

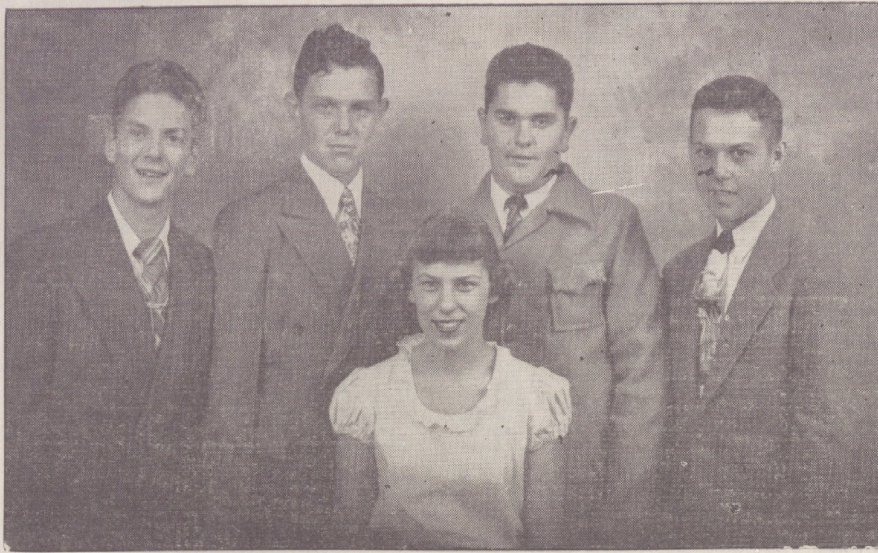
Classes Designate Yearly Directors

Election of class officers climaxed the first week of the new school year. All classes except Sophomores II preferred boys for their presidents.

The officers and their respective offices are as follows: Seniors—Vincent Feik, president; Romayne Cerny, vice president; David Pensick, secretary; Rose Jahn, treasurer; Juniors — William Ernst, president; Carroll Ebner, vice president; Donna Rae Wheeler, secretary; Margaret Hayes, treasurer; Sophomores I — Louis Bennett, president; Mary Alice Moersen, vice president; Mary Ellen Marsolek, secretary; Lois German, treasurer; Sophomores II, Estelle Wemhoff, president; Leo Thiele, vice president; Pat Tooley, secretary; and Tom Zuroski, treasurer; Freshmen — Anthony Augustine, president; John Robb, vice president; Julene Pfeifer, secretary; and Marilyn Johnson, treasurer.

"We know what we've got" must have been the thoughts of the seniors, juniors, and sophomores, who again elected Vincent Feik, their 1948-1949 treasurer; Donna Rae Wheeler, junior secretary; and Patricia Tooley, sophomore president.

St. Bonaventure Class Presidents 1949-1950



Left to right—Louis Bennett, Anthony Augustine, Estelle Wemhoff, William Ernst and Vincent Feik.

—Courtesy of Daniel Studio

Attention!

Fun! Imagination! Surprises! Cake Walks! Ghosts! Games! Prizes for the most unique costumes.—All, in one unforgettable evening!.. The juniors are out for money; you are out for entertainment. (Strictly no outside attractions!)

October 28
St. Bons Gym.

I. Frischholz Wins Honorable Mention

Ina Claire Frischholz, senior, has received honorable mention in the United Nation's examination taken last May.

Four other students from St. Bonaventure—Jack Kiner, '49, Jo Ann Peck '49, Romayne Cerny and Agnes Pickhinke, seniors — took the examination.

Approximately 2,000 schools participated in the annual contest whose theme was "The United Nations and Its Foundation."

One student from each school received honorable mention. The winning student in the nation received a trip to Europe.

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Remember
Mission Sunday
Oct. 30.

Say
The Rosary
Daily.

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Enrollment Hits All-Time Peak As Boys Dominate Girls, 93-92

St. Bons New Students Total Twenty-Eight

Something unusual happened at St. Bonaventure High School when the boys edged the girls 93-92 as St. Bonaventure reached its all-time-peak-enrollment of 185 students. The elementary school has a total of 320 students. Together the schools make a grand total of 505 students, a sum never before equaled in the history of the school.

The sophomores remain the largest class with a total of 60; the freshmen take second place with 50; the juniors record 42; and the seniors claim 33.

St. Bons Inaugurates New Citizenship Club

The newly inaugurated Citizenship Club, acting as the Student Council of the school, is well under way here at St. Bonaventure High School. It is a school wide organization, in which all students enjoy the privileges of active membership.

The Administrative Board is composed of senior officers. They are as follows: Ray Marsolek, Captain; Raphael Gladfelter, First Lieutenant; Agnes Pickhinke, Second Lieutenant; Mary McCloskey, First Corporal; and Lester Savage, Second Corporal.

The advisory council is composed of two representatives from each home room. They are—William Ernst, Louis Bennett, Estelle Wemhoff, Anthony Augustine, Carroll Ebner, Mary Alice Moersen, Leo Thiele, and John Robb. These, together with the Administrative Board, form the Council.

Monthly meetings will be held in the auditorium with all students present. Leaders will follow parliamentary procedure.

The first meeting was held October 2 in the auditorium. Vincent Feik, senior class president, introduced the elected officers of the Administrative Board. Then the meeting was turned over to the Captain, Ray Marsolek, who presided as chairman. He explained the purpose of the club, the duties of members, and the immediate objectives to be achieved.

Father Roch was the guest speaker. His advice and direction was a great encouragement to the student body.

The meeting closed with a pledge to the cross and flag and the singing of the "Star-Spangled Banner."

New students at St. Bonaventure are as follows: Seniors—Marianne Sock, Silver Creek High; Emil Kasick, Schuyler High; Juniors—Dwayne Drum, Kramer High, Columbus; Sophomores — Theresa Mostik, Geraldine Pensick, Mary Ann Podraza, and Mary Zarek, Kramer High, Columbus; Raymond Brezinski, West Rutland High, Vermont; Louis Bennett, St. George High, Evanston, Ill.; Freshmen—Anthony Augustine, Edward Buzynski, Lawrence Kasik, Benton

Kirby, Louis Kosiba, Mary Lou Kudron, Frank Kuta, Virgil Lassek, Mary Ann Micek, Sophie Morita, Sylvia Nosal, Frances Paprocki, Lucille Pensick, Ted Placzek, Irene Schefayk, Mary Ann Schuele, Joan Siemek, Richard Sliva and Don Bonuck.

New members of the teaching staff are Sister Colette, Sister Verona, and Sister Bernadine.

The classes, the homerooms, and sponsors are as listed: Seniors, room 6, Sister Gabriel; Juniors, room 4, Sister Colette; Sophomores Group II, room 2, Sister Verona; Sophomores Group I, room 5, Sister Aureliana; and Freshmen, room 3, Sister Laurentine.

Sister Honoriana sponsors The Venture, and Sister Bernadine is music instructor.

New Pastor



—Courtesy of Daniel Studio
REV. ROCH HETTINGER

Welcome!

The students of St. Bonaventure extend a sincere welcome to you, Father Roch. We hope that we will be able to cooperate with you in whatever you undertake. As our spiritual director, we are confident that you will help us to better our lives and to give us the spiritual enlightenment which we need for Eternal Salvation.

St. Bonaventure Welcomes Rev. R. Hettinger As Pastor

Former Missionary Replaces Father Albert

Rev. Roch Hettinger, O.F.M., has recently taken over the position of pastor and superintendent of St. Bonaventure Parish and School respectively. He replaces Rev. Albert Limacher, who served in this capacity three years. Father Albert is now stationed at Cleveland, Ohio.

Father Roch is a native of Pesotum, Illinois. Upon completing his grade school work at St. Mary's School there, he attended St. Joseph's Seminary at Teutopolis, Illinois, six years. He spent three years in Cleveland studying philosophy and on his return to Teutopolis studied Theology for four years.

Following his ordination in 1934, he served as a missionary in Shantung Province, approximately 500 miles north of Shanghai, China, from 1935-1943. From the beginning of the war until his return to the United States, he was placed in various concentration camps by the Japanese.

In 1943 he returned to the United States. Father served as assistant pastor at St. John the Baptist church in Joliet, Illinois, until his present appointment.

Taking great interest in the youth of today, he was responsible for organizing a young people's club, which he directed and managed. At present he is planning a similar organization for St. Bonaventure parish.

When asked what his chief interest is at present, Father replied, "I hope to build a new Sisters' home and a school in the near future."

Platte Venture 4-H Wins First Honors

St. Bonaventure Platte Venture 4-H won high honors in the Platte Fair Parade which was held in Columbus on August 30 and September 2.

The club received the grand award of \$40, first prize, in the farm parade and shared the third award, \$20, with three other 4-H Clubs in the second parade.

Their float displayed the green and white decorations of the 4-H and featured a large four-leaf clover. The motto emphasized was "Better Living Through 4-H."

In the farm section of the 4-H work, Leo Thiele won a Championship Ribbon on his swine and Carroll Ebner captured blue ribbons on his entry of swine at the Platte County Fair.

In the sheep division John Euteneuer, '49, won a Championship Ribbon. Kenneth Euteneuer captured blue ribbons on his entry of sheep at the Platte County Fair.

Juniors Sponsor First School Dance

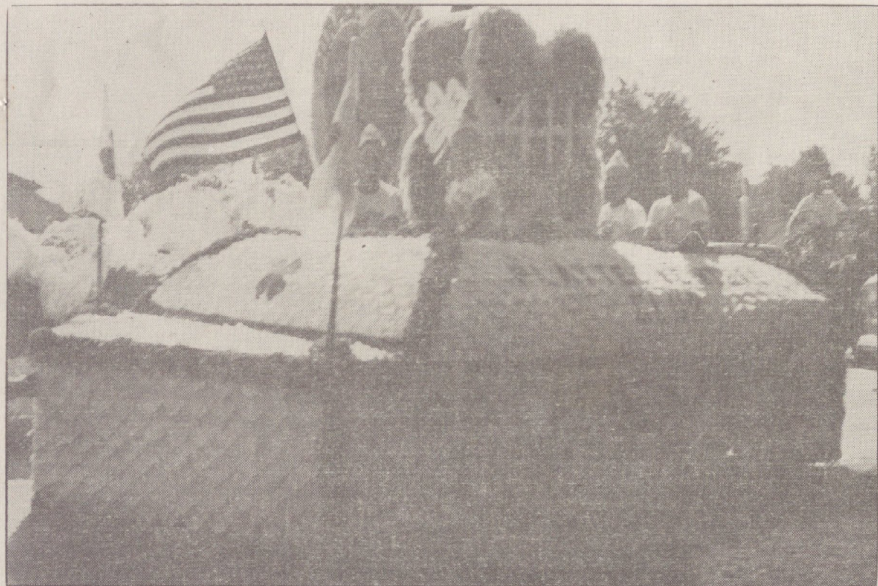
The juniors sponsored a Welcome-Back-to-School dance, on Wednesday, September 1. Attendance by a large number made it possible for the juniors to add \$32.00 to their treasury.

William Ernst, class president, extended a welcome to the new pastor, Father Roch Hettinger, O.F.M. During the course of the evening, the juniors honored Father Roch with a dance dedication.

Features of the evening were a grand march, trap, solo, and duet dances.

William Ernst was master of ceremonies with Ted Niedbalski and Paul Melcher as his assistants. Cashiers were Margaret Hayes and Polly Speice. Ralph Pfeifer and Herman Blahak took charge of the refreshments. Mrs. A. Hayes, Mrs. B. Ternes, Mrs. P. Ernst, and Mrs. R. Wheeler prepared sandwiches for refreshments.

Platte Venture 4-H Float Winner



—Courtesy of Carroll Ebner

Seated in float—Carroll Ebner, Leo Thiele, Myron and Marvin Mayberger.

Shamrock Shenanigans

Hi kids! Here it is time for that column you all like so well. So here's the rattle.

Did you see that lovely, smooth, blonde piece of furniture in Room 6? It belongs to Sister Gabriel, so hands off!!!

Exclusive!!! The seniors all plan on graduating. (At least they're confident.) They ordered their name cards and announcements.

There's no excuse for throwing paper on the floor anymore, since those cute disposals are deposited throughout the school building. (Take notice, students.)

Say, did anyone notice a blue Ford belonging to a new senior boy nicknamed "Al"?

For one whole bookkeeping period, Sister Honoriana called Dick Rice, "David." (Dick was deeply touched.)

Have any of you noticed the new fad of the 1950 football squad? Jake, Paul, Eddie, Les and a couple of other fellas came to school with "disfigured" faces. (I wonder who they're trying to impress?)

Here's three big cheers for the new cheerleaders and the drummer. (A swell combination, no?)

We took a census of the smallest boys in high school and found that top honors went to a little sophie named Richard Otterpohl, 4 ft. The second honor went to Ben Kirby, 4 ft. 1 in. Third honor to Les Savage who is 6 ft. and— (Hey! how'd he get in here?)

Denny Baumert, Denny Baumert, Denny Baumert, "Doc" Kaminski, "Doc" Kaminski, "Doc" Kaminski. They wanted their names in this column so there goes, (3 for 25c, cheap rates, huh?)

The senior class witnessed a blinding flash last week. Who and what was it? Bobbie Brehm and his flashy red and green shirt. (Christmas must be around the corner, Bob!)

Eugene Gates told me last week that he just simply couldn't understand physics, this week he said he understood it perfectly. (Oh, oh, it's nice to sit behind Ina Claire F., isn't it, Eugene?)

As I was walking down the hall I chanced to see someone with a big black shiner. He said a football hit him. (I wonder, Leo!)

Well, freshmen, how do you like your new job of cleaning the lockers every night? I see the mighty seniors have the freshmen well in hand.

We notice the country lads have been playing the annual football on the school campus. Someone got his arm broken. That's too rough, follow our example, eh?

It has been said that a certain senior has been sleeping in classes. Wonder what Bill does at night?

We overheard the freshmen saying that they didn't come to the school dance because they were "afraid" of the seniors. Surely, freshmen, you know us better than that!

Ah, yes, 'tis fall again, and everybody is using their "wreck," err-car. These new starters are what we like best. Ugh! Everybody push now.

Guess who? (They belong to the football squad.) 1. "Goose"; 2. "Pattie"; 3. "Goats"; 4. "Henry"; 5. "Ducks"; 6. "Cactus"; 7. "Slaughter"; and 8. "Moidy." (If you can't figure it out, ask the team.)

Well, it's late, so we shall say, "So long."

Signed: V. R. R. J. M. F. There are three of us. So you see we can't fuss. Combine each first and last. And you will guess us, fast.

Sky Gazer Causes Unusual Excitement

A group of excited students were standing gaping at the sky and pointing as though something extraordinary was happening.

Then shouts and comments could be heard, and several curious students, anxious to be in on everything, hastened to the windows.

Finally some of these comments were heard: "Look! at that long painted one." "Hey! here's a round one."

Then quite subdued, as though deep in thought, the group headed toward the school.

Suddenly the bell rang and there was a clamor of books being slammed and stamped feet. The on-lookers headed downstairs for the next class and their queries, as to what had happened, were greeted by the nonchalant replies of the General Science Class with, "Oh! nothing, we were just studying the different types of leaves." (Ho, hum, let's join!)

Mystifying Sounds Haunt Study Hall

Each morning during the third period, Monday through Friday, the strangest voices can be heard in the library. To prove it I'll repeat some of the remarks heard one day.

"O.K., 1-2-3-4-5-6-7-hee-hee-hee." "1-2-3-4-5-6-7-I am learning to speak." (I thought that they learned that in the grade school!) "Hold your nose and say, (This is horrible!) '1-2-3-4-5-6-7 hold, hold, feel your Adam's apple and exhale.'" (Didn't know I had an Adam's apple?)

But what is this all about? Suddenly the door flew open and out barged nineteen senior girls and four senior boys. Then it dawned on me—oh, it's the spech class.

Our Lady of Fatima



Is Your Rosary In Cold Storage?

We all realize that this is October, rosary month. This is the time to track down our rosary which we shouldn't have had in cold storage since last October.

We have all heard about Fatima but it bears repeating. On a lovely day in May, 1917, Our Lady appeared to three peasant children. The three had just finished saying the rosary in a very incorrect way in their eagerness to play a game. She gently reproached them for their want of devotion and instructed them in the proper method.

Now, we know, that Our Lady isn't going to appear in a vision and remind us about the rosary. We have been told about the rosary's merits for years but still how seldom we pray, correctly and devoutly, the rosary.

Our Lady appeared to the children six times and the last time she gave warning, "I am the Lady of the Rosary, and I have come to warn the faithful to amend their lives and ask pardon for their sins. They must not continue to displease Our Lord, who is already so deeply offended. They must say the Rosary."

What happened not long after the last apparition? Yes, the World War I engulfed humanity. Our Lady must have been deeply hurt! Why? Because her plea to say the Rosary was unheeded.

Now, who can restore the world to real peace? Only Christ, the Prince of Peace. Through whose intercession will this be accomplished? Our Lady of the Rosary and the Queen of Peace.

Let's not disappoint her again. Remember that command, though over 30 years old, still stands. Back up Our Lady by the ROSARY.—B.A.D.

Is He On Our Side?

Catholics, throughout the world, will celebrate the beautiful feast of Christ the King on October 30.

St. John tells us that it was through the Son of God that "All things were made." The world, therefore, belongs to Him under the title of Creation; it belongs to Him under the title of Redemption. He assumed that it belonged to Him when He directed the Apostles to go and to make disciples for His cause in all nations.

World leaders too often bow to the enemies of God. There was a time when kings, queens, and princes recognized the Kingship of Christ and His universal sovereignty.

Christ's enemy seeks to rule the world. History records the antagonism between the spirit of the world and the spirit of the Church, of the imprisonment or martyrdom of the representatives of Christ and of His Church, of the temporary triumph of satan and of the always ultimate victory of Christ.

On the Feast of Christ the King, let us, therefore, not only pray that His "Kingdom may come," but let us resolve, as soldiers in His army, to win religious, moral, and spiritual victories.

We must admit Christ's Kingship. Only then will we be sure that He's on our side.—M. G.

In Memoriam



MARION THIELE

The faculty and students of St. Bonaventure express their deepest sympathy to Mr. and Mrs. W. Thiele and family, upon the death of their son and brother, Marion Thiele, '48.

Terrified Scholars Pass Bravery Test

Oh-h-h!!! A faint groan escaped their pale faces and feverish lips as they peered on a group of laughing and happy faces. Perspiration appeared on their foreheads, their knees knocked loudly, while a few scared girls passed out.

Finally one of the braver and more fearless boys turned his head slightly and said, "W-what shall we do now?" The answer was just a shrug of shoulders, which indicated, "I don't know." (Poor freshies.)

Then at the next minute, although it seemed like centuries, there came a loud, boisterous laughter, and the wan faces again became natural. I overheard, "Golly, even though we assembled in the wrong room, the seniors didn't take it out on us, did they?" Gee! they're really swell aren't they?" And all the other freshies agreed wholeheartedly, with an uproarious, "Yep." (Believe it or not!)

Thanks!

The faculty and students of St. Bon's wish to thank Father Roch for all the improvements in school.

The Physics Class thank Mr. A. Feik for fixing the lab tables.

Inquiring Reporters Report Inquiries

It's the beginning of school again, as it usually is in September, so your reporters decided to make a survey of what some of the St. Bon's freshies like about school. Here are some of the answers received:

Doris Melliger—I like being able to find my way around. (Seems she got lost the first day.)

Ronnie Melcher — I enjoy the study periods. (No more tugging books home for him.)

Joseph Dineen — I don't even miss recess.

Mary Lou Luoron—High school is interesting because of the varied subjects.

Elaine Romanek and Eleanor Syslo — We like being called "green freshies." (Take notice, upper classmen.)

Shirley Sokol and Sylvia Nosal— We enjoy climbing stairs all day. (Good for the waist, eh?)

Frances Paprocki—High school gives me a chance to meet more kids.

Lucille Pensick — The teachers are very helpful and patient.

Larry Sanders—Organized classes are more interesting than the grades.

Donald Schmid—I like the man-activities.

Lavern Thraen — The difficult subjects are what I like best. (Imagine, that!)

Walter Gregorius—The kindness shown to us by the seniors has made life more enjoyable. (The seniors thank you, Buzz.)

Ed Buzynski—The rush between classes takes my fancy. (Yep, that is for us, too.)

Ted Placzek—Going to church every day before school is what I think is best about high school. (Better watch out, Mr. Ted!)

Anthony Pensick—I'm glad my brother is in the same Latin class as I am. (Comes in handy, doesn't it?)

Calendar

- Oct. 4—Assembly, Citizenship Club.
- Oct. 7—St. Joseph's Game.
- Oct. 12—Junior Candy Sale.
- Oct. 14—Movie.
- Oct. 14—Junior Dance.
- Oct. 17—Report Cards.
- Oct. 18—P.T.A. Meeting.
- Oct. 20—Sodality Meeting.
- Oct. 21—St. Mary's Grand Island Game.
- Oct. 26—Schuyler Game.
- Oct. 28—Hallowe'en Dance.
- Oct. 27-28—State Teachers' Convention.
- Nov. 4—Cathedral Game at Omaha.
- Nov. 7 — Sophomore Candy Sale.
- Nov. 8—Citizenship Club.
- Nov. 11—Game at Ravenna.
- Nov. 18—Homecoming.
- Nov. 19-20—N.H.S.P.A. Convention.
- Nov. 24—Thanksgiving.
- Nov. 25—Free.

'Where, Oh Where Can My Brains Be?'

On a bright Tuesday morning I was sitting in study hall, anxious to do my Algebra for the next day. So I started, but of all things I couldn't find my book. I hunted high and low, up and down, and although I knew I had brought it with me, I couldn't find it anywhere.

Finally I gave up in despair and when the bell rang I went to my home room and ate my dinner. While there I rummaged through my desk and couldn't see a sign of the book. By chance I happened to glance at my books on top of my desk and what should be there but my Algebra.

I had it all morning right in front of my face. Old Mr. Absent-Minded, that's me.

Ted N.: (During Physics Class) "If you have a barrel of boiling water and add a bucket of cold water, you'll get hotter water." (Silence.)

"If you turn on both hot and cold water you will have hotter water." (Deeper silence.)

Prof. Gladfelter: "Eureka! I've got it! Niedbalski has two hot water faucets!"

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Grid Squad Retains Sixteen Lettermen

Coach Paul Ernst greeted thirty-five hopefuls at the opening of the football season. The season is a rough one this year with the Irish already dropping the first two games by narrow margins, Hastings 7-6 and Aurora 13-6, and tying the third, Madison 0-0.

The returning lettermen are:
Bill Ragatz, Sr., left end small but scrappy, showing room for improvement.

Jim Lippstreu, Jr., left tackle, showing very good play in his first year at the tackle slot.

Ray Marsolek, Sr., left guard, coming along very fine in first year as a regular.

Dennis Baumert, So., center a big boy, a good blocker and a rugged line-backer.

Vince Feik, Sr., right guard, smallest man on team, fast and runs good interference.

John Syslo, Sr., right tackle, a defensive standout in fourth year of varsity football.

Les Savage, Sr., right end, tallest boy of squad, good both offensively and defensively.

Ed Zuroski, Jr., quarterback, play-caller of the team, small but shifty.

Paul Melcher, Jr., left halfback, holds job down nicely in second year as a regular.

Jake Melcher, Sr., right halfback, the blocking back of the team and second half of the Melcher combination in the backfield.

Cliff Speicher, Jr., fullback, biggest man in the backfield, fast and hard to stop.

Ted Mimick, So., fullback, a rugged boy, playing mostly as defensive line-backer.

Jim Soulliere, Jr., right end, a good pass-catcher, showing good work on defense and offense.

Don Korger, Jr., left guard, doing the extra point kicking for the team but seeing other action.

Raphael Gladfelder, Sr., left tackle, seeing considerable action and does good work.

Dick Rice, Sr., quarterback, a good passer, calls plays well and is good on defense.

Rev. Roch Hettinger Addresses PTA Meet

"Problems of Parents and Teachers Relationships" was the subject of Rev. Roch Hettinger's address to the members of the P.T.A. at their first meeting of the scholastic year.

Father stressed the responsibility of the parents for the actions of the students and asked their cooperation in enforcing discipline.

The P.T.A. awarded a beautiful statue of the Blessed Virgin and a library book to the fifth grade as the prize for the highest percentage of parents present.

The Association has elected the following officers: Rev. Roch Hettinger, 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 Gregorious, treasurer.

The organization has a total of one hundred sixty-seven paid members.

The Room-Mothers are as follows: Mrs. F. Johnson and Mrs. E. Skorupa, first grade; Mrs. D. S. Kavanaugh and Mrs. J. Byrnes, second grade; Mrs. W. Gregorious, Jr., and Mrs. H. Bothe, third grade; Mrs. A. McAuliff and Mrs. R. Wheeler, fourth grade; Mrs. P. Dischner and Mrs. C. Anderson, fifth grade; Mrs. W. Markhofer and Mrs. C. Snell, sixth grade; Mrs. J. Miller and Mrs. J. O. Peck, seventh grade Mrs. F. Arasmith and Mrs. E. Sullivan, eighth grade; Mrs. J. Robb and Mrs. A. Mielak, freshmen; Mrs. C. W. Billesbach, Mrs. J. Fischer, Jr., Mrs. B. Spidle, and Mrs. B. O'Kane, sophomore; Mrs. A. Hayes and Mrs. J. Mayberger, juniors; and Mrs. H. Hilbert and Mrs. J. Cerny, seniors.

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St. Bonaventure Cheerleading Squad



Left to right—Front row: Mary Ann Merrill, Helen Marie Ternes, and Margaret Hayes; back row: Billy Jarvis and Dwayne Drum.

Aurora Huskers Nip St. Bons Shamrocks

St. Bonaventure lost a heart-breaker to Aurora Huskers, who won 13-6, in the last two seconds of play.

Both teams scored six points in the first quarter. It looked as if the game was to end just that way. However Aurora started to click in the last three minutes and came out on top.

At the opening of the game Aurora brought the kickoff back to their own 30. From the T formation they steadily pounded through the Shamrocks defense for four first downs. Bringing the ball to St. Bons 12-yard line, Crawford picked up 3 yards and then Phillips hit the center for the first score of the game. Crawford's kick was too low for the extra point.

St. Bons came back hard and fast. Jerry Melcher took the kickoff back to the 29-yard line. The next play picked up 5 yards. Then John Blahak, with effective blocking, went to the Aurora 7-yard line where he was brought down by Bob Jorgensen. On the next play Cliff Speicher smashed through the line for six points.

Donald Korger's try for an extra point failed.

Aurora missed an opportunity to score when they were on the Shamrocks 4-yard line but the Irish held and Speicher got them out of danger with a 50-yard punt. From then until the final 3 minutes it was mostly a defensive game. Afterward St. Bons screen pass from Speicher to Paul Melcher just failed to make the necessary yardage for a 1 and 10. Aurora then took over on their own 38-yard line. Two consecutive passes took them down to the Shamrock 4 where on the third play Roberts flipped one to Crawford in the end zone. Crawford's place kick was good.

With one second remaining the game ended with a kickoff.

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SBH Irish Deadlock Madison Team, 0-0

Being overrun by penalties and fumbles in the game with the Madison Dragons, the Shamrocks lost the chance for victory, which ended in a 0-0 tie.

In the early part of the first quarter Madison threatened to score when they drove to the Irish one-yard line. By buckling down, the Shamrocks held out until the four downs were up. Then Cliff Speicher with one of his superior kicks put Madison back in their own territory. Except for punting and a few runs the Irish were mostly defensive in the first quarter.

In the start of the second quarter, with fake punts and end-runs, the Shamrocks went two consecutive first downs. Then, with a splendid pass from Speicher to Ed Zuroski in the flats, Zuroski scattered to the Madison 30, but by a slipping penalty they were brought back and forced to kick.

In the third quarter another pass from Speicher to Zuroski, made it possible for the latter with his open field running to go all the way over the Dragons' goal. But due to some over-anxious blocker being charged with holding, the Irish were set back on their own 30-yard line. On the second play following, Speicher, one one of his fake punts, scattered 70 yards to the goal. It was also set back by a violation. The Irish missed the third time by fumbling on the Dragons 15, with 4 minutes remaining. On the whole the Shamrocks looked best on defense but showed good signs of offense.

M. A. Merrill Leads Cheering Squad

"T-E-A-M" was the resounding cry of the St. Bonaventure students at the election of cheerleaders which was held in the auditorium on September 9. Mary Ann Merrill has been honored for the third consecutive time.

Two boys—Dwayne Drum, junior, and Billy Jarvis, sophomore, and two girls—Veteran Mary Ann Merrill, senior, and Margaret Hayes, junior, comprise the cheerleading squad with Helen Ternes, junior, as the drummer.

Competition ran high as sixteen competitors, full of vigor and school spirit tried out for the honor. The students competing were Marcia Locher, Rosemary Raemakers, Mary McCloskey, Donna Rae Wheeler, Helen Ternes, Helen Dunn, Rosalie Billesbach, Pat Tooley, Frances Fischer, Robert Brehm, and August Warholowski.

John Syslo, senior letterman and captain of the first football game, introduced each contestant.

Bonnies Pep Squad Chooses Leaders

Officers, to direct the Pep Club for the current year, were selected at a meeting on September 14.

Winning the election for Pep Club leaders were as follows: Ramona Messing, president; Mary Ann Tworek, vice president; Mary Pat Tooley, secretary; and Shirley Sokol, treasurer.

Members of the Pep Club are the following:

Seniors—Romayne Cerny, Marlynn Diederich, Lois Dineen, Betty Ann Dischner, Louise Ernst, Ina Claire Frischholz, Lorraine Hilbert, Mary Ellen Hoffmann, Rose Marie Jahn, Patricia Kaminski, Marsha Locher, Mary Ann Merrill, Charlene Nickolite, Gloria Nosal, Agnes Pickhinke and Rosemary Raemakers.

Juniors—Margaret Hayes, Mary Gerhold, Polly Speice, Helen Ternes, Orlethia Wass and Donna Rae Wheeler.

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Freshmen—Rosemary Irwin, Eleanor Syslo, Julene Pfeifer, Elaine Romanek, Mary Ann Schuele, Betty Kretz, Elizabeth Kaminski, Dorothy Mielak, and Marilyn Johnson.

Last year's officers were as follows: Jackie Micek, president; Mary McCloskey, vice president; Helen Dunn, secretary; and Pat Tooley, treasurer.

St. Cecilians Trim Green and White

St. Cecilia's of Hastings, initiating eleven-man football, capitalized on St. Bons fumbles and penalties, handing the Irish a 7-6 setback.

The Shamrocks got into trouble early in the first quarter when Paul Melcher fumbled the second play of the game and St. Cecilians recovered the ball.

The game was scoreless until late in the second quarter when Dennis Baumert recovered a St. Cecilia fumble on the 40-yard line. From there the Irish started to roll. With very effective blocking, John Blahak made two consecutive first downs as he sprinted for 10 and 15 yards, respectively. Cliff Speicher carried on from this point to pay dirt, giving the Irish a 6-0 lead. Don Korger's drop-kick failed.

St. Bons held the lead until late in the third quarter when Hupf of Hastings snagged a pass on the goal line for six points, under the eyes of three St. Bons backs. The Shamrocks failed to block the important kick of the evening when Hupf's place-kick went through the goal posts to give Hastings the 7-6, enabling them to defeat the Shamrocks.

The defensive stand-outs were Jim Lippstreu, John Syslo, and Baumert. Speicher and Blahak handled most of the lead-offensive, while Jerry Melcher and Ed Zuroski turned in a good-all-around game.

Bazaar Nets \$7,000 Despite Weather

In spite of the inclement weather, St. Bonaventure Parish held a successful bazaar on September 11 on the school grounds, according to Father Roch. Over seven thousand dollars was added to the school building fund, which now makes it a total of \$207,000.

Several high school students generously donated their services toward the success of the annual parish bazaar. They were Romayne Cerny, Agnes Pickhinke, Mary Ellen Hoffmann, Helen Marie Ternes, Margaret Hayes, Polly Speice, Mary Helen Gerhold, Helen Dunn, Rosalie Billesbach, Pat Tooley, Mary Alice Moersen, Ramona Messing, Pat Kaminski, Rose Jahn, Cliff Speicher, Paul Melcher, Ted Niedbalski, Marvin Mayberger, Myron Mayberger, William Ernst, and Vincent Feik.

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Five Aspirants Enter Religious Training

Five graduates from St. Bonaventure Elementary School have entered a religious school for their first year study.

Studying for the priesthood at St. Joseph Seminary at Westmont, Illinois, are Kenneth Savage and James Jaworski. Katherine Delarme, Janice Smagacz and Arlene Wemhoff have entered St. Joseph Convent, Denver, Colorado.

Returning to the Seminary at Westmont are Richard Miller, Donald and Robert Lakers.

Guess Who? "What class president with the big brown eyes has gained for himself the title of "The Perfect Man?"

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SBH '49ers Seek Advanced Fields

Forty-one St. Bonaventure graduates of 1949 are prospering in various fields of learning or occupation.

Of these, thirteen are going to college to further their education; two of them are serving Uncle Sam; twenty-two have acquired positions in town and four are helping at home.

Those attending college and the respective schools are as follows: Jo Ann Olivetti and Harriette Reiferrath, St. Elizabeth School of Nursing, Lincoln; Jean Gerber, St. Joseph School of Nursing, Omaha; Jacqueline Micek, St. Mary College, Omaha; Jo Ann Peck, Duschene College, Omaha; Alice Syslo, Wayne State Teachers College, Wayne; Anna Mae Pfeifer, Clare Marie Kaipust, and Margaret Korgie, Commercial Extension School, Omaha; Robert Tooley and Richard Urban, University of Nebraska, Lincoln; and Dale Hittner and Jack Kiner, Creighton University, Omaha.

The graduates who work in Columbus and their respective occupations are as follows: Adeline Wozny and Rosella Kush, typists, County Assessor's Office; Mary Ann Dunn, bookkeeper, Alexand Furniture Store; Verdian Romanek, clerk, J. C. Penny Company; Victoria Guszak, bookkeeper, Columbus Bank; Theresa Moritz, bookkeeper, Montgomery Wards; Phyllis Thraen, waitress, Tooley Drug Company; Paul Gutzmer, delivery man, Alexand's; Charles Jaworski, delivery man, Nash Dietz; LaVern O'Kane, chicken feeder, Swifts; Richard Kemnitz, steel loader, Behlens Manufacturing Company; Rex Rupprecht, truck driver, Coca Cola Bottling Company; Jerold Billesbach, bookkeeper, Speice, Echols and Boettcher; Ambrose Spelcher, stockman, Nash Dietz.

These are employed as follows: Donald Baumert, Fredrickson Construction Company; Lorrie Lou Mimick, Rainbow Room; Georgina Holys, Cottonwood Grove; Mary Ellen Clark, Columbus Theater; and Irene Wilczynski, County Clerk.

Robert Ryan and Donald Vaneck are working for Fredrickson Construction at North Platte.

Laura Gates, Juliann Jarecki, Florene Dohmen, and John Eute-neuer are helping at home.

Richard Hayes and Tom Hembd are serving in the Army and Navy, respectively.

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Delegates Witness Speech Institute

Five students and three members of the faculty attended the annual Speech Convention on November 12, in Lincoln.

Those representing St. Bonaventure High School were Sister Aureliana, Sister Bernadine, Sister Laurentine, Mary McCloskey, Betty Dischner, Lois Dineen, David Pensick, and Raphael Gladfelter.

The main events were held in the Don Love Memorial Library and the Temple. Famous men from the Universities of Nebraska and of Illinois gave their opinion on the two subjects—"The Strengths and Weaknesses of the System of Electing the President of the United States" and "How we Can Improve the Present System of Electing the President of the United States." Later in the day, students were allowed to take part in a discussion of these two subjects if they desired.

Boy Scouts Celebrate Anniversary



—Courtesy of R. Dodendorf
Archbishop Gerald F. Bergan gives Dick Tooley Ad Altare Dei Cross.

Pontifical Field Mass Opens Silver Jubilee of Boy Scouts

Richard Tooley Earns Ad Altare Dei Cross

His Excellency Gerald T. Bergan, archbishop of the Omaha diocese, conducted a field High Mass at St. Bonaventure on October 2. This solemn occasion marked the twenty-fifth anniversary of Boy Scout Troop 115 sponsored by St. Bonaventure Parish. Several hundred attended the ceremonies.

Richard Tooley, sophomore, was the only high school boy to merit one of the Ad Altare Dei crosses, at this time. Archbishop Bergan blessed and presented the awards, which were given for the first time outside of Omaha. Boys, qualifying through special tests, are given these Catholic awards.

Troop 115 Boy Scouts and visiting Scouts paraded from the gymnasium at 11 a. m. to the out-

door altar. Situated east of the church building, the altar shone in a splendor of golden decorations.

In his address His Excellency stressed the importance of Scouting in building boys' characters.

Upon opening of the ceremonies, Rev. Roch Hettinger, pastor, blessed the flags. George A. Peters of Omaha, chairman of the Catholic committee of the Covered Wagon Council, led the pledge of allegiance and Scout oath.

After the awarding of the Ad Altare Dei Crosses, Scouters participated in a act of consecration to the Blessed Virgin.

At the Court of Honor, in charge of Scout Executive, Louis Rodwell, Columbus, the troop was presented its 25-year award.

Organized July 1, 1924, Troop 115 had P. W. Lakers as its first Scoutmaster. For the past ten years Leo Weidner has been Scoutmaster.

Other St. Bonaventure boys who received the Ad Altare Dei crosses were the following: Kenneth Cielocha, James Hoshier, William Sus, John Tooley, Michael Tooley, and Ronald Warholoski. Several boys from Omaha and Boys Town also qualified.

Celebrant of the Mass was Rev. Martin Wolter with Rev. John Schneigenburg, deacon, and Rev. Rudolph Kluthe, subdeacon. Rev. Cecil Koop and Rev. Max Klotz-butcher served as deacons of honor.

Members of St. Bonaventure and St. Anthony's choirs, under the supervision of Louis R. Ram-bour, with Dr. Leo Kowalski directing, provided the music for the ceremonies.

New Director



REV. TIMOTHY HEALY

Father Tim Becomes New Sports Director

Reverend Timothy Healy, O.F.M. is the new athletic director of St. Bonaventure School and second assistant of St. Bonaventure Parish. He replaces Father Arno Hartman, who served in the parish for the past seven years.

Father Tim says that he is striving to accomplish inter-mural sports in each class, and to supervise aggressive Varsity teams carrying the name of the school.

Father Timothy was born in the north side of Chicago and completed his grade school at Mt. Carmel. After his eighth grade graduation he attended St. Joseph's Seminary at Westmont, Illinois. He spent three years studying philosophy in Cleveland and upon his return to Teutopolis studied Theology for four years.

He was ordained in 1947 and sent to Quincy, Illinois, where he studied Sacred Eloquence and Education. It was here that he obtained his teacher's degree. After completion of this study he received his first assignment to the Tuberculosis Sanitarium in Cleveland, Ohio, where he served four months until his present appointment.

During his college days, Father put in four years of Varsity football and two years of Varsity basketball. He served as a referee for two years on Varsity basketball teams.

When interviewed, Father said that besides his love for sports he is interested in good reading and all types of music.

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Society Invests Officers In Church Installation

Sodalists Introduce First Spiritual Council

Installation of Sodality officers was held in St. Bonaventure Church in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament and a shrine of Our Lady, on September 19.

New officers installed at this time were as follows: Louise Ernst, prefect; Donna Rae Wheeler, vice-prefect; Mary Jo Tucek, secretary; and Ina Claire Frischholz, treasurer.

All Sodalists, after entering the church in procession, sang the hymn, "Come Holy Ghost." Father Roch gave a brief talk on the purposes and rules of the Sodality. He stressed the need of active Sodalists. The newly elected officers then answered, in unison, promises given by Father Roch, director, to serve faithfully their respective offices.

The retiring officers—Adeline Wozny, Louise Ernst, Mary Ann Tworek, and Rosella Kush, in the absence of Jo Ann Olivetti—presented the symbols of their offices to the new leaders. Following this, the newly installed officers knelt and took the solemn pledge of the Sodality. All Sodalists joined in singing, "On This Day O Beautiful Mother."

Upperclassmen Give Masquerade Party

St. Bonaventure's juniors sponsored a gay and hilarious masquerade Halloween party on October 28 in the gym.

Decorated with orange and black crepe paper and jack o' lanterns, the gym, in the pale light, presented an eerie effect.

Margaret Hayes, dressed as a southern gentleman, took first prize as a single and Jim Lippstreu and Ken Schaffer, disguised as Negroes, received first prize as a couple.

After the judging of costumes, everyone unmasked and the party continued with a grand march. Among the games were the candle relay race and the witches hunt.

The juniors added a net profit of \$40.00 to their treasury.

The committees' chairmen and their assistants were the following: Decorations—Paul Melcher, William Ernst, Donald Korger, Kenneth Schaefer, Mary Jane Schaefer, Orlethia Wass, and Donna Rae Wheeler; Entertainment—Helen Ternes, Jim Soulliere, Donald Korger, and Ed Zuroski; Refreshments—Ted Niedbalski, Helen Ternes, Carroll Ebnner, and William Ernst; and Publicity—Mary Gerhold, Polly Speice, and Rita Burzynski.

Sponsor Announces Second Annual Staff

The Venture Yearbook Staff, for the second annual to be published by the senior class of St. Bonaventure High School, has been announced by Sister Aureliana, sponsor.

Betty Dischner and Mary McCloskey are co-editors. The remainder of the staff is as follows: Assistant Editors—Romayne Cerny, Louise Ernst, Ina Claire Frischholz, Rose Marie Jahn, and Dick Rice; Business Managers—David Pensick and Lester Savage; Circulation Manager—Lois Dineen.

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The work on the annual is being done by the following: The State Journal Printing Company, Lincoln, Nebraska, is making the cuts; The Art Printery, Columbus, will do the printing and binding; the pictures are being taken by Raphael Gladfelter and Robert Brehm, seniors, and Daniel Studio, Columbus.

Our Lady's Sodality Officers and Chairmen For 1949-1950



—Courtesy of R. Gladfelter
Left to right—Back row: A. Pickhinke, L. Dineen, R. Cerny, M. McCloskey, P. Kaminski; Second row: R. Messing, O. Wass, L. German, M. A. Moersen, F. Fischer; Front row: M. J. Tucek, L. Ernst, D. R. Wheeler, and I. C. Frischholz.

Shamrock Shenanigans

My ear-for-news overheard that last week Charles Meyers was taking inventory of all his debts. (Five weeks later. Not finished yet, Charles?)

Did Donna Rae discontinue her driving lessons because she didn't want to learn, or was the patrol car cruising around that night?

What I'm wondering is just this: "What did Father Tim tell the senior boys last week concerning a current talked-about subject?"

Certain junior girls are collecting money to paint "Tedious" Niedbalski's car! (N. C.?)

Flash! St. Bons Parish has a new Baldwin Organ. (Choir, kindly take notice.)

Agnes and Romayne, while in Missouri, complained that they couldn't drive fast, because of the curves. (In the road, that is.)

Congratulations, Les Savage, for that beautiful rendition of "Sanctus" in that High Mass. (Les is the only boy who can reach high "C." We're proud of you, Les.)

Where did that certain senior boy pick up that becoming blush. (Could it have been in St. Louis, Ray?)

What "4-eyed" junior is giving a "4-eyed" senior (Rosie R.) competition by wearing the same colored glasses? (What's the deal, Jim R.?)

Teen Campus Has New Fashion Rage

They're new, definitely different, you can turn them up or turn them down. Wear them on your head or put them in your note book. The color never fades unless you're caught in a down-pour. They can be worn all year round—summer, winter, or spring. They can be washed or cleaned.

What is this neatie I am talking about? Why, haven't you guessed? The newest wearing apparel of the teen-age sect. The new crew caps which are green and white triangular pieces of cotton gabardine, and shaped like a sailor's cap. The initials S. B. H. are sewed in white letters across the front.

The juniors are selling them for one dollar apiece. Why not buy one? Be in style, wear a crew cap. They've got that certain something that can't be beat.

Excuse me a minute while I run out and buy one.

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Let's Make Each Day Thanksgiving Day!

Over three hundred years ago, before the United States became a separate nation, Governor Bradford of the Plymouth Colony proclaimed a Thanksgiving festival. He ordered prayers to be offered and a feast to be held. Pilgrims and Indians alike gathered to show their gratitude for that first harvest.

This year, in keeping with that custom, the people of the United States will give special thanks and praise to God on Thanksgiving Day, November 24.

Over five million dollars was spent last year saying "thank you" by telegraph. How many of these people, who rush to thank each other for small favors, remember to render a simple "thank you" to God for favors granted through His goodness.

Almighty God has given so much to the world that the human mind could never fully grasp it. America has enjoyed such plenty that it has been able to aid other nations. It is impossible to realize how God can be so merciful, patient, and forgiving, without thanks from his subjects, but in His great Providence, He is.

This Thanksgiving let us show God we appreciate His endless gifts by offering Him this day and every day one long, constant prayer of thanks.

Let's make every day Thanksgiving Day!

M. G.

The Poor Souls Need Our Help!

Poor Souls! Indeed they are, for they are somewhat forgotten by us. The people on earth are the only ones that can help them by praying. They are in no position to help themselves.

Let us examine ourselves. Are we ready for heaven? Do we feel that if we were to undergo God's judgment right now that we would be prepared for His Justice? Probably not.

God has provided for sinners a middle ground, a purgatory as it is called, in which, through suffering, the souls are cleaned of the slightest traces of sin.

St. Thomas teaches that the least suffering in purgatory is greater than the greatest suffering on earth. No one knows how long the souls are held in purgatory, but we do know that their suffering is almost unbearable.

If we could put ourselves in the Poor Souls place but for one minute, we would realize their suffering and increase our prayers for them.

So let's all, especially during the month of November, pray for the Poor Souls!

We can be assured that our prayers will be returned a hundred fold by them, when we are in need.

Let's lend a helping hand!

T. N.

Have You the Spirit of Mortification?

Christ revealed while on earth the need for sacrifice and mortification to enter the kingdom of heaven. Mother Church realized the weakness of man, so to help us she set aside special days in which she asks us for sacrifice and mortification. Advent is near and mortification at hand.

Let's define mortification. It consists of renouncing inordinate gratifications, resisting the appetite for pleasure, comforts, and sensual satisfaction—suffering all the annoyances and privations which everyone is exposed to often in these difficult moments. You think it is a big order? It might look so but what a magnificent field of activity it opens to all of you, especially during Advent. Advent gives you the chance to fulfill the sacrifice Christ is asking.

What can you do in every day life that would be mortification? Some of the most common mortifications would be to do your daily work to the best of your ability, to accept each person you meet as your neighbor and a creature created by God, whether he be your pal, friend, or enemy, and to accept all the suffering placed upon you as a prayer offered up to Christ. If you will do these things you will have the spirit of mortification and fulfill your advent duty.

A. P.



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Thanks!

The faculty and students of St. Bonaventure High School wish to express their sincere thanks to Mr. John Francis O'Dea of Canton, Ohio, for his generous donation to the High School library.

Peeper Witnesses Dramatic Comedy

As I, a certain senior, happened to be seated in Room 6, I noticed an uneasiness, a sort of tension, in the class. You see, we were having Modern Problems. One of the girls, while reciting, stopped, looked at her watch, and suddenly turned a deathly pallor. She grasped for the side of the desk, her knuckles became white; she attempted to raise herself but wasn't successful. Again she tried, and Sister nodded her head. This time, she and two other girls staggered out of the door, groped their way down the hall and looked as if it were "The Last Mile." So I followed. (Of course!)

In a short while they looked into the eyes of a tall man, who said, "Are you the first victim?" Without answering one of them arose quietly and followed him into a large room. He closed the door! But I managed to slide through the key-hole. (Imagine, 137 lbs. sliding through a key-hole?)

I took out my pad and pencil and this is what I overheard.

"Now sit at the left, no a little to the right, ah-h perfection, don't move your head, don't blink your eyes. Hold it! There! At last! Now set your chair to the left. You sit at a left angle; put your elbow on your left knee; no—your right elbow on the left knee. Now bend slightly forward, ah-h that's it, now have a happy thought, smile sweetly. No, I don't want all your teeth showing—just the four in front. There, put your chin up, throw your shoulders back. Now we're ready. See! nothing to it."

Oh-h-h, say before I end this phenomenon, it was just a dainty miss (senior, who else would it be?) getting her class picture taken.

Speech Class Antics Imagine Snow Storm

The speech class of St. Bonnies is one in a million, as anyone in it, or around it, can readily see by its antics. The different things one sees, hears, or does, is, believe me, a strange phenomenon.

To show you how different we, or they are, I'll begin: The sun was glowing and shining outside, but inside the St. Bonnies' library, the wind was howling, snow was flying and there stood a snow-bound train. (Vivid imagination, you see!) And who are these strange faces I see—not the class I knew yesterday, but a new and different people. Why what's that man selling? It's a toupee; (Really have changed, haven't we?) And there's a singer. (Singing? Not now please, not now!) I'm certainly glad there's a nurse here—oh, yes, and over there is a reporter. (I hope this never gets out! It won't. Don't worry!)

Surprise, surprise, it's only an act—we're just taking the parts of different people and this snow-bound train was one of our latest fancies.

Wait until our class play. We'll all be heading for Hollywood. (Whoopee!)

New Column

Commencing with the December issue of "The Venture," a new column called "Letters to the Editor" will make its first appearance. Any student with complaints or suggestions for either the school or the paper may submit a letter.

In order to be eligible for publication, the letter must have the signature of the student. Letters should be given to the Editor-In-Chief or the Assistant Editor of "The Venture."

Letters will be approved or censured for the publication by The Venture staff council, which consists of the Editor-In-Chief, I. C. Frischholz; assistant editor A. Pickhinke; news editor, Mary Gerhold; feature editor, Mary McCloskey; sports editor, Ray Marsolek; and the sponsor, Sister Honoriana.

Inquiring Reporters Report Inquiries

Everybody likes football games and now, in November, we play our last games of the season. For some boys, it means they will play their last football; for the girls, the last time they will go on the chartered bus to root for their school team, so we asked the students what they enjoyed about the football games. Here are some of the replies:

Agnes Pickhinke—Going to the out-of-town games. Especially Cathedral. (Interesting, wasn't it?)

Bob Brehm—Going to the game with a car load of girls. (Oh, Bobby!)

Rosie Ramaekers—Spending all my hard earned money. (Hard earned, Rosie?)

Ramona Messing—Meeting the kids from the other team. (Especially the boys?)

Lois Dineen—Touchdowns, when we get them. (We do too.)

Ray Marsolek—Raking everybody over the coals. (We never thought that of you, Ray.)

Louise Ernst—The quiet peaceful trips. (Is she deaf?)

Vince Feik—I like the tall tales that are told on the way home.

Frances Fischer—Screaming my brains out. (What brains?)

Mary Ann Merrill—Just going to get the game.

Paul Melcher—The after effects make it impossible for me to do my typing assignments.

John Kaminski—I like the celebration after the games when we win. (Two parties this year.)

Lester Savage—The ride on the players' bus.

Jake Melcher—Getting out an hour earlier when we play afternoon games. (Will somebody invent a girls team, ever?)

Romayne Cerny—Seeing how many kids I can crowd into my Ford. (Twenty or thirty?)

Pat Kaminski—The players, naturally. (Who doesn't?)

John Blahak—Facing the coach after we fumble the ball. (We feel for you!)

Willy Ernst—Coming out in one big piece. (Why not try that sometime.)

Raphael Gladfelter—Sitting on the bench during the games.

Ina Claire Frischholz—I like the invigorating air which stimulates my morale. (Have to try that some time.)

Dick Tooley—When I get a chance to play in the game.

Ted Mimmick—Getting my name in the newspaper. (Big B. T. O.)

Bill Jarvis—Oh, the life of a cheerleader.

Dennis Baumert—Good chance to stay out late for a change. (No comment.)

Herman Keefer—I like the beautiful singing, on the bus. (Why not let us in on it?)

Bill Messing—I like being in our first yard territory. (We do too.)

Charles Kaipust—The nice comfortable benches on the field. (Boards are rather soft, aren't they?)

Dick Rice—Not having to pay to see the games. (Need any new members on the team?)

Cliff Speicher—Writing the games for the school paper.

Ed Zuroski—Crossing the goal line.

Ted Niedbalski—The thrill of our team making a touchdown.

Inquiring Reporters—Oh-h, it's just something to gab about.

Junior Candy Sale Raises Prom Fund

The junior class added \$53.00 to their treasury when they held their annual candy sale last month. The proceeds will go for the Junior-Senior prom.

Kenneth Schaefer, with Orlethia Wass, assistant, headed the winning table which netted \$18.00. Don Korgor, Dwayne Drum, Ed Zuroski, Mary Gerhold, Jim Soulliere, and Ralph Pfeifer were the other members of this table.

Mary Ann Tworek, Sandra Mitera, Cliff Speicher, and Helen Ternes were the chairmen of the other tables.

Irish Scalp Ramblers In 45-0 Massacre

The Irish, with timely blocking on the part of the entire team and especially the hard running of fullback Cliff Speicher and other members of the backfield, romped over the St. Mary's Ramblers by the score of 45-0.

The Shamrocks scored once in the first and twice in each other period.

Speicher scored on the ninth play of the game on a reverse which went for 37 yards. The blocking by the guards and backfield men enabled the Irish to go over untouched. After that both teams played defensive ball for the rest of the period.

The Shamrocks boosted the count to 20 to 0 at halftime as Speicher scored his second touchdown on a 32-yard fake punt. The extra point was good and the score was 14-0.

Ken O'Kane caught a pass from John Blahak in the end zone, with only two seconds remaining in the first half.

Opening the second half the Irish took the kickoff and drove 78 yards to score. The scoring play which came with a quick opening play through the center, with perfect blocking, went 60 yards untouched.

A Rambler's fumble set up the next Shamrock touchdown. On the next play Speicher went 17 yards on a reverse to score. Key blocks were executed by Vince Feik and Ray Marsolek.

In the fourth quarter Blahak tossed to Herman Keefe for another touchdown. The scoring ended as "Doc" Kaminski bulled his way through the line for the Irish seventh touchdown. This made the score 45-0.

J. Melcher Merits Irish Grid Honor

Gerald (Jake) Melcher, senior halfback, was elected honorary football captain for the 1949 season.

He piloted the Irish team in the last game of 1949 at Ravenna. Melcher has held the right halfback position for the past two years. He has played fine offensive and defensive ball during this time. This is his third year as a letter winner. He had been used chiefly as a blocking back, this year.

Jerry has two brothers—Paul and Ron — on the Irish squad. Morrie, an older brother, lettered as a halfback at St. Bonaventure. During her senior year she was Assistant Editor of "The Venture," president of the Pep Club, and Homecoming Queen.

The lettermen, who participated in the voting are the following: Seniors — Ray Marsolek, Vincent Feik, John Syslo, Raphael Gladfelter, Dick Rice, and Lester Savage; Juniors—Cliff Speicher, Paul Melcher, Ed Zuroski, Bill Ernst, Jim Lippstreu, Don Korger, and Jim Soulliere; Sophomores—Dennis Baumert, John Blahak, Herman Keefe, Ted Mimick, Kenneth O'Kane and Bill Messing; and Freshman—Lawrence Miller.

Seven Seniors End Prep Grid Career

Seven seniors completed their high school football career with the Ravenna game on Armistice Day.

They are John Syslo, a four-year letterman, who has been playing regular tackle for the last three years; Jake Melcher, 150 lb. right halfback, who is a three-year letterman and considered the best blocker in the backfield; Vince Feik, a small but hefty guard for the last two seasons; Ray Marsolek who did a fine job of holding down his left guard position this season; Lester Savage, a two-year letterman, who made a sparky end; Dick Rice, a three-year letterman, was able to play any position in the backfield; and Raphael Gladfelter, 190 lb. tackle letterman for the past two years, who did a good job both offensive and defensive.

Bonnies Down St. Joseph, 6-0

St. Bonaventure Shamrocks rung up their first victory, 6-0, by downing St. Joseph of Omaha on October 7.

Both teams made plenty of yardage but couldn't quite keep it up to score. Fumbles and penalties played a big part in holding down the score for both St. Joe's and the Irish.

The lone score came late in the third quarter with a 50-yard march set off by Ed Zuroski's 17-yard punt return. Two line smacks took the ball to St. Joe's 44 and Jake Melcher raced wide for a first down on St. Joe's 31. Then a spot pass from Zuroski to Jim Soulliere set it up for the tally.

Two plays later Paul Melcher, taking a lateral pass from Zuroski, scooted the remaining 14 yards to score.

St. Bonaventure first threatened in the opening quarter, rolling up three consecutive first downs to the Omahans 18, but a holding penalty kept the Irish from pay dirt. The Shamrocks penetrated to St. Joe's 29 early in the second quarter and later in the period to the 20 but were halted again.

St. Josephs threw a little scare to the Irish when in the third period Jerry Wardian tossed an aerial in mid-field, to Mike Davitt. He raced to score, only to be called back and St. Joe's was penalized 5 yards for backfield in motion. And again late in the fourth stage, the Omahans, with good running by Fred Grasso and Phil Larken, moved the ball from their own 34 to the Irish 30 where they were stopped.

Tackle John Syslo, Dennis Baumert, center, and Ken O'Kane, end, stood out on defense; while Paul Melcher and Ed Zuroski paced the offense.

C. Speicher Claims World-Herald Title

Cliff Speicher, speedy junior fullback for the Irish, received his award as one of the players of the week in the World-Herald. Gregg McBride noted him for his touchdown runs from 11 to 65 yards against St. Mary's of Grand Island.

Cliff topped the Shamrocks in scoring touchdowns. He went over the goal line seven times for a total of 42 points.

Cliff is a sports reporter on the school paper, "The Venture."

Movies Feature Adventurous Tales

"A Tale of Two Cities," a movie based on Charles Dicken's novel, was presented to the High School students on November 4, in the gym, by Father Martin. Short subjects on preservation of land and Volley ball accompanied the main feature.

"A Tale of Two Cities," deals with the French Revolution and the Reign of Terror. The main character is Sydney Carton, a man with a brilliant mind, and capacity for sacrifice. The climax of the movie comes when a man gives up his life for his friend.

"Adventures in Washington," starring Herbert Marshall and Virginia Bruce, was another movie witnessed by the students during October.

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Ravenna Bluejays Peck Shamrocks

Ravenna Bluejays got in high gear Friday afternoon, November 11, to defeat the St. Bonaventure Shamrocks in an Armistice Day victory 19-7.

A strong north wind slowed up the teams, especially on passes.

After a scoreless first period, the Irish came back in the second quarter to be the first to hit pay dirt. Cliff Speicher went over from the five to score, as Ray Marsolek and Paul Melcher three key blocks to aid Speicher. Then Ed Zuroski rammed the line for the extra point.

The Irish then fumbled just 22 yards from their own goal with the Bluejays recovering and with big Dick O'Neill smashing the line and Ed Furtak working the end's lead. O'Neill crashed over for the score. A pass for the extra point failed.

Immediately following the kickoff Speicher fumbled, with opponents again taking possession on the Shamrocks 18. Following a first down, O'Neill again banged over for the T.D. The extra point failed, to make the score 12-7 at the half.

The Shamrocks failed to capitalize on breaks in the third quarter. Once a man was in the clear for a pass but the ball just tipped the receiver's fingers. Ravenna then drove deep into Irish territory only to lose the ball on downs. An Irish punt just beat the third quarter gun.

With five minutes remaining the Shamrocks put on a 30-yard march only to be stopped again due to a fumble. From here the Bluejays went on to score with a pass good for 30 yards. Then Furtak whirled his right end and ran the remaining 30 yards for the score.

Russell Love crashed the line for the extra point.

Jim Soulliere starred for the Shamrocks, along with Jake Melcher who also played a good defensive game.

It was the final game for the Irish which gave them a record of two wins, one tie, and five defeats.

Alumni News

Wedding bells rang out for alumni members during recent months.

Those taking their vows in St. Bonaventure Church in Columbus were the following: Eugene Kniefel '47 and Delores Mae Hopkins; Germaine Schumacher '45 and Henry Martinez; June Stoll '44 and Carrol E. Harsh; Gloria Fischer '46 and Ivan Schaefer; Beverly Rich '39 and Francis Schroeder; Beverly Schroeder '47 and William Kuklish; James Olivetti '45 and Jean McNair '45; Eleanor Lakers '47 and Adair Alexander; Donald R. Greenlee '47 and Cecilia Mostek.

Don Hittner '44 and Barbara Shanahan took their marriage vows in St. Bernard's Church in Omaha, Nebraska.

Dance Records Large Attendance

Large attendance at the second school dance of the school year enabled the juniors to add \$21.00 to their treasury.

A grand march followed by a broom, solo, trap, and duet dances were special features of the evening.

Students in charge of the dance were these: William Ernst, master of ceremonies; assistants, Ted Niedbalski and Paul Melcher; cashiers, Sandra Mitera and Margaret Hayes; refreshments, Carroll Ebner and Eugene Gates.

Sandwiches were prepared by Mrs. A. Hayes, Mrs. W. Gerhold, Mrs. J. Mayberger, and Mrs. M. Speicher.

Students Declare "D-Day" at Bonnies

"Hey! How'd you come out?" "Geepers I'm scared!" "Scared?" "I'm liable to get shot!" "No allowance for me for a month!" "What? Did you get an 'A'?" "What luck!"

"I just can't understand what all those little loops and curves stand for!" "I guess I'll have to learn to keep my mouth shut, too! Oh, yes, and my daily package of gum, I'll just have to get along without it!" "What's all this, you ask?"

No, I'm not an "escaped lunatic," I was merely strolling through the corridors on "Dooms Day" (Report Card Day) at 'ole St. Bons, and these were remarks echoed by the students.

Oh! and by the way, I guess it wasn't as bad as all that after all, 'cause the enrollment by recent check, (just to make sure!) still reads 185 so—I guess we've all survived.

P.S. There's still some more 6-weeks coming and that means—well, kids, you know—REPORT CARDS—so better be good!

LOST and FOUND

Found: One slightly used sleeping pill, in study hall. Owner may have it by identifying.

Lost: A complete set of books (accidentally on purpose). Owner, please, return, as owner can not do his homework. (Poor freshie!)

Found: One brain in bookkeeping class. Owner, please contact Dick Rice.

Lost: One big pipe organ in church, which was mysteriously replaced by a new Baldwin organ.

Found: Sixty-seven green and white crew caps. Can be had for only one dollar apiece.

Lost: Five days—October 27 to November 2—by mutual consent of all students.

Found: Several very interesting pictures to be put on the feature pages in the Annual.

Found: Certain senior girls who had a lot of fun at the Cathedral game in Omaha. (Could it have been outside attractions?)

Congratulations!

The faculty and the students congratulate R. Marsolek, A. Pickhinke, and M. Gerhold for receiving state awards in the journalistic contests at the National High School Press Association Convention held in Lincoln.

Tired Victims Voice Severe Complaints

"Ouch, that hurts! I wish these kids would stop kicking me!"

"I know. They sure have been mad at someone lately. Wonder whom?"

"So do I, but I wish they'd leave us out of their feud."

"By the way, how's our friend upstairs getting along, after being run into a few weeks ago?"

"The 'doctor' patched her up but she says the nails don't feel too good."

"Oh-h the mouse keeps biting me. I wish some of those boys who have been carrying mice around would come and get this pest, too."

"I'm sure getting tired! Wonder what those kids would do if they had to stand as long as we do!"

"Yes, I'm beginning to wish someone would knock me down pretty soon."

Don't get ready to carry out that wish, kids, because this jabbering is only two of the walls complaining again.

J. Micek Becomes Crowning Student

Jacqueline Micek, '49, now attending St. Mary's College in Omaha, was honored by being an attendant to Mary Scholl at the crowning of Christ the King, on October 27. The ceremony was held in the College chapel.

The queen and her attendants were selected by the entire student body.

Jackie is reporter for "The McAuleyan," the college paper. She was always an active student during her years at St. Bonaventure. During her senior year she was Assistant Editor of "The Venture," president of the Pep Club, and Homecoming Queen.

Miss K. A. Bracher Visits Typing Class

Miss Katherine A. Bracher, instructor of Typing at Grade College in Chicago, visited the third typing class of St. Bonaventure on October 26.

She stressed the importance of relaxing the wrist, which she stated, would help to strike the keys without effort and thus would enable one to become a faster, more accurate typist.

Miss Bracher praised the class, but especially commented on its politeness and careful attention.

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Instructors Attend State Convention

Five members of the faculty of St. Bonaventure High and Grade School attended the annual State Teachers Convention which was held in Omaha, Lincoln, and Norfolk on October 27 and 28.

Sister Gabriel, Sister Colette, and Sister Bernadine were at Omaha.

Sister Verona, Sister Pius, Father Roch, and Father Martin attended the Convention at Lincoln.

Sister Walburgis, Sister Carmelita, and Sister Johanelle were at Norfolk.



Can You Imagine?

Pat Kaminski not being sweet, Lester Savage having tiny feet. Mary Ann Merrill not wanting to perform, Raphael Gladfelter willing to conform. Ina Claire Frischholz's marks below par. David Pensick without a car. Agnes Pickhinke missing a game, Or Romayne Cerny doing the same. Bill Ragatz awake in class, Mary Ellen Hoffman missing daily Mass. Betty Ann Dischner not able to act, Marlynn Diederich without any tact. Kenneth Euteneuer and Bob DeLarme living in town, Gloria Nosal not being a clown. Vince Feik disliked by all, Dick Rice not pacing the hall. Rosie Jahn not taking a dare, Ray Marsolek with curly red hair. Louise Ernst without money to loan, Lorraine Hilbert and Lois Dineen walking alone. Rosie Raemakers without a line, Charlene Nickolite not feeling fine. Bob Brehm six foot four, "Al" Kasick being a bore. John Syslo missing a pass, Marianne Sock missing Mass. Virgil Nickolite without a tan, Marcia Locher without a man. Ramona Messing not willing to sing, Any senior without a ring. Jake Melcher without a question to ask, This reporter without a big task.

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Sodalists Enroll New Members

Organization Honors Girls At Breakfast

In the presence of their parents and sister Sodalists, seventeen members were received into Our Lady's Sodality on December 4, at St. Bonaventure Church.

The services opened with the singing of "On This Day Oh Beautiful Mother" and a talk by Father Roch. After the blessing of the medals, the candidates pledged their love and fidelity to Mary, their Queen, and promised to abide by the rules of the Sodality. They were then presented their pins and diplomas of membership. The services closed with solemn Benediction and the singing of "Holy God."

The new members are Mary Ellen Hoffman, Bernice Maag, Adolphine Euteneuer, Rosemary Irwin, Marilyn Johnson, Betty Kretz, Elizabeth Kaminski, Doris Melliger, Dorothy Mielak, Julene Pfeifer, Elaine Romanek, Mary Ann Schuele, Shirley Sokol, Eleanor Syslo, Arlene Pickhinke, Mary Ann Podraza and Sylvia Nosal.

In honor of the new candidates, the Sodalists, on the same day of enrollment, attended a breakfast in the gymnasium, following the eight o'clock Holy Mass.

A statue of the Blessed Mother faced the tables which were arranged in a U-shape. The tables were centered with bouquets of pink and red carnations from which fell graceful twirls of blue streamers leading to the white and blue tapers on each end.

Following the breakfast Louise Ernst, prefect, opened the program with a welcome to the new Sodalists. She explained the origin and history of this world-wide organization. Romayne Cerny spoke on the Sodality patroness, "Rosa Mystica" and Donna Rae Wheeler gave a sketch on the lives of some outstanding Sodalists.

Ramona Messing, accompanied by Helen Ternes, sang "That Lucky Old Sun" and "Through a Long and Sleepless Night." Father Roch Hettinger, Sodality Director, and Father John Francis Schienburg, pastor of St. Anthony Parish, stressed the importance of the Sodality.

Calendar

- Dec. 20—Game—Lincoln Cathedral
- Dec. 22—Christmas parties
- Dec. 22—Christmas vacation
- Dec. 23—Sodality Food Sale
- Jan. 3—School resumes
- Jan. 6—Game—Newman Grove
- Jan. 10—Game—Schuyler
- Jan. 10—Citizenship Club Meet
- Jan. 13—Game Sacred Heart, Norfolk
- Jan. 19-20—Semi-annual exams.
- Jan. 23—Report Cards.

State Journalistic Winners



Left to right—Mary Gerhold, Ray Marsolek, Agnes Pickhinke.

A Merry, Merry Christmas!



THE NATIVITY

Three Staff Members Receive Certificates

St. Bonaventure students have once more brought distinction to the school. Ray Marsolek, Agnes Pickhinke, and Mary Gerhold—members of The Venture Staff—have won certificates of merit in the field of high school journalism. The three competed in the competitive contests at the Nebraska High School Press Association Convention held in Lincoln on November 18 and 19.

Ray, Agnes, and Mary placed first, third, and third in sports writing, news writing, and headline writing, respectively. These were Class B awards. Class B included those schools which do not teach journalism.

Ray is the sports editor of The Venture, captain of the Citizenship Club, Vice Prefect of the Third Order, and sports editor of the annual.

Agnes, in addition to being assistant editor of The Venture, serves as Second Lieutenant of the Citizenship Club, secretary of the Third Order, Sodality Mission Committee chairman, and typist of the annual staff. She is a member of the Pep and the Glee Clubs, Sodality, and Choir.

Mary, a junior, is news and headline editor of The Venture. She is a member of the Pep and Glee Clubs, Sodality, and Choir.

Twenty St. Bonaventure journalists representing The Venture and the Annual, attended the convention. Sister Honoriana, The Venture sponsor, accompanied them. Those attending were Romayne Cerny, Louise Ernst, Vincent Feik, Ina Claire Frischholz, Raphael Gladfelter, Mary Ellen Hoffman, Ray Marsolek, Mary McCloskey, Ramona Messing, Gloria Nosal, David Pensick, Agnes Pickhinke, William Ernst, Mary Gerhold, Margaret Hayes, Paul Melcher, Alfred Micek, Ted Niedbalski, Cliff Speicher, and Helen Ternes.

Greetings!

May the Baby Jesus bless you,
May His tiny hands caress you
Through a Happy Year.
May His tender love enfold you,
May His heart e'er hold you
As a friend most dear.
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INA CLAIRE FRISCHHOLZ

I. Frischholz Wins Local Speech Contest

Ina Claire Frischholz, editor-in-chief of "The Venture," has once again brought credit to St. Bonaventure. She won first place over twelve contestants from St. Bonaventure and Kramer High, in the "Voice of Democracy" contest held at Kramer High auditorium on November 15. Ramona Messing took second place from St. Bonaventure.

Ina Claire received a \$25.00 War Bond and a record of her five minute speech, entitled, "I Speak For Democracy" was sent to the State contest held November 19.

The contest, sponsored by the Junior Chamber of Commerce, was open to sophomores, juniors, and seniors, of both St. Bonaventure and Kramer. A \$25.00 War Bond was also given to the student from Kramer High with the best speech. A \$5.00 prize was awarded to the second place student in each of the second place student in each of the schools participating.

Ina Claire, an honor student, is a member of the Choir, Glee Club, Pep Club, Third Order, assistant-editor of the Annual, and treasurer of the Sodality. She also won honorable mention in the Teen Board contest this year.

Other students from St. Bonaventure who participated in the contest were Connie Hittner, Lois German, Barbara Markhofer, Marylee Ebner, and Louis Bennett.

P. Kaminski Becomes 'Irish '49 Grid Queen'

King John Syslo Reigns At Homecoming Rites

The crowning of Patricia Kaminski as "Irish Grid Queen of '49" by John Syslo, king, highlighted the Homecoming Dance, November 23 held at the St. Bonaventure gymnasium.

The coronation ceremony took place from an elaborately-decorated throne consisting of a white canopy against a green, rich background of dainty streamers. Green and white school pennants graced the sides of the throne. A gorgeous green carpet decked the base of the throne and expanded far beyond the steps adding a unique touch in the Shamrocks' theme of green and white to the picturesque setting.

The celebration began when the guards of honor—John Kaminski, Dick Tooley, Charles Kaipust, Lester Savage, Dennis Baumert, Raphael Gladfelter, Jerry Melcher, Clifford Speicher, Vincent Feik, and Ray Marsolek stood at attention while the king, John Syslo, escorted by his attendants—Jim Lippstreu, Ted Mimick, Thomas Zuroski, and Lawrence Miller—ascended the throne.

Appropriate music was played as the queen's attendants dressed in formals—Helen Ternes, Connie Hittner, Patricia Tooley, and Shirley Sokol—marched in single file. Applause greeted the arrival of the queen, Patricia Kaminski, as she followed her attendants.

Having arrived at the throne the king, John Syslo, crowned Miss Kaminski as "Irish Grid Queen" with a beautiful sparkling golden crown. Jerry Melcher, honorary Shamrock captain, presented her a gift in behalf of the team.

Following the crowning, the Pep Squad, dressed in uniform, performed various marching drills climaxed by the singing of "On St. Bona" in salute to the football team.

Rose Jahn designed and made the queen's crown. The juniors with Sister Colette, sponsor, did the decorating.

Classes Choose Various Themes

Class motto, flower, patron, and colors have been chosen by each class of St. Bonaventure High School.

The seniors selected the following: "Ending But Beginning"; American Beauty Rose; Mystical Rose; and Gold and White.

The juniors chose these: "Not Better Than the Rest, But Better Than the Best"; Lily of the Valley; Immaculate Heart of Mary; and Old Rose and Silver.

Sophomores, Group I, selected the following: "You Do The Best and God Will Do The Rest"; Talisman Rose; Our Lady Most Pure; and Blue and Silver.

Sophomores, Group II, picked the following: "Hitch Your Wagon to a Star"; Pink Carnation; St. Don Bosco; and Orchid and Silver.

The freshmen took the following: "We Can Change The World"; Crimson Rose; Our Lady of Fatima; and Turquoise and Silver.

Irish Grid King, Queen of '49



PATRICIA KAMINSKI and JOHN SYSLO

Letters to The Editor

Dear Editor:

I have only good tidings to relate for this edition. It has been said by many prominent people, that we have a fine school paper. So let's keep up the good work.

A Senior.

(Thank you!)

Dear Editor:

I would like to suggest that the reporters for the paper be required to write their articles in ink or write plain enough so that they can be read.

A Senior typist.

(Your wish is our command.)

Dear Editor:

Please don't have everyone picking on the poor junior class. I'll admit that we're not angels. But what class is! It seems as if we get blamed for everything that goes wrong.

A Junior.

P. S. If everyone would cooperate with the juniors and help them in raising money for the prom, I know we'll help you when your turn comes.

(Harken, to these words of wisdom, each and everyone of you.)

Dear Editor:

A request to be entered in The Venture.

Students of St. Bons. Do you realize what the annual of 1950 will cost the seniors? Well, I won't tell you for you wouldn't believe me. The 1950 annual is a much larger one than the '49. They're still the same price.

A Senior.

Dear Editor:

I feel that we should have better cooperation on the part of the student body (especially the seniors) regarding our school dances. If the seniors expect a nice prom they should give us their support.

Yours truly,

A Junior.

(Why aren't there more seniors (girls especially) at the school dances? If the boys of this school would be more sociable and ask the girls for the dances, we, the senior girls, would go to the dances. Remember, boys, our respect for you depends on your consideration for us. This goes for you, junior and senior boys especially!)



Make Your Heart His Crib!

Once again we are approaching the most welcome feast of the Church, Christmas. To many of us, the word Christmas means a great celebration—a Christmas tree glowing with lights and most of all, the presents we will receive. To us Catholics, Christmas should signify more than that. It should mean the birth of Christ, our long-awaited Redeemer.

Are we prepared for Christ's birthday? Our hearts should leap for joy at the aspect of the coming of Christ. Make your heart a worthy home for Jesus by praying and making sacrifices right now. By doing acts of mortification we may be more worthy to receive Christ in the crib of our heart in Holy Eucharist on Christmas.

Let's put Jesus before everything else on Christmas and ours is certain to be a very Blessed and Merry Christmas!

T. N.

Do You Know Her Special Perogative?

America was placed under the patronage of the Immaculate Conception in 1840 by the First Council of Baltimore. Did you know that the United States has more churches with the name of "Immaculate Conception" than any other title?

Just what does the term "Immaculate Conception" mean? In simple, easy language, it means that from the first instant of the Blessed Virgin's conception, by a very special grace and privilege of Jesus Christ, she was preserved from all stain of original sin.

We know that Adam and Eve were also created without original sin but lost this privilege by offending God. But the Blessed Virgin, the Mother of God, has this grace, and more. In her entire life not one venial sin was committed by her to mar the spotless soul she possessed.

To commemorate the feast of the Immaculate Conception, the church has designated December 8 as a holy day of obligation.

Show the Virgin Mary the interest you have for her by being able to explain this dogma, her special perogative to everyone—Catholics or non-Catholics.

B. A. D.

The Golden Opportunity Knocks!

Hear the whistles blowing, church bells ringing, sirens shrieking, and the strains of "Auld Lang Syne" floating on the air. They're ushering in the golden year of 1950.

Mirth triumphs at the gay New Year's Eve celebration. The exact opposite of these celebrations are the days which follow. We all seem to take situations for granted and go on our old ways.

Oh, yes, at the beginning of the new year, we'll all make resolutions, determined to follow them, no matter what happens. But, oh, how difficult they seem to be as time goes on! And breaking down we say, "I'll just do it this once and then start over. Just as the snow falls, so our promise to ourselves fails and soon we find ourselves in a rut. Maybe some of us will keep our resolutions—for at least a day, a week, or even a month. Wouldn't it be nice, if we could keep them all year? And why can't we?"

Ask God to help us and so make your life better. Then this Golden Jubilee year will be a happy and prosperous one!

Harken! The golden opportunity knocks again!

I. C. F.

Join the T. B. Fight!

Within the past month every family throughout the nation has received an envelope containing either \$1.00 or \$2.00's worth of Christmas seals. Accompanying the seals was a letter not only urging one to buy them but also to use them on all correspondence. The seal sale is the only fund-raising method used by the National Tuberculosis Association.

Proceeds of the annual sale are used to battle tuberculosis, through educational programs to prevent spread of the disease, and by providing care for some of the victims. The seal plan was started less than fifty years ago, and during this time much progress has been made. Prior to this campaign the disease was always known to be fatal, where now it is well understood that cases discovered in early stages can almost always be cured.

Even though much progress has been made, officers of this campaign point out that there is still much to be done in preventing this disastrous disease.

"Let's ALL join this fight, and save someone's life!"

H. D.



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Rev. John Francis Addresses Meet

"Nothing can be accomplished without school backing" was the theme of the guest speaker, Father John Francis, pastor of St. Anthony's Parish, at the Citizenship Club's general meeting November 30, in the auditorium.

His talk dealt with school spirit and its effects on the present and the future character building of youth.

Captain Ray Marsolek presided. A representative of each class gave a summary of its progress or failure in obeying the rules of the Citizenship Club.

Anthony Augustine, freshman president, was proud to present that no serious violations of the law was noticed and that class behavior had been improved.

"Sophomore Group I," said Louis Bennett, president, "has initiated a merit system wherein each student is assigned a task to perform for the upkeep of his rooms." He also stated that the class will back any plans which Father Roch has on the Young People's Club.

Estelle Wemhoff, Sophomore Group II, president, especially pleaded with the students of all classes to help them to keep their room neat because the disorder in their room had been the result of carelessness on the part of other classes.

The juniors, represented by Bill Ernst, president, stated that there was plenty of room for improvement in their class. He promised better results next time.

First Corporal, Mary McCloskey, senior representative, announced that the seniors were doing quite well but there was room for improvement on some counts.

Second Lieutenant, Raphael Gladfelter, gave a talk on school spirit and blamed the failure of many school projects on poor school spirit.

During the course of the meeting the songs sung were "Rig-a-Jig Jig" and "The Star Spangled Banner."

Solemn Prisoners Start Death March

Solemnly, one by one they slowly passed through the big double doors in the auditorium. Some hesitated, but the braver ones walked staunchly forward picking seats toward the back (I wonder why?).

While I was fumbling for a seat in the rear, a clicking and buzzing sound started. Then the young and innocent (ha), one by one, they were called. They slowly walked forward, with saddened faces.

Standing all alone, as if in front of a firing squad, they clicked the machine, handed me the mike and for once in my life, I was free to talk but I couldn't.

You see my dear, this is all a part of recording your voice for good 'ole speech class. After several students listened to the returning voices, they have decided whole-heartedly to change their ways. (How, we don't know yet!)

'Twas The Day!

'Twas the day before vacation
And all through the halls,
So much hustle and bustle,
Such cheery-out calls.
The books were all stacked
In the desks with care,
In hope that for a while,
They would remain there.
The girls were all singing,
Their voices so clear,
While visions of packages
Rose up so dear.
The halls were all quiet,
Farewells had been said,
When out of the gloom,
Stepped a man all in red!
'Greetings," he twinkled,
'The cause for my call,
Is to tell you I wish
'A Merry Christmas to all!'"

Jim Roberts

Bonnie Briefs

The Sodality held a public novena to the Immaculate Conception from November 30 to December 8.

St. Bonaventure Parish is now distributing parish bulletins instead of the usual weekly announcements.

Inquiring Reporters Report Inquiries



Dear Santa Claus:

Have you your reindeer and sleigh all prepared for your annual Christmas Eve trip? Maybe you'd better have your brownies build an addition to the sleigh to carry the gifts for St. Bonaventure students. We, the Inquiring Reporters, have combined all their desires into one compact letter. So, please, heed our wishes, dear Santa.

Betty Dischner: "Please, Santa, help us to finish and pay the bills for the yearbook."

Margaret Hembd: "Oh Santa, do give me a pair of basketball shoes."

Lois German: "Please, give me a high school diploma this year instead of waiting two years."

Mary Lee Ebner: "All I want is a typewriter, dear Santa."

Ruth Kluever, Mary Ellen Marsolek and Connie Hittner: "We want a pair of roller skates."

Betty Koch: "I just want a new set of brains."

Bernice Maag: "Santa, I want you to bring me an electric dishwasher."

Mary Jo Tucek: "I'm not particular, all I want is a new Ford. Make it green, without a sun visor, and put it in my stocking."

Leo Thiele: "I'd like a new line of John Deere machinery that can be operated from my bedroom window."

Marilyn Noonan: "A four-door Nash sedan would be nice."

Richard Otterpohl: "I've been a good little boy, anyway little, so please send me a big eraser to lend a certain girl who sits by me."

Jerry Speicher: "I'd like an elevator to be installed in school."

Mary Ann Podraza: "I want a pair of heated mittens."

Dick Tooley: "All I want is cents, scents, and sense."

Mary Ellen Hoffman: "Please send Romayne a new set of springs for her car."

Vince Feik: "A can of red paint would be gladly accepted, Santa."

Marlynn Diederich: "What I want most is a mechanical brain to do my bookkeeping problems for me."

Kenneth Euteneuer: "Just please place a \$100.00 check in my stocking."

Les Savage: "I want a secretary for bookkeeping."

Pat Kaminski and Mary L. Stuehmer: "We want a back seat in school."

Jake Melcher: "I want a private detective to protect my car so it won't be stolen so much."

Agnes Pickhinke: "Would please assure me of a job at graduation."

Polly Speice: "Please send me a geometry test book with all the answers in it so I'll pass."

Sis Hayes: "I'd be satisfied if you'd just send me a snow-plow."

Gloria Nosal: "With all the bills I've got this year, to pay them all would be most dear."

Charlene Nickolite: "I want an old fashioned sleigh."

Inquiring Reporters: "We would just love to have a new subject to inquire about next month."

"Thank you dear Santa. Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to you!"

Yours truly,
St. Bons students

Honor Roll

(End Six Weeks)

Seniors

Romayne Cerny
Betty Ann Dischner
Louise Ernst
Ina Claire Frischholz
Mary McCloskey
Agnes Pickhinke

Juniors

Mary Gerhold
Mildred Roddy
Polly Speice
Helen Marie Ternes
Orlethia Wass

Sophomores I

Herbert Abts
Ray Bryzinski
Mary Lee Ebner
Lois German
Barbara Markhofer

Mary Ellen Marsolek

Sophomores II

Theresa Mostek
Mary Lou Stuehmer
Dick Tooley
Pat Tooley
Mary Jo Tucek

Freshmen

Anthony Augustine
Adolphine Euteneuer
Rosemary Irwin
Marilyn Johnson
Louis Kosiba

Betty Kretz
Doris Melliger
Mary Ann Miecek
Dorothy Mielak
Lawrence Miller

Sophie Moritz
Frances Paprocki
Anthony Pensick
Arlene Pickhinke
Julene Pfeiffer

John Robb
Eugene Savage
Mary Ann Schuele
Eugene Wemkamp

Hurry! Hurry! Order Your Annual

Did you ever hear the old saying, "A fool and his money are soon parted?" You can change that by signing your name to the list for a Yearbook.

Where else could you get such a bargain? For only three dollars you can be the proud owner of a Venture annual. It's bigger and better this year. There are pictures of everything and everybody. Isn't it fun to look through the class, club, and ad pictures and see yourself in them? It's a complete record of the high school year—easier than keeping a diary.



Shamrocks Crush Platte Center Five

The St. Bonaventure Shamrocks swept to their first victory of the campaign by running over a potent Platte Center quintet.

Les Savage started the scoring in the first minute of play. Paul Melcher, Dennis Baumert, and Dick Tooley added baskets to give the Irish a 18-7 half-time lead.

Only seven points were scored in the third period leaving the score 22-10 entering the stretch.

The Shamrocks' scoring continued in the last quarter as nine of ten Irish players broke into the scoring column.

The new zone defense used by the Irish allowed only three field goals for the opponents.

Frank Podraza, Platte Center offensive threat, failed to score. Baumert was high-point man for the winners, notching eight as Vic Schoen and Von Beren scored five and four points respectively for the explorers.

The little Shamrocks took their second win in as many starts as they dropped the Platte Center Reserves to the score of 15-4 in the curtain raiser. Cliff Speicher stood-out for the St. Bonaventure Reserves.

Last Quarter Sees Beavers Top Irish

The St. Edward Beavers came from behind in the last quarter to nose out the Irish cagers in a hotly contested battle, 31-28.

The contest was ragged, as expected, with two inexperienced teams playing their season opener. The lads on both clubs hustled hard and pleased a large crowd with a nip and tuck battle.

The Shamrocks' fouls were the cause of their defeat, with four starters going out via the personal route in the final quarter. The Shamrocks outscored the Beavers in field goals 10-6, but the Beavers gained its margin with 19 out of 37 gaits throws.

Dennis Baumert, Ed Zuroski and Jerry Melcher each collected six points for the Irish.

St. Edward trailed by a count of 20-25 entering the final stanza. The remaining Beaver points came from free throws. At the time of official time out the Shamrocks still held a 24-27 advantage. Fischer and Moore each made good two free throws to put the Beavers on top 28-27, but Herman Keefer dropped a gratis shot to even the score with two minutes remaining. Then Fischer dropped three more free throws for the margin victory.

Scoring was slow in the first half. St. Bonaventure managed a 12-10 intermission lead.

Early in the third period with the score 15-12 in favor of the Irish, it seemed the Shamrocks were going to pull away as Zuroski dropped two quick ones and Baumert followed with a setup to make the score 21-12.

This is where the St. Bonaventure boys started to play throw-away ball and the Beavers cut the lead down to five points going into the last quarter.

St. Bonaventure Reserves took an easy victory over the St. Edward seconds, 22-8.

The winners took a half-time lead of 10-1. Don Sokol had nine and Larry Sanders dropped six for the Irish.

Grades Present Xmas Program

The grade school brought the Christmas spirit to St. Bonaventures when they presented a Christmas program last Friday in the auditorium. Admission was free to all the public.

The small tots opened the program by a welcome, which was followed by dramatizing the Christmas story.

Grades two, four, and six staged the following: "Bi-Lo-Land," "Hanging Up the Christmas Stocking," and "Christmas Cheer," respectively.

Grade three performed the "Brownies Drill" and Christmas Drill.

Grade five pantomimed a Christmas scene.

Grade six, seven, and eight sang carols during the course of the entertainment.

Joan Gregorius was the announcer with Tom Lakers as stage manager. Phyllis Higgins, Sally Ragatz, and Shirley Jiranek were ushers.

St. Bonaventure Football Team of 1949



Left to right: Back row—E. Zuroski, C. Speicher, P. Melcher, G. Melcher, D. Rice, J. Soulliere, H. Keefer, J. Lippstreu, W. Ernst, R. Gladfelter. Middle row—V. Feik, R. Melcher, J. Syslo, R. Marsolek, B. Ragatz, L. Savage, T. Mimick, D. Baumert, B. Messing, J. Blahak, D. Korger, Father Tim. Front row—J. Kaminski, T. Zuroski, D. Tooley, K. Speicher, C. Kaipust, L. Miller, K. O'Kane.

Irish Cagers Edge St. Patrick's 31-25

St. Bonaventure Cagers defeated the St. Patrick Knights of Fremont by a margin of 31-25.

Les Savage, tall forward, broke the ice with a gratis shot. The Irish led throughout the game although it was a hard fight and at times got rough.

The Shamrocks played a pleasing first half, holding a 7-2 margin at the quarter and an 18-5 lead at half-time. Dennis Baumert, stellar center for the Irish, hit three straight buckets in the second period.

After intermission the Knights held the Shamrocks to two points in the third period, getting six for their own benefit.

Going into those "deadly" last three minutes of the game, the Irish held a eleven point margin. The Knights tried desperately to overcome this but couldn't quite get the extra "kick."

Dick Tooley, sophomore guard, played a good floor game and also notched three points. Ed Zuroski showed good all around play, getting nine counters.

Les Savage led the Shamrocks with 11 points while Bob Stevens of St. Patrick's managed 8.

The Reserve contest saw the Little Irish win their third victory in as many starts by a score of 12 to 7. Mighty Tom Zuroski showed the yearlings some puzzling ball.

Basketball Team Includes Five Cage Lettermen

Among the twenty-six boys who reported for basketball November 14 were five letterman Lester Savage, Jake Melcher, Ed Zuroski, Cliff Speicher, and Dennis Baumert. Jake Melcher is the only regular to return. The roster is made up of mostly inexperienced boys.

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| THE ROSTER | CLASS |
| Larry Sanders | Fr. |
| Keith Speicher | Fr. |
| Tom Zuroski | So. |
| Ron Melcher | Fr. |
| Don Sokol | So. |
| Lawrence Miller | Fr. |
| Jack Gladfelter | Fr. |
| Herman Keefer | So. |
| Dick Tooley | So. |
| John Kaminski | So. |
| John Blahak | So. |
| Louis Bennett | So. |
| Dennis Baumert | So. |
| Raphael Gladfelter | Sr. |
| Cliff Speicher | Jr. |
| Ed Zuroski | Jr. |
| Paul Melcher | Jr. |
| Jim Lippstreu | Jr. |
| Jim Soulliere | Jr. |
| Myron Mayberger | Jr. |
| Marvin Mayberger | Jr. |
| Shorly Drum | Jr. |
| Herman Blahak | Jr. |
| Jake Melcher | Sr. |
| Vince Feik | Sr. |
| Lester Savage | Sr. |

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Freshies Discuss Modern Civilization

"Our modern day civilization has made man happier," was the title of the freshmen panel discussion held December 1.

The panel discussion centered about the difference of today's homes, education, recreation, labor, health, transportation, religion, and comfort from those of years gone by.

The negative side of the panel consisted of Eugene Wennekamp, Marilyn Johnson, Anthony Pensick, and Mary Ann Schuele. Affirmative positions on the panel were filled by Arlene Pickinhke, Julene Pfeifer, John Robb and Keith Speicher. Lawrence Miller served as chairman of the panel discussion.

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Columbus Honors Coaches, Lettermen

St. Bonaventure and Kramer High coaches—Paul Ernst and Joseph Lindahl—and lettermen of both schools were honored at a banquet sponsored by the Rotary, Lions Club, and Chamber of Commerce, on December 15.

J. Robert Davis, backfield coach at the University of Nebraska, was guest speaker.

The coaches of both city high schools gave brief remarks and introduced their players. Vince Jones served as toastmaster.

Football movies of the Nebraska-Colorado game and Nebraska-Kansas State freshmen contest concluded the program.

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Sophomores Reap Grand Sum In Sale

On November 9, the Sophomore Group I reaped a sum of \$45.50 at their candy sale held in the gymnasium. The proceeds were donated to the 1950 Venture Annual. The chairman, Barbara Markhofer and her committee—John Hentges, Betty Koch, Pat Mahoney, Rosalie Billesbach, and Frances Fischer had the winning table which brought in a grand total of \$12.34. Other chairmen in the order of the amounts collected were—Marylee Ebner, Connie Hittner, Mary Ellen Marsolek, Herbert Abts, and Virginia Jarecki, respectively.

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Shamrock Shenanigans

Here's one great, big, satisfying present you've all been waiting for—the news from the halls of 'ole S.B.H. Dick Rice told me recently that he won a jingo contest on the Duz Program. His prize??? A lifetime supply of—you know—what!!

Say-y-y what's this I hear about the freshmen class getting three periods of English a day? (Getting ready for journalism, eh?)

I overheard Dave Pensick, Ray Marsolek, and Les Savage grumbling about something that resulted in making them walk home. (Oh, why does Dave's car break down at a time like this!)

Roses and red, violets are blue, from the 23rd to the 3rd of January—NO SCHOOL (L)!! (Okay, okay, I'll admit I'm not a good poet!)

"Do you know what a 'wock' is?" Ans: "It's what you throw at a wittle wabbit. (Laughter)

Well, it's about time when such songs as "Jingle Bells," "White Christmas," "Silent Night" and "All I Want for Christmas in an A-plus in Conduct," come back from last year. (The last record came out just recently.)

Sister A: "And so Beelzebub was called 'The Prince of Devils.' Vince: "Golly, you mean they have ratings down there?"

Guess who is the "Star" basketball player on the girls' team? (Her initials are R.J.)

The Biology class has something even their best friends won't tell them about. They've been experimenting with onions in class and then eating them. (I surely hope they take our hint!)

The lettermen were discussing the possibility of receiving letter awards at the annual convocation. Many schools give such awards. The player receives it along with a felt letter for each sport in which he lettered. (Hint, Father Tim.)

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'The Venture' Merits Honors

School Publication Joins Citizenship Commission

The "All Catholic," the highest rating title, was again given "The Venture" for the second year in succession by the Catholic School Press Association. "First Honors" were awarded by the Quill and Scroll Society.

The Catholic School Press Association, international honorary society for high school journalists, awarded the paper upon its substantial achievement in make-up, news coverage, promotion of Catholic activities, variety of features, and general writing ability.

The Quill and Scroll International Honorary Society awarded the school paper 886 points out of 900.

The school paper has been in existence since 1936 when it appeared as a mimeographed copy under the name "The Bonaventure." William Gonka became its first editor. The editorship was taken up by Rosalie Gattermeyer the following year.

During the year 1937, under the guidance of Beverly Rich, the paper was admitted into the Quill and Scroll Society.

Rita Chambers, 1938-39 editor, saw the paper develop as it was printed by The Daily Telegram Company, the local newspaper printing press.

During the years from 1939 to 1943 Ellen McNair, Alice Johnson, Marie Woerth, Frances Prosocki, and Raymond Gattermeyer were editors, respectively.

Under the leadership of Verna Mae Mielak the paper was enlarged from four to five columns. "The Venture's" betterment was furthered by such editors as Virginia Kerr, Marie Reifenrath, Dorothy Wozny and Catherine Hauser.

During the last two years highest honors were awarded "The Venture" under the editorship of Patricia Jarvis and Jo Ann Olivetti, respectively. At present the editor-in-chief is Ina Claire Frischholz.

The paper has been given awards by organizations of which it has been a member since 1937.

Last year the paper became a member of the University of Nebraska School of Journalism. This year it has joined the Commission of American Citizenship sponsored by the Catholic University of America.

The Quill and Scroll Society comments as follows: "The Venture reflects distinct credit on its staff and on the school. News is well written, features are interesting, editorial policy is sincere and serious, and pages are attractive. Congratulations on your achievement!"

L. Rambour Gives Leadership Speech

"Leadership" was the topic of a lecture given by Mr. Louis Rambour to the students on January 18. Vincent Feik, senior class president, introduced the speaker.

Mr. Rambour made clear the importance of leadership in one's life. He stressed that leadership, whether in a large or small way, helped each individual to succeed.

He also stated that "A"—ambition, "E"—enterprise, "I"—industry, "O"—organization, and "U"—unity are qualities as essential to leadership as the vowels are to the alphabet.

By numerous examples he pointed out leaders, in this very school and encouraged each student to excel in some particular field.

In conclusion, Mr. Rambour presented the senior and junior class presidents with a book on leadership, "How to Win Friends and Influence People" by Dale Carnegie.

'The Venture' Editorial Staff of 1949-1950



Left to right—H. Ternes, R. Jahn, M. McCloskey, A. Pickhinke, I. C. Frischholz, R. Marsolek, M. Gerhold, B. Dischner. (V. Feik was not present).

'The Venture' Staff Includes Forty Students

"The Venture" staff of 1949-50 consists of forty young journalists. Of this number eighteen are special editors, managers, and typists. Twenty-two are reporters.

Three on the editorial staff brought distinction to The Venture at the Nebraska High School Press Association Convention held during November in Lincoln. Ray Marsolek, Agnes Pickhinke, and Mary Gerhold won first, third, and third place honors in sports writings, news writings, and headline writing, respectively. These were awards given in the competitive contests in Class B journalism. Ray is also the state reporter for the "Scarlet and Cream", the University of Nebraska paper.

Members of the editorial and production staff are as follows:

Ina Claire Frischholz, editor-in-chief; reporter 1, 2; co-news editor 3. Ina Claire is treasurer of Our Lady's Sodality, assistant editor of the annual staff, and a member of the Pep Club and choir.

Agnes Pickhinke, assistant editor; headline editor 3. Agnes is second lieutenant of the Citizenship Club, secretary of the Third Order, chairman of Mission Committee of Our Lady's Sodality, typist on the annual staff and a member of Pep and Glee Clubs, and choir.

Mary Gerhold, co-news editor; reporter 1; headline editor 2. Mary is a member of Our Lady's Sodality, Third Order, Pep Club and choir.

Betty Dischner, co-news editor; reporter 1, 2. Betty is co-editor of the annual, a member of Our Lady's Sodality, Glee and Pep Clubs, and choir.

Mary McCloskey, co-feature editor; reporter 3. Mary is co-editor of the annual staff, second corporal of the Citizenship Club, chairman of the Apostolic Committee of Our Lady's Sodality, a member of Pep and Glee Clubs.

Rose Jahn, co-feature editor; reporter 3. Rosie is treasurer of the senior class, assistant editor of the annual, a member of Our Lady's Sodality, Glee and Pep Clubs, and choir.

Helen Ternes, co-feature editor; reporter 2. Helen is chairman of the Entertainment Committee of Our Lady's Sodality, a member of the Third Order, Pep and Glee Clubs and choir.

Ray Marsolek, co-sports editor; sports editor 3. Ray is Captain of the Citizenship Club, vice-president of the Third Order, sports editor on the annual staff, a member of the football team, Holy Name Society, and Glee Club.

Vincent Feik, co-sports editor; sports editor 3. Vince is president of the senior

Editor-in-Chief



INA CLAIRE FRISCHHOLZ

class, co-sports editor of the annual staff, a member of the football and basketball team, Holy Name Society, and Glee Club.

Lorraine Hilbert, co-make-up editor;

reporter 3. Lorraine is co-art editor on the annual staff, a member of Our Lady's Sodality, Pep and Glee Clubs.

Patricia Kaminski, co-make-up editor; reporter 3. Pat is co-art editor on the annual staff, Homecoming Queen, chairman of Our Lady's Committee of Our Lady's Sodality, a member of Pep Club.

Ramona Messing, co-advertising manager; reporter 3. Mona is chairman of the Eucharistic Committee of Our Lady's Sodality, president of the Pep Club, co-feature editor of the annual, a member of Glee Club, and choir.

Lois Dineen, co-advertising manager. Lois is chairman of the Parish Visiting Committee of Our Lady's Sodality, circulation manager of the annual staff, a member of the Pep and Glee Clubs.

Raphael Gladfelter, business manager; reporter 1, 2, 3. Raphael is photographer on the annual staff, first lieutenant of the Citizenship Club, a member of the football team, Holy Name Society, and Glee Club.

Romayne Cerny, typist. Romayne is vice-president of the senior class, chairman of the Finance Committee of Our Lady's Sodality, assistant editor of the annual staff, a member of the Third Order, Pep and Glee Clubs, and choir.

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Mary Ellen Hoffman, typist. Mary Ellen is a typist on the annual, a member of Our Lady's Sodality, Third Order, Pep and Glee Clubs, and choir.

Marsha Locher, typist. Marsha is a member of Pep and Glee Clubs.

Seniors Present Comedy-Mystery

Twenty Players Stage

'Murder In the Nunnery'

"Murder?" Yes, it's "Murder In the Nunnery." The Senior Class of 1950 announces that their presentation of "Murder In the Nunnery," a comedy-mystery in three acts, will be staged in the school auditorium, February 19 and 20 at 8:00 p. m.

The play, dramatized by Emmet Lavery from the novel by Eric Shepherd, is centered around the murder of the Baroness Sleima (Marianne Sock), a portly and domineering old lady in the grand Italian tradition, who lives at the school. The murder occurs in the chapel of Harrington Convent School in England, during the month of May.

Cast of Characters

The cast of characters includes the following: Reverend Mother (Agnes Pickhinke), the superior of the community; Inspector Pearson (Raphael Gladfelter), a detective from Scotland Yard; Miss Venetia Geza (Betty Dischner), a young and statuesque member of the faculty; Sergeant Mulligan (Dick Rice), a policeman from the local force; Mrs. Moss (Ramona Messing), dark, intense, slight companion of the Baroness, also living at the school.

Nuns teaching at the school are Mother Peck (Ina Claire Frischholz), the birdlike vigilante of the community; Mother Bassonwaite (Romayne Cerny), the massive scientist; Mother Trevor (Mary McCloskey), a lovely young nun with the cool beauty of an angel; and Mother Peagle (Louise Ernst), the fluttery shepherd.

Students at the school are Verity Goodchild (Gloria Nosal), a precocious young girl about seventeen; Inez Escapado (Rose Jahn), a little savage from Anaconda; Prudence Rockingham (Lorraine Hilbert), a young goody-goody little Scottish girl; and Torquilla "Turkey" Rohays (Lois Dineen), the hockey captain.

The Baron Sleima (Vincent Feik) is the son of the Baroness, supposedly fighting in Malta. Johnny Guest (Gerald Melcher) portrays an American reporter in London at the time of the murder. Mr. Turtle (Lester Savage) depicts the gardener for the school. Sister Carmela (Marlynn Diedrich) pictures a lay sister from Tahiti. The Celebrant at Vespers is Ray Marsolek and the altar boy is Robert Brehm.

Student Management

Sister Laurentine is director of the play. Students and their positions are as follows: **Ramona Messing** and **Betty Dischner**, student directors; **Mary Ellen Hoffman** and **Patricia Kaminski**, business managers and sound effects; **Mary Ann Merrill** and **Rosemary Raemaekers**, assisted by **Marsha Locher** and **Charlene Nickolite**, property managers; **Ray Marsolek**, publicity manger; **David Pensick** and **Robert Brehm**, stage managers; **John Syslo**, house manager; **Kenneth Euteneuer**, **Bob DeLarme**, and **Virgil Nickolite**, ushers; **Louise Ernst** and **Mary McCloskey**, prompters. **Mrs. Ray Dodendorf** is assisting with scene decorating and costuming.

Alexand's Furniture Store and McKown's Mortuary are supplying the furnishings for the stage; Tooly Drug Store donated all the make-up; the St. Bons Fathers and Helen Ternes are furnishing the sound.

College President Addresses Seniors

"Prepare now" seemed to be the theme of a talk which was given to the seniors by Sisters Mary Alice and Zita Marie, representatives of the College of St. Mary's, Omaha, on January 23.

Sister Mary Alice explained the curriculum of the school. The courses include journalism, pre-nursing, social work, laboratory technology, x-ray, commerce, teaching, music, and art.

'The Venture' Production Staff of 1949-1950



Left to right—R. Cerny, L. Hilbert, L. Dineen, R. Messing, R. Gladfelter, L. Ernst, M. Locher, P. Kaminski, M. E. Hoffmann.

Shamrock Shenanigans

John Syslo, having arrived at school at 12:25 (afternoon) said, "Gee, I must be early," so he walked out and went back home.

I hear Sister Honoriana's new ball-point pen makes "A's" in Bookkeeping. (I wonder?).

Father Martin (quote), "Half of all the men in the world are under the influence of women and don't know it and the other half know it but can't do anything about it." (Unquote—You tell 'um Father).

"Ignorance" said a freshie, "is when you don't know something and somebody finds out." (Oh, these students with an education).

What's this we hear about Dewaine Warner, proprietor of the Sweet Shop, stealing the show from Santa Claus, in the first grade room! (Thanks for treating our future seniors of 1961.)

Registration is still open for that extra special course. Hurry! Hurry! Hurry! Seats are going fast. (What's going on behind the door of Room 6 at Ninth Period?)

Wouldn't the upperclassmen liked to have seen Mary Lou Stuehmer, Bill Messing, and Sister Verona chasing that pigeon around the biology lab!

Sister: "What is the fastest way of communication?"

Junior: (Low mumble in back of room) "Telephone, telegraph and tell a woman."

Roses are red, violets are blue, Rain on the roof, reminds me of you. (drip, drip.)

Flash!!! To all occupants of Room 6: "The door will now stay closed." (Thanks gobs, Vince!)

Some people, for example "Shorty" are certainly free on making remarks as to who stole their car. (Eh, Sis?)

Seville Der Dago
Tousan Busses INARO
Nojo Dennis Trux
Summit Cowsin, summit Dux.
(Try and figure this one out. Answer will be in March issue).

Mass Honor Roll

- (3rd Six Weeks)
Seniors
Mary Ellen Hoffman
Ray Marsolek
David Pensick
Agnes Pickhinke
Lester Savage
Marianne Sock
Juniors
Marvin Mayberger
Myron Mayberger
Rita Schmid
Sophomores
Richard Otterpohl
Mary Ann Podraza
Gennene Spidle
Mary Ann Starosiek
Mary Lou Steuhmer
Mary Jo Tucek
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Herbert Abts
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Arnold Krzycki
Barbara Markhofer
Mary Ellen Marsolek
Freshmen
Joe Dineen
Walter Gregoritis
Marilyn Johnson
Elizabeth Kaminski
Louis Kosiba
Betty Kretz
Mary Ann Micek
Dorothy Mielak
Arlene Pickhinke
Donald Schmid
Eugene Savage
Mary Ann Schuele
Joan Stemek
Shirley Sokol
Eugene Wenekamp

Physics Lab Gains Needed Equipment

Something new has arrived at the portals of St. Bonaventure High School. Much needed physics equipment made its appearance recently.

Valued at over \$350.00 the supplies include about fifty different types and over one hundred individual items.

Items included in the equipment are a gear driven rotator, Boyle's law apparatus, linear expansion apparatus, resistance board rheostat, double beam balance, telegraph set, Wheatstone bridge, graph chart, optical bench, force boards, Leyden jar, hydrometer jar, resonance tube, and many others.

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Let's Make It A Date!

This is Catholic Press Month. Is this the moment to collect that enormous stack of Catholic magazines and papers—those you've saved for just such a time? Is this the month to plow through all that Catholic literature and catch up on all that back reading?

No, not one of us would think of doing anything like this. But if we were to sit down and enumerate all Catholic writings we've read since last Press Month, would they total much more?

Today, the Catholic Press is more important than ever before. We, as teen-agers of the present, will be the leaders of tomorrow. As those leaders we must be representatives of our Church and stand for all its teachings.

What's that? Did you say Catholic magazines are dry? Just sit down and scan through a book. Fix your eye on that cover, look at that mystery story, and that sports article. Oh, yes, don't forget to look at that cartoon. You know the one—the boy putting the girl's pigtail in the ink well.

In one respect, a Catholic magazine is much like a secular magazine, but still it differs greatly—in that it goes much deeper, telling the life of a Saint or incident's of Christ's life. Even though no Catholic statements may be made, just the way it is written reflects that viewpoint.

So when we sit down to read why not pick up the "Catholic Miss," "Queen's Work," "Catholic Boy," "Extension," or "Sacred Heart Messenger." When we're passing through the hall in the school, let's grab a pamphlet and maybe just read a page, a day, of Father Lord's wonderful writings.

Yes, February is Press Month—a month to remind each and every one of us in our responsibilities in reading Catholic literature and promoting its spread. Let's make it a date—"Every month is a Catholic Press Month, every day Catholic Press Day for me!"

I. C. F.

Let Him Be Your Valentine!

"I want a big, lacy Valentine for my favorite girl!" is a sentence heard by many a clerk during the month of February. Most of us buy a few Valentines each year to send to our friends and in return we receive Valentines.

Have you ever wondered how this custom originated? It dates back to the third century. St. Valentine, a martyr whose nameday is February 14, was accustomed to go around from house to house leaving food on the doorsteps of the poor. He substituted beautiful writing for the meaningless letters which lovers wrote each other.

This more Catholic version of the origin of St. Valentine's Day leads us to another thought—what about asking the Sacred Heart of Jesus to be our Valentine and bestow His love upon us? Rt. Rev. Msgr. Fulton Sheen expresses this thought indirectly. He explains that God made the human heart to be happy and to seek happiness. As God made the heart of each individual he kept a small sample of it in Heaven and it can never really be happy until it goes back to God to recover this piece that He has been keeping for eternity. That accounts for the human heart not being shaped perfectly like a Valentine heart.

Remember Christ is the keeper of your heart and is the only one who can give you that happiness. Christ is a Perfect Valentine!

A. P.

All Roads Lead to Rome!

On Christmas Eve, our Holy Father Pope Pius XII struck the Holy Door of St. Peter's Basilica with a silver hammer. Three times the Pontiff struck, singing the versicle, "Open Unto Me the Gates of Justice." At the third blow, the previously loosened cement and masonry broke through. Thus was the Holy Year of Jubilee, 1950, officially inaugurated.

The Vatican hopes that 1950 will witness vast multitudes of Catholics from all over the world flock to Rome, the center of Christianity. The Kremlin and the governments which it dominates are determined to try to thwart this demonstration of faith. For ever since the end of World War II communists have been waging an aggressive propaganda war to discredit the Church and lure the faithful from it. The picture of multitudes from all over the globe making sacrifices to visit the center of the Church would tellingly proclaim the defeat of the Communists' diabolical designs.

Catholics who do not go to Rome for the Holy Year of 1950 will have only limited opportunities for gaining indulgences for themselves. The Holy Father has made the following exceptions to permit the faithful to receive indulgences for themselves—the indulgence gained at the moment of death, upon reciting the Angelus at the sound of the bell, during Forty Hours devotion, and by the recitation of the Holy Year prayer. All other indulgences are suspended for this year.

The Holy Year is a full-dress battle between the Church and the powers of darkness. Under the leadership of our Holy Father all the implements of spiritual warfare are massed against Satan and the powers of darkness. The heavens will be bombarded with the prayers of the faithful but it will all be in vain unless each zone of us in our hearts enters into the spirit of the Holy Year by prayer and penance, so that individually we may become worthy of the peace of Christ, which we so ardently desire.

M. G.

Sympathy!

The faculty and students of St. Bonaventure express their sincerest sympathy to the Holy family upon the death of their husband and father, John Holy's.

Attention!

What?—Catholic Press Exhibit When?—February 19-25
Where?—St. Bonaventure gym
Why?—To further Catholic Book Week
Who?—Juniors

Thanks!

The Physics class wish to thank Father Roch for the purchase of laboratory equipment.

The faculty and students extend sincere thanks to Richard J. Farber, New York City, and T. J. Friel, Wm. J. Griffin, Robert L. Squire, Edward P. Carroll, Richard E. Kropf, Max D. Grunspan, Lucien Wickham, Anna Kentrich Hayland, and William J. Kutrich, all of Chicago for their generous cash donations to the library fund.

P. Lakers Speaks At Sodality Meet

"Stamp collecting is a relaxing hobby," stated Mr. P. W. Lakers, guest speaker, at the Sodality meeting, January 19.

Mr. Lakers showed the Sodality his stamp collection, consisting of many picturesque, odd, and valuable stamps. He pointed out that the value of a stamp depends greatly on proper care and the number in circulation.

Since the Mystical Rose Sodality is now affiliated with the Prima Primaria at Rome, Donna Rae Wheeler explained its origin and purpose.

Committee chairman—Lois Dineen, Parish Visiting; Ramona Messing, Eucharistic; Mary McCloskey, Apostolic; Pat Kaminski, Our Lady's; Romayne Cerny, Finance; and Agnes Pickhinke, Mission—gave reports on work achieved during the first semester.

According to Romayne Cerny, Finance Committee Chairman, approximately \$80.00 was made at the Sodality Food Sale.

Reporting on one of the Sodality's projects, Agnes Pickhinke said that over 17,000 points have been earned for stamps sent to the missions. She also read portions of a letter of appreciation received from a girl in New Mexico, to whose school the Sodality had sent books and school supplies.

Musical chairs was played with Louise Ernst winning the prize.

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Ray Buzinski
Marilyn Ebner
Lois German
Bill Jarvis
Barbara Markhofer
Mary Alice Moerssen

Freshmen

Anthony Augustine
Adolphine Eutenener
Marilyn Johnson
Louis Kosiba
Doris Mellinger
Mary Ann Micek
Lawrence Miller
Frances Paprocki
Arlene Pickhinke
John Robb
Mary Ann Schuele
Eugene Wenekamp

'E-e-e-k A Freak Says Dazed Boy

"Oh, my gosh! What happened? Huh?"

"What?—You say it brings out your natural beauty?"

"The question is: 'To wear it or not to wear it?'"

"Just what do you mean? Clothes, hats, coats? What's the big debate about? 'Cosmetics, oh, is that all—W-H-A-T!!! Did you say, COSMETICS.' You mean those girls were debating on whether to wear lipstick and powder or not?"

"Oh-h, you're kidding! Do you girls realize that your best friends won't even recognize you?"

"Here's an example. A boy came up to a girl and said: 'I recall seeing those eyes some place before, but that face, I-I—can't recall seeing it any place before, could you tell me where I—'"

That did it, and the senior girls are now wearing the fad again—good old lipstick and powder.

Inquiring Reporters Report Inquiries

It is our duty as citizens of this democratic nation of America to realize that our everyday actions mold our character into a good citizen or offender, a helper or a burden to the community. Students have definite ideas what is meant by good citizenship in home, school, clubs, towns, nation, and international relations.

These are your Inquiring Reporter's findings:

Donna Rae Wheeler—Obeying the rules and regulations set forth by the school and Citizenship Club.

Gerald Speicher—Developing the quality of leadership in school.

Mary Ann Podraza—Attending all school activities and taking an interest in all school affairs.

Mary Lou Stuehmer—Being honest and truthful in our lessons.

Richard Otterpohl—Preparing ourselves for citizenship by studying our government and its laws.

Theresa Mostek—Co-operating and being friendly to fellow students.

Norma Shonka—Keeping your family together by respecting your parents' authority.

Rose Ann Vanek—Co-operating with everyone in the family.

Audrey Trofholz—Doing small tasks about the home for members of your family and setting a good example for your brothers and sisters.

Richard Nickolite—Talking your problems over with your parents, instead of complaining to your friends.

Agnes Pickhinke—Being friendly and kind to fellow members, honoring and respecting its leaders, and obeying law and order maintained by the club.

Mary McCloskey—Obeying civil laws and taking an active interest in economic issues and legislation in your town.

Helen M. Ternes—Preserving the peace and settling social and economic problems in international affairs.

Ronald Steiner—Obeying the laws, especially traffic regulations, paying your taxes, and respecting federal, state, and city officials in the nation.

Pat Tooley—Obeying God's laws and living according to His will in everything you do.

Ray Marsolek—Obeying the constitution of the club, co-operating with one another in order to foster the purpose of the club, and gaining the full opportunity of the club.

Holy Year Prayer

"Almighty and eternal God, with all our soul we thank Thee for the great gift of the Holy Year.

O Heavenly Father, Who sees all, Who reads and rules the hearts of men, render them docile to the voice of Thy Son in this time of grace and salvation.

May the Holy Year be for all a year of purification and of sanctification, interior life and reparation, a year of great return and great forgiveness.

Grant to those who suffer persecution for the Faith, Thy spirit of fortitude to bind them indissolubly to Christ and to His Church.

Protect, O Lord, Thy Son's Vicar on earth, the bishops, priests, religious, and faithful. Grant that all, priests and laity, young, adults and old, may form, through a firm union of intentions and affections, a solid rock against which the fury of Thy enemies will destroy itself.

May Thy grace enkindle in all men love toward the great numbers of unfortunate people whom poverty and misery have reduced to a condition of life unworthy of human beings.

Awaken in the souls of those who call Thee Father a hunger and thirst for social justice and fraternal charity, in deed and in truth.

Grant, O Lord, peace to our days, peace to the fatherland, peace between the nations. May the rainbow of peace and reconciliation again enfold under its bow of serene light the land which was sanctified by the life and passion of Thy Divine Son.

God of all consolation, profound is our misery, grave are our faults, numberless our needs, but greater than all is our faith in Thee. Aware of our unworthiness, we finally place our lot in Thy hands uniting our poor prayers to the intercession and merits of the most glorious Virgin Mary and all the Saints.

Grant to the sick resignation and health, to young men strength of faith, to young women purity, to fathers prosperity and sanctity of the family, to mothers efficacy in their teaching mission, to orphans affectionate protection, to refugees and prisoners a homeland, and to all Thy grace in preparation for, and in pledge of, eternal happiness in heaven. Amen!"

—POPE PIUS XII.

Unlucky Irish Drop Another One-Pointer

The luckless Irish dropped their second one-pointer to the hands of Sacred Heart of Norfolk by the tune of 27-26.

The Irish had a poor first half but came up the last half to make a game of it. The Knights held a 11-4 advantage at the first quarter and 18-10 at the half.

As usual the Irish missed most of their free throws to mean defeat. Jack Gildea and John Ballantyne showed for the Knights with 10 and 12 points, respectively. The Irish divided the scoring between Ed Zuroski, Les Savage, Denny Baumert, Herman Keefer, and Dick Tooley.

Larry Sanders had 10 points in the preliminary game as the Irish won 20-17.

Warriors Check Bonaventure Rally

St. Bonaventure Cagers bowed to the potent Schuyler Warriors in a close contest 41-40. The Shamrocks came to life in the last period by scoring 21 points but lost out in the final seconds on a free throw.

With a minute and a half to play, the game was deadlocked, but Myron Sharka, Warrior forward, managed a free throw to save the day. Les Savage had tied the count with a gratis shot. The Shamrocks had possession of the ball the last minutes, but were unable to keep it long enough for the sealing punch, because of bad passes.

Schuyler played a very pleasing first half, getting numerous shots and capitalizing on most of them, while the Shamrocks played "lousy" ball in the opening periods, but staged a terrific rally in the last quarter. The half-time score was 23-8.

The Warriors broke away early in the contest with Fred Longacre, versatile center, leading the scoring.

Larry Sanders, scrappy freshman, scored the first Irish field goal after 10 minutes of play. The Shamrocks were trailing by 11-1 at the quarter.

Schuyler continued to hit from all angles, leaving the court at half time with a comfortable 15-point lead.

Play was evened-up in the third quarter, with each getting 11 points.

The Shamrocks finally came "to life" in the last period. Dick Tooley, stellar sophomore, hit three consecutive fielders from half court.

Ed Zuroski turned in the best floor work and also bagged six points. Denny Baumert topped the Irish scoring column with 9.

The Irish youngsters lost the preliminary 23-21. Tondle of Schuyler sank two gift shots in the closing seconds. Tommy Zuroski sparked the infants.

Holy Name Sizzles St. Bons in Tourney

Holy Name of Omaha, in the Catholic Tournament at York, proved to St. Bonaventure why they are rated sixth in the state by sizzling the hoops to turn back the Irish 67-21.

The Shamrocks showed great spirit even though they lacked the height to match Holy Name's Howard Rudloff 6' 5", Pat Thornton 6' 3", and Steve McGill 6' 2".

Thornton paced the Omahans with 22 points of which 12 were made in the first period while the Irish couldn't manage a field goal. They were left 19-1 at the end of the quarter. The Shamrocks were also held scoreless in the third stanza.

Herman Keefer broke the ice for St. Bons by hitting early in the second period to help match the scoring of Holy Name until intermission. The score was 29-11 at the half.

Don Sokol, sophomore guard, paced the Irish with seven points as he bagged two fielders—both from the center of the spacious court.

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St. Bonaventure Basketball Squad of 1949-1950



Left to right—Center: A. Pensick, Student Manager; Front row: Father Timothy Healy, R. Melcher, P. Melcher, L. Sanders, C. Speicher, D. Sokol, D. Baumert, L. Savage, J. Lippstreu, H. Keefer, J. Blahak, T. Zuroski, and Coach Paul Ernst; Back row: D. Korger, D. Tooley, J. Kaminski, E. Zuroski, and G. Melcher.

F.F.A. Members Attend Program

Fifteen of St. Bonaventure Future Farm Boys recently attended a program sponsored by Fredrickson Inc., authorized dealer of John Deere farm machinery.

The afternoon consisted of an interesting program, preceded by a dinner. John Deere Plow Company showed four movies which were followed by talks.

Those attending were Emil Jarecki, Myron Mayberger, Marvin Mayberger, Carroll Ebner, Leo Thiele, Richard Nickolite, Louis Kosiba, Jim Lippstreu, Don Korger, Lawrence Kasik, Virgil Nickolite, Kenneth Euteneuer, Bob Gonka, Eugene Savage, and Anthony Augustine.

Six Seniors Attend Public Discussion

"By the large percentage of students present, we can see that the young folks take a great interest in the future of their city." Six St. Bonaventure seniors had these words echo in their ears at the City Manager Plan discussion held in the courthouse on January 16.

Romayne Cerny, Louise Ernst, Ina Claire Frischholz, Mary Ellen Hoffmann, Mary McCloskey, and Agnes Pickhinke represented St. Bons at the meeting which was open to the public.

"Let us have faith that right makes might; and in that faith let us to the end, dare to do our duty as we understand it."—Lincoln.

Bluejays Swing Victory Over Irish

The Newman Grove Bluejays sparked by Mark Johnson defeated the St. Bons Shamrocks with a second half rally by a margin of 41-29.

The Bluejays performed with steadier and more snappy ball than they had in previous games of the season. Due to this, they hit a hot scoring period in the third stanza which led them to victory.

After trailing 11-15 at the intermission, the Irish, sparked by Don Sokol and Don Korger, managed a 18-16 lead with two minutes gone in the third quarter to take the lead for the first time since the first quarter.

Before St. Bons could tally another basket, the Bluejays rolled into a 27-18 lead at the third quarter showing some neat shooting, which peppered the Newman Grove club to a 41-29 win. Davis and Johnson led the scoring with 11 and 9 points, respectively. The Irish lacked a good floor leader, and were cold both from the field and free throwline, but Dennis Baumert collected 9 points to top the Irish scoring.

Panthers Capture Shamrocks, 61-47

Leigh Panthers chalked up their 12th victory in a row by downing the St. Bons Shamrocks with the score of 61 to 47.

Robert Hobel, senior guard, and Glenn Loseke, sophomore swift, penetrated the Irish defense for 20 and 15 points, respectively, with set shots from the side and behind the foul circle. Harlan Trofholz, senior, turned in a good floor game and also pounded in 10 points.

Larry Sanders, a potential star of the Irish dropped in 12 points for the Irish. He also turned out a good floor game.

Trofholz and Hobel did most of the scoring in the first half as Leigh took a 28-18 margin. Going into the final period it was 42-30 in favor of Leigh.

Irish subs took the preliminary, 13-18.

Sr. V.: "Explain the way in which perfect peace is obtained in Buddhist religion."
John K.: "By sleeping."

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Parish Introduces Perpetual Novena

Father Edward Calkins, O.S.M., conducted a tridium of preparation opening the world-wide known Sorrowful Mother Perpetual Novena in St. Bonaventure Church on January 6.

The service consists of six official prayers, a brief sermon, the Via Matris, hymns in honor of the Blessed Mother, and Benediction with the Most Blessed Sacrament.

This public novena can be made only in churches in which the stations of the Via Matris have been canonically erected. These stations portray the seven sorrows of Mary.

Devotions in St. Bonaventure Parish are held at 3:30 p. m. and 7:30 p. m. each Friday, throughout the year.

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Agnes Pickhinke	Assistant Editor	Potato chips	Speech	"Dear Hearts And Gentle People"	"Good grief"
Mary H. Gerhold	News Editor	Turkey	English	"Because"	"Buster"
Betty Discher	News Editor	Rice meat balls	Bookkeeping	"Through A Long And Sleepless Night"	"No comment"
Mary McCloskey	Feature Editor	Toasted marshmallows	Bookkeeping	"I Can Dream Can't I?"	"That's really neat"
Rose Jahn	Feature Editor	Plain cokes	Religion	"Dry Bones"	"If you say so"
Helen Ternes	Feature Editor	Barbecued hamburgers	History	"The Song Is You"	"For Pete's sake"
Ray Marsolek	Sports Editor	Chocolate cake	Library Study	"Chattanooga Shoe Shine Boy"	"Take what you can get!"
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Letters to The Editor

Dear Editor:
As far as school papers go, I consider "the Venture" as one of the best. One of the nicest characteristics of it is that there is no gossip column. Many high school papers carry just such a column, hurting many people's feelings and starting false rumors.
"The Venture" keeps up on the latest current news and inspires students with beautiful thoughts in the editorials, while furnishing laughs in the "Shamrock Shenanigans."
Congratulations for printing such a fine paper and good luck for the future.

Sincerely,
A Sophomore
(Thanks, very much!)
* * *
The following are excerpts from other letters.
"I think we should have more school dances."—A Junior
"How about a few cartoons on school and a few more jokes?"—A Sophomore
"A few more opinions of the students would add to the Paper."—A Junior.

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St. Bonaventure Parish Outlines Proposed 1950 Spring Building Program

Three Buildings Cost
Approximately \$300,000

First building unit of a proposed St. Bonaventure parish building program will be started this spring, according to Rev. Roch Hettinger, pastor.

The unit consists of an elementary grade school, social hall, and a Sisters' home, which will be completed in time for the 1950-1951 school year.

A new gymnasium, which will be built next, and a new high school, which will follow, round out the proposed program. The complete program will cost between \$750,000 and \$1,000,000. The cost for the first unit will be \$300,000 to \$325,000.

In "L" Formation

The unit, located in the same block with the church, will be in an "L" formation. The school will run east and west, facing Fifteenth street. The social hall, located on the avenue, will face St. Mary's hospital and the Sisters' home will be situated on Sixteenth street.

Grade School

Outside dimensions of the school are 244 ft. by 56 ft. with

classrooms 22 ft. by 30 ft. making it approximately 15,000 square feet. The classrooms, which will accommodate 35 pupils, are located on the north and south sides—six to each side. Main entrance to the building will be at the south-east corner. Natural light will enter the classrooms through large glass areas, supplemented by fluorescent lighting.

The heating will be done with steam. Unit ventilator type units, which mix outside fresh air with

the heated air, and supply both ventilation and warmth to each room, will be installed.

The exterior of the school, one story in height, is to be constructed of brick with a flat overhanging roof.

Included in the school will be three music rooms, teachers' lounge, restrooms, nurse's room, and office.

Social Hall

The combination cafeteria and social hall will be in a separate

structure closely connected to the school itself. Main floor of the hall will be 40 ft. by 50 ft. with a kitchen of 14 ft. by 26 ft. Total area of hall, kitchen, stage, etc., will be approximately 4,000 square feet. The hall will have a separate outside street entrance to facilitate its use by the parish for social functions. Small dressing rooms and a stage will be included for small productions. The hall, which will serve as a recreation parlor for the children, is de-

signed to accommodate 300 to 400.

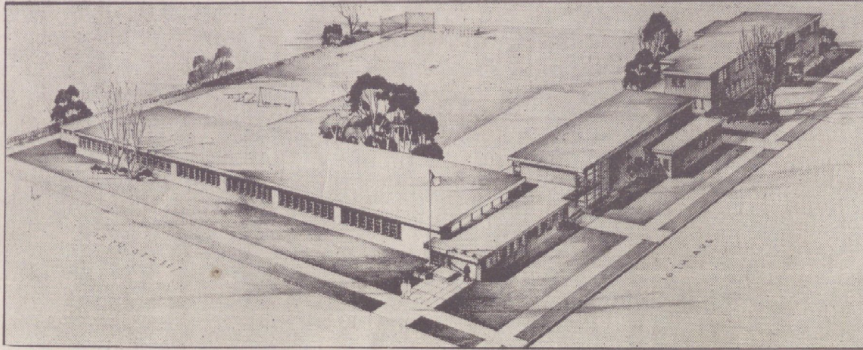
Sisters' Home

The Sisters' home will consist of two stories and will accommodate 22 Sisters. Facilities will include a chapel, two study rooms and a Sisters' dining room, two parlors and a dining room and a room for visitors. Outside dimensions are approximately 86 ft. by 63 ft. with the approximate area for its two floors and basement 8,000 square feet. The home is connected to the new grade school by a covered walk-way.

Large Playground

The position of the convent, social hall, and school on the site provides protection from danger of passing traffic for the large playground, which will be approximately 200 ft. by 200 ft. in size.

Leo A. Daly of Omaha is the architect. Members of the building committee are Chairman P. W. Lakers, with George Rambour, Jr., William Gerhold, sr., Mrs. Carl Herrod and Jack Byrnes as assistants.



"CLIMBING
ROSES"
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TAKE OVER"
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Student Body Selects Fifteen SBH Juniors For County Offices

The juniors of St. Bonaventure High school are again participating in the annual Cornhusker Boys' and Girls' County Government project in Platte county, which will be April 20, as Student Participation Day in Columbus. Mr. Quick, County Superintendent, who introduced the program last year for the first time, is chairman.

During the Primary and General elections held in February, the student body chose parties—Nationals and Federals—and elected the officers. The officials and their offices are as follows: Helen Marie Ternes, County Clerk; Margaret Hayes, County Superintendent; Polly Speice, County Assessor; Mary Gerhold, County Treasurer; Kenneth Schaefer, County Sheriff; James Lippstreu, County Judge; Donna Rae Wheeler, Register of Deeds; Ralph Pfeifer, Clerk of the District Court; Paul Melcher, County Attorney; Ted Niedbalski, County Supervisor; Donald Korger, Highway Engineer; Mary Ann Tworek, Home Demonstration Agent; and Myron Mayberger, Veterans' Service Officer. Sister M. Gabriel is in charge of the school activity.

On Participation Day, the fifteen juniors who were elected will spend the day in the Columbus Court House in the offices to which they were elected.

Seniors Compete For Elks' Award

Three St. Bonaventure seniors—Ina Claire Frischholz, Betty Dischner, and Louise Ernst—are competing for the Elks' "most valuable student" award.

A \$100 scholarship will be given to the winner in each of the local high schools. These winners will then become eligible for state and national awards.

Applicants were chosen on the basis of their scholastic standing during high school. Each participant prepared a brochure containing exhibits of school activities, scholastic record, transcript of grades, and letters of recommendation.

Judging will be based on scholarship, extra curricular and out of school activities, personality and leadership, perseverance and resourcefulness, general worthiness, and citizenship.

Five Kramer High students are competing for the award, also.

Sophomore Girls Present Panel, Skit

A panel discussion on Mental Prayer and a skit, "Betty Bought a Pamphlet," were the highlights of the Sodality meeting held February 23 in the auditorium.

Sophomore II girls presented the panel discussion. Mary Ann Starosick was chairman. The other members and their respective topics were: Pat Tooley, "Explanation of Mental Prayer;" Mary Jo Tucek, "Recollections Before Meditations;" Estelle Wemhoff, "The Collique or Chat;" Mary Ann Podraza, "Resolution Before Ending Mental Prayer;" Gennene Spidle, "Meditation on Death;" Audrey Trofholz, "Contemplation of Wedding Feast of Cana;" Marilyn Noonan, "Meditation on Third Commandment" and Mary Lou Stuehmer, "Monthly Sodality Meditations."

The Catholic Literature Committee dramatized the skit in accordance with Catholic Press Week. The characters were portrayed by Mary Ellen Marsolek, Barbara Markhofer, Lois German, Elaine Romanek, Dorothy Mielak, and Mary Ann Podraza.

Betty Dischner presented a review of the book, "Our Lady in the Modern World" by Daniel Lord, S. J. A talk on the Holy Year given by Mary Lou Stuehmer filled out the program.

Attention!

Get hep! Pay for your annuals now. Save fifty cents. Price before March 31 is three dollars. After this the price raises to three-fifty. Pay Lois Dineen, circulation manager, now.

Editors Announce Annual Completion

"Bona Venture" is on its final journey, that of being printed, according to an announcement by the editors—Mary McCloskey and Betty Dischner. This is the second annual published in the history of St. Bonaventure High School.

The new title "Bona Venture," means "Good Luck," which is the wish expressed by every graduating class.

Almost twice as many pages and pictures will be found in this 1950 high school treasure. The annual contains many full page pictures.

Upon a background of white, the cover will have a scroll of green terminating with a seal, "1950" in gold. The lettering will be in green. With these dominating colors, the cover will carry out not only the school colors, but also the Holy Year theme.

Valentine Motif Box Receives Top Bid

Mary McCloskey and Gloria Nosal received the highest bid on their box, purchased by Vince Feik and Raphael Gladfelter for \$6.15, at the annual box social held February 13 in the gym.

The winners' box was decorated in the Valentine motif, trimmed in red and white with a large red cupid doll adorning the top.

Lois Dineen and Lorraine Hilbert were runners-up with their box being bought by Max Woerth and Eugene Wennekamp. There were four boxes selling for close to six dollars. Many boxes displayed clever designs.

The evening was spent dancing with the highlight of the occasion being, "Put Your Little Foot Right Out," "Mexican Schuffie," and "The Hopscotch Polka."

The social netted the Junior Class a grand sum of \$91.55. These proceeds will be added to the Junior-Senior Prom fund.

Positions held by the students were as follows: Auctioneers—William Ernst, Paul Melcher, and Ted Niedbalski; Cashiers—Donald Korger and Carroll Ebner; In charge of boxes—Helen Ternes, Mary Gerhold, and Donna Wheeler; Tables—Polly Speice and Margaret Hayes. Sister Colette, sponsor, recorded the names of the buyers of the boxes.

Dramatics Club Stages Comedies

Two top notch comedies, "Climbing Roses" and "The Girls Take Over," are on schedule by the senior dramatic club, April 23 and 25, respectively.

"Climbing Roses," by Eugene G. Hafer, is a farcical mirthquake in three acts. Peggy Rose (Betty Dischner) a common little rosebud about 18 and her aunt and uncle—Maggie and Jim Rose (Ramona Messing and Dick Rice)—move into the midst of aristocrats. The play presents many comical incidents as these common ordinary people try to break into society.

Others in the gay and radical plot are as follows: Hazel Sommers (Marsha Locher), a girl with fondness for orange blossoms; Priscilla Prentice (Ina Claire Frischholz), an unpicked dandelion; Mrs. Warren (Mary Ann Merrill), a leader in society; Joyce Belmont (Rosemary Ramaekers), a hothouse orchid; Winnie Clark (Gloria Nosal), a neighborhood pest; Jack Archer alias Watson (Ray Marsolek), cultivator of the Roses; Ferdie Wimbeldon (Raphael Gladfelter), Watson's companion; Dryden Proomis (Vince Feik), not a shrinking violet; Percy Southworth (Bob Brehm), a very dominant young man, and Prince Rudolphs (David Pensick, Lester Savage and Gerald Melcher).

Life in Washington, D. C., is depicted in "The Girls Take Over," by Peggy Fernway. This play, crackling with merriment, involves many rioting scenes as the girls do take over.

The action takes place in the boarding house of middle-aged Libby Salisbury (Romayne Cerny) whose colored maid of all work is Goldie (Rose Jahn). Her boarders are frantic over the male shortage in the capital city.

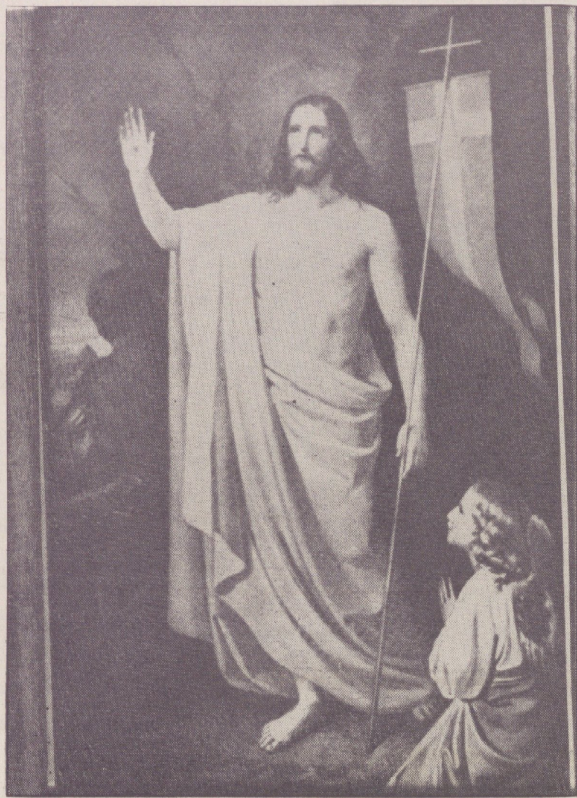
Nalda Darby (Agnes Pickhinke) strives to make herself look younger while Mirella Lyons (Mary Ellen Hoffmann) speaks frankly and has a good sense of humor. Bunny Hatton (Mary McCloskey) gives the impression of not being overly bright. Lana Atworth (Lorraine Hilbert) is a well-poised young lady. Hugo Prescott (Dick Rice) portrays a boastful inventor. Others in the cast are Ursula Lassiter (Louise Ernst), a woman accustomed to giving orders and having them obeyed; Patience Lassiter (Pat Kaminski), Ursula's niece, giving the impression of timidity, but in reality a girl of character and determination; Lansing Quingley (Lester Savage), a very elderly man with an authoritative manner. Sherwin Maddox (Ray Marsolek), a man in the 30's, who gives the impression of self-confidence; Clem Spears (Raphael Gladfelter), a detective, the athletic type. The time is the present late in August.

Juniors' Cornhusker County Government



Right to left—In Columbus Courthouse Mr. R. Quick, County Superintendent, greets M. Hayes while R. Pfeifer, K. Schaefer, J. Lippstreu, J. Blahak, (top to bottom) P. Speice, M. Gerhold, H. Ternes, P. Melcher, M. A. Johnson, T. Niedbalski, M. A. Tworek, D. Korger, D. R. Wheeler and M. Mayberger look on.

A JOYOUS EASTER



Let's Give Him An Easter Gift!

Such a beautiful spring morning it was! The sun was just rising in the East over Calvary where three crosses stood. Not far away two guards stood near a tomb. They were weary after a long night, guarding the tomb of the Nazarene, Christ, who had been crucified three days previous. But tired as they were, they were restless with a feeling something foreboding was about to happen.

As these guards stood there a blinding light gleamed from the tomb. With a sound like thunder, Christ rose triumphantly from the grave.

In much the same way as these guards kept their vigil through the night, so do Christians everywhere keep a vigil through the long six weeks of Lent. We, too, grow weary—wary of fasting, abstaining, penances, and all the reminders of death. Like the guards we, too, expect something, but in a joyful manner. We await Easter remembering that the harder Lent is for us, the happier our Easter will be. The better a present, we will have to give our Risen Saviour, when we receive Him in Holy Communion on the bright Easter morn.

Let's be persevering sentinels.

P. T.

Are You A Promoter or A Wet Blanket?

Like the wish of a fairy or the gift of a wee leprechaun, a wistful dream has at last come true.

For many years the youths of the parish have dreamed of a recreation center—a place to call their own. Now that dream has come true. Under the endeavoring direction of Father Roch, the church basement has been redecoreated for a Youth Club. It will feature the best of entertainment and enjoyment.

The membership dues are one dollar for registration and one dollar thereafter for each six months. Beginning operation soon after Easter, the Club will be open on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday of each week.

To succeed, the Club needs the complete cooperation of the entire student body. It's for you. You've dreamed about it. Now is a chance to do something about it. Are you a Promoter or a Wet Blanket? Time will tell. Join now!

M. G.

Insure Your Future Now!

"Do the work that you have the talents for and like the best." This is the statement made once by a very successful business man. He told of a man who went to college and studied to be a teacher when he really wanted to be a doctor. After three years of studying to be a teacher and still not feeling content with his work, he decided to study to be a doctor and was very successful. He is now head of a prominent hospital.

The success or failure of one's life does not depend exclusively upon the field of work that one chooses to enter, but one who does work that he likes is happy at will, no doubt, and does work.

The day is not too far away when we shall have to make our decision—whether it be a religious, professional, or a marriage career. We must be prepared for it.

The month of March is set aside for vocations. During this time let us think of our future. Let's pray to God to help us decide for what we are best suited. Let's do our work here on earth for the glory of God in Heaven.

H. T.

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Shamrock Shenanigans

Spring is here, the grass is green,
And here's what has been heard
and seen!

The junior class has been having private ninth periods lately. (Special stuff, huh?)

Now that basketball is over, Father Tim is starting a girl's softball team. (All would-be Di-maggios, please apply.)

Don Korger and Jim Lipp-streu have started a new fad—one boot and a moccasin.

Question: What did the big chimney say to the little chimney?"

Answer: "You're too little to smoke. (Pure Corn.)"

Congratulations: Joe Dineen and Leo Thiele for selling 43 and 37 tickets, respectively, for the most talked-about senior class play!

Attention, boys! The Easter Bunny dropped a hint the other day: Listen, dear kiddies, and you shall know

The very thoughts of the ideal Joe. Spring is here, the PROM at last. If I'm smart I'll hurry fast.

The boys are many, the girls are few,
And from this fact, I'll take a cue.
So if I want to hook a lass,
I guess I'd better step on the gas.

Vince Feik, senior class president, has been sporting a pair of new glasses. (Is it for the effect or is he looking for a prom date?)

The Spring opening, Wednesday, March 15, featured a new and different attraction. (Better watch out!)

Flash! All high school students are worth \$600 to their parents. (Tax deduction, that is.)

Attention! All students of S. B. H.! The new pass word is "Gimme a clue."

It comes in mighty handy, too. Instead of saying, "Let's see your answer to No. 1,"

You say, "Gimme a clue to No. 1."

Orchids to all students who helped scrape paint, wash windows, and other work at the Youth Club, especially the girls who did the hardest work. (Never underestimate the power of a woman.)

Here's the answer to the jingle in the last issue.

See, Will, there they go
Thousand busses in a row
No, Joe, them is trucks
Some with cows and, some with ducks.

The green is finally wearing off the freshies. Now they are turning red. (Blushing pink, that is.)

We're two rabbits named Joe and Moe,

So if you don't mind—now we'll go.

Thanks!

The faculty and students of St. Bonaventure High express their sincerest thanks to the following: Leo Sokol and Leonard Wemhoff of the Irrigation Pump Company, Columbus; Richard J. Farber, New York; and T. J. Friel, William J. Griffin, Robert L. Squire, Edward P. Carroll, Richard E. Kropf, Max D. Greenspan, Lucien Wickham, Anna Kentnich Hoyland, William J. Kentnich, all of Chicago, for their generous cash donations to the library fund.

Inquiring Reporters Report Inquiries

Spring is here at last and Easter is just around the corner. All the students, here at St. Bons are anxious to see what the dear ole' Easter bunny will bring them, so we decided to snoop around a bit and find out what they wanted.

Raphael Gladfelter—The day will be sunny, When the Easter bunny, Stops being funny, And brings me a Honey. (We're proud of our poet, Raph.)

Sis Hayes—All I want from you this year is a big chocolate egg with a \$10 bill inside it.

Dick Tooley—Please, send anything to me, as I ain't particular, as you can see.

Mary A. Podraza—I wish you could find a place for us to eat breakfast because it isn't too nice to eat in a room with the Biology class cutting up grasshoppers.

Dorohy Mielak, Leo Thiele, Rita Burzynski, Jack Gladfelter, Louie Kosiba, Jerry Speicher, Richard Sliva—Just bring me a half-way decent report card, with lots of A's, please.

Mary Jo Tucek—I wish you'd bring some more girls to St. Bons, who are interested in playing softball.

Barbara DeLarme and Geraldine Pensick—All we want is a new set of brains. (Big order, kids!)

Rita Schmid—I'd just love to have a new Easter outfit, free of charge.

Donna Rae Wheeler—Bring me some little chickens, but please, Mr. Bunny, don't bring me any more chicken pox.

Vince Feik—Dear little Easter Bunny, How about a wad of money, Do grant me that wish, For the Prom means a Miss. (By gorra, another senior poet.)

Jake Melcher—How about being a sport, Easter Bunny, and paying my dues for the Youth Club? (That goes for all of us!)

Rosie Raemakers—Oh, Easter Bunny, please arrange for the seniors to have a sneak day.

Marilyn Noonan—Please, just install an elevator at old St. Bons. (Would be nice, wouldn't it?)

Estelle Wemhoff—All I want, Easter Bunny, is a pair of roller skates, so I can attend the skating parties sponsored by St. Bons.

Mary McCloskey—What ever you do, Easter Bunny, please bring success to the seniors in their next two plays.

Mary Ann Schuele—I would appreciate it, little Easter Bunny, if you would bring me a back seat in Room 3.

Open house was held in the school library from 2 to 5 o'clock, on Sunday, February 25, for the people of the parish.

Senior Class Enters Essay Competition

"Peace, with Honor, for America" is the theme of the 15th Annual National High School Essay Contest being sponsored in Columbus by the Ladies Auxiliary of the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

The senior class, under the guidance of Sister Gabriel, Modern Problems teacher, is participating in this competition. Each student is writing an essay of not more than one thousand words.

Enchanting Dream Proves Profitable

I was sitting in a comfortable chair reading a good book. Now and then I would glance away in order to rest my eyes, when suddenly they fell upon a small purple box on the table.

All at once the little box began to grow into a huge stage, with a wonderful band, which was playing beautiful music. For almost ten minutes, I revelled in the enchantment.

The next sound I heard was that of my mother, arousing me from a very sound sleep. I looked at the box on the table and, sure enough, it was still a little purple box.

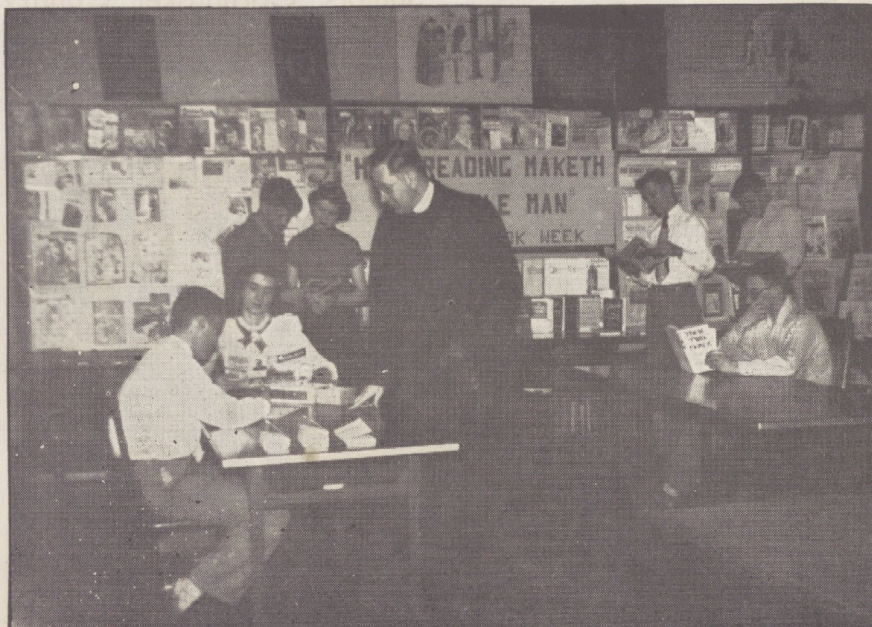
The stage and band had disappeared and I realized that it was all a dream. But all at once the purple box meant something to me. I reached for the coins in my pocket and dropped them through the slot. I could almost then see the future band of St. Bons playing and I also realized just how much the Mite Boxes were really worth.

Junior Class Gives Press Exhibition

In connection with Catholic Press Week, the junior class held a Press Exhibition during the week, February 19 to 25. One hundred dollars worth of magazines were sold during this campaign and the juniors made a profit of ten dollars.

The magazines and papers received from various companies were on display in the rear of the church on Sunday, February 19. During the February St. Bonaventure P. T. A. meeting the magazines were again put on display for the members to take subscrip-

Junior Catholic Press Exhibit



This is a scene in the library during the press exhibit. While M. Mayberger interests Father Martin and I. C. Frischholz in a subscription, A. Warholoski, M. McCloskey, M. Mayberger, R. Marsolek and J. Roberts view the many exhibits.

Hoopsters Find Tourney Difficult

Cagers Beat Bisons In First Tourney Game

The Shamrocks advanced to the semi-finals of the District Class 'B' Basketball Tournament at Central City with a 32-26 victory over the host team.

Don Sokol was the first to score with two free throws. Duane Campbell hit the net with a fielder for Central City. Shortly following, Les Savage came through with a couple of gratis shots. Don Cline hit from the field for the Bisons, followed by Don Sampson and Ned Hedges with one pointer. The Irish then pulled away with Sokol, Savage, and Tooley hitting the hoop from all angles. The first period ended 11-6.

The second quarter saw the Shamrocks hit every bit as strong. Herman Keefer hit the net for 5 points, while the other boys played good hard ball and hit with a couple making the score 20-11 at half time.

The third period was well fought with Central City cutting the margin to 26-19 going into the final stretch. The Bisons could only get within 6 points of the Irish the rest of the game.

Keefer and Sokol paced the Irish with 8 points each while the others turned in good all-around performances.

Warriors Bump Irish 37-24

After downing Central City in the first round of the district tournament at Central City, St. Bonaventure Shamrocks were bumped off by the Fullerton Warriors 37-24, March 10.

Shamrocks aided their own downfall with bad passing and failing to display the form they used the night before which defeated strong Central City Bisons. The Warriors led all the way after the first 12 minutes of play.

St. Bonaventure looked fairly good in the first half but couldn't keep it up the last two periods. The Shamrocks collected 16 points the first half to 8 in the last.

John Blahak paced the Irish with 11 points while Les Savage hit 6. Bonnies were cold throughout the entire contest missing shot after shot.

Fullerton took a 7-4 first quarter lead but the Irish fought back to gain a 10-8 lead midway in the second stanza. Then due to some bad passing on the Shamrocks side the Warriors returned to take a 20-16 half time margin and went on to victory from there.

Bonnies Lose For Third Place

St. Bonaventure Shamrocks lost the third place trophy to the Aurora Huskies at the district tournament in Central City March 11, due to a poor first half. Bonnies trailed 26-8 at intermission.

The second half was much better for the Irish, but they couldn't get any closer than seven points to the Huskies even though they scored 25 points to Aurora's 16 in the last half.

Aurora was sizzling hot the first half hitting from all parts of the court and held a 11-4 first quarter lead. In the third stanza the Irish out-scored the Huskies 11-5 and in the final quarter, 14-11.

John Blahak paced the Shamrocks with 11 points. Les Savage collected 10. Bob Crawford topped the winners with 13.

Bulldogs Topple Green and White

Osceola turned in a strong fourth quarter to defeat the Irish 36-28.

Lyle Johnston showed the way for the Bulldogs with 10 points, 5 of them in the final eight minutes of play to win what had been a close game. The Osceola team took a 11-5 margin in the first period with Johnston and Don Gabriel doing the shooting.

The Shamrocks battled back in the second with Jake Melcher, Les Savage and Dennie Baumert hitting the net to gain a 17-17 deadlock at intermission.

The third was close all the way with the rivals out in front 26-24 going into the final stretch.

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Senior Cast In 'Murder In A Nunnery'



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Senior Play Proves Outstanding Success

Laughter and mystery pervaded the auditorium during the successful staging of "Murder In a Nunnery" on February 19 and 20. Approximately eight hundred witnessed the three-act comedy-mystery, characterized by an amateur senior cast.

Outstanding in their roles were Ramona Messing in the difficult role of Mrs. Moss, the companion to the baroness; Dick Rice with his portrayal of a blundering and fearful Irish detective, Sergeant Mulligan; Agnes Pickhinke as the calm and congenial Reverend Mother; Raphael Gladfelter as a much bewildered Inspector Pearson from Scotland Yard. Rose Jahn rendered much mirth to the audience with her antics as a little Spanish savage, Inez Escapado, and Lester Savage made the audience roar with laughter as he nonchalantly starred as the nuns' gardener.

The rest of the cast included Betty Dischner, Vincent Feik, Mary McCloskey, Ina Claire Frischholz, Gloria Nosal, Lois Dineen, Lorraine Hilbert, Romaine Cerny, Louise Ernst, Gerald Melcher, Marylyn Diederich, Marianne Sock, Ray Marsolek and Robert Brehm—all of whom played their role to perfection.

Sister Laurentine, dramatics instructor, directed the play.

The proceeds went to the Youth Club.

West Point Tops Hoopsters, 27-24

Guardian Angel came from behind in the last quarter to defeat the Irish by a margin of 27-24.

Playing their best home game, the Irish had taken the lead late in the second and was apparently on the way to victory. But as usual, the Irish ran into their last quarter jinx. It was the seventh Irish set-back by a margin of three points or less.

Baskets by Les Savage Dick Tooley and free throws by Larry Sanders and Dennis Baumert gave the Irish a 14-10 half time lead.

Don Sokol hit a fielder and a free throw to make the margin 20-15. But Loisel the spark-plug of the Angels cut the count to 20-18 going into the final hour.

Linneman got hot the last quarter scoring 7 points in the closing minutes. The Irish could only account for a free throw by Sokol.

The little Irish took the preliminary by 17-16. Larry Sanders plunked eight points in what was a rugged contest.

Spalding Academy Edges Irish Quints

St. Bonaventure Shamrocks lost another touch basketball game to Spalding Academy on the Spalding city auditorium by a score of 35-32.

The Shamrocks came out fast and held the lead all the way until the Spalding quintet came from behind to finally win in the last minute of play.

The Irish took an early 6-1 lead and were still leading 8-7 at the end of the first quarter. Two fielders by Les Savage enabled Bonnies' five to leave the floor at intermission with a 15-14 margin.

Third quarter saw the Irish come back to build up a 26-20 margin. The fourth quarter, St. Bonnies slowed down the play and began losing the ball on passes. At official time-out it was 27-27 all. Tom Murphy dropped in a set-up to make it 29-27.

A free throw by Larry Sanders and a basket by Savage gave the Irish a 30-29 lead with a minute and 15 seconds to go. Then Fox dropped in a set-up to give Spalding a 31-30 margin.

Savage paced the Irish with 14 points while Murphy and Fox had nine each for Spalding.

Bonnie Briefs

Mr. Joel Roberts addressed the senior Modern Problems Class recently on the problem of purchasing worth-while clothing.

He pointed out the necessity of knowing the quality of various clothes and how to determine their worthiness. He also explained the process of making cloth, beginning with the making of the thread, down to the final weaving and dyeing.

In connection with the study of plants, the biology class I made a field trip to Anderson's greenhouse on February 21. Mr. Peter Ladwig explained how each flower is grown. He stated that roses do not produce well in this climate. For this reason most of this kind of flower is shipped in from Denver.

A few of the students purchased plants, which they took home to raise.

Mr. E. Dill of the Columbus Plumbing Company conducted a field trip with the Physics class on February 28.

He explained to the students the working of both the school heating system and the church furnace. According to his statements, both units are low pressure systems and are known as the Broome type.

Concluding the tour, Mr. Dill answered the questions of the students and discussed the principles of the hot water and steam furnaces.

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SBH Five Whip St. Francis 26-23

St. Bonaventure Shamrocks defeated St. Francis of Humphrey, 26-23, February 17, at Humphrey. It was the second time in the history of St. Bonns that the Shamrocks won on the Humphrey court.

It was one of those games that keeps one on his toes until the final gun. The game was decided when Dennis Baumert converted a pair of free throws to give the Irish a 23-22 lead. Les Savage broke away to make a set-up before Albers made a gratis shot for St. Francis.

Baumert canned another free throw with 15 seconds remaining. Humphrey took an early lead and held an 8-5 first quarter margin. The Irish came back to battle to a 15-15 half time score.

The third stanza was mostly a defensive period with the Shamrocks squeezing a 20-19 advantage entering the stretch.

The Shamrocks turned in a good defensive game, but missed numerous shots.

Les Savage Gains Irish Cage Honor

Lester Savage, 6 ft., 2 in. senior forward, was elected honorary basketball captain by the lettermen. Savage also was top Irish scorer. In 18 games he scored 44 field goals and 41 out of 84 free throws for a total of 129 points.

Dennis Baumert was second in scoring with 93 points, and Don Sokol was third with 70.

The other lettermen besides Savage, Sokol and Baumert are Jake Melcher, senior; Don Korger and Cliff Speicher, juniors; Dick Tooley, Herman Keefer and John Blahak, sophomores; and Larry Sanders, freshman.

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Seven Girls Attend HS Pep Club Meet

Representatives of St. Bonaventure Pep Squad attended the High School Pep Club Convention on March 16 and 17 at Lincoln. The University of Nebraska Builders sponsored the meeting for all high school pep organizations of the state.

Mary Ann Merrill, Ramona Messing, Mary Ann Tworek, Margaret Hayes, Pat Tooley, Connie Hittner, and Shirley Sokol were delegates from St. Bonns, accompanied by Father Timothy Healy and David Pensick.

Chief among the reasons for the meeting was the improvement of pep organization of each school's pep organization. Secondary purposes were to enable the high schools to become better acquainted with others; and to strengthen the link between high school students and collegiate Nebraskans.

A breakfast opened the convention on Thursday morning. Nebraskan athletes and faculty members addressed the delegates immediately following the breakfast. Panel discussions, led by University students, were held during the day. Among the many topics discussed were financial problems, constitution and organization, uniforms, yells, skits, and rallies.

Sophies Gather \$29.93 In Sale

Sophomore Class II brought in a total of \$29.93 at their candy sale held February 6 in the gym.

The table in charge of Mary Lou Stuehmer, assisted by Mary Paprocki, Mary Ann Staroscik, Mary Ann Podraza, Geraldine Pensick and Gerald Speicher reaped the highest amount, \$11.

Other table chairmen in order of their receipts were Keith Thraen, Richard Otterpohl, and Mary Jo Tucek.

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Letters to The Editor

Dear Editor:
I think that cartoons pertaining to our school and drawn by our own students, many who have artistic talents, would do much to boost the standards of our publication.—A senior.
(How about it Paul, Ray, Jerry, and all the rest of you that can draw? Let's hear from you.)

Dear Editor:
I don't think our paper has enough jokes. How about a few funnies, too—A sophomore.
(What do you say, kids!)

Dear Editor:
I agree with the sophomore who wrote to you last month about our swell paper. But I think we could have a few more little incidents that happen in different classes.—A sophomore.

The following are excerpts from letters:

"I think the paper deserves a lot of credit in that it never has any articles which cause embarrassment to students."—A sophomore.

"I like a lot of jokes as it livens up the paper."—A sophomore.

"I would like to see a few more pictures in each issue."—A sophomore.

"I wish more students would write Letters to the Editor. Also, I think it would be nice if the juniors would have more school dances after lent."—A sophomore.

Dear Students:
We are trying our best to give you a paper you will enjoy. We appreciate your interest in it, and the response we are getting from you.

From the letters this month, we have noticed a great demand for jokes and cartoons. There is also a wish for the printing of small incidents in class.

Now, we, the staff, have a request to make of you. We would like very much to put these improvements in the paper but we need your help.

Perhaps a funny incident does happen in class, or your class starts a new project. Why not write it down and hand it in? If you're not a member of the staff, so what, do it anyway. What's a better way of proving that you'd be capable of being on the staff?

We prefer that the jokes are original sayings of the students. As far as cartoons go, we have several amateur artists in school who could draw very fine ones, pertaining to school. We would be proud to have our paper show the talents of our students.

If you are a member of the staff, don't wait for an assignment. Dig for news! You'll discover the more interested you are the more fun it is.

Let's make this a real school paper—each and every individual doing his part. Start right now on the April issue.

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Junior-Senior Prom Features 'Moonlight and Roses' Theme

Junior Class Engages Larry Stuart Orchestra

The junior class is making preparations for the Junior-Senior Prom which will be held in the school auditorium on May 4, under the direction of Sister Colette, sponsor.

The senior class colors, gold and white, will predominate in the decorations, which will center around a "Moonlight and Roses" theme.

The Larry Stuart Orchestra has been engaged to play for the festivity.

The decoration chairmen and their respective committees are as follows: Memory Booklets and Invitations—chairman, Paul Melcher; assistants, Dwayne Drum, Helen Ternes, Polly Speice, and Mary Gerhold; Roses—chairman, Mary Anne Johnson; assistants, Mary Ann Tworek, Rita Schmid, Barbara DeLarne, Oriethia Anne Wass, Helen Dunn, LaVerna Wemhoff, Donna Rae Wheeler, Mildred Roddy, and Norma Shonka; Ceiling—chairman, Marvin Mayberger; assistants, Robert Johnson, Myrle Haddock, and Eugene Gates; South Wall—chairman, Donald Korger; assistants, Jim Lippstreu, Herman Blahak, August Warholoski, and Emil Jarecki; North and East Wall—chairman, Helen Dunn; assistants, Oriethia Anne Wass, Mildred Roddy, and Rose Anne Vanek; Stage—chairman, Helen Ternes; assistants, Margaret Hayes, Polly Speice, and Mary Gerhold; Alcove—chairman, Cliff Speicher and Jim Roberts, assistant; Building and Electrical—chairman, Ted Niedbalski; assistants, Ralph Pfeifer, Alfred Miecek, Myron Mayberger, and Carrol Ebner; Table Decorations—chairman, Mary Ann Tworek; assistants, Sandra Miters, Mary Jane Schaefer, Rita Burzynski, and Donna Rae Wheeler.

Mrs. W. Gerhold is in charge of the banquet with Mrs. P. Ernst as co-chairman.

Juniors Hold Offices 'Participation Day'

"Participation Day," in Cornhusker Boys' and Girls' County Government was held April 20 at the Columbus Court House. Fifteen St. Bonaventure juniors were among the 100 participants representing the nine high schools in Platte County in this activity.

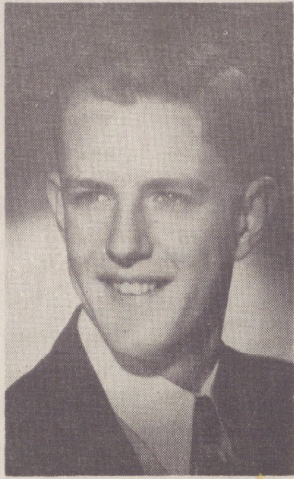
At 9 o'clock the officers filed election certificates at the county clerk's office. The "junior officials" then went to their respective offices. At 10 o'clock a general assembly was held in the district court room where the officials took their oath of office. Here the regular county officials were introduced.

Noon luncheon took place at the city auditorium with Mr. Warren E. Baker, activity director of the Nebraska Department American Legion, as guest speaker. The students then returned to the court house and their offices for "work."

A final assembly at 4 o'clock in the district court room concluded the day. At this time one student from each office presented a three-minute summary on knowledge acquired during the day. Donald Korger and Kenneth Schaefer gave reports as Highway Engineer and Sheriff, respectively.

The officials and their offices were as follows: Helen Ternes, County Clerk; Margaret Hayes, County Superintendent; Polly Speice, County Assessor; Mary Gerhold, County Treasurer; Kenneth Schaefer, County Sheriff; James Lippstreu, County Judge; Donna Rae Wheeler, Register of Deeds; Ralph Pfeifer, Clerk of the District Court; Paul Melcher, County Attorney; Ted Niedbalski, County Supervisor; Donald Korger, Highway Engineer; Mary Ann Johnson, Assistance Director; Mary Ann Tworek, Home Demonstration Agent; Herman Blahak, County Extension Agent; and Myron Mayberger, Veterans' Service Officer. Sister M. Gabriel was in charge of the school activity.

National Winner



KENNETH O'KANE

Ken O'Kane Wins Prayer Contest

Kenneth O'Kane, a sophomore, won first prize on his mental prayer, "On My Way To School," in a recent National Contest. For his winning entry, Kenneth received \$25.00.

The Queen's Work, a Sodality magazine, sponsored the contest. This publication had as its aim, to teach youth to meditate.

Kenneth is a member of the Third Order, Holy Name, Glee Club, and a Knight of the Altar. He also participated in sports and many school activities.

Others participating in this contest were Eugene Wennekamp, Richard Otterpohl, Theresa Mostek, Marilyn Noonan, Pat Tooley, Gennene Spidle, Mary Jo Tucek, Mary Paprocki, Mary Ann Starosick, Mary Ann Podraza, and Mary Lou Stuehmer.

Mary Gerhold Gets Girls' State Honor

Mary Helen Gerhold has been selected by the American Legion Auxiliary to represent St. Bonaventure High School at the annual Cornhusker Girls' State, June 6-12, at the University of Nebraska campus in Lincoln.

Mary is a member of Our Lady's Sodality, Pep Club, Junior Third Order, Glee, and Choir. She has been a member of "The Venture" staff for three years and at present is news editor. Mary was chosen "Miss Sodality" last year and also won first place in the "Americanism" Essay Contest sponsored by the American Legion Auxiliary.

She was elected county treasurer in the annual Cornhusker County Government.

Helen Ternes was chosen as alternate to the Cornhusker Girls' State. She has been active in the Pep Club, Choir, Junior Third Order, and Our Lady's Sodality. She is a feature editor on "The Venture." She was elected county clerk in the Cornhusker County Government.

Romayne Cerny was the Cornhusker girl stater last year, with Betty Ann Dischner as alternate.

M. Hembd Merits 4-H Certificates

Margaret Hembd, sophomore, was one of four hundred 4-H boys and girls to receive achievement awards at the annual Platte County 4-H achievement program held April 13, in the city auditorium.

Margaret received two medals, three certificates, and one utensil for completing her project with full requirements.

Calendar

- May 4—Prom
- 8—Movie
- 10—Pre-Registration
- 10—Speaker from Norfolk College
- 12—Father Roch's Nameday
- 12—Sophomore-Freshmen Hop
- ?—Opening of Youth Club
- ?—Seniors' Sneak Day
- 14—Mothers' Day
- 14—World Sodality Day
- 15—Freshmen Candy Sale
- 15—Skating Party
- 16—P. T. A.
- 17—Sodality Party and Dance
- 18—Ascension
- 25-26—Final Exams
- 19—Honor Convocation
- 28—Baccalaureate
- 28—Grade 8 Graduation
- 28—H. S. Graduation

Sodalists Attend Annual Convention

Fourteen Sodalists represented St. Bonaventure's Sodality at the annual Convention on April 22, in Omaha. Sister Verona, Sister Honoriana, and Father Roch accompanied them.

The convention, which opened with Holy Mass in St. John's Church, was followed by three open forum discussions. Father Leo P. Wabido, S. J. conducted the discussions.

The central theme was "You Can Change the World." In the first forum suggestions and pointers were given in ways to change the world at school. The second and third dealt with changing the world after school and in social life.

Louise Ernst represented St. Bonaventure School in the dedication ceremony, in which a delegate from each Sodality attending, consecrated his organization to the Blessed Mother.

A social hour and dance climaxed the event.

The girls who attended were Agnes Pickhinke, Romayne Cerny, Mary Ellen Hoffman, Lorraine Hilbert, Lois Dineen, Polly Gerhold, Helen Ternes, Polly Speice, Margaret Hayes, Ruth Kluever, Mary Lou Stuehmer, Mary Jo Tucek, Donna Wheeler, and Louise Ernst.

B. Markhofer Becomes 'Mission Belle of 1950'

Essay Winner



MARY ELLEN HOFFMAN

Mary E. Hoffman Gains Essay Prize

Mary Ellen Hoffman, senior, brought laurels to St. Bonaventure High upon winning first prize in the "Peace With Honor For America" Essay Contest. For her winning essay she will receive an award of \$15.00. Her entry has been forwarded for state competition.

Mary Ellen is an honor student, and a member of Our Lady's Sodality, Third Order, Pep, and Glee Clubs. She is a typist on both school publications, "The Venture" and "Bona Venture."

Ina Claire Frischholz, who is editor of "The Venture," won second prize of \$10.00. Lester Savage, who was recently elected president of the Youth Club, took third prize of \$5.00.

The entire senior Modern Problem Class, under the direction of Sister Gabriel, entered in the competition. The Ladies' Auxiliary of the Veterans of Foreign Wars sponsored Columbus in the National High School Essay Contest.

Stuehmer, Hilbert, Syslo Merit Attendant Honor

Barbara Markhofer was crowned "Mission Belle" April 19 at an impressive ceremony in the auditorium.

Barbara, gowned in a pink formal and blue velvet cape with an Elizabethan collar, was escorted to her throne by her attendants—Mary Lou Stuehmer, Lorraine Hilbert, and Eleanor Syslo. Upon reaching the throne, Barbara was crowned "Mission Belle of 1950" by Agnes Pickhinke, Mission chairman. The Mission Belle and her attendants were presented with gifts in remembrance of the occasion.

Barbara was successful in collecting stamps which amounted to 38,000 points. Mary Lou, Lorraine, and Eleanor had 25,000, 16,000 and 6,000 points, respectively.

The throne consisted of an arch decorated in blue with blue streamers and a bell adorning the center arch. In the background, a statue of the Blessed Virgin surrounded by flowers, completed the picturesque setting.

After a short business meeting a panel discussion, "Federal Aid to Private Schools," was held. The participants on the discussion were Marilyn Johnson, Mary Ann Merrill, and Betty Dischner, with Romayne Cerny presiding.

Highlights of the entertainment was a minstrel show presented by Mary Gerhold, Mary Jo Tucek, Pat Tooley, and Margaret Hayes. A playlet, by Shirley Sokol, Julene Pfeifer, Elaine Romanek, and Mary Ann Schuele, concluded the entertainment. The meeting was closed with group singing.

St. Bons Honors Sister Louise At Funeral Rites

St. Bonaventure students paid their respects to Sister Louise, former teacher at the school, at her funeral obsequies on April 15. Sister M. Louise Lesieur died suddenly on April 2 at St. Marys hospital. Death resulted from a cerebral embolus.

Sister Louise, a native of Pappillon, Nebraska, entered the Community of St. Francis Seraph of the Perpetual Adoration, whose Motherhouse is at St. Joseph Convent, Denver, Colorado. She entered the Franciscan Order in June, 1914, and was engaged in the teaching profession since then, up to one year preceding her death. Of the thirty-six years of her teaching career, she spent fourteen years at St. Bonaventure grade school here. During this time she also instructed many First Communicant classes, and had charge of the Knights of the Altar.

Funeral services, with a solemn Requiem High Mass, were held at 10 o'clock on April 5, in St. Bonaventure Church. Father Max Klotzbucher, chaplain at St. Marys hospital, was celebrant. Assisting him were Father Martin Wolter, as deacon; Father Otto Thiel, as sub deacon.

The Knights of the Altar, former pupils of Sister, serving were Paul Gutzmer, Raphael Gladfelder, Clifford Speicher, and William Ernst. The high school choir sang, with Sister Laurentine directing, and Sister Carmelita at the organ.

The pallbearers, all former pupils of Sister Louise, were Al Tucek, Robert Gutzmer, Daniel Cerny, Richard Kemnitz, Rex Rupprecht, and John Morrow.

The honorary pallbearers were as follows: Sisters Vivina, Solina, Gertrude, Columba, from St. Marys Hospital; and Sisters Aureliana and Pius from St. Bonaventure school.

Led by the Boy Scouts, grade and high school pupils marched in procession to the cemetery. The McKown Funeral Home was in charge of the burial service.

'Mission Belle of 1950'



Left to right—E. Syslo, M. L. Stuehmer, B. Markhofer, and L. Hilbert.

Shamrock Shenanigans

Here we are again to bring you the news that has been heard around St. Bons.

Everyone is anxiously awaiting the opening of the Youth Club, which will be May 12, and by the way, congrats to Les, Rosie, Paul, and Ted for receiving the offices of president, social chairman, secretary, and treasurer, respectively. We wish them loads of luck in the new jobs.

It has been heard through reliable channels that almost 85% of the juniors have dates to the PROM, but the seniors are loafing on the job . . . How about it, seniors?

Quoting a boy—"Spring is the time when a young boy's fancy turns to what a girl's mind has been on all year."

The freshman, sophomore, junior, and senior classes have been having regular dancing lessons during Glee period. (Oh, brother, school was never like this before!)

New joke heard at the Sodality convention was—"Be it ever so homely—there's no face like your own."

The Biology class has started a new fad of writing the names of students on the shells from clams.

The freshies and the sophies are practicing for the Freshmen-Sophomore Hop. (One skip and a jump, that is).

Flash! All those interested in having a hay-rack ride please contact an officer of the Youth Club.

Why are the boys playing baseball lately without a ball? (Could it be a broken window?)

Report: Dwayne "Arthur Murray" Drum conducted a dancing class the other night.

The seniors in dramatics wondered why Sister L. so emphatically said, "Go quietly to Room 6," the other day. Could it have been because they misinterpreted her meaning once before, and merrily skipped from Room 6 before the bell rang?

Classics Replace Daytime Serials

Did you know that St. Bons has a radio station? It's a very educational one too. You should have been wandering through the halls near Room 5 recently when Soph. I English class was in session. You would have gotten in on the "news" but because most of you missed out on the program here is an example of the broadcast.

"Good afternoon ladies and gentlemen. Here is a summary of the day's program. Today on this station you have heard talks on many subjects of public interest. Among the topics were Citizenship, Mercy Killing, Polio, Red Cross, Careers, and Education as well as your favorite daytime serials "Silas Marner" and "Julius Caesar." The kiddies also were entertained by Hopalong Cassidy.

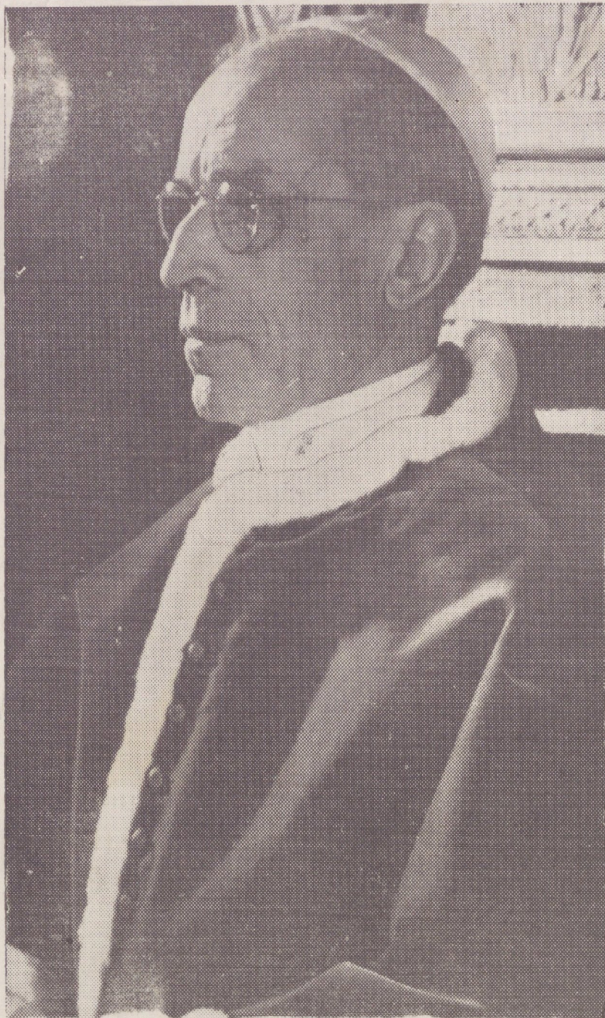
The highlight of the day was a first hand account of the track meet backed by our sponsor, St. Bonaventure.

And now let me remind you once more to take advantage of our gigantic mind increasing bargain, good only for the next six weeks, after which our sponsor will close for the summer. Our time is up now so this is your St. Bons High System, Station S.O.P.H. I, signing off for today and thanking you for listening."

Who's Who In 1952 Class?

1. Buster
2. Viety
3. Baumie
4. Doc
5. Sharony
6. Hot Rod
7. Tubby
8. Cactus
9. Slug
10. Puntang
11. Genevieve
12. Blokie
13. Critter
14. Big Ben
15. Zookie
16. Mousey
17. Jo-Jo
18. Fritz
19. Billsie
20. Kelly
21. Fats
22. Shorty
23. Lorle

His Holiness Pope Pius XII



His Holiness, Pope Pius XII, on Easter Sunday, implored the world to abandon its "crimes, massacres, and wars." When is there a better time than during May, the month of Our Lady, to make his request come true. Have you made the CONSECRATION to the Blessed Mother, as he desires?

Remember Your Best Friend!

Mary's month, May—the loveliest month of the year is dedicated to the loveliest Lady in the world. How wise Mother Church is! When we are especially fond of someone, we try our best to show it by some outward sign. The freshness of new grass, the green of the plants, the beauty of the flowers—what is more sweet, pure, and delightful! What could be more fitting to offer our Queen!

None of us have really forgotten this. I am sure. It just slips our mind once in a while. This year let's resolve that, to the best of our ability, with the greatest spirit of fervor, we will not forget Mary. We will try, in some small way, to make up for those WHO DO forget. Just remember—the best friend one could ever have—is Mary. She won't forget! Will we? B. D.

Follow Your Leader!

"What we need are leaders." Not one of us has missed hearing this sometimes over-worked phrase. We do need leaders—hard-working ones! But how many of us have thought what an important role followers undertake in any project.

This seems a most fitting time to bring up a subject such as this. With school so close to an end, the problem of choosing new leaders confronts almost every school organization.

And when they're selected will we sit back and remark, "Well, with him guiding us, we don't have to do anything." We think so, eh? Remember World War II. Was it the generals and colonels who did the fighting? They gave the orders and the G. I.'s followed them.

It's no easy task to be the head of an organization. Having to push and pull to get contributions of any kind from the members isn't enjoyable. No matter how wonderful a leader is, what a go-getter he is, he can accomplish nothing without the help of each individual.

After this, whenever you are asked to help, why not do something. Remember! There's no such thing as a small part in anything! I. C. F.

'On My Way to School'

(Winning Entry)

Act of Recollection—Dear God, whatever step I take I know you are with me, and so help me to be very conscious of Your presence now as I think of You on my way to school this morning.

Meditation—All these houses were made from lumber out of trees; they would not be there if You, God, had not given rain, sunshine, and air or the soil in which these trees grew.

I wonder if all the people in and out of these houses realize how much You have done for them. Do they realize that You, God, made them . . . and that they are the temples of the Holy Ghost?

Those men over there working on those trucks . . . do they ever think of God? Would these men have work today if You hadn't put the iron in the ground from whence came those trucks? Dear God, how good You are . . . I want to thank You for giving these men their jobs, and when I am old enough to choose my job, please, help me to find the one in which I can do most good for You.

I am so glad You gave me my eyesight, for those streams, flowers, and grasslands . . . all remind me of Your boundless goodness. Each tree, with its branches pointing upwards, reminds me of the higher life that I should live. The trees, with their arms outstretched in prayer, look at You all day. Dear God, I wonder if I thank You enough for all Your great goodness.

Resolution—I will hurry on to church yonder where I can especially thank You. Then I will go to school where I hope to serve You as You want me to. I will offer all my school duties to You . . . I hope they will be as pleasing to You as all Your gifts are to me. Today I will be especially grateful for any help that You will give me while at school. KENNETH O'KANE.

SBH Girls Take Nursing Course

Nineteen girls of St. Bonaventure High School are enrolled in a Home Nursing Course held on Monday and Thursday evenings from 7:15 to 9:15 at Third Ward School. Miss Wilma Gehring is in charge of the classes. The St. Bons P. T. A. is sponsoring the activity.

During the eight weeks course the participants will learn about "Personal Readiness to Meet Everyday Problems," "When Sickness Invades the Home," "Understanding Child Growth and Development," and "Protecting the Health of Our Homes and Community."

The students taking this course are as follows: Barbara DeLarme, Mary Ann Johnson, Mildred Roddy, Mary Ann Tworek, Mary Lee Ebner, Jean Clark, Marianne Sock, Patricia Kaminski, Orlethia Wass, Connie Hittner, Frances Fischer, Mary Alice Moersen, Helen Dunn, Audrey Trofholz, Ruth Kluever, Barbara Markhofer, Rita Burzynski, Sandra Mitera, and Charlotte Jones.

Reporter Presents Shackle and Chain

I have a perfect one which is sure to work

When the headline editor accepts it, I'll really smirk.

Ah, here she comes now. Is it essential to bow?

No, instead I shrink to the top of the soil

And squeakily beg her to observe my toil.

How she can bark—just like our dog Rover,

Only because my masterpiece is half a count over.

She orders me to the staff room again—

Back to the rusty shackle and chain.

I dizzily stumble back to pull my hair some more

And invest a new work to make my Master roar.

The editor-in-chief comes, says my work is fine and besides

No one on the little headline ever abides

So home I stagger feeling like mixed mortar

Just a poor underprivileged Sophomore reporter.—M.A.M.

Book Review

A story so dramatic, so vibrant, so attractive, and yet so true constitutes the exciting book, *The Man on Fire*, by Mary Fabyan Windeatt. This story of one of the greatest men who ever lived—St. Paul the Apostle—is romance history at its best. Through its colorful pages march figures of Barnabas, Peter, James, Mark, Silas, Timothy, Luke, and other leaders of the early Church.

In his youth, Paul was far removed from these men. In fact, for about one-half of his life he was neither a saint nor an apostle but a sworn enemy of the Church. Not even after his conversion did it happen that when he saw what was right, and tried to do it, that he went from victory to victory. Instead, more difficulties arose—from his own tempestuous nature as well as from the disappointing weaknesses of his friends.

In this, her fifteenth book for high school students, Miss Windeatt reveals how Paul overcame his human failings, and how his way of life can inspire in everyone a greater faith, hope, and charity.

Inquiring Reporters Report Inquiries

Spring is here again and the St. Bons' students have been voicing their opinions on what they liked best about it. So we, the Inquiring Reporter, decided to pass it on to you.

Agnes Pickhinke—The Junior-Senior Prom.

William Ernst—Everyone forgets their troubles.

Dwayne Drum—I like to play "HOOKIE," but you know how it is with "Father." (Now, Shorty!)

Cliff Speicher—I like spring because it means I can see and be with my Mother much more. (Your Mother?)

Charles Meyers—In the spring I can open the windows in my car and let the smoke from the motor roll out.

Diane Haney—It gives you that certain feeling—that warm days are near.

Robert Gonka—I like those flashy sweaters the kids wear in the spring. Especially the girls in them. (Woo Woo).

Margaret Hayes—That wonderful thought of having those three months of freedom.

Helen Ternes—Easter, the Prom, and school vacation.

Rita Burzynski—In the spring a young man's fancy turns to thoughts of—baseball.

John Syslo—The outdoor sports such as baseball, track, and horse-shoe. (Just like a boy.)

Polly Speice—The Prom, Easter, track, and all the other "things" that come with nice weather.

Jim Lippstreu—Jim Roberts telling his jokes about "Mule Train."

David Pensick—It stays light longer, so I can stay out later at night. (Why, Dave!)

Rosie Jahn—The Social Chairman can start planning activities for the "Youth Club."

Alfred Miecek—Spring makes me think of Love, Love, Love!

Carroll Ebner—I like spring because it makes men think a little more of some things. (For instance?)

Rose Ann Vanek, Arnold Krzycki, Charles Kaipust, Charlotte Jones, Alvin Chochon, Virginia Jarecki, and Ray Brezinski—We like Spring because it brings school to an end, and then we get those three long months of vacation.

(You aren't the only ones!)

Odd Visitor Causes Biologists' Retreat

The usual throng of late students came racing down the hall to avoid a ninth period. They hoped that just this once they could slip unnoticed into the Biology lab. But—as usual, luck just wasn't with them. (Poor we!)

As the door opened student after student let out a terrific shriek and turned ghastly pale. I raced to the door and with one glimpse I, too, joined the crowd retreating down the stairway.

Amid all the chitter chatter, a dark figure loomed up (incidentally, it was our biology instructor). She informed us that this so-called startling creature was only "John Blahak's Elmer," the stuffed pelican, which we would study in biology.



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C. Fischer Accepts Coaching Position

Cletus Fischer has signed for the position of athletic coach at St. Bonaventure High, according to an announcement by Father Roch Hettinger, pastor.

Mr. Fischer will start his new duties at the beginning of the new scholastic year in September. He is the first full-time teacher coach at this school. He will also teach mechanical drawing.

Mr. Fischer is a former sports star of St. Edward High School and University of Nebraska. He enjoyed a successful season with the New York Giants professional team. He lettered as a quarter back for the University of Nebraska. While on a six-man team at St. Edward he was acclaimed Nebraska's outstanding six-man player.

He will succeed Coach Paul Ernst, who has served as athletic coach during the last 14 years.

During his reign as a coach, Mr. Ernst has enjoyed many winning teams and has always continued to teach the boys good sportsmanship, even in the losing seasons.

Cynosure Promotes Paddywhacks Contemplation



What If—

The following were:
Lois French instead of German?
"Shorty" Horn instead of Drum?
Helen Raw instead of Dunn?
Clark, George Roger instead of Jean?

Francis Meat instead of Fischer?
Kenny Crutches instead of (O) Kane?

Mary Lou Boat instead of Stuehmer?
Les Indian instead of Savage?

Dave Penwell instead of Pensick?
Donna Rae Hub Cap instead of Wheel(er)?

Betty Pan instead of Dischner)?
Connie Miss instead of Hitt(ner)?

Rosemary Hay instead of Rae(makers)?
Jim Mouth instead of Lipp(streu)?

Rosalie Jack instead of Bill(esbach)?
John Steal instead of Robb?

Larry Gravel instead of Sand(ers)?
Myron and Marvin June instead of May(berger)?

Dick Stew instead of Rice?
Tony July instead of August(ine)?

Jack Sad instead of Glad(felt(er)?
Laurence Farmer instead of Miller)?

Arlene Shovel instead of Pick(hinke)?
Elaine Greek instead of Roman(ek)?

Cliff Nail instead of Spike?
John Brother instead of Sys(lo)?

Keith Car instead of Thraen?
Max Money instead of Woerth?



By JERRY MELCHER

Promsters Discuss Anticipating Event

Just to let you know that spring is here, The most splendid time of all the year.

Yes, the birds and bees are buzzing. May 4—why is everybody interested in May 4? Oh, that's it—the night for the Junior-Senior Prom! Going down the hall you hear a lot of things like these:

Shorty Drum seems to be interested in sand pits. Ted Niedbalski has a John Deere (not the tractor type, either). So it looks as if Bob Johnson, who is going into the Van(ek) trucking business, will have to help Shorty.

Was the matter Willie, don't you like spuds? I guess Jake Melcher likes one certain Spud. M. A. Tworek is out in a big job; while Ken Schaefer is going to Wheel(er) her in.

Ralph Gladfeiter is getting interested in accordion music, and Ralph Pfeifer is going in for horns (Toots, toots).

Someone told me M. McCloskey is going to have sore toes with an A1. But Augie Warholoski is going to be in a Hayes.

Cliff Speicher is running so fast that women can't catch him; but Betty Dischner isn't so lucky for she's going to get a Bill-back. But she isn't the only one in the Red, so is M. J. Schaefer.

But I feel sorry for Mutt Blahak, for he is really Dunn for!

Sister A.: (In senior English) "Man is made to work."
Jerry M.: "Not this one!"

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SBH Seniors Attend KHS 'Career Day'

The seniors of St. Bonaventure High School were guests at the "Career Day" held April 5 at Kramer High School. The Modern Problems Class sponsored the activity.

Don D. Twiford, Supervisor of Guidance Service, opened the general convocation with an address on "Illusion of Tomorrow."

During the individual sessions, students had the opportunity to hear vocational talks on such fields as agriculture, business administration, dentistry, medicine, pharmacy, engineering, fine art, nursing, office work, teaching, beauty operation, mechanics, social worker, and home economics.

Students attended one of two panels—"What a Freshmen Should Know About College" directed by Dr. Howard E. Tempero, Dean of Wayne State Teachers College and "What An Employer Expects of a Beginning Employee" with Oscar W. Wilk, Manager of the Columbus Division of the Nebraska State Employment Service, presiding.

Students Enter O.G.A. Contest

Sixteen members of the Short-hand Club are participating in the annual (O.G.A.) Order of Gregg Artists Contest. This contest is sponsored by the Gregg Writer of the Gregg Publishing Company, New York.

Those competing are Mildred Roddy, LaVerna Wemhoff, Rose Vanek, Mary Ann Johnson, Norma Shonka, Polly Speice, Orletha Wass, Mary Ann Tworek, Rita Schmidt, Mary Jane Schaefer, Donna Rae Wheeler, Sandra Mitera, Margaret Hayes, Barbara DeLarme, Helen Ternes, and Rita Burzynski.

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.

Sister A.: "Who brought womanhood out of slavery?"
Barbara D.: "Lincoln."

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Eugene Savage
Mary Ann Schuele
Joan Slemek
Shirley A. Sokol
Eugene Wennekamp

Tracksters Enter Local Invitational

The St. Bonaventure tracksters opened their track season by entering the Columbus Invitational last month.

A field of 37 schools was divided into two classes. A new rule provided that all schools having 80 boys or more would classify as a Class A school. This made St. Bonaventure face Class A competition.

The St. Bonaventure Shamrocks collected two points on John Syslo's fifth in the shot and Cliff Speicher's fifth in the 100 yd. dash.

Lincoln Northeast repeated as the Class A champion with 97½ points followed by Central City with 44 and Columbus with 29.

St. Edward snatched the Class B title with 34 points. Ulysses, the defending Class B champs, followed a close second with 32.

Four new meet records were set this year. Umphreys of Central City sliced the Class A 220 yd. dash down to 22.8. Dennis Emanud of North Bend established new records in the Class B 100 and 220 yd. dashes. Donald Zook of Glenvil sailed the discus 134' 8" for a new Class B record.

J. Syslo Breaks Shot-Put Record

John Syslo, senior standout in field events, has broken an eight year record for the Shamrocks in the shot-put by a throw of 41'-10½". This is well over the old mark of 41'-6" set by Mike Novicki in 1942.

John has been a very consistent point-maker in his four years of participation in track, lettering three years.

A four year letterman, John was king at the homecoming celebration.

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C. Speicher Heads Athletes' Track List

Fourteen boys reported for track to Coach Paul Ernst and assistant, Dick Ternes. The list of athletes was headed by Cliff Speicher, honorary captain.

Cliff was the only Shamrock to qualify for the state meet last year. In the State Carnival he placed third in the 100 and fifth in the 220. He also set two new school records as a sophomore, with a record of 10.4 seconds in the 100 and 23.4 seconds in the 220. Cliff also runs the anchor on the 880 relay team and does some broad jumping.

The other lettermen reporting were Les Savage, miler; Jerry Melcher, hurdles; John Syslo, weights; Jim Lippstreu, weights; Paul Melcher, hurdles; and Kenny O'Kane relay.

The prospective material lies in Dwayne Drum, Don Korger, John Blahak, Larry Sanders, Ron Melcher, David Bowe, Keith Speicher, and Lawrence Miller.

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R. G. and R. J.

Who's Who-

(Answers)

1. Herman Keefer
2. Charlie Meyers
3. Dennis Baumert
4. John Kaminski
5. Alvin Chochon
6. Mary Alice Moersen
7. Barbara Markhofer
8. Charlie Kaipust
9. Donald Sokol
10. Ted Mimick
11. Connie Hittner
12. John Blahak
13. Arnold Krzycki
14. Bernie Holys
15. Tom Zuroski
16. Pat Tooley
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THE VENTURE



Outstanding Students Receive Honor Awards at Convocation

Three Seniors Merit College Scholarships

Outstanding students of St. Bonaventure High School received awards at the honors convocation held Friday, May 19, in the school auditorium.

Awards were made by the Rev. Roch Hettinger, pastor of St. Bonaventure, and Jack Byrnes, representative of Elks lodge.

Rita Schmid, Herbert Abts, Betty Kretz, Betty Koch, Julene Pfeifer, Mary Ann Schuele, Mary Lou Stuehmer, Eugene Savage, and Joe Dineen had perfect school attendance, and all of these but Betty Koch and Julene Pfeifer, plus Eugene Wennekamp and Mary Ann Staroseik had perfect Mass attendance.

Agnes Pickhinke received a high school honor scholarship issued by the Nebraska Association of Church Colleges, and a partial scholarship to the College of St. Mary, Omaha.

Louise Ernst received the Elks scholarship, which has a value of \$100, and an honor scholarship certificate to Nebraska State Teachers College at Kearney went to Ina Claire Frischholz.

Publication Awards

Seniors honored for outstanding work on The Venture staff were Ina Claire Frischholz, Agnes Pickhinke, Ramona Messing, Romayne Cerny, Mary Ellen Hoffman, and Louise Ernst. Others cited were Mary McCloskey, Rose Jahn, Raphael Gladfelter, Ray Marsolek, Vincent Feik, Marsha Locher, Betty Dischner, and Lorraine Hilbert.

Annual staff awards went to Betty Dischner, Mary McCloskey, Lois Dineen, Romayne Cerny, Louise Ernst, Ina Claire Frischholz, Rose Marie Jahn, Lorraine Hilbert, Mary Ellen Hoffman, Pat Kaminski, Ramona Messing, Gloria Nosal, Agnes Pickhinke, David Pensick, Lester Savage, Richard Rice, Raphael Gladfelter, Robert Brehm, Ray Marsolek, and Vincent Feik.

Commerce Awards

Shorthand awards were given to Rita Burzynski, Barbara DeLarne, Margaret Hayes, Mary Ann Johnson, Sandra Mitera, Mildred Roddy, Mary Jane Schaefer, Rita Schmid, Norma Shonka, Polly Speice, Helen Ternes, Mary Ann Tworek, Rose Vanek, Orlethia Wass, LaVerna Wemhoff, and Donna Rae Wheeler.

Typing awards were presented to Helen Ternes, Orlethia Wass, Norma Shonka, Mary Gerhold, Sandra Mitera, Polly Speice, Rita Burzynski, Barbara DeLarne, Helen Dunn, Robert Johnson, Mildred Roddy, Mary Ann Tworek, Donna Rae Wheeler, Paul Melcher, Mary Jane Schaefer, Mary Ann Johnson, Rose Vanek, Margaret Hayes, Rita Schmid, Carroll Ebner, Ted Niedbalski, Ralph Pfeifer, Kenneth Schaefer, Clifford Speicher, Marvin Mayberger, LaVerna Wemhoff, Jim Lippstreu, Jim Roberts, August Warholoski, Myron Mayberger, Bill Ernst, Alfred Micek, and Eugene Gates.

Other Awards

Receiving certificates of award in state competition, issued by the University of Nebraska school of journalism, were Ray Marsolek for excellence in sports writing, Agnes Pickhinke for excellence in news writing, and Mary Gerhold for excellence in headline writing. Mary also received honorable mention in the Silver Key journalism contest sponsored by the university.

Other awards included: Speech contest, "I Speak For Democracy," Ina Claire Frischholz and Ramona Messing; V. F. W. essay contest, Mary Ellen Hoffman, Ina Claire Frischholz, Lester Savage; trophy of salesmanship from Curtis Publications, Mary Gerhold; certificates of achievement in selling Curtis magazines, Mary Gerhold; Kenneth Schaefer, William Ernst; Girls' State, Mary Gerhold; national Mental Prayer contest, Kenneth O'Kane.

Following the presentations, Father Roch and Byrnes addressed the students.

Sodality Terminates Spring Festivities

The whirl of May parties was wound up May 17, when the Sodality presented a bunco-dancing party in the auditorium.

Sixty-four sodalists and guests arrived at eight and played a snappy game of bunco. Mary Gerhold was the high winner of the girls; Walter Gregorius and Jack Gladfelter headed the boys. Mary Lee Ebner and Betty Koch received low prizes for the girls. Ronnie Melcher was the low winner for the boys.

During intermission refreshments were served while entertainment in the form of a minstrel show was staged by Margaret Hayes, Helen Ternes, Mary Jo Tucek, Delores Rupprecht, and Donna Jarecki.

The second phase of the party then began with a grand march and dancing continued throughout the evening.

The center of attraction in the auditorium, gaily festooned in its prom decorations, was a shrine to our Blessed Lady. Steps leading to the statue were covered by flowers brought by the students. On the wall in the background the moon and its rays extolled the Virgin's loveliness.

Keith Thraen, Sylvia Nosal, Julene Pfeifer, and Angie Warholoski were winners of the door prizes. Mr. and Mrs. F. Moresen, and Mr. and Mrs. B. O'Kane were chaperons.

The various committees were as follows: Entertainment — Helen Ternes, Orlethia Wass and Mary Ann Staroseik; Refreshments — Helen Dunn, Frances Fischer, and Audrey Trofholz; Reception — Mary Jo Tucek, Mary Lou Stuehmer and Sandra Mitera; Shrine Committee — Marilyn Noonan, Mary Paprocki, Mary Lee Ebner, Mary Lou Stuehmer, and Mary Ann Podraza.

President



LESTER SAVAGE

Parish Establishes Youth Organization

St. Bonaventure Parish has established a Youth Center as a place of entertainment for its young people. This is the first such organization in the parish. Open house was held May 7, with about 400 persons attending.

Lester Savage has been elected president for the Youth Center, with Rose Jahn, social chairman, Paul Melcher, secretary, and Ted Niedbalski, treasurer. Besides supervising activities in the club these officers will plan outside entertainment, such as picnics, hay-rack rides, and so forth.

The Center which seems to be very popular with Catholic young people is designed especially for their entertainment. Included are such recreational features as ping pong, shuffle-board, pin ball machines and various other table games. There are facilities for card games, and a juke box provides music for dancing and listening pleasure. The club also includes a lunch counter.

Membership in the Youth Center is restricted to Catholic youth graduated from the eighth grade. The Center will be open on Sunday, Tuesday, and Friday of each week.

St. Bonaventure Schedules Commencement, May 28

Rev. H. Korgie Gives Commencement Address

Commencement Exercises for the thirty-one seniors of St. Bonaventure High School will be held Sunday, May 28, at the St. Bonaventure Church.

Rev. Roch Hettinger, pastor, will give the baccalaureate sermon. Rev. Humbert Korgie, a native of Columbus and the pastor of St. Francis Church, Sioux City, Iowa, will be guest speaker at the Graduation Exercises.

Baccalaureate Services at the 8 o'clock Mass, with Father Roch officiating, will begin the ceremonies. The seniors—girls attired in white caps and gowns and the boys in black caps and gowns—will receive Communion in a body.

After Mass the seniors will be guests at a breakfast prepared by their mothers. Father Roch and Coach Paul Ernst will address the gathering.

The program will include grace by Father Roch; "On This Day O Beautiful Mother," by the class; welcome by Vince Feik, class president and toastmaster; "We are Grateful," by Romayne Cerny, class vice-president; "Farewell" by David Pensick, and the "Parting Song" by the class.

Graduation Exercises will take place at 8 o'clock p. m. in the church. Seniors will march from the school to the church where they will be met by the clergy, and will be preceded by an honor guard consisting of Mary Ann Johnson, Mildred Roddy, Rita Schmid, LaVerna Wemhoff, Emil Jarecki, Robert Johnson, Myrle Hadcock and Carroll Ebner, juniors.

Father Roch will confer the diploma. Devotion will be the Blessed Sacrament, followed by "Holy God We Praise Thy Name," will conclude the exercises.

Knights of the Altar assisting the clergy at the altar will be Clifford Speicher, Ralph Pfeifer, Myron and Marvin Mayberger. The high school choir, directed by Sister M. Laurentine, will sing for both occasions, and Sister Carmelita will be at the organ.

Sister M. Gabriel, senior sponsor, is supervising the entire activity.

New Editor



MARY GERHOLD

Mary H. Gerhold Merits Editorship

Mary H. Gerhold, junior, has been announced as the new editor-in-chief of The Venture staff. Her appointments is the result of faithful and efficient service as co-news editor during the past year.

Mary's journalistic activities began in her freshman year as a reporter and as a sophomore she acted as headline editor. She won a Certificate of Award for Excellence in the competitive contests at the Nebraska High School Press Association Convention this year. She also received Honorable Mention in the Silver Key Journalist Contest, sponsored by the University of Nebraska, School of Journalism.

Mary is an honor student. She has been on every honor roll during her three years of high school and has always maintained a high scholastic standing.

She is a member of Our Lady's Sodality, Pep Club, Junior Third Order, Choir and Youth Club.

Freshmen Proclaim Candy Sale Success

The freshmen class held its annual candy sale May 12 through 22. It has been proclaimed a real success with a grand total of \$60.00.

The winning chairman was Arlene Pickhinke with the following assistants: Mary Ann Schuele, co-chairman; Mary Ann Micek, LaVerne Thraen, Betty Kretz, Irene Shefcyk, Frances Paprocki and Dorothy Mielak. The winning total was \$18.00.

The other chairmen followed with totals close to the top. Other chairmen were Julene Pfeifer, Marilyn Johnson, Anthony Augustine, Joe Dineen, and John Robb.

The proceeds went to the Annual and The Venture.

K. Schaefer Gives Scout Acceptance

Explorer Scout Kenneth Schaefer of St. Bonaventure gave the acceptance speech at the presentation of a replica of the Statue of Liberty on May 7, in Columbus.

The Behlen Manufacturing Company presented the bronze copper statue to the Petah-la-Shauro Boy Scout District. The first statue of its kind in Nebraska is located in a special plot on the Behlen grounds facing Highway 30. Carrying out the patriotic theme, the eight foot statue stands on a giant cement star, having a red top and white-sided points. A blue walk leads to the statue.

County Superintendent R. Quick acted as Master of Ceremonies during the program.

Retiring Coach



PAUL ERNST

Paul Ernst Finishes Coaching Position

Coach (Dutch) Paul Ernst, a native of Columbus and graduate from Creighton University, has completed his fourteenth year of coaching at St. Bonaventure.

Mr. Ernst took over the coaching duties in 1936. He was this school's first and only coach up to date. He has taken a loyal interest in football, basketball, and track. Coach Ernst gave the school its colors and the name of the team, the Shamrocks.

He introduced football in 1940 and in 1943 he tutored his first undefeated and untied team, which was eighth in state six-man standing. In 1946 he introduced eleven-man football successfully, with a record of three wins, three losses, and one tie. The following year, 1947, he had a record of six wins against two setbacks.

"Dutch" also started track in 1940. Since then several of the St. Bonaventure boys have entered in State meets—four of whom were Don Hittner, Albert Tucek, Bill Merrill, and Cliff Speicher—Don came out third in hurdles, Al fifth in the mile, Bill, fifth in the half mile, and Cliff third in the 100 yard dash.

For three successive years the team has won the district track crown. A large display of trophies—11 track and 12 basketball—proves the able guidance of Coach Ernst.

Sophies Sponsor Traditional Hop

Variety and gaiety prevailed in the school gymnasium as the sophomores sponsored the annual Freshman-Sophomore Hop on May 12.

The event featured trap and broom dances, solos and duets. Color was added to the program with confetti and colored streamers.

Present as guests of honor were Father Roch, Father Timothy, the Sisters, and room mothers—Mrs. J. Fischer, Mrs. B. Spidle, Mrs. B. O'Kane, and Mrs. C. Billesbach.

Toward the end of the evening, sandwiches and pop were served by the mothers.

Students serving on various committees were as follows: Arrangements — Mary Jo Tucek, Mary Ellen Marsolek, and Frances Fischer; entertainment—Lois German, Marilyn Noonan, Ruth Kluever, Audrey Trofholz, Diane Haney, and Mary Ann Staroseik; refreshments — Gene Spidle, Kenneth O'Kane, Bernadette Holys, Dick Tooley, Barbara Markhofer, Connie Hittner, and Pat Tooley.

J. Syslo Becomes Honorary Captain

John Syslo, senior weights man, has been chosen honorary captain of the St. Bonaventure track squad.

Syslo earned his third track monogram the past season. He set a new school record in the shot-put with a heave of 41 feet, 10 1/2 inches.

The complete list of this year's letter winners in all sports, as announced by Coach Paul Ernst:

Jerry Melcher, FB, BB; Lester Savage, FB, BB; John Syslo, FB, T; Ray Marsolek, FB; Vince Feik, FB; Raphael Gladfelter, FB; Cliff Speicher, FB, BB, T; Paul Melcher, FB; Jim Lippstreu, FB; Bill Ernst, FB; Don Korgie, FB, BB; John Blahak, FB, BB; Lawrence Miller, FB, *T; Dick Tooley, BB; Larry Sanders, BB, *T; Dave Bowe, *T; Keith Speicher, *T. (*Indicates freshmen track award)

St. Cecilia Choir Receives Reward

As a reward for faithful attendance, the St. Cecilia High School Choir was entertained at an informal party in the Youth Center on Thursday evening, May 18.

Throughout the evening various table games were played and dancing was enjoyed.

The members were given free refreshments prepared by Mr. and Mrs. Carroll Marlair. Sister M. Laurentine, choir director, arranged the party.

Shamrock Shenanigans

May 28 is drawing closer and everyone is anxiously awaiting the end of school and summer vacation. So, first of all, we want to express our congratulations to the seniors, who will be leaving dear old Bonnies for good. We'll really miss them!

One of the most important events of the year was the opening of the Youth Club. If you notice people getting fatter, you will know where they have been, with all the ice cream and food sold at the Club.

In library period M. A. Merrill threw a piece of candy across the room and it landed in Jerry M.'s mouth. (Practicing for Father Tim's team, eh?)

John K. is the proud owner of a new car. We heard him state that it could beat any car. (We'd like to see that).

Congrats to Larry Sanders for setting a new school record for the pole vault.

The newest fad around the classes is the signing of the Annuals. (Bet, the teachers are glad it comes but once a year).

Reading a news article on the new tree planted on the school grounds, Sister H. gave a puzzled look to the reporter, and asked inquiringly, "What tree?" (Now Sister, don't tell us you don't keep up to date on the happenings around school).

In American History class — Sister G. "What is the opposite of a lookout." Helen D. "A shut-out."

The Prom seemed to be a grand success this year. Even the window peekers enjoyed themselves. (Guess who?)

Father Roch has been signing Annuals in Chinese. (Kids, you all better learn Chinese so you can read what he wrote).

Has the mentality of the senior class decreased or what is the reason for them putting dots on all the papers they can get their hands on. (What, aptitude tests?)

Pat K., Rosie J., Mary Ellen H., and Romayne C. paid our new coach, Cletus Fischer, a visit on their sneak day. (Business, did you say, girls?)

John S., Ray M., Virgil N., and Jerry M. spent some of their sneak day at the State Penitentiary. (Just visiting, of course, at least we hope so).

That's all for this year, so be good this summer, and we'll see you next year.

Students Mistreat Foppish Newcomer

"Oh, no, here we go again." Every morning for the past week, we've been so mistreated. How are they treating you?"

"Terrible, simply terrible. Why just a few minutes ago my owner grabbed me and tossed me clear across the classroom, and then to top it all off, someone scribbled all over me."

"Why, you don't have any room to talk. My owner drags me from one class to another and passes me to every one around. Why I've been written in so many times, I feel as though I need medical treatment."

"If you think you're bad off, how about me? Why they sold me for \$3.50, and you all know I'm worth three times that much."

"I know just how you feel. Why, they splattered ink all over me yesterday till I could hardly stand it, and believe me, if there was anything I could do about it, I certainly would do it."

"Oh, that's nothing, today some sophomore picked me up and began examining me very carefully, and then began to laugh and giggle at me, and finally began to compliment my sponsor on how very nice I was."

Thanks!

The faculty and students of St. Bonaventure High School express their sincerest thanks to the following: Fred B. Snite, Chicago, Illinois; Mary Rupprecht, Seattle, Washington; Magdalene Rupprecht, Antioch, California; Mr. M. A. Olivetti, Mr. P. Lakers, Mrs. R. L. Dodendorf, Mrs. A. E. Gumm, Mrs. J. T. Roberts—all of Columbus, for their generous donation to the High School Library.

Immaculate Heart of Mary



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CONSECRATION TO HER IMMACULATE HEART was asked by Our Lady in her third appearance at Fatima, Portugal, on July 13, 1917. She declared that Our Lord desired devotion to her Immaculate Heart to be established in the world; if this were done, many souls would be saved and there would be peace. Otherwise, another and more terrible war would come. In October, 1942, Pius XII, broadcast an address to Portugal, in observance of the silver jubilee of the apparitions at Fatima, and consecrated the world, with special reference to Russia, to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. (Consecration leaflets may be obtained from—St. Procopius Abbey, Lisle, Illinois).

Aspiration: I am all thine, sweet Mother; all I am and I have belongs to Thee.

Green Scapular Reveals Power!

"Immaculate Heart of Mary, pray for us now and at the hour of our death." This prayer has been an important part of the devotion to the Green Scapular for over forty years. How many people have not known of this lovely devotion, until just recently! The powers of the scapular are countless, but there is one peculiar property which it possesses—that of conversion.

It is a marvelous story—of a nun who impressed love in everyone who met her. Few knew of Sister Bisqueyburu of the Daughters of Charity of Saint Vincent De Paul. During the year 1840, Sister's novitiate in Paris, the Blessed Virgin, in all celestial beauty, privileged her with several apparitions.

Sister received her habit and was sent to Blangy, France. Shortly after her arrival there, on the feast of the Nativity, September 8, 1840, the Blessed Virgin again appeared to her. In her right hand, Our Lady held her heart surrounded by flames, and in her left, a cord with a green piece of cloth—later known as the Green Scapular. On the heart were inscribed the words said by so many. Through an inner voice, Sister understood that his scapular would convert those with no faith and procure for them a happy death. The distribution of the scapular was delayed for some time, during which Our Lady complained to the nun.

The only requirements necessary for this powerful devotion are that it be blessed by a priest, carried or worn on the person. It isn't necessary to wear the scapular around one's neck. It may be placed in the clothing, bed, or just any place in a room. One may wear it for the intention of another, also. The third requisite, and this can be in favor of another, is to say, once a day: "Immaculate Heart of Mary, pray for us now and at the hour of our death."

This is the Age of Mary, but many people don't realize it. Mary is closer to us than ever before but do we reciprocate?

Wouldn't it be nice if each student in St. Bon High would acquaint, let's say, just one other person with the Green Scapular? Think, think of the many souls that St. Bon alone would be drawing closer to the Immaculate Heart of Mary, the only safe refuge!

It's easy! Besides the Immaculate Heart of Mary will certainly do Her share of the bargain by being with one NOW and at the HOUR of his death.

I. C. F.

New Editor Expresses Thanks!

The typewriters begin to click and the press begins to roll and once more it is time for a new staff to take over the task of putting out The Venture. The new staff at last realizes what a great and difficult assignment they have undertaken.

The workers on the school paper, from the reporter to the editor, have to give much of their time and effort and give it wholeheartedly. It is a tremendous toil but a satisfied smile on the patron's face is reward indeed.

We, the new staff, hope that we will be able to continue to uphold the high standards which this and other staffs have striven to maintain.

We wish to thank especially—Ina Claire Frischholz, editor-in-chief, and Agnes Pickhinke, assistant editor—and all their faithful assistants who have spent countless hours of their time furthering the top standing of "The Venture." Most sincerely we wish to thank, in behalf of the old and new staff, Sister Horoniana, whose lasting and patient assistance made the publication of "The Venture" possible. Lastly we thank most graciously our patrons, advertisers and the entire student body for their excellent co-operation during the past year.

M.G.

Thanks!

The athletes, faculty, and students wish to extend their gratitude to Coach Paul Ernst for his untiring effort in promoting the sports program for so many years.

Good Luck, Dutch! St. Bons will never forget you.

Procession Opens Our Lady's Month

St. Bonaventure parish held its annual May procession, marking the beginning of Our Lady's month, April 30, in St. Bonaventure Church.

Louise Ernst, prefect, of Our Lady's Sodality, crowned the Blessed Virgin, Queen of May, in an impressive and devout ceremony.

Miss Ernst, wearing a bejeweled crown, wore a light blue formal and a dark blue velvet cape with an Elizabethan collar. Lois Ann Gablenz and Margaret Louise Scharwath, second graders attired in golden formals, carried the queen's train.

Preceding Miss Ernst were the following attendants: Ina Claire Frischholz, maid of honor; Patricia Kaminski, crown bearer; Ramona Messing, special attendant; Romayne Cerny, Lois Dineen, Agnes Pickhinke, and Mary McCloskey, statue bearers; and Jane Ann Cimfel, flowergirl. The other sodalists, also wearing formals, acted as honor guards.

The remaining procession consisted of the following: Knights of the Altar; boy and girl scouts in uniforms; grade school girls in dark skirts and white blouses; High School Knights of the Altar; and the clergy.

During the singing of "Bring Flowers of the Fairest," Miss Ernst crowned the Blessed Virgin with a wreath made of fresh red and white rosebuds.

Following the coronation ceremonies, Father Martin delivered an inspiring sermon.

Services closed with solemn benediction with the Blessed Sacrament and singing of "Holy God." Father Roch was celebrant with Father Martin and Father Timothy as deacon and sub-deacon. During the closing ceremony the queen and her court knelt in the sanctuary.

Orchids

A big bouquet of orchids to the following:

Father Roch for his organization of the Youth Club.

Father Martin for his instructions and interest in all high school activities.

Father Tim for his interest in Athletics and his organization of the Parish Baseball Team.

Coach Paul Ernst for his excellent coaching in athletics.

Mrs. Faith Hurford, school nurse, for her loyalty to St. Bonaventure school.

The grades for selling senior class play tickets and for patronizing the high school candy sales.

Delores Rupprecht, a future freshman, for her fine job as organist for the high school choir.

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.

Inquiring Reporters Report Inquiries

Now that the mighty seniors are about to leave us, we decided to question them as to what they enjoyed most during their high school days here at Bonnies.

These were the results:

Pat Kaminski—My buddy Rosie Jahn. (How much, Rosie??)

Agnes Pickhinke and Mary Ellen Hoffman—The class play, "Murder In a Nunnery." (We liked it too!)

Marlyn Diederich—All the fun of running up and down the steps every 45 minutes. (They say exercise is good for you).

Rosie Jahn—Dancing with my ole' partner Sis, at the dances. (Sore feet, Sis??)

Betty Dischner—The feeling of belonging. (To who??)

Ramona Messing and Lois Dineen—looking forward to Graduation. (Finally made it, huh??)

Marianne Sock—The art of learning and enlarging my vocabulary. (How did you come out??)

John Syslo and Bob DeLarme—The changing of classes and also the free days.

Marsha Locher—The many times I was late for school. (What, no gas??)

Lorraine Hilbert—Our ole, "Bona Venture" because by looking at it, it will bring back all my memories, good and funny.

Jerry Melcher—All my time off, to go to the football, basketball games and track meets. (Wish I were an athlete.)

Gloria Nosal—Being the head of my class in every period I had, because I was always sent to the first bench. (Umm-nice to be the head in class!)

Richard Rice—All the many activities, peeves and laughs.

Rosie Ramaekers—All the excitement the girls shared at Prom time. (Boy, and the work along with it.)

Romayne Cerny—That I could bring my car to school and live in anticipation to get out of classes for a legal excuse. (Good idea—wouldn't you loan it to us next year??)

Ina Claire Frischholz and Mary McCloskey—I'll never forget the hours spent on "The Venture." (Thanks!)

Vince Feik—The knowledge of knowing that I would look back to these days as some of the best of my life. (Ah, sweet memories!)

Raphael Gladfelter—The swell companions and classmates, and the interest shown to the students by our teachers. (That goes for all of us!)

Platte Valley Club Receives Oak Tree

The Platte Venture 4-H Club has recently received a Pin-Oak tree from the Ak-Sar-Ben agriculture committee of Omaha for reorganizing the club before the March 1 deadline. The tree has been planted on the school grounds.

At a previous meeting of the club it was decided that all members shall meet on the first Monday of each month at a member's home. Homes designated for the coming meetings are Carroll Ebner, Leo Thiele, Myron Mayberger, and Eugene Gates.

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Freshie Tracksters Win Second Place

The St. Bonaventure freshmen tied for second with Walnut Junior High of Grand Island with each earning 20 1/2 points. Hastings ran up over 40 points to top the 11 schools.

Larry Sanders was the big hero for the Irish. He was second in the pole vault at 10 3/4 ft. which is a new St. Bonaventure school record, won the 60-yard high hurdles in :09.6 (his qualifying time of :09.4 equalled the meet record,) and was fourth in the high jump.

The other Shamrock first came in the 220, won by Dave Bove in 25:8. Lawrence Miller finished second in the low hurdles and Keith Speicher placed third in the discus.

The Shamrocks took second in the 880 relay with a time of 1:46.5. The baton passers were Sanders, Speicher, Miller and Bove.



Juniors, Seniors Promenade in Flutter of Roses

Lavish Banquet Opens Festivities

Climaxing the social events of the scholastic year at St. Bonaventure High School, the juniors paid their compliments to the seniors at the annual junior-senior prom and banquet Thursday, May 4, amid a picturesque setting featuring the theme, "Moonlight and Roses."

At 6:30 p. m. the couples preceded by William Ernst, junior class president, and his lady of the evening, Orlethia Wass, marched to the church premises, where they were joined by their guests of honor—Father Roch Hettinger, pastor of St. Bonaventure parish; Father Martin Wolter and Father Timothy Healy, assistants; Father John Francis Schniegenberg, pastor of St. Anthony; and Coach and Mrs. Paul Ernst.

The entire cortege then wended its way to the school gymnasium, where sophomore girls served a three-course banquet.

The tables, which were placed in an 'E' shaped formation, were artistically decorated in the senior colors, gold and white. On the top of rich gold runners low crystal bowls of American Beauty roses and white and yellow daisies interspersed with dainty maiden-hair ferns, gracefully decked the tables between tall gold and white tapers placed on golden lace doilies. Frilled pink and white nut cups further ornamented the tables. Small, artistically printed place cards, memory booklets, and dance programs featuring the prom theme, were at each place.

An inspiring feature added to the banquet ornaments was a lovely statue of Our Lady enthroned in a graceful arch of white and gold, bedecked with American roses and maiden-hair ferns. On either side stood a 4-foot basket of American beauties in which were concealed the seniors' prophecies. A large illuminated rose plaque shone at the base of the arch, thus symbolizing at the same time the senior class patron, "Rosa Mystica," and the senior class motto, "May Our Light Shine After Us."

Program Follows Banquet
As the gay couples reached the

banquet hall, they were greeted with soft music played by Mary Alice Moersen, sophomore. With William Ernst, junior class president, presiding as toastmaster, the following program was presented: blessing by Father Martin Wolter; welcome by Orlethia Wass; response by Romayne Cerny; theme song, "Moonlight and Roses," by the juniors and seniors, accompanied by Mary Alice Moersen.

The highlight of the entertainment was the senior class prophecy, which was presented by Mary Ann Tworek and James Lippstreu. Mary Ann and James proceeded to unfold the mysterious future of the seniors by extracting from the centers of the beautiful red roses tiny rolls of paper which cleverly enclosed the hidden prophecies.

After Mary Ann read the predictions, James presented the roses to the respective seniors as a souvenir.

Following the prophecy, toasts to the seniors were given by Father Timothy and Coach Ernst. "Bouquets for the Juniors," senior class will was given by the individuals of the senior class, with an introduction by Vincent Feik, senior class president. Father Roch was the guest speaker. The junior and senior choral group then sang the closing song, "Sing Me the Rosary," which was rendered in three-voice harmony. Father John Francis spoke briefly before leading the closing prayer.

Ballroom Presents Theme
At eight o'clock the couples entered the artistically decorated auditorium through the portals of marble pillars entwined with roses, to the enchanting strains of "Moonlight and Roses" played by the Larry Stuart orchestra.

Myriads of dainty twirled white streamers forming a canopy, fell in graceful loops from the six decorative chandeliers and from there they dropped in graceful loops forming arches over the windows, as they met the opposite walls, where they were attached. The chandeliers, covered with three alternating tiers of yellow, white, and gold fringe, diffused mellow rays of golden light.

Along the side walls the radiators were concealed with artistically built out rock walls. Each window was an arch supported by marble pillars entwined with climbing roses.

Centering the north wall was an arched panel depicting a moonlight scene in which twinkling stars and a golden moon scattered their mellow beams upon the roof tops of a skyline of buildings. At the bottom gold sparkling letters spelled out the theme, "Moonlight and Roses."

Stage Features Gold and White
The stage was enclosed in soft gracefully flowing golden drapes dotted with roses. Wide, gold and white lacy fringe at the top of the stage caught and reflected the light from gold spotlights. On the left wing by a vine covered

window, stood a picturesque sparkling water fountain in a carpet of grass and lighted by a revolving spotlight with alternating colors of blue, gold, green and red. The right wing featured a grass covered terrace with a white latticed door standing open behind a green steel glider and chair trimmed in white. The golden moon shone down upon a round green table upon which was placed a single American Beauty rose in a bud vase.

The soft drink booth, in the alcove near the entrance, was covered with a rock wall forming a small niche.

The enchanting nocturnal scene was completed by the daintily pastel-shade formals, fragrant colorful corsages, and the romantic music.

Committee Heads

Under the direction of Mrs. Joel Roberts, who was in charge of the banquet hall, the following sophomore girls served: Rosalie Billesbach, Frances Fischer, Diane Haney, Bernadette Holys, Dolores Nichols, Mary Ann Staroscik, Estelle Wemhoff, Geneve Spidle, Margaret Hembd, Mary Paprocki, Mary Pat Tooley, and Marylee Ebner.

The reception committee was composed of the following: afternoon—Mary Jo Tucek, Ruth Kluever, Mary Ellen Marsolek and Connie Hitner; evening—Charlotte Jones and Mary Lou Steuhermer. Joel Roberts was cashier.

The student decoration chairmen and other respective committees all did excellent work.

Mrs. Wm. Gerhold, sr., general chairman, and Mrs. Pete Ernst, assistant chairman, aided by the mothers of the junior class, prepared the banquet. Chaperones were Mr. and Mrs. J. Cerny; Mr. and Mrs. B. Gladfelter; Mr. and Mrs. A. Pickhinke and Mr. and Mrs. C. Cregar.

The entire affair was under the direction of Sister M. Colette, junior sponsor.

Parish Players Cop Mid-State Victory

St. Bonaventure parish baseball team took its first Mid-State League victory by edging St. Johns 6-5 in a Sunday afternoon game at Pawnee Park, May 14.

The St. Bonaventure line-up consisted of Ted Guenther, pitcher, Ken Langan, catcher; Don Baumert, 1st base; Dick Thimgan, 2nd base; Bob Nickolite, 3rd base; Milt Melliger, short stop; Ray Czapla, right field; and Gene Wieser.

St. Bonaventure held a 6-1 lead going into the ninth behind excellent pitching of Ted Guenther, before St. Johns made an almost successful rally.

E. Groteluschen, L. Jensen and E. Mueller rapped singles, and Marcel Czapala came in to relieve Guenther. He was greeted by base hits of C. Inselman and L. Mueller and a double by M. Groteluschen.

Then Ken Langan, catcher, tossed to Bob Nickolite to catch L. Mueller at third. B. Johnson drew a walk and K. Oste popped to Milt Melliger and he pegged to second to catch Groteluschen off base for the third out.

Scorers for St. Bons were Melliger, Langan, Wieser, Guenther, and Thimgan twice.

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Baseball Club Wins First Home Game

After the game of May 21, St. Bonaventure's parish baseball team held the record of one win and two losses.

The team opened the season by dropping a 9-6 decision at St. Mary's but came back to take its first home game against St. John's by a 6-5 score. On May 21 they played at Tarnov where they lost a ten-inning game, 4-3.

The ball club under the direction of Father Tim has shown steady improvement thus far. Doc Ernst is manager and Ray Van Ackeren is scorekeeper.

Eleven of us seniors went back to childhood days recently, when we once more returned to scenes of fond memories—the first grade classroom. While there, we sat in the little benches and practiced our ABC's.

We, Robert Brehm, Louise Ernst, Raphael Gladfelter, Ina Claire Frischholz, Rose Jahn, Mary Ann Merrill, Jerry Melcher, Charlene Nickolite, Virgil Nickolite, Gloria Nosal, and Lester Savage, attended St. Bonaventure all our school years.

Sister Louisine, now deceased, guided our little feet on the right path in the beginning of our school career. Readin', ritin, and 'rithmetic were indeed the three R's of learning.

Who of us can forget how Sister Erentrudis prepared us for First Holy Communion? In our scrapbook of memories that day will stand out. One of our first Communion companions, Betty Lou Roelle, died a few years later. During the succeeding years Sisters—Helen Ann, Oscaria, Bernardis, Lea, and Edwina—enlarged our knowledge, from the third to seventh grades, respectively.

Eighth grade brought a close to our youngster days. Oh, how big we thought we were when we had our eighth grade banquet and Solemn Communion. Sister Paulinia guided our activities that year.

When we first crossed the threshold of the high school, we entered a new phase of life. We were growing up. With Sister Laurentine as our sponsor, we became accustomed to high school life. We gained many new classmates and lost several from grade school days.

Our sophomore year with Sister Cunegundis, provided us with many activities. The Freshman-Sophomore Hop was our chief activity in both grades.

In our junior year, money raising campaigns for the prom became our chief occupation. Then at last the day came and the "Forty Niners" came to life. Sister Aureliana was our capable leader that year.

What need we say about our senior year? It's been so much fun — contests, activities, plays, "Moonlight and Roses", opening of Youth Club, and sneak day. Sister Gabriel will always play an important role in our memories of this year.

We now, after twelve years, will come to the parting of the ways. The day we don our caps and gowns and receive our diplomas, we will hit the trail of life. "May our Light Shine After Us."

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