 3; Typist 4. Annual Staff: Business Manager 4. Dramatics: "The Whole Town's Laughing" 4. Clubs: Speed and Accuracy 3; President 3; Spiral Speedsters 3; Citizenship 4; Pep 1, 2, 3, 4; Glee 1, 2, 3. Choir 1, 2, 3, 4. Third Order 4.

Donald Langan
For two years a cheer leader at every game

Dedication
We, The Venture Staff, dedicate this special page, in honor of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, to the Graduating Class of '49.

Parade Startles Anxious Onlooker

"Okay, let's go! Start slowly and keep equal distances." The long parade marched slowly from the school to church.

"Say, did somebody die? If so, it must have been a senior. No, wait, there are eight juniors and forty-one seniors. Well, let's follow the parade and see what happens, but I warn you to be careful."

All of a sudden laughter rang out from the crowd, so now we know it isn't a funeral, but what is it and during school hours too?

All the students marched into the church and took their assigned places and each senior marched up to the altar.

"Have you guessed yet? Yes, it's just the seniors practicing for their graduation exercises and the juniors present are their attendants.

"Well, good luck seniors, and remember the old gang at St. Bona!"

In this deed he has won much fame. Holy Name 1, 2, 3, 4. Annual Staff: Sports Editor 4. Clubs: Speed and Accuracy 3; Citizenship 3; Glee 1, 2; Cheerleader 3, 4.

Jaqueline Micek
Clever by nature, small and vivacious, As homecoming queen she was most gracious. Sodality 1, 2, 3, 4, Chairman of Refreshment Committee 3. Venture Staff: Reporter 1; Assistant Make-up Editor 2; Feature Editor 3; Assistant Editor 4; Clubs: Speed and Accuracy, Treasurer 3; Pep 1, 2, 3, 4. President 4; Citizenship 4; Glee 1, 2, 3. Choir 1, 2, 3, 4.

Lorrie Lou Mimick
Always laughing and always gay "Toots" gets cuter every day. Sodality 1, 2, 3, 4. Venture Staff: Reporter 2, 3; News Editor 4. Clubs: Citizenship 4; Spiral Speedsters 3; Speed and Accuracy 3; Glee 1, 2; Pep 1, 2, 3, 4. Choir 1, 2, 3.

Theresa Moritz
Although she hardly says a word, She's always as cheerful as a bird. Sodality 1, 2, 3, 4, Sargeant of Arms 2. Annual Staff: Subscription Manager 4. Clubs: Speed and Accuracy 3; Citizenship 4; Glee 1, 2; Pep 3, 4.

LaVERN O'Kane
On his face ever a smile, To all of us a friend worthwhile. Class Treasurer 4. Holy Name 1, 2, 3, 4. Clubs: Glee 1, 2; Citizenship 4; Choir 1, 2. Athletics: Football 2.

Jo Ann Olivetti
Sweet, charming, full of life. Will be a success in all her strife. Class Treasurer 1; Secretary 2. Sodality 1, 2, 3, 4; Secretary 2; Chairman of Entertainment 3; Vice President 4; Miss Sodality Attendant 2. Venture Staff: Reporter 1; Assistant Make-up Editor 2; Assistant Editor 3; Editor-in-Chief 4. Dramatics: "The Whole Town's Laughing" 4. Clubs: Speed and Accuracy 3; Spiral Speedsters 3; Pep 1, 2, 3, 4; President 3; Citizenship 4, Councilman; Glee 1, 2, 3, 4.

JoAnn Peck
Always cheerful and full of fun. Dearly loved by everyone. Class Treasurer 1; Secretary 1, 2, 3, 4. Class Secretary 4. Sodality 1, 2, 3, 4. Editor 3, 4. Annual Staff: Editorial 4. Clubs: Speed and Accuracy 3; Spiral Speedsters 3; Pep 1, 2, 3, 4; Citizenship 4; Glee 1, 2. Choir 1, 2, 3. United Nations Program 4.

Anna Mae Pfeiffer
Short with curly hair, Ever willing to take a dare. Sodality 1, 2, 3, 4; Chairman of Eucharistic Committee 4. Venture Staff: Reporter 3, 4. Annual Staff: Editorial 4. Clubs: Speed and Accuracy 3; Spiral Speedsters 3; Citizenship 4; Pep 1, 2, 3, 4; Glee 1, 2. Choir 1, 2, 3, 4. Third Order 4. Dramatics: "The Whole Town's Laughing."

Harriette Reifenrath
Harriette is her name, Which in time will mean fame. Class Secretary 4; Sodality 1, 2, 3, 4; Chairman of Good Literature 2, 4. Venture Staff: Reporter 2, 3; News Editor 4. Clubs: Speed and Accuracy 3; Spiral Speedsters, Vice President 3; Olympian, Councilman; Pep 1, 2, 3, 4; Glee 1, 2. Choir 1, 2, 3, 4. United Na-

tions Program 4. Dramatics: "The Whole Town's Laughing."

Verdiann Romanek
Very silent and quite demure. Her soft sweet voice, her great allure. Sodality 1, 2, 3, 4; Miss Sodality Attendant 2. Venture Staff: Reporter 1, 2; Typist 3, 4. Annual Staff: Advertising Manager 4. Clubs: Speed and Accuracy 3; Latin 2, 3; Spiral Speedsters 3; Citizenship 4; Pep 1, 2, 3, 4; Glee 1, 2. Choir 1, 2, 3, 4. Third Order 4.

Rex Rupprecht
Quiet, gentle and kind, A truer friend you'll never find. Holy Name 1, 2, 3, 4. Annual Staff: Circulation Manager 4. Clubs: Speed and Accuracy, Secretary 3; Citizenship 4. Altar Boy 1, 2, 3, 4. Athletics: Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4; Track 1, 3.

Robert Ryan
A boy so very quiet, But he's really quite all right. Holy Name 1, 2, 3, 4. Clubs: Citizenship 4; Glee 1, 2. Choir 1, 2.

Ambrose Speicher
A lad who is so dark and quiet, His motto is "Why not try it?" Holy Name 1, 2, 3, 4. Clubs: Citizenship 4; Glee 1, 2.

Alice Syslo
Is worth her while, With that sweet, good-natured smile. Sodality 1, 2, 3, 4. Venture Staff: Reporter 2, 3; Typist 4. Annual Staff: Editorial 4. Clubs: Speed and Accuracy 3; Spiral Speedsters 4; Pep 1, 2, 3, 4; Glee 1, 2. Choir 1, 2, 3, 4.

Phyllis Thraen
Very gay and very fair, Her hair especially shows good care. Sodality 1, 2, 3, 4. Venture Staff: Reporter 3; Feature Editor 4. Annual Staff: Editorial 4. Clubs: Speed and Accuracy 3; Spiral Speedsters 4; Citizenship 4; Pep 2, 3, 4; Glee 1, 2. Choir 1, 2, 3, 4. St. Patrick High School, Fremont, Nebraska 1. Class Secretary 1. Physical Education 1.

Robert Tooley
The senior president, tall, In school he's liked by on and all. Class Secretary 1; Class President 4. Holy Name 1, 2, 3, 4. President 4. Clubs: Speed and Accuracy 4; Latin 2, 3; Glee 1, 2. Choir 1, 2. Altar Boy 1, 2, 3, 4. Third Order 4. Athletics: Football 1, 2, 3, 4; Track 1.

Richard Urban
A boy so tidy and very neat, A cheery "hello" when you meet. Holy Name 1, 2, 3, 4. Venture Staff: Reporter 1. Annual Staff: Circulation Manager 4. Clubs: Speed and Accuracy 3; Latin 2, 3; Citizenship 4; Glee 1, 2. Altar Boy 1, 2, 3, 4.

Donald Vanek
With curly blond hair, His friendly smile is ever so rare. Holy Name 3, 4. Clubs: Speed and Accuracy 3; Citizenship 4; Ordell High School, Oregon 1. Class Treasurer 1. Athletics: Basketball 1; Baseball 1; Boxing 1. David City High School 2. Athletics: Basketball 2; Track 2.

Irene Wilczynski
Is dear and sweet, Always pleasant, cheerful, neat. Class Vice President 4. Sodality 1, 2, 3, 4. Venture Staff: Reporter 2, 3, Typist 4. Annual Staff: Typist 4. Clubs: Speed and Accuracy 3; Latin 2, 3; Citizenship, Secretary 4; Pep 1, 2, 3, 4; Glee 1, 2. Choir 1, 2, 3, 4. Dramatics: "The Whole Town's Laughing."

Adeline Wozy
Always smiling, always gay, Whether it be at work or play. Class Secretary 3. Sodality 1, 2, 3, 4; Vice President 3; President 4; Miss Sodality 2; Miss Sodality Attendant 3. Venture Staff: Reporter 2, Assistant Advertising Manager 3, Advertising Manager 4. Clubs: Speed and Accuracy 3; Spiral Speedsters: Vice President 3; Pep 1, 2, 3, 4; Glee 1, 2. Choir 1, 2, 3, 4. Third Order 4. Cheerleader 3, 4. United Nations Program 4.

Golden Nuggets Reveal Seniors' Destinies

I, "Sweet Betsy," and "Digger Dan"
Have come to set a future plan
For each, in the class of forty-nine;
We hope a joy in his work he'll find.

As I look into the future I can see,
What a successful pharmacist **Bob Tooley** will be,
He'll make medicine to make others well,
And I'm sure, everybody thinks he's swell.

He is a man of muscle and might,
And what he does is always right.
For who can lift a thing higher,
Than weight-lifter, **John Euteneuer**.

Dale Hittner with his intelligence
Will practice great diligence.

For what we're all waiting to see,
Is the engineer he's doomed to be.

In the world of fame she will go far,
For she will be a very great star.
'Cause **Irene Wilczynski** will soon be
A singer known from sea to sea.

"Sailing, sailing, over the ocean blue,"
A work of wonders this lad will do.

A sailor **Don Vanek** wants to be,
And many sights some day he'll see.

I gaze into the crystal ball,
And see **Theresa Moritz** sitting in a hall,
Surrounded by many executive men
Giving dictation as fast as they can.

Over the ocean you'll see his flame,
Announcing **St. Bon's** wonderful name.

But who could carry it way over there,
No one but **Tom Hembd**, a sailor fair.

Amid the golden nuggets I see,
A secretary, who is full of glee.
A girl, who to a position has soared,
For **Anna Mae Pfeifer's** a whiz at the keyboard.

In the future it's plain to see
What a prosperous grocer **Paul Gutzmer** will be.
He will sell everything from candy to spices,
And worry a great deal about wholesale prices.

The future of **Bob Ryan** is clear to me,
For he shall sail on every sea.
On the ship he shall be a mechanic,
And repair all boats on the Great Atlantic.

Jackie Micek, the girl with the brains,
Will take quite a few rides on trains.
For she'll be at college far away,
And come back with great knowledge some day.

The famous barber, **Jerry Billesbach**
Will cut everything but rock.
So if you're one with very little hair,
Just call on Jerry, he'll have plenty to spare.

Laura Mae Gates, the perfect housekeeper,
You can bet your life, she'll be no sleeper.
If in her house you ever take a look,
I'm sure it will look like a picture from a book.

As I look into my crystal ball,
I see an athlete handsome and tall,
With blond hair and pretty blue eyes,
That's **Rex Rupprecht**, **St. Bon's** pride.

The future looks mighty bright,
For this little girl is of so much might.
For **Mary Ellen Clark** is a popcorn seller,
Until she finds her right feller.
Verdiani Romanek's career is very busy,
Her commands will be quite effective.

Her father's footsteps she will follow,
To become a famous detective.

Rosie Kush, the girl with the curls,
Will show her talent to all the girls.
When a beauty operator some day she'll be,
A good job she'll do on you and me.

Phyllis Thraen will go far, of that I'm sure,
For every pain she'll know a cure,
And I predict if I'm ever ill,
The one I'll call will be Nurse Phil.

With striped shirt and whistle shrill,
Is **Don Baumert**, coach of Penn. State Phil.
This young, handsome coach is never erring,
In all his games the win he is sharing.

God gave you a talent, **Jo Ann**.
And that was not only to get a man.

So **Miss Peck**, college you will pursue
And give God His honor due.

This fair maiden, I'm sure with me you'll agree,
When I say she loves gum, candy and jewelry.
Maybe some day she'll be manager, you wait and see,
Of **Scott's 5 & 10 store**—she's **Adeleine Wozny**.

Jody Olivetti, when a nurse you'll be,
With our aches and pains you we'll come to see.

But if you fail to fulfill this vocation,
Then I guess that means more education.

You know, **Juliann Jarecki**, when you're a clerk,
It will mean loads and loads of work.
But we'll see you at Macy's in New York,
Where you'll be selling spoons and forks.

A great ship leaves our shore,
Of ones who seek comfort no more.
'Tis the Marines, and plainly we can see
Ambrose Speicher as brave as can be.

When **Vicky Guszak** is a nurse,
There won't be any business for the hearse.
All aches and pains she will cure,
And for everyone will make life secure.

"Hear ye, hear ye, one and all!"
He will cure you, short and tall.
You will look well and never feel finer,
If you take your pains to **Dr. Jack Kiner**.

Clare Kaipust if I were three,
I'd take the job of a secretary.
You can make Washington D. C. your residence,
When you're working for the president.

If you get into a car wreck,
And gather troubles by the peck,
Then call a lawyer to get you out,
Dick Urban will do it without a pout.

In the future a man about town you'll see,
This man is **Dick Kemnitz**, as tall as can be.
For who is a better corner-stone layer,
Than "Crimp," our future mayor.

Don't trip or fall on some train,
Or the conductor you might blame.
For the conductor we know it will be,
None other than **Chuck Jaworski**.

When you get hungry along the road,
And you long to see some pretty abode,
Stop at **Georgina Holys' Cafe**,
For you'll like the food right away.

His name will be known far and wide
This man, who is the country's pride.
A four-star general with medals adorned,
Is **Dick Hayes** upon whom military strategy has been borne.

As **Alice Syslo** walks into the room,
All the boys begin to swoon.
How can they keep their mind on the book,
When "Teacher Al" comes in with "that" look.

Now "Digger Dan" and I, "Betsy," must bid adieu,
We hope you follow the career picked for you,
So a hundred years from now the class of 2049
Will say, "That class of 1949 did superfine."

Elks' Winner



CLARE MARIE KAIPUST

Miss Kaipust Gains Elks' Scholarship

Clare Marie Kaipust has been named winner of the Elks "valuable student" award. She will receive \$100.

Clare Marie ranks in the upper three of her class, scholastically. During her high school career, she has been a member of the Sodality, has belonged to the Spiral Speedsters, Pep Club, Citizenship and Glee Clubs, choir, the Speed and Accuracy Club and the Junior Third Order of St. Francis.

This past year she was associate-editor of the annual, "Miss Sodality" attendant, "Stamp Queen" attendant, and make-up editor on "The Venture" staff. She received her award Tuesday, May 24, at convocation.

Winners are selected from brochures, prepared by themselves, that give a summary of all their works, aims and accomplishments of their high school career. These brochures are then judged by a state Elks committee on the basis of scholarship, leadership, character, activities, aims and ideals, initiative and financial need.

The Elks, by giving these awards, hope to encourage more students to continue their schooling.

Essay Winner



ROSELLA KUSH

Rosella Kush Wins Legion Essay Contest

Rosella Kush has been named the first-prize winner of the American Legion essay contest entitled, "American Freedoms, Now and Forever." Jo Ann Olivetti received second rating. Both were in the high school division.

Rosella is an active member of Our Lady's Sodality, Citizenship Club, Pep Club, Choir, and Third Order. She was Stamp Queen attendant in the recent crowning. She is typist of "The Venture," business manager on the annual staff, and she participated in the senior class play, "The Whole Town's Laughing."

Eugene Wennekamp and Larry Sanders won first and second in the junior high division, respectively.

The annual American Legion essay contest is sponsored by Hartman Post No. 84. Ninety-eight entries from the city schools were entered in the contest.

Juniors Inherit Seniors' Treasures . . .

The senior class of '49 wills,
Their various talents and unusual skills.
Each one wrote his own little rhyme,
So here they are one at a time.

I, **Don Baumert**, to you, **Bobby Brehm**, do will
My tall and stately build.
And when you hear the girls sigh,
"Oh, Bobby,"
Just remember you got your height from **Baumy**.

I, **Chuck Jaworski**, to you, **Bob LeLarme**, do will
My filling station job 'cause I've had my fill.
Since full of grease your clothes will always be,
Here's a box of "Duz" to you from me.

To you, **Charlene Nickolite**, I **Laura Mae Gates**, do will
My perfect Mass attendance which has given me an 'A.'
Although it would feel good to stay in my cozy bed,
I've found it's more important to get knowledge into my head.

I, **Bob Tooley**, to you, **Vince Feik**, do will
A little of my weight and wrestling skill.
Although it makes me look like a ham,
I hope on you it looks like a man.

To you, **Bill Ragatz**, since you live so far,
I, **Don Langan**, will you my car.
I can't guarantee you that it will run,
But you can have it 'cause I've had my fun.

To you, **Lorraine Hilbert**, I, **Clare Kaipust**, will
My Venture job, it's really a thrill.
So remember me as you slave away,
And you'll be able to will it some day.

A big, gray buick is mine to be willed,
Often while driving I've nearly been killed.
So to you **Marcia Locher**, I give the wreck,
Remember it's a gift from **JoAnn Peck**.

I, **Addie Wozny**, to you, **Ramona Messing**, do will
My position on the staff and my advertising skill.
So next year when you're collecting ads,
Just think of all the fun **Addie** had.

To you, **Marlynn Diederich**, I, **Juliann Jarecki**, do will
My confused yet honorable book-keeping skill.
Since it has done so very much for me,
I'm giving it to you, absolutely free.

To you, **John Syslo**, I **Jerry Billesbach**, do will
My unique dancing skill.
My steps, twists, turns and hops,
With my technique you'll be the tops.

To you, **Dave Pensick**, I **Rex Rupprecht**, do will
My fast and worthwhile athletic skill.
So when the game is hot and the crowd is excited,
Do your best and they will be delighted.

I, **Alice Syslo**, to you, **Lois Dineen**, do will
My many nicknames, isn't that a thrill?
"Bubbles," "Sisco," "Slim," and "Moo Cow,"
There won't be a shortage of names for you now.
When these names they start you to call,
Just be thankful I didn't will them all.

I, **Margaret Korgie**, will to you, **Rosie Jahn**,
My long hair,
For long hair now is very rare.
Please, take good care of it just for me,
So proud of it we both may be.

To you, **Pat Kaminski**, I, **Lorrie Lou Mimick** do will,
My most expert driving skill.
Though many a time I came near having a wreck,
I hope you do better and don't break your neck.

Although it looks fuzzy and isn't very new,
My "Toni," **Mary Ellen Hoffman**, I **Verdie Romanek**, will to you.
It's easy to set and it never looks straight,
So I give it to you because my "Toni," I hate.

I, **Jackie Micek**, to you **Betty Dischner** do will
My rather unusual soda jerk skill.
But if you ever get caught for poisoning, too,
Just forget who gave this talent to you.

To you, **Romayne Cerny**, a sweet girl, I, **Vicky Guszak**, will my curl.

You may fret or you may frown,
Pin it up or pin it down.
Though it is a great big tease,
Just do with it what you please.

To you, **Lester Savage**, I, **Paul Gutzmer**, will my curly hair,
Because its so short it takes very little care.
And when it's time to cut it which occurs just once a year,
Take your scissors and start chopping but be careful of your ear.

I, **Theresa Moritz**, to you, **Gloria Nosal**, will my long school distance,
For to me it has not been much assistance.

So in the morning when you pass by the brookie,
You'll always be wishing you could play hookie.

To you, **Brother Kenny**, I **John Euteneuer**, do will
Some of my weight and my farmer's skill.

With these combined talents a hit you should be,
If you don't believe this just look at me.

To you, **Jerry Melcher**, I **Tom Hembd**, do will
My prosperous farm for you to till.
Though it be rainy, windy or sunny,
Just remember it brings you plenty of money.

This ancient old gift I, **Dick Urban**, will,
It's an object I'm through with because I've had my fill.
So since my hair isn't curly and I don't have good looks,
To you **Lorraine Hilbert**, I will my dear books.

To you, **Mary McCloskey**, I **Mary Anne Dunn**,
Will my ability for trouble and fun.
Though "Mischievous Mary," they may call you,
Just laugh it off and start anew.

I, **Ambrose Speicher**, to you, **Virgil Nickolite**, do will
My good old job at **Nash Dietz** to fill.

So when you are tired and just as old as am I,
I hope you will, will it to some other poor guy.

I, **Rosie Kush**, to you, **Loise Ernst**, do will
My job as **Business Manager** to fill.
So **Bonnie's** next annual of '50 will be
As interesting as ours was thrifty.

I, **Georgie Holys**, will to you, **Agnes Pickhinke**, the **Cottonwood Grove Cafe**.
From **Columbus** it's only two short miles away.
So you can do with it whatever you may wish,
But, please, try to serve my favorite dish, fish.

To you, **Ray Marsolek**, I, **Dale Hittner**, do will
My newly-acquired car-wrecking skill.

If a few shiny fenders you do bang,
Just forget it and go out with the gang.

I, **Florene Dohmen**, to you, **Anna Mae Roddy**, do will
My ability to study which takes much skill.
And when all your lessons are done and you get an "A,"
Just remember that I willed it to you today.

To you, **Bill Soulliere**, I **Dick Kemnitz**, do will
Believe it or not, my unpredictable driving skill.

When driving down the street full blast,
Think of my car and ask yourself how long can it last.

Students Receive Honor Awards

Laura M. Gates Claims 4-Year Perfect Record

The outstanding students received awards at the Honor Convocation on Tuesday morning, May 24, in the auditorium.

Rev. Albert Limacher, Coach Paul Ernst, and Mr. Laird Loomis, Representative of the Elks Lodge, presented the awards to the following students:

The Elks scholarship—Clare Marie Kaipust.

Perfect school attendance for four years—Laura Mae Gates.

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Essay Contest—Rosella Kush and Jo Ann Olivetti.

Poetry Contest—Mary Gerhold, William Ernst, and Jim Roberts. State Merit System—Victoria Guszak, Margaret Korgie, Dick Urban, and Adeline Wozny.

Girl and Boy Staters—Romayne Cerny and Ray Marsolek.

St. Bonaventure Junior-Senior Prom of 1949



Junior - Senior Prom Proves Gala Festivity

Sumptuous Banquet Begins Festivities

In a surrounding of dainty decorations, featuring the days of the Forty-niners, amid fluttering streamers of gold and green, the juniors of St. Bonaventure paid their respects to the seniors at the Junior-Senior banquet and prom, on May 5 in the gymnasium and auditorium, respectively.

At 6:30 p.m. Ray Marsolek, junior class president, and Adeline Wozny, his prom date, preceded the charmingly attired couples to the monastery premises where the couples were joined by guests of honor—Fathers: Albert, Arno, Martin, John Francis, and Coach Ernst, and Mrs. Ernst. From there the cortege wended its way to the banquet hall where sophomore girls served a three-course banquet.

The tables, in a rectangular shape, were artistically decorated in the Forty-niners' theme. On runners of pastel green and glistening golden crepe paper, small covered wagons with golden wagon boxes and white tops were placed on grass mats in the center of each table. Talisman roses, the senior class flower interspersed with Pampose ferns, peered out the unique vases. Tall lighted golden tapers with verdant sprigs of fern entwined around their bases alternated with the floral centers, at various points on the tables.

Shining miniature covered wagons served as nut cups. The place cards, memory booklets, and napkins depicted covered wagon scenes. Each memory book had a small golden pencil attached to it by means of a golden cord and a small green tassel.

Prophecy Climaxes Program With Agnes Pickhinke presiding as toastmistress, the following program was presented: The welcome address by Ray Marsolek; the response by Robert Tooley; "Don't Try a Dyin', Die a Tryin'," poem by Betty Ann Dischner; "In the Days of Forty-Nine," "In My Old Sod Shanty on My Claim," and "Roll Along Prairie Moon," choruses by the junior class; and "Roll Along Prairie Moon," solo by Lester Savage.

The highlight of the entertainment was the senior class prophecy, which was presented by Mary Gerhold and Paul Melcher. Paul dressed as "Digger Dan," and Mary, attired as "Sweet Betsy" rolled back the curtain of the future by means of golden nuggets designed from English walnut shells which cleverly concealed the hidden prophecy. The Forty-niner couple skillfully extracted the golden nuggets from a sparkling bucket of gold which was located in an enchanting gold mine in the center of the rectangular-placed tables. After "Sweet Betsy" read the prediction, "Digger Dan" presented the nuggets to the seniors.

Following the prophecy, the "Senior Class Will" was given by the individuals of the senior class. Addresses were delivered by Fathers Albert and John Francis and Coach Ernst.

At 8:00 p.m., the couples, led by senior and junior class presidents and their dates, entered the artistically decorated auditorium to the music of Bobby Mills' orchestra.

Hall Presents '49 Theme

The decorations carried out the senior class colors, green and gold, and their theme, the Forty-niners. The couples marched into the auditorium through a doorway draped with twirled green and golden crepe paper with a large tassel in the center of the archway. On either side of the entrance stood huge wagon wheels with spokes trimmed in gold and the hub and rim in green, serving as portals of the ballroom.

Myriads of dainty scalloped streamers fell in graceful loops from the six colorful chandeliers in alternating green and gold, resembling the spokes of a wheel and from there they draped in graceful folds to the newly-painted walls. The centerpiece was an outstanding replica of the hub of a rimless wheel. Green and gold spangles gave it a glittering effect as it twirled under a soft mellow spotlight. The chandeliers were cleverly concealed under gold gilded lanterns terminating in tassels of green and gold.

Long scalloped golden curtains, adorned with green scalloped drapes, fell from the tops of the nineteen arched windows to the floor. Valances of green circled the tops of the curtains and fell in various lengths.

The radiators were concealed with artistically decorated corrugated paper of gold and green alternating. Large green and gold spangled 49's, outlined in black, formed the center of each. On top of each radiator a covered wagon, filled with white lilacs, stood on a grass mat. Tassels falling from twirled crepe paper of the opposite color of the corrugated paper completed the radiator decorations.

Stage Depicts Forest Scene

The stage carried a woodland scene with the two side wings each carrying out a specific part of the Forty-niners' life. The left wing portrayed a camping scene in a woodland, where a Forty-niner camper stood by his tent and watched the embers of his camp fire glowing under an iron kettle. The right wing was attractively decorated with a golden antique covered wagon which was pulled by a team of oxen. A shawl, a washboard, cedar bucket, a tin

bucket, and a bonnet were displayed from the vehicle.

The orchestra pit was covered with a large grass mat and a lake surrounded by green trees and tall grass formed the background.

Golden and green corrugated paper covered the base of the orchestra pit with silhouettes of picks and shovels crossed and a boot in the center. Large green and golden spangled letters, "The 49ers," were at the foot of the orchestra pit.

The soft drink stand was decked with green and gold crepe paper. The top was carefully schemed by having a large wheel hanging from the ceiling while twirled streamers covered the opening and a large tassel hung from the top of the frame.

The sophomore girls serving at the banquet were Orlethia Wass, Jeanette Dohman, Barbara DeLarme, Mary Jane Schaefer, Norma Shonka, Margaret Hayes, Rose Ann Vanek and Mildred Roddy.

The committees consisted of the following: Refreshment—Donna Rae Wheeler and Mary Ann Johnson; Reception—Mary Ann Twork, Sandra Mitera, Helen Marie Ternes, and Helen Dunn.

Mr. and Mrs. Dick Tooley and Mr. and Mrs. Bernard O'Kane were chaperones.

Sister Aureliana directed the entire activity.

Cliff Speicher Sets Dash Records

Cliff Speicher, speedy sophomore sprinter, set new records in the 100 yard dash and 220 yard dash. Cliff's time in the 100 yard dash was 10.4, one-tenth of a second off the school record set by Richard Ternes in 1943. Cliff's 220 record was 23.5 which bettered the old school mark of 24.2 set by Duane Deitering in 1946.

Cindermen Cop Fourth In Meet

The Shamrock cindermen opened their season by placing fourth in the Columbus Invitational. Cliff Speicher, Shamrock sprinter, led the scoring with 13 points. Cliff won the century in 10:3 and placed second in the 220. The other scoring contenders were Eddie Zuroski, Bill Ragatz and Rex Rupprecht.

The Shamrocks again held on to their winning crown in the Platte County Track and Field Championship. The Irish bagged 85 1/3 points in outscoring five other schools. The win gave the Shamrocks a record of four consecutive years in which they copped first place. Again it was speedy Speicher who led the way for the Irish. He scored 26 points in taking the century in 11.8 and the 220 in 25.8 and he took the broad jump with the leap of 17-2. He was also a member of the winning 880 relay team.

Rupprecht, Irish weight man, placed first in both the shot and discus with the throws of 38-3 1/2 and 104-5, respectively. Other point-receivers were J. Melcher, P. Melcher, L. Savage, J. Soulliere, B. Ragatz, T. Zuroski, E. Zuroski, and J. Syslo.

Tracksters Elect Honorary Captain

Cliff Speicher — stellar sophomore trackster and dependable point maker—who has represented the Irish at the State Meet the past two years, was elected Honorary Track Captain in voting by Irish Cinderman. Cliff, only a sophomore, is the first underclassman to receive such an honor. He also holds two dash records.

Only one boy, Rex Rupprecht, will be lost to the squad through graduation. The other lettermen are Lester Savage, Jake Melcher, Bill Ragatz, John Syslo, Jim Soulliere, Paul Melcher, Eddie Zuroski, Tom Zuroski, Kenneth O'Kane, Andy Gdowski, and Ted Mimick.

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Suddenly Uncle Sam stepped out of old Independence Hall and stood before me. I was spellbound! He fixedly gazed at me and said: "Today, America is celebrating its independence, but it stands imperiled. If our country was ever in need of patriots, it needs them today!"

"You know, my son, American freedom was brought to our shores by the Pilgrim Fathers. Here heroic men and women dared hardships untold to blaze new trails, to conquer new lands. American patriots left their bloody footprints on history's pages from Lexington to Yorktown to get freedom and liberty established. Then spirited citizens drew up the Constitution of the United States as a blessed safeguard to future generations. On account of it, you now enjoy freedom of press and religion; freedom of education,

assembly and petition; freedom of equal opportunities; freedom from seizure and imprisonment; freedom from want and fear. You must preserve them!

"Terrible wars have hurled themselves against this Rock of Liberty and great depressions have tested the faith of the people. More dangers loom ahead in the forms of Communism, Socialism, Atheism and the Atomic Bomb. Fear and want are holding the greater part of the world in thrall-dom!"

"It is for you to inspire in all the citizens greater love for our freedoms, greater respect for law, and appreciation of human life!"

"It is your task to stem the crime wave and juvenile delinquency!"

"It is for you to check the evils of divorce; to rebuild the home and family as the bases of America's strength!"

"It is your task to recapture World Peace and give the war-torn countries a new start in life with malice towards none and charity for all!"

"Science, government, radio, screen and printing press; rail-ways, sea, and airways should be used to make humanity safer, healthier, and happier!"

"Religion, education and culture should be used to conquer the enemies and evils of today!"

"Other patriots have given their lives for freedom's cause. Won't you at least give your life's energy?"

He handed me a plaque; emblazoned on it was the Freedom Pledge which I repeated with all my heart:

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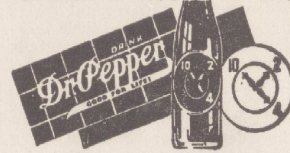
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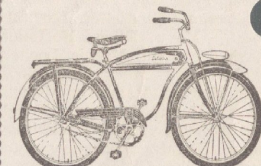
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