

# St. Bon's Stages Elaborate Silver Jubilee Homecoming, Oct. 19

## Large Parade Highlights Afternoon Celebrations

For the first time, in the twenty-five years that St. Bonaventure has operated as a parish-supported school—an elaborate Homecoming is being planned in connection with the St. Mary's of Grand Island-St. Bonaventure football game. The festivities are planned for the afternoon and the evening of October 19, in Columbus.

Registration for alumni at the High School, from 12:15 to 12:45, will commence the activities. Alumni can also register before the dance. All alumni will receive identification pins which must be worn to admit them to the dance. Dance admission for alumni and students is twenty-five cents. All alumni—whether St. Francis Academy or St. Bonaventure High—are cordially welcome.

At one o'clock students and alumni will stage "A La Mem-

oirs," a variety show honoring the graduates from 1926 to 1951 on this silver anniversary. This one-o'clock program is entirely original and is being prepared by Sister Verona, Mrs. W. McDonald, Jerome Dunn and Mrs. Lauretta Elaine. The National Guard and the Class of 1926 will take part in this program. A show, "Special Surprise," will climax "A La Memoirs."

### Parade Comprises Floats

The highlight of the afternoon program is the parade scheduled for two o'clock. The parade comprised of floats sponsored by each of the homerooms; school organizations—Boys Athletics, Pep Club, Band, and Sodality, and alumni classes—will be preceded by the High School Band and Motorcycle Police. The Pep Club is planning an elaborate Queen's Float and a Pep Float.

After the parade a bonfire-pep rally will be held at three o'clock at the school grounds. The burn-

ing of a dummy, symbolizing the opponent, St. Mary's, will feature the rally. Coach Cletus Fischer and a student game captain will give short talks and the band will render several football songs. Both the Varsity and Junior Varsity cheerleaders will lead the crowd in victory cheers. At four o'clock the afternoon activities will end.

At eight o'clock in the evening the parade will re-assemble and proceed to Pawnee Park Memorial Stadium, where the game will be played.

### Crowning Reveals '51 Queen

The Homecoming Queen's identity will be kept secret until that night when she will be crowned in a special half-time ceremony. Five candidates—Mary Ellen Marsolek, Pat Tooley, Ruth Kluever, Estelle Wemhoff, and Mary Ann Podraza—have been nominated by the senior class. The queen will be elected by the entire student body on October 18. The chosen queen and the four remaining attendants will ride off the field, to the dance, on the "Royal Throne Float."

An extra feature at half-time will be a dance performed by students in honor of the queen. The band will play for the dancers.

### Ball Begins After Game

The Homecoming Victory Dance will begin at the school auditorium immediately after the game. All students and alumni are invited to attend this dance. The Homecoming Day festivities will end at 12:15 p. m. when the music

ceases and the doors of the ball-room are closed.

The publicity committee is preparing posters, advertising the event, and will place them in local firms and around the school in order to publicize the Homecoming. Attempts are being made to contact and invite as many of the graduates as possible.

### Committees Plan Program

Sister Verona is the general Homecoming Chairman. Divisions and their chairmen are the following: Crowning at Field, Mary Ann Starosck; Queen's Float, Mary Ellen Marsolek; refreshments, Pat Wozny, Pat Vruble; Dance, Ruth Kluever, Ken O'Kane; Alumni, Mrs. Lesley McDonald; Publicity, Ray Gattermeyer and Mary Alice Moersen; Registration, Orlethia Wass; Bon Rally, Bill Jarvis and Sharon Bowe; Prayer, Charlotte Jones; Decorations, Sophie Moritz and Jo Ann Matya.

## Notice!

Any fall garden flowers and ferns, for decorating the auditorium for the Homecoming, will be most graciously appreciated. Please contact Sister Verona.

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## S. B. H. School Enrollment Breaks Last Year's Record

### Seniors Boast Largest Class in School's History

The new scholastic year has ushered in the highest enrollment of high school students, 214, in the history of the St. Bonaventure High. Last year it was 207.

The senior class boasts of an all-time-high senior class of 54, which is the largest since the school was organized. The largest present class is the sophomore with 59 members; the freshmen edge next with 54; and the juniors consist of 47.

The classes, their homerooms, and sponsors are as follows: Seniors, room 5, Sister Gabriel; juniors, room 3, Sister Laurentine; Sophomores—group I, room 6, Sister Emma; group II, room 7 (last year's grade 3), Sister Herman Joseph; freshmen—group I, room 4, Sister Colette; group, II, room 2, Sister Verona.

## D. Tooley Heads Student Council

Dick Tooley will head the Student Council this year as indicated at the annual election by the student body on Sept. 6.

Other officers of the Student Council Cabinet are Lawrence Miller, vice president, and Mary Ellen Marsolek, secretary-treasurer. Other representatives are the homeroom presidents—Ted Mimick, Marilyn Johnson, Pat Vruble, Jim Hoshor, John Holys and Sharon Robb.

The representatives from various organizations are as follows: Mary Ann Starosck, Pep Club; Rosalie Billesbach, Sodality; Bernadette Holys, Band; Mary Alice Moersen, The Venture.

The purpose of the Student Council is to foster citizenship, sportsmanship and orderliness throughout the school.

Sister Gabriel is the sponsor of this organization.

## Juniors Sponsor Welcome Dance

"Welcome Freshies" echoed through the gym on September 19, the night on which the "Welcome to School Dance" was held.

Sponsored by the juniors, this initial dance welcomed the new freshmen into high school and in addition provided the Junior Class with approximately \$32.00 toward the Prom Fund.

Other faculty members are as follows: Father Roch, Father Martin, Father Timothy, Mr. Joseph Van Ackeren, Coach Cletus Fischer, Sister Honoriana, Sister Gerard, and Mrs. Faith Hurford.

## Sixteen Aspirants Pursue Perfection

Sixteen students of St. Bonaventure and St. Anthony schools left during September, for the higher life of the priesthood and sisterhood.

Margaret Hayes, a 1951 graduate, and Marylee Ebner, senior, left Columbus to join three other girls—Arlene Wemhoff, Catherine DeLarme, and Janice Smagatz, who have been at the Sisters of St. Francis motherhouse at Denver, for the past two years as aspirants—to become postulants of the Order.

Rita Korgie of St. Anthony's and Lois Zwiener of Bellwood are aspirants to the Sisterhood, at the same convent.

Eight seminarians left for St. Joseph's Seminary at Westmont, Illinois, after the summer vacation in order to continue their studies. Returning for the third year are Bill Sus and Kenneth Savage; for the second year are Tom Lakers, John Tooley, Leo Stavas, and Ron Warholoski; for the first time is Jack Welch.

Having completed their studies at Westmont, Don Lakers and Dick Miller, who received their habit in June, left for Teutopolis, Illinois, where they are pursuing higher studies for the priesthood.

## Sodality Officers Accept Positions

Rosalie Billesbach was officially made prefect of Our Lady's Sodality of the Mystical Rose during the installation ceremonies held on the evening of Sept. 7, in St. Bonaventure church.

Other newly installed officers are as follows: Arlene Pickhinke, vice perfect; Joan Gregorius, secretary; and Mary Lou Stuehmer, treasurer.

After Father Roch addressed the Sodality, the officers made their promises and accepted their new offices, as the retiring officers handed them symbols of their various offices.

Father Roch is director and Sister M. Colette serves as moderator for the coming year.

## Respective Rooms Choose Officers

The first week of the new school year was climaxed with the election of class officers.

The officers and their respective offices are as follows: Seniors—Ted Mimick, president; Estelle Wemhoff, vice president; Theresa Mestek, secretary-treasurer; Juniors—Marilyn Johnson, president; John Robb, vice president; Ronnie Melcher, secretary-treasurer; Sophomores I—Pat Vruble, president; Dean Soulliere, vice president; Lorraine Herrink, secretary-treasurer; Sophomores II—Jim Hoshor, president; Bob Fyfe, vice president; Kenneth Cielocha, secretary-treasurer; Freshmen I—John Holys, president; Dwayne Clark, vice president; Joan Matya, secretary-treasurer; Freshmen II—Sharon Robb, president; Paul Siemek, vice president; Carroll Thraen, secretary-treasurer.

## Snappy Band Uniforms Make Striking Debut

### J. Van Ackeren Directs Band's Appearances

Appearing in their snappy new uniforms the band has performed in various social, civic and parish functions during September.

Mr. J. Van Ackeren's band made its initial appearance in the new uniforms when it marched in the Platte County Fair Parade, August 30. After the parade St. Bon's band played a salute during the ceremony in which Governor Peterson presented a flag to the city of Columbus for fulfilling a War Bond Quota.

At half time during the first home game with Loup City, the band marched out to the south end of the field to the rhythm of the percussion. Here, after each member marched into place, they played a fanfare, which introduced the formation. Then, getting the signal from Sharon Bowe, the drum major, they advanced to the 50-yard line where they formed a huge shamrock. Here they played an Irish melody fitted for the occasion. Then the band continued down to the north goal post where they made a counter march and again continued back across the field playing the march, "On Parade."

During the parish Barbecue the band rendered an hour afternoon program and the day of the Holy Name Rally, St. Bon's band led the men in procession to Frankfort square where the rally was held.

The jackets of the uniforms are made of a true kelly green gabardine topped by pure white belts, citation cords and shoulder and

jacket trimming. Green and white shamrock shoulder patches worn on the jackets add a decorative touch and identify the band. Pure white trousers, military type, band hats and green and white saddles complete the outfits. The major-ettes' uniforms are made of white satin and embroidered in green. Their hats are made of a white feather-like material topped by a green plume.

The uniforms were delivered on August 29 by Ostwald Company from New York.

## Fr. Martin Wolter Addresses Crowd At Holy Name Rally

Rev. Father Martin Wolter, assistant pastor and Religion Instructor at St. Bonaventure, addressed approximately 4,500 people at the second annual Holy Name Rally. The rally, which was sponsored by the Lindsay Deanery, was held September 9, at Frankfort Square, Columbus. His excellency, Gerald T. Bergan, archbishop of Omaha, was celebrant for the occasion.

In his address, Father Martin stressed the need of carrying the spirit of Christ with us wherever we go, and urged the people to remember that they are "their brother's keepers."

The rally was opened as the Holy Name men, numbering about 1,200, led by the St. Bonaventure Band and St. Francis of Humphrey Band, marched from St. Bonaventure's Church to Frankfort Square. Rev. Clement Kubesh of Clarkson, Holy Name director for the Lindsay Deanery, who acted as master of ceremonies, welcomed the crowd.

The program was opened as the entire congregation took part in a prayer for peace. The recitation of the Rosary followed, led by Rev. Daniel Brick of Leigh. Next the Holy Name pledge was recited by Pat Kelly of Humphrey, president of the Lindsay Deanery.

His Excellency Archbishop Gerald T. Bergan of Omaha then officiated at Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. A procession of the Blessed Sacrament closed the Holy Hour and the Holy Name men marched back to the church, preceded by the two bands.

The Men's choir of Holy Family Parish, Lindsay, provided music during the service.

The first Holy Hour for World Peace, held last September at Frankfort Square, attracted some 6,000 people. Holy Name Societies from about twenty towns participated.

## St. Bonaventure High School 48-Piece Band of 1951



Under the direction of Joseph Van Ackeren, the St. Bonaventure High School Band displays their new uniforms of green and white, for the first time, as they march in the Platte County Fair Parade on August 30, in Columbus.



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## Don't Miss Big Homecoming!

"A parade, a king and queen, a bonfire, and a dance, too?" Man, Homecoming is really going to be something, isn't it? I know all of us have heard these words and questions over these past few days. It really is going to be most extraordinary too!

Homecoming has always been a highlight of the school year but this year Bonnie's is really going all out. If each class has the beautiful floats, which they say they are going to have, it will really be something exquisite to see. I can just see it now—the class floats, Sodality, Pep Club, and most of all—the King and Queen! And say, who will the Royalty be?

But wonderful as this sounds, how will it be brought about if there isn't 100 per cent cooperation? We all, everyone without

exception, have to pitch in and support this festival. Everyone knows the one who works the hardest on a project also enjoys it the most. Now don't sit back and think that with 200 students working, there won't be anything for you to do. There is enough work for 200 and then some. Everyone wants your ideas, your suggestions, and most of all, your help! We have heard it said that St. Bon's lacks just one thing—school spirit. We don't like to admit it, but maybe it is true. Here's our chance to change that saying. Let's get on the ball and show everyone what good school spirit there really is at St. Bonaventure's.

We're going to make this a **HOMECOMING** for School Spirit and the Team.

PAT TOOLEY

### Thanks!

Thanks to Alexand's who have offered to donate posters for the homecoming, and to all the Fathers and Faculty, who are cooperating in getting the class floats ready.—Homecoming Chairman.

The faculty of St. Bonaventure High and Grade Schools thank the following: Mr. J. Roberts; Mr. W. Gahan; Mr. J. Van Ackeren; and Mr. J. McKown, who graciously furnished transportation for them to the Catholic Inter-Diocesan Convention, October 5 and 6.

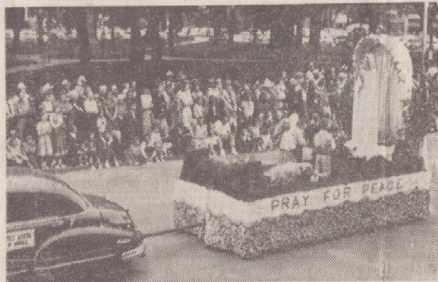
## St. Bon's Students Attend Institute

Three delegates, representing Our Lady's Sodality from St. Bon's, attended the Summer School of Catholic Action, at Creighton university in Omaha from June 18-23.

Rosalie Billesbach, Arlene Pickhinke and Joan Gregorius were the three girls, who were among 200 other Sodality members present.

"Citizens of Two Worlds," was the theme stressed during the classes and discussions, which lasted a week.

## C. D. A.'s 'Our Lady of Fatima' Float



## Lady of Fatima Float Acquires Top Honor

The float featuring the theme, "Our Lady of Fatima," which was sponsored by the Catholic Daughters of America, Columbus, merited the first prize of the Church and Religious Group in the parade marking the close of the Platte County Fair on August 31.

Miss Isabelle Micek, garbed in white and holding a rosary, represented the Blessed Virgin Mary, and Jimmy Bothé, Mary Ellen

Minette, and Margaret Mrzklak, portrayed the three children—Francisco, Jacinta, and Lucy.

The entire lower part of the float was covered with hundreds of red cerpe paper roses and white streamers were entwined with them to further decorate the float.

The strains of the popular song, "Our Lady of Fatima," were heard coming from the float as it passed the spectators.

## O'Leary Leprechaun Stops, Looks, Listens

Digging thru the musty ol' file in the staff room last week a strange experience occurred. Out of that morgue jumped "O'Leary the Leprechaun."

There is a legend that says that if a leprechaun is caught in his nook, he will stay with you and lead you to a hidden treasure, but O'Leary happens to be a poor "Irish Leprechaun" and all he can offer us is his wit.

"Hello, ye Irish lads and lassies! Yis, I loike this place ye call St. Bons. I've bein wanderin' around the halls meetin' different students. I talked wid Rita Roman and Joan Siemek, who was tillin' me of their sufferin's and thrials in typin' class.

Pat Mahoney and Bernice Doleza sez it's hard fer them ter kape quiet in Shorthand Class, but they'll endure it.

I slipped into the room where Speech Class was held, and worrn't that a situation??? All that Arnold K., John H., and Alvin C. were mutterin' was "bells, bells, bells"!!

I tripped out of there and jist at that varry minit I heard a racket in the gym. Over I ran, I niver heard sich a band as Mr. Van Ackeren's. The music was beautiful!!! I went into the locker room and foine new football suits hanging, I though 'twere a shame ter get them iligint clothes so dirty fer nothing!!!

Back to school I went jist in time to hear the students saying, "School is over for another day!" So up the steps I went, back to the staff room, and jumped into the file cabinet under the letter L. See ye all next issue!!

### Sympathy!

The faculty and students of St. Bonaventure express their deepest sympathy to the family of Karl F. Stefan, representative from Nebraska, who died from heart failure on October 2, 1951. During his life Mr. Stefan was a gracious donor to the school library.

### New Staff Room Gets Wide Open Spaces

The bell clanged, classes changed, and I hurried to our dear school paper. I opened the door to our cozy staff room up on third floor, but the sight that met my eyes almost made me cry—the room was empty. Every single thing was gone, no cluttered floor, no paper littered table, no harrassed editors, no bulging files—nothing!!

I was thinking of all the good times in this cozy little room when I saw Sister H, pass with tears in her eyes. I dashed after her to ask her what had happened to our dearly beloved nook. (The staff room). I ran ahead of her just as she reached the top step in the old grade school. I blocked her way shouting "What's going on here? Who has stolen the staff room???" (I thought maybe it was O'Leary Leprechaun.) She gave me a puzzled glance, opened a door, and there was a dream of a staff room, the most beautiful, huge, modern room you could imagine! Fut! it was so neat it just couldn't be a staff room so I decided Sister was wrong and started to leave—only then did I find out it really was the staff room for there in the corner stood one lonely cluttered desk! Oh, yes, I'm in the right place, I sighed, and sat down to work on my article.

### Prominent Sodalitys Become Postulants

A farewell party, honoring Margaret Hayes and Marylee Ebner, who entered the Order of St. Francis at Denver, was sponsored by the Mystical Rose Chapter of Our Lady's Sodality on August 30 in the school gym.

The girls were presented with identical sterling silver rosaries as a remembrance from the Sodalitys. Helen Ternes, outgoing prefect, and Rosalie Billesbach, present prefect, made the presentations.

## Our Lady of The Rosary



### Let's Get 'Ticket to Safety'

The baby cried and the children trembled as the howling cyclone wind began to uproot trees, tear off the shutters, break off the swinging barn doors, and now to the terror of the little family the rampant, overgrowing gale began to tear off the roof. But their hands were tightly clenching their rosaries and their lips were moving in fervent prayer. And they didn't need to worry. Their rosaries were their tickets to safety.

The Blessed Mother didn't let them down. How could she? She has promised never to let anyone down who pleads to her mercy through the rosary. Why can't more of us have the faith of this mother and her children? Why can't we too, know the protection of our Blessed Mother's arms?

No one need remind you of the terrible crisis of the world today. The Blessed Mother reminds us. The rosary is the only way out. It will do more good than a million truce talks and conferences. Yes! I mean you—and I mean now! You can see the cyclone coming and you know what to do!

BERNICE DOLEZAL

### Push! Push!

The Apostolic Committee of Our Lady's Sodality is again sponsoring the Stamp Contest. This contest, for the missions, is open to all St. Bonaventure students. A good deed done for the missions will never go unrewarded.

Five identical prizes will be awarded to the five individuals having the highest number of points. All stamps turned in by November 3 will be counted for these prizes. Turn in your stamps as soon as possible.

A mailing box will be placed in one of the classrooms in the near future, where those of you who do not care to enter, but have stamps of point value, can place your stamps. Please do so.

Here are the stamps to save. Look at them on the Sodality Bulletin Board:

- Duck Stamp .....30 points
- 3c Commemorative Stamp ..... 5 points
- U. S. Postage Due Stamp ..... 2 points
- U. S. Old Stamps (before 1915) ..... 2 points
- Foreign Stamp ..... 3 points
- Precanceled Stamps ..... 6 points
- U. S. High Value Stamp ..... 2 points

Last year we did not do so well in the stamp contest only because a few of us were too lazy to cut them off from our letters. Let's show our school spirit this year and really get behind this "Wagon of Stamps" and PUSH!!!!

BETTY KOCH

### Where's Your School Spirit?

What would you say, if tomorrow, you were to hear that the St. Bon's Youth Center was never to open again? The first thing you'd probably utter is "Why?" The only possible reason is that eighty percent of you students were too busy, or better, too lazy to find time for the Youth Center. The first ones to complain, of course, would be those who never bothered to join.

The Youth Center offers many advantages—plenty of good food; loads of games, such as, ping pong, dancing, shuffleboard, card games, and what's more—it's a good place to stay around and visit with your friends.

We are fortunate enough to be the only ones in town to have such a place. Yet, if someone else had a Youth Center and we didn't, we'd crab and wonder why. It's easy to see that we've something well-worth hanging on to. The only way to keep the Youth Center is to join up and patronize the clubroom, and that means now!

How about it? Are you going to let St. Bon's down?  
WALTER GREGORIUS.

### Are You Doing It?

MUST—To Lucy's question . . . "Who are you and what do you want?" there was this reply: "I am the Lady of the Rosary, I have come to warn the faithful to amend their lives and ask pardon for their sins. They must not continue to offend Our Lord Who already is so deeply offended. They MUST say the ROSARY."—Novena Notes.



# Gridders Blast Loup City Eleven

The Fighting Irish of St. Bon's made a sparkling home debut September 21 to defeat an outclassed Loup City team.

The Bonnies' boys held the strong arm all the way, scoring in every quarter and playing the few Loup City bids cool. Ted Mimick, Johnnie Blahak, Tommy Zuroski provided heavy artillery in the backfield. Jim Hoshor, Dave Bowe, Blahak, Zuroski, Herman Keefer, and Mimick all racked up points.

The Irish did not wait to start rolling. The opening kickoff fell on the midfield, hit a Loup City player, and Blahak recovered. Zuroski's 12 yard sprint and a pass from Tooley to Sanders clicked to the six, where Halfback Blahak scored.

The next tally came early in the opening minutes of the second quarter after a 45 yard march by Blahak and Schmid, which put the ball on their one where Tooley flung Keefer a pass for the score.

A blocked punt on the Loup City 15 set up the third marker. With fourth down and 12, Tooley again used his arm to Jim Hoshor for another TD.

Blahak returned the second half kickoff 40 yards to the Loup City 40 and on the next play Zuroski scooted through the line, shook off two tacklers at the 20 and went on to score.

Doc Kaminski set up the next score late in the third quarter by recovering a fumble on the Loup City 33, Mimick and Speicher carried it to the 15 where Mimick went over.

Bowe came up with a nifty pass interception on the Loup City 47 yard line in the opening moments of the last stanza and sprinted 47 yards to hit pay dirt.

# St. Cecilia's Trim Green and White

The St. Bonaventure Shamrocks dropped a heartbreaking opener to St. Cecilia's of Hastings in a thrill-packed ball game. The invading Irish were only four yards from paydirt with second down coming up as the whistle blew, blowing the ball game sky-high—12-6.

It was almost a story book finish for the Irish when Doc Kaminski smashed his way through the line to drop Jack Gerhart just short of the first down.

The Shamrocks, then desperately worked the ball from their own 30 to the Hawks' 44. With 15 seconds remaining Johnny Blahak flipped a 40-yard line. With only seconds to play Dick Tooley sent Blahak far to his right, but the Irish star was hit for a loss and the game ended.

St. Cecilia's felt paydirt in the first quarter, when flasy quarterback Herbie Huph dropped back to his own thirty to punt, but instead tucked the ball under his arm and carried it to the Irish 30. From there Berhart and Langloss did the totting and Huph the pitching to take the ball to the 10. Then 206 pound Chuck Langloss bullied his way over to tally.

The Shamrocks, having a tough time hanging on to the ball, rolled 80 yards with Blahak and Tommy Zuroski doing the bulk of the work and Blahak going over from the ten. Ted Mimick missed the extra point and that left the teams tied 6-6 at intermission.

It was in the third quarter when the Hastings kids got what proved to be the winning touchdown.

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# M. Staroscik Gains High Pep Office

Mary Ann Staroscik will lead the "Bonnettes," St. Bonaventure's Pep Club, as president, according to the election of officers on September 10.

Mary Ellen Marsolek, and Pat Vruble have been chosen vice president and secretary-treasurer respectively, to assist her.

The Pep Club is planning to have a limited membership for the first time.

All members must have the Pep Club uniform and wear it at every game. The uniform, which is the same as last year except for the sweaters, consists of green corduroy slacks and white V-necked sweaters.

The organization is again under the direction of Sister Verona.

# Katie Did It!

**KATIE DID IT.** She met THREE GUYS NAMED MIKE. She said that FATHER IS A BACHELOR and always says to TAKE CARE OF MY LITTLE GIRL. They all started out for the BIG CARNIVAL, ON MOON-LIGHT BAY.

As they were COMIN' ROUND THE MOUNTAIN, they took the RIGHT CROSS road. They met THE MEN from the DARK CITY. HARVEY was with them. He had met them as a STRANGER ON A TRAIN. They started talking about the ROYAL WEDDING which was held on MAD WEDNESDAY. Along came FRANCIS in his HOTROD. He was accompanied by SOLDIERS THREE who had just come from RUSTY'S BIRTHDAY party.

They all decided to go to the COUNTY FAIR. SUGARFOOT was the main attraction on the SHOWBOAT which was standing ON THE RIVIERA. As they were nearing the HOUSE ON TELEGRAPH HILL Katie decided to go to see PEGGY. She told them to MEET ME AFTER THE SHOW and we'll all go to the HOUSE ON 42ND STREET.

# 18 Lettermen Lead '51 Gridsters

Coach Cletus Fischer has between forty and fifty boys out for football, including eighteen returning lettermen, for the 1951 term.

The Irish, hoping to improve their 6-3 record of last year, face a tough 10-game schedule with such standards as Holy Name of Omaha, Seward, and Omaha Cathedral.

The returning lettermen are Ted Mimick, Alvin Chochon, Dennis Baumert, John Kaminski, Dick Tooley, John Blahak, Bill Messing, Herman Keefer, Dennis Nosal, Tom Zuroski, Larry Sanders, Dave Bowe, John Robb, Ronnie Melcher, Don Sokol, Don Schmidt, Lawrence Miller, and Keith Speicher.

Promising material include Jim Hoshor, Ken Cielocha, Martin Dunn, Joe Dineen, Bob Wemhoff, Gene Savage, Jack Gladfeiter, Dean Soulliere, Gene Nosal, Jerry Thalke, Mick Tooley, Max Woerth, Kenneth Roddy, Vincent Galley, and Bill Murphy.

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# Dedication

We dedicate this issue of the paper and more especially this page to the deceased Ray Marsolek, former Sports Editor of "The Venture," who drowned on August 12, while swimming with companions in Wagner's Lake.



Ray, while in high school was an all-around athlete and leader of his class. He lettered in football, basketball and track in his junior and senior years. During the course of his high school days, he was president of the Student Council, class president, Boys' State representative, county clerk in Cornhusker County Government, vice prefect of the Third Order for two years, member of the Holy Name Society, and sports editor on the Annual.

Ray attended St. Joseph Seminary in Westmont, Illinois during his freshman and sophomore years and since graduation had attended Quincy College, Illinois.

# Old Grade Building Dons 'New Look'

New classrooms and new equipment was the big news at the beginning of this 1951-'52 school year.

Eight rooms vacated by the grade school have been redone and furnished for use for the high school. The new department for General Shop and Mechanical Drawing are located on the main floor. The typing room, 'The Venture' staff room, music room and sophomore homeroom I are on the second floor. The former first grade room is now a freshman-sophomore athletic room.

New machinery and equipment include nine new typewriters of all makes and new desks and chairs. The ceiling of the music room is covered with soundproofing and venetian blinds are to be purchased for this room. The Staff room boasts of desks and cupboards and tables.

The Mechanical Drawing room is furnished with fourteen complete sets of instruments with all new equipment including a drill press, planer, jointer, circular saw and lathe. The boys have made three worktables.

The former grade school lunch room is now a study hall for the grade school teachers.

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# Shamrocks Trample Boys Town Reserves

The St. Bonaventure Shamrocks got off to a slow start, but turned loose their power in the second half to crush the Boys Town Reserves, 38-6. The Irish played their best offensive game rolling up 289 yards. Boys Town stayed close the first half, trailing 12-6, but the Shamrocks pulled away and copped it with three touchdowns in the final period.

John Blahak, halfback, paced the offense with three touchdowns. Dave Bowe, Lawrence Miller and Herman Keefer turned in rugged defense work to help stop the Reserves with only three first downs, two came through penalties.

Boys Town brought a big squad and substituted freely but only John Medlock and Ed Hicks showed flashes on offense.

St. Bonaventure marched 57 yards to score early in the first quarter. Tom Zuroski plunged over from the two.

Boys Town came back to score on the first play after the kickoff. Medlock showed some fancy running on the play which covered 63 yards.

A fumble, recovered by Bowe, set up the next T. D. After carries by Zuroski and Keith Speicher, Ted Mimick smashed over from the seven yard line. That ended the scoring for the first half.

Blahak scored the only touch down of the 3rd period. He returned a Boys Town punt 38 yards to the 14 and scampered around end the next play.

Dick Tooley's passing highlighted the last stanza. Early in the quarter he passed to Blahak for a 34 yard touchdown play. Midway in the period, Blahak scored again from the ten. In the last minutes, Tooley's passes to Don Schmid and Larry Sanders ate up 55 yards to the Boys Town six. Another pass to Don Sokol was completed in the end zone. Ted Mimick converted for two points after touchdowns.

# Gridsters Edge Irish Alumni, 7-0

The St. Bonaventure Shamrocks turned back the Alumni 7-0 in the second annual Varsity-alumni game.

The Irish could not get rolling till late in the last quarter, when a pass from John Blahak to Larry Sanders was good for about 35 yards to the one yard line, from there Blahak spun his way over to tally. Ted Mimick converted in the try for the point.

The alumni, though hampered by lack of players and practice, controlled the ball most of the first half. Then from there on, constant fumbling caused the alumni to lose the ball and the varsity took over.

Standouts for the alumni were Dave Schumacher on the offense and Jim Lippstreu on defense.

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# Students Elect Cheerleaders

Competition ran high as the election of cheerleaders was held in St. Bonaventure gym on September 6. This year something new was added at St. Bonaventure's. Ten cheerleaders were selected. Five cheerleaders for the varsity and five for the junior varsity teams.

The new cheerleading squad for the varsity team includes one boy—Bill Jarvis, and four girls—Rosalie Billesbach, Pat Tooley, Frances Fischer and Eleanor Syslo. Bernadette Holys has been chosen to be the drummer.

The cheerleading squad of the junior varsity team comprises Sharon Bove, Betty Gregorius, Phyllis Higgins, Stacta Bolin, and Helen Gahan.

In all there were twenty-four competitors, twelve for the varsity and twelve for the junior varsity teams. Besides those selected, try outs were Mary Ann Staroscik, Marilyn Johnson, Martha Laska, Sylvia Nosal, Elizabeth Kaminski, Elaine Buechter and Elaine Romanek.

Try outs for junior varsity included Pat Vruble, Shirley Urkoski, Carolee Thraen, Evelyn Pier, Dallas Uzendoski, Evelyn Pensick and Josephine Pensick.

The gathering was opened by a short talk by Father Roch, followed by Father Timothy, sports director; Coach Cletus Fischer; Mr. Van Ackeren, music director; and Sister Verona, Pep Club sponsor.

The St. Bonaventure band played two marches—"Repaz," and "Our Chief."

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## '51 Graduates Choose Careers

According to a recent survey, the forty graduates of 1951 are well-placed in the many fields of life.

The seven doing advanced work in education are as follows: Margaret Hayes, who has entered the Order of St. Francis at Denver, Colorado; Helen Marie Ternus, Marycrest College, Davenport, Iowa; Polly Speice, Duchesne College, Omaha; Mary Gerhold, St. Mary's of Notre Dame, Indiana; Paul Melcher, Norfolk Junior College, Norfolk; Alfred Micek, Creighton University, Omaha; and Ted Niedbalski, Business College, Omaha.

The graduates, who work in Columbus and their respective places, are as follows: Mary Jane Schaefer, F. W. Woolworth; Orletha Wass, Central National Bank; Rita Burzynski, Buzz Inn Cafe; Donna Rae Wheeler, Coast-to-Coast; Helen Dunn, Consumers Public Power District; Mary Ann Tworek, J. C. Penney's; LaVerna Wemhoff, Becton-Dickinson; Mary Ann Neurohr, Dr. Albright; Mary Ann Johnson, County Clerk's Office; Rita Schmid, West End Grocery; Mildred Roddy, St. Mary's Hospital; Rose Ann Vanek, Dale Products; Barbara DeLarme, Columbus Heating; Myrle Haddock, Behlen's Manufacturing Co.; Duane Drum, Texaco Service Station; William Ernst, Nite and Day Service Station; Robert Johnson, Art Printery; Jim Lippstreu, 7-Up Bottling Co.; Myron Mayberger, Rogers Farm Store; Ralph Pfeifer, Henke's Machine Shop; Kenneth Schaefer, Platte Valley Insulation; Clifford Speicher, Farmers Union Grocery; and Augie Warholoski, Donald Korger, Herman Blahak are employed at Swift and Co.

Six graduates—Norma Shonka, Carrol Ebner, Eugene Gates, Emil Jarecki, Marvin Mayberger and Jim Roberts are at home.

Sandra Mitera (Mrs. Bob Williams) is residing in Lincoln.

## Shamrock Shenanigans

Welcome freshies to St. Bons. Best of Luck to you in your future years at our Alma Mater.

Congrats! to our new cheerleaders. You did a splendid job at the first game.

Notice: New football uniforms! Hope they bring good luck???

A bus load to the first out of town game shows good school spirit!

Flash! New typewriters and a glow to the typing room.

The band seems to play better in their new uniforms! Neat, no?

We wish to welcome Sister Emma and Sister Herman Joseph to our faculty.

We hear that several football players have been taking extra laps for being late for practice. Ninth periods already, boys???

Song of the Month: Julida Polka. It really was initiated on the way to the St. Cecilia's game.

Do you want a Youth Center this year? How about some members???

Congratulations and three cheers for the freshmen, who had the most students try out for cheerleading.

We would appreciate any suggestions for a better name for this column.

The third game of the football season is what the girls were all waiting for. The obvious opponent was Boys Town Reserves. It brought to mind a remark made after last year's game by "Hand-some Al" Chochon. He merely said he was anxious to get to the Youth Center so he could dance with the gals from Boys Town.

John Robb says his ankle is getting along fine. The earliest he thinks he'll be able to play football is the day after the Holy Name game. (Why the day after, John??)

Lost . . . Several books in Room 5. Finder, please, return them to Julene P. for the next time we have a three day vacation she intends to study.

Lost . . . All sense of equilibrium. If anyone should happen to find it, please, return to Sylvia N. as she can't stand up without it.

Found . . . One genuine U. S. penny. Loser may have it back if he can describe it and name the date. Contact Arnold K.

Thumbing through the dictionary we ran across the words: "Seomrog Sionnachughims." Three guesses what it means. (See end of column).

Homecoming! Are your floats planned? Let's get out and make this a big "25th" celebration.

School dance was a big success. Freshies broke a record by getting out and showing the seniors how to dance! Congrats, Freshies!

During telephone conversation in Speech class—  
Dennis N.: "Hello, this is Joe Koekalaska."

John H.: "Hello, Charley?"  
At Sodaarty meeting, Sister C. talking about the Clothing Drive of last year.

Sister C.: "Last year at this time we were deep in the heart of—"

Sodalists: "TEXAS!!!"  
("Seomrog Sionnachughims" means: Shamrock Shenanigans)

## 4-H Members Receive Awards

Five students and one alumni of St. Bon's High, who are members of 4-H, took high ribbons at various fairs and shows, last month.

Margaret Hembd, senior, a member of Cornhusker Livestock and Busy Belles 4-H Clubs was Grand Champion of Homemaking. She received a blue ribbon for her braided rug, bed spread, a school outfit, a dresser-scarf, pillow slips, portfolio, covered chair, refinished chair, scrap book on leaves and a bouquet of flowers. In the Sears Contest, as fourth prize winner, she received a radio.

At the State Fair, she won a blue ribbon on her portfolio and a red ribbon on two steers; at Norfolk, a purple ribbon for a Shorthorn heifer and a blue ribbon for a Hereford heifer.

Leo Theile, senior, member of Pawnee Pioneers 4-H Club, won a purple and three blue ribbons on heifers at the Grand Island Dairy Show. At the Fair here, he was Grand Champion Dairy Showman, and Grand Champion Dairy Showman in the Open Class Division.

Leo, also won a purple ribbon on his Holstein purebred calf in dairy competition at the Ak-Sar-Ben Livestock Show in Omaha.

Barbara Mitera, freshman, was Grand Champion in style review, Reserve Champion on construction of her dress, and Grand Champion of food preservation. At the State Fair she received a blue ribbon on construction of her dress and a red ribbon on food preservation.

Adolphine Euteneuer and Laura Wemhoff, a junior and a freshman, and members of the Busy Belles won red ribbons on school dresses at the local fair.

Carroll Ebner, '50 St. Bons, and a member of Pawnee Pioneers, won five blue ribbons on Hampshire Hogs, four blue ribbons on Yorkshire in Open Class, and was Grand Champion of Yorkshire in Open Class at the local fair.

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## 'The Venture' Receives Highest Press Honors

### Quill & Scroll Presents Highest Possible Rating

"International Honor Award," highest possible achievement rating of Quill and Scroll International Society, and "All Catholic," top honor of the International Catholic School Press Association have been accorded to "The Venture" for distinctive achievements in scholastic journalism during the school year of 1950-'51.

This is the first time "The Venture" has merited the "International Honor Rating," which denotes a "Newspaper of Superior Achievements." The award is granted on the basis of reader appeal, overall layout, preciseness of news, and general management of the paper. The Catholic School Press Association again awarded the publication for the same basic principles and for the Catholic theme prevailing throughout the paper.

During the past four years under the editorship of Catherine Hauser, Pat Jarvis, Jody Olivetti, and Ina Claire Frischholz, the publication merited "International First Place from Quill and Scroll." "All Catholic" has been gained annually since 1948; previously "The

Venture" held "First Honors" from the Catholic School Press Association.

The ratings granted by Quill and Scroll are the following: International Honor Rating—Newspaper of Superior Achievements; International First Place Award—Newspaper of Substantial Achievements; International Second Place Award—Newspaper of Fair Achievements; International Third Place Award—Newspaper of Few Achievements; and Fourth Place—Achievements Low, with no awards.

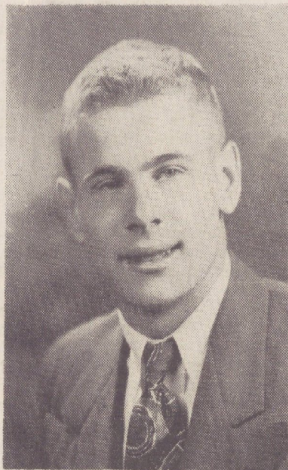
The ratings awarded by the Catholic School Press Association are "All Catholic," "First Honors" and "Second Honors."

Quill and Scroll is the journalism society of Northwestern University, and Catholic School Press Association is affiliated with the Marquette School of Journalism.

"The Venture" is also a member of the Nebraska High School Press Association of the University of Nebraska, and the Commission of American Citizenship Organization sponsored by the Catholic University of America.

Mary Gerhold headed "The Venture" last year and Mary Alice Moersen was assistant editor.

## 'All-State' Star



### J. Blahak Gains 'All-State' Honor

John Blahak, St. Bonaventure standout halfback, has been honored as one of the backs on the Class B All-State football team.

Blahak is the first St. Bonaventure griddier ever to gain All-State recognition since the school switched to 11-man football.

Swift and clever, Blahak racked up 18 touchdowns for a total of 108 points. This is a new all-time scoring record for St. Bonaventure, and makes John one of the top 11 man scorers of the state. Many of his touchdowns came on long runs. His top single game output was four markers registered against St. Joseph's of Omaha.

John was a triple threat back and is an all-around athlete. He has lettered three years in football and is also a capable performer in basketball and track. In American Legion baseball this summer, he was a regular, playing at pitcher and catcher positions.

Although he is known chiefly as a runner, John was a better-than-average passer and punter and a capable pass receiver. In defensive playing, when demanded, he was a rugged blocker as shown in the Holy Name game.

## Vocal Department Presents Yuletide Concert, Dec. 12-13

### Symphonette Orchestra Makes First Appearance

The vocal department of St. Bonaventure's High School will present a Yuletide Concert on Dec. 12 and 13 at 8 o'clock in the school auditorium.

The divisions of the music department, which will participate in the program, are the Symphonette Orchestra, Triple Trio, Glee Club and the Noel Choir—all under the direction of Mr. Joseph Van Ackeren, the head of the department.

The newly established Symphonette Orchestra will open the program with the following: "Christmas Fantasy," by Bergh Wilson; "Messiah Selection" by Handel-De Lamater; and "Parade of the Wooden Soldiers" by Jessel, to which Joyce Melcher and Joan Matya will perform a dance.

The Triple Trio, composed of the following: Sopranos—Arlene Pickhinke, Sheila McGowan, and

Joyce Melcher; Altos—Mary Ann Podraza, Stacia Bolin, and Joan Gregorius; Tenors—Connie Hittner, Barbara Markhofer and Mary Jo Tucek—will present three numbers, "Christmas Lullaby," a Polish Folk song; "Jesus in the Manger," a Polish melody; and "O Little Town of Bethlehem" by Renner-Brooks.

Next on the program, the Glee Club, composed of 55 voices, will present five numbers—"Sing Noel," a French carol of the 15th century; "Ye Watchers and Ye Holy Ones," a German melody; "Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star" by Wesley Anderson; "Joy to the World" by George Handel; "Carol of the Bells," a Ukrainian carol by M. Leontovich.

Terminating the concert will be the final numbers by the Noel Choir, which will sing "Lullaby on Christmas Eve" by F. M. Christiansen and "Silent Night" by Franz Gruber.

## 'Venture' Journalists Cop Top Honors

For the third straight year, St. Bonaventure students received top honors in the competitive contest at the Annual High School Press Convention held at Lincoln, on November 9 and 10.

Mary Alice Moersen won first place in news writing. Arlene Pickhinke received second in headline writing and Pat Tooley placed third in journalistic vocabulary. Other students that entered contests were the following: Mary Ann Podraza, editorial writing; Bernadette Holys, feature writing; Ray Brezinski, current events, and Dennis Nosal, photography.

Mary Alice Moersen was one of the members in a panel discussion on "Planning Next Year's Convention." Last year, too, the editor of "The Venture" participated in a panel discussion.

St. Bonaventure was represented by thirty-five journalists at the convention, and was recorded as having the largest representation of any school in Nebraska.

The Convention Convocation, which was opened by a welcome address and response, was highlighted by a speech, "Three Alarms," given by Nebraska's Governor Val Peterson.

Eight hundred seventy-five Nebraska high school students attended the series of clinics and panel discussions on Friday afternoon and Saturday morning.

## M. A. Schuele Wins Democracy Contest

Mary Ann Schuele, junior, placed first from St. Bonaventure High in the "I Speak for Democracy" Contest, held November 14 in the Kramer Auditorium. She gained second place in the City Awards. Jon Robb, junior, merited second place from St. Bon's.

Julene Pfeifer, Charles Weidel, and Bernice Dolezal were among the nineteen participants.

The judges—P. W. Lakers, Mrs. Ray Ellefson, and Mrs. Emily Gass—found that Joyce McMeekin from Kramer and Mary Ann Schuele, both had the same number of points. To break the tie two more judges—W. F. Bates and Joe McKown—were called and the winning scripts were read again. After a good deal of consideration, the judges announced Miss McMeekin as the top winner for Columbus, whose speech will be entered into the state contest.

## S. B. Students Enter Speech Tournament

For the first time, Saint Bonaventure's students are taking part in the Creighton Invitation Speech Meet, Dec. 1, at Creighton Prep in Omaha.

Both seniors and juniors are participating under the direction of Sister Laurentine. Those entering the contests are as follows: seniors—Bill Messing, Mary Ellen Marsolek, Barbara Markhofer, Mary Lou Stuehmer, Connie Hittner, and Bernice Dolezal; juniors—Mary Ann Schuele and Charles Weidel.

In the first rounds of speaking, which begin at 9:30 a. m. and 11 a. m., all entries speak. After lunch, Round III, in which the winners of the morning rounds take part, begins.

At three o'clock the announcing of decisions and the awarding of trophies and ribbons will take place.

Contestants may participate in the following: Humorous Declamations; Dramatic Declamations; Prepared Oratory; Original Oratory; Impromptu Speaking; Extemporaneous Speaking; Poetry Reading; and Newscasting Contests.

Each speaker is graded according to points. The school having the most points at the end of the day is awarded a trophy. The speaker who wins first, second, or third place, in each event, is to be awarded a ribbon.

Last year was the first that a Catholic Speech Meet was held in Omaha, and nine Catholic schools sent 125 speakers.

## S. B. School Faculty Attends Convention

The members of the St. Bonaventure High and grade school faculty attended the Annual State Teachers' Convention, which was held on October 24 and 25 in three Nebraska cities.

The high school was in session Thursday, while the grade school teachers attended the convention. On Friday the grade school held school in session, and the high school faculty went to the meeting.

Sister Laurentine, Sister Gabriel, Sister Colette, Sister Herman Joseph, Sister Emma, Father Martin, and Father Timothy—all attended the convention at Omaha. Sister Honoriana and Sister Verona traveled to Milwaukee, Wisconsin, to a National Catholic Press Congress.

## Marsolek, Mimick Become '51 Homecoming 'Royalty'

Mary Ellen Marsolek, senior, was crowned Homecoming Queen between the halves of the St. Mary's of Grand Island-St. Bonaventure football game. Fullback, Ted Mimick, who reigned as king, performed the coronation ceremony.

The Queen's Court consisted of Pat Tooley, Estelle Wemhoff, Mary Ann Podraza, and Ruth Kluever. The five girls were nominated by the senior class and voted upon by the entire student body. The king was selected by the football team. The identity of the king and queen was kept a secret until the time of the crowning.

For the coronation, the Queen and her Ladies of Honor rode in a convertible to the center of the field, where they were met by the King and his Royal Court—Dick Tooley, John Blahak, Dennis Baumert and Don Sokol.

The school band provided music and marching routines after the crowning. The band made an "H" formation to welcome St. Mary's and "B. H." for Bonaventure High. A square dance performance, given while the band played "Turkey In the Straw," was presented by Janet Czuba, Mary Catherine Liss, Janet Placzek, Lucille Pensick, Laura Wemhoff, Carole Thraen, Kathryn Zelasney, and Shirley Urkoski.

At one o'clock Friday, a variety show, "A La Memoirs," was presented in the school auditorium.

The main attraction of the show was the presentation of the radio phonograph to the school by the 1951 Pep Club.

A colorful parade was staged following the variety show. The parade, led by the band, included floats and alumni of various graduating classes riding in cars.

## 1951 Homecoming King and Queen



MARY ELLEN MARSOLEK and TED MIMICK

### HEAR YE!

Who?—Boys Town Choir.  
What?—Winter Concert.  
When?—Sunday, Dec. 9.  
Where?—City Auditorium.  
Director?—Father Schmitt.  
Sponsor?—St. Bon's Parish.  
Admission?—\$1.25 and 50c.

### R. Brezinski Merits Top Salesman's Title

In the annual Magazine Contest, the boys claimed the top salesman, Ray Brezinski, whose sales amounted to \$36.50. The girls' team, headed by Rosalie Billesbach, won out in the long run with a total of \$161.25, to the boys' \$139.00. The contest began on November 8 and ended on the 21st.

As last year, the room selling the most magazines, was the freshmen, room 4, which sold \$119.50 worth of magazines.

The students sold magazines amounting to \$300.25. The school's commission will amount to \$103.00. Emphasizing the sale of Catholic literature, thirty-six of the eighty-nine sales were Catholic magazines.

As a special feature Francis, the mule, was given to the top salesman of the day. Francis, a stuffed donkey, was covered with canvas. Each "Winner of the Day" carried him to classes that day and also photographed his canvas-covered back.

"Winners of the Day" were as follows: Bernard Laska, Betty Sladdens, Ray Brezinski, Shirley Urkoski, Barbara Mitera, Mary C. Liss, Dick Tooley, and Sheila McGown.



# Shamrock Shenanigans

The football season is done and through, For the T. V. and radio fan, too. For the player, manager, fans, and Clete, Bonnie's boys could hardly be beat.

CONGRATS to the Homecoming King and Queen—(Ted and Mary Ellen).

SONG of the month: "Cold, Cold Heart" — it brings to mind the ones who give us ninth periods.

FLASH! Be on the lookout for John Blahak — he has a sudden tendency for breaking things. (Things like school records with 18 touchdowns and 108 points).

Sister C. (in physics class): "What is another name for 'water glass'?"

Jon R.: "Tumbler." (Aluminum silicate).

Three cheers for the football team for their fine showing in the Holy Name game; in beating Seward, and in being rated in the top ten in Class B.

What is this thing called B-O-O-I-I-N-N-G-G? (Sounds like Bobby-pins).

The school journalism staffs really show good school spirit. (Thirty-five down to the Press Convention).

Tony Augustine is going to quit driving to school because of deflation. (Flat tires, that is).

The Doc should come and check the students' eye-sight soon, for a few can't tell whether a car window is rolled up or down. (Eh, Joe?).

LOST: Sleep at the Press Convention.

FOUND: Next day at lectures. Sister C.: "What makes the stars twinkle?"

Herbert A.: "Must be a short circuit."

Sister H. J.: "Who invaded Italy from the North?"

C. K.: "The Ballbarians."

CONGRATS to the freshies for throwing their first dance which was a real success.

A pat on the back goes to Mary Ann Schuele and Jon Robb for winning first and second from St. Bona, respectively, in the "I Speak for Democracy" contest.

WANTED!! Ambitious freshmen and sophomores, who are willing to work on "The Venture" to replace juniors and seniors who are "growing old."

Sister L.: "There are many words that are of one-syllable type — boys, girls, rats, etc."

Buzz: "Not insinuating, are you, Sister?"

# Students View Religious Picture

"Our Lady of Perpetual Help," a slide picture, was shown to the students this month by Father Martin.

The movie told of how the famous picture of Our Lady of Perpetual Help was raised to a place of honor in a small European Church. Before her request was granted the picture traveled hundreds of miles through the hands of people, who were unworthy of having the beautiful portrait.

The production showed that this is our Blessed Mother's favorite picture; that She wished it to be revered, judging from the two persons struck dead upon refusing her commands concerning this "picture of pictures."

# Surprised Student Unveils 'The Thing'

At last the secret is out. The mysterious "Thing" has been discovered. Bill J. made the astounding discovery in Speech Class a few weeks ago.

It seems the Speech Class was taking part in an animated discussion. They had just been forced down in a plane due to some engine trouble. Bill was the pilot. He tried to make everything as pleasant for his passengers as possible. He went about asking questions and introducing the passengers to each other. Then it happened! Bill put his arm around John H. and said, and I quote—"And now we have a few words from this THING." Yes, Bill has indeed done the world a good turn by making this important discovery.

# Creighton Jesuit Advises Seniors

The Reverend Thomas Bowdern, S. J. of Creighton University, of Omaha, addressed the senior class, recently, to induce them to further their education.

Father invited those who plan to continue their education, after graduation from high school, to come to Creighton.

Father Bowdern told the students that the University now welcomes both girls and boys. He explained that after the war so many veterans came to Creighton under the G. I. Bill that many applicants had to be turned down and Creighton became practically a boys' college. The situation is now nearly back to normal, making the University co-ed.

Various pamphlets were left by Father so the students could obtain more information about Creighton.

# Annual Staff Holds Candy Sale, Hop

To the scampering of the Bunny Hop, the Sock Hop, held by the Annual staff, got underway on November 21, in the school auditorium. The staff also held a candy sale that afternoon.

The dance and the candy sale netted \$52.07 for the Annual production.

The features of the night included several "shag" dances, a bottle exchange dance, girls' choice, solos, and sock dances. "The life of the party" was the assortment of socks and the outlandish modes worn by the dancers.

"A Thanksgiving turkey" in the form of a pair of socks and "the trimmings", and a pound of corn candy were presented as door prizes to Dorothy Gladfelter and Mary Zarek, respectively.

The general chairmen of the dance were Gennene Spidle and Bernadette Holys.

# S.B.H. Participates In C. W. Congress

The faculty and students of St. Bonaventure High participated in the 27th Omaha Arch-diocesan Council of Catholic Women Convention, held on October 22, here in Columbus, at the St. Bonaventure Church and the city auditorium.

His Excellency Gerald T. Bergan, Archbishop of Omaha, who officially opened the Convention with Solemn Pontifical High Mass, was guest speaker at the afternoon banquet.

The faculty, who took part, were Father Roch Hettinger, who spoke at the banquet; Father Martin Wolter, and Father Timothy Healy, who assisted the Archbishop in the sanctuary; and Sister Honoriana, who spoke on the topic, "Christ in the School," on the panel, "Serving Christ." Father John Schniegenberg of St. Anthony's gave the prayer at the afternoon session.

Students who rendered their services were the following: Pages — M. E. Marsolek, M. Noonan, C. Hittner and R. Messing; Typists for Registration — T. Mostek, G. Spidle, L. German, B. Markhofer, B. Koch, E. Wemhoff and M. A. Podraza; Waitresses at the banquet — D. Melliger, M. A. Schuele, B. Kretz, E. Romanek, S. Sokol, V. Jarecki, M. A. Euteneuer, M. Zarek, B. Dolezal, M. Hembd, M. Paprocki, J. Clark and G. Pensick. Mrs. F. Gerber was in charge of the general arrangements.

The convention, which included approximately 50 clergymen and 900 Catholic women, held its program in two sessions. The morning division, which consisted of the Solemn High Mass, Deanery reports, and the panel, "Serving Christ," were held in the church. Arch-diocesan moderator Father John Juricek opened the session with prayer.



# Simpering Seniors Sob Sorrowfully

Hooray! 32-6 and St. Bon's loyal lads have played their last game victoriously. But look at our senior boys. They don't seem very happy about it. What's the matter with them?

Golly, Johnny B. — and those tears streaming down his face. Don't take it so hard, Johnny!

And look at Denny B. — sitting in the middle of the floor blowing his nose. Watch out Denny, you'll break your ear drum!

Man, who's that in the corner? Oh! It's Dickie T. What's the matter with you, you're shaking all over? Are you cold? Do you have the blues too? Someone please tell me what's going on!

Oh! Johnny K. — not you, too! Here take my hanky and don't snuffle like that.

And Tommy Z. — I never expected to see you crying like that. Cheer up, Tommy, everything will be O.K.

Ted M. — Is that you? Please don't cry, Ted, or you'll have me crying too.

Who's that sobbing over there? So it's you, Alvin C. Maybe you can tell me what — Oh, I guess it's no use, I'll never get anything out of him.

Won't someone please tell me just what's the matter? I'm just about ready to cry. Hey, there's Don S. and Herman K. Maybe they can tell me between sobs. Come on, fellows, be sports and tell.

What? Oh, of course, now I understand (sniff). I feel almost as bad as you do by now.

Do you folks want to know what's the matter? Well, these seniors have played their last game for ole' St. Bon's. And they all feel pretty bad about it. So do we, fellows. You have been our pride and joy all these years and we're sorry to see you go. We can't stop you but — thanks for all the victories and even the losses. It's been our best football season in the history of our school.



Creeping out of my "beloved" hovel in the staff room last week, I chanced to hear several of St. Bon's juniors and seniors telling what they were thankful for. I thought maybe ye would be interested to hear what some of them are really thankful for. Here they are —

I am thankful that . . .

Keith S.—I am so "handsome!"

Larry S.—Typing is the last period of the day.

Elaine B.—I am always getting caught chewing gum!

Sylvia N.—I can use the typewriter during the seventh period.

Buzz G.—I sit next to Butch B. only once a day.

Tommy Z.—We had such a wonderful football season.

Alvin C.—I am thankful for all! Mary Ellen M. and Eugene S.—That I am a student of St. Bon's.

Lucille P.—Thanksgiving falls on a school day.

Bernice D.—That I am me.

Ronnie M.—I don't run around with morons.

Lois G.—Ruth K. got her driver's license. (Now I won't have to worry about her joining the Death Dodgers!)

Arthur R.—That I have a typewriter with the letters on the keys.

Charles W.—There is no more Physics than there already is, which is already too much!

La Verne T.—The new heating system took so long to be installed. (Two free days!)

Max W.—What am I thankful for? You'll never guess. (Geometry?)

Arlene P.—That we have two free days. (Thanksgiving).

I, O'Leary Leprechaun, am thankful to be able to live in the St. Bon's staff room.

See you all, next issue!



# Celebrate Thanksgiving Daily!

To most people Thanksgiving is usually a family day, celebrated with big dinners and joyous reunions. Many persons travel hundreds of miles to spend the day with their parents. The very mention of Thanksgiving often calls up memories of old farm house kitchens and pantries crowded with good things to eat. But Thanksgiving is also a time for serious religious thinking, church services, and personal prayer.

If the Pilgrims of 1621 found it in their hearts to give thanks for what they had, surely, we Americans of 1951, living in the land of prosperity and freedom, should find the time to do the same. Give thanks for what? Just what do we have? We have freedom—God's richest and most precious gift. What would we do without our freedom—of religion, press, speech, and from want? More than ever, during these insecure times, we should be thankful to God, so that He will continue to preserve it in our homes, churches, schools, and country!

Sincere gratitude is made up of "the little things," as the Little Flower of Jesus says, which we do daily for the honor of God, our souls, and our own sanctification. For example getting up a little earlier and going to Holy Mass; Holy Communion; helping with the work at home; doing a good deed; a mortification; saying some extra ejaculations each day; renewing our good intention often; and countless other ways.

Thanksgiving Day is a gentle reminder!

LOIS GERMAN.

# Want A Happy Christmas?

No midnight Mass! No Holy Communion! No Choir singing carols! What would Christmas be without them? That's what happens in many mission countries, where there are no priests, nor missionaries.

How many of us really realize what a priest means, especially at Christmas? Why not thank God, for having blest us with priests, by doing something for people in the mission lands, so that they, too, can be able to participate in the Holy Mass, the greatest Christmas gift, on Christ's own Birthday.

Since Advent is a time of Preparation—spiritual and material, we could help ourselves and the missions at the same time. How? Spiritually, we should say the daily rosary; we could go to daily Mass; we could go to Holy Communion, perhaps, once a week, or even daily; we could sing and answer the Mass prayers lots better; and in many other ways—all this, for ourselves and the missions.

Materially, we could save our money, the money which we would otherwise spend on gum, candy, smokes, drinks, movies, dates, and loads of other things. It would be a mortification and a sacrifice, which would help to prepare our souls for the coming of Jesus, and at the same time, our offering would benefit the missions by making their Christmas happier.

Can you imagine how it would be without a single priest! How would we feel, if today, suddenly all our priests would have to pack up and leave. Think—no one to baptize us, to give us Holy Communion, to marry us, to say Mass, to hear our Confessions, and to give us the last Sacraments! Heaven would seem pretty far away, and Christmas—well, I guess there just wouldn't be any! Where would we be if, when our country was in its early days, Catholic missionaries had not come along to attend to our spiritual welfare? Probably, we would not have the true Catholic Faith, and we might even become victims of the devil, and lose our soul!

This is the time to do something about it—work hard, ten times harder than the Communists do in their diabolical strategic campaigns. So let every kid at St. Bona help to enable missionaries to put Christ into more and more pagan hearts on the Christmas Day of 1951, and all the remaining 364 days, too!

What a happy Christmas will be ours because to give is to be happy!

EUGENE WENNEKAMP.

# Get An Insurance Policy!

"Jesus help the Holy Souls, and may their torment cease. May light eternal shine on them, and may they rest in peace." Today at Mass we sang these beautiful lines for the alleviation of those who are patiently enduring sufferings in purgatory and hungering for the Beatific Vision—their only goal and aim.

Were you really interceding and sending up a plea in behalf of the Poor Souls or were you simply mumbling a few words or perhaps sleeping through it? If you were really in earnest you will back up your words with actions throughout the day. Your every word, motion, and heartbeat can be a Poor Soul's ticket to heaven. Can you think of a better insurance policy for your own salvation than helping other souls to reach God? Remember, the Poor Souls never forget a favor and they will never forget you!

Won't it be wonderful some day when we are in purgatory to look down and hear a group of students singing with devotion—"Jesus, help the Holy Souls, and may their torments cease."

BERNICE DOLEZAL.

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# St. Bonaventure Football Squad Cops Sixth Place in Class B

## C. Fischer Directs Irish Powerhouse

Coach Cletus Fischer's St. Bonaventure Shamrocks gained the sixth berth in State Class B ratings according to the final ratings of the Omaha World-Herald. This is the highest rating ever attained by a St. Bonaventure's football team, six or eleven man.

The Irish first entered the top ten at the tenth spot, after their fine showing against powerful Holy Name of Omaha. Holy Name went on to finish their season undefeated and were rated tops in Class B.

The following week the Shamrocks jumped to the 7th peg after handing Seward a 32 to 6 defeat. Seward is rated at the 8th spot of Class B schools.

The top 10 teams are chosen on the basis of performance in their major games and general team ability.

## Outstanding Irish Receive Awards

John Blahak, Dave Bowe, and Tom Zuroski, merited "Player of the Week" awards from the "Sports Staff" of the Omaha World-Herald for their outstanding play during the 1951 football season.

John Blahak, a senior halfback, was awarded the "Player of the Week" title when he rambled for four touchdowns against St. Mary's of Grand Island in the Homecoming Game.

Dave Bowe, junior, received his award when he starred defensively against highly rated Holy Name of Omaha. Bowe's inspiring play helped to hold the Ramblers to a 14-6 edge over the underrated Shamrocks.

Tom Zuroski, senior, made State-wide fame when he shook loose for a terrific 70-yard touchdown against Seward. Tom, a senior, also made other good runs to help chalk up another victory for the Shamrocks by the score of 32-6.

## Fighting Irish Upset Confused Johawks

The hard fighting St. Bon's Shamrocks over-powered a bewildered St. Joseph of Omaha team October 5, on a muddy, rain-swept field to a tune of 47-0.

Quarterback Dick Tooley kept excellent control of the slippery pigskin, aided with hard, fast downfield blocking. Speedy John Blahak, Ted Mimick and Tommy Zuroski accounted for long, hard fought gains. In the line, Larry Sanders, Dave Bowe, Herman Keefe, John Kaminski and Dennis Baumert were stand-outs.

Blahak turning in a good all-around game and accounted for four of the Irish scores, one being a 65-yard run and still another covering 95 yards.

Bonnies wasted no time in scoring when Sanders spilled Wehner behind the Johawks goal line for a safety. Zuroski returned the free kick 18 yards to St. Joe's 41 and the Irish marched downfield with Blahak going over from the 14.

After a feeble punt Blahak scored again from the 15, and Mimick ran the extra for a 15-0 quarter edge.

Hard-driving Zuroski brought the crowd to a roar when he powered from St. Bon's 29 to the Omahan's 3 before being hauled down from behind. The next play he scooted to paydirt.

Bowe accounted for the next tally, taking a punt on his own 40 and raced 60 yards down the sideline for a touchdown.

Early in the third stanza, Blahak intercepted a pass and scampered 65 yards, with Mimick making the conversion, and a few minutes later went 24 yards to score.

The last play of the quarter saw Blahak throw it into high gear and roar 95 yards for the final marker. Aided with 35 yards in penalties, St. Joe's drove to Bonnie's 2-yard line, but Bowe quelled the threat by intercepting a pass.



Left to right—Front Row: D. Bowe, L. Sanders, A. Chochon, L. Miller, D. Baumert, J. Kaminski, R. Melcher, D. Sokol, and H. Keefe. Back Row: D. Schmidt, T. Mimick, J. Gladfelder, K. Cieloha, M. Dunn, J. Thalken, E. Savage, J. Hoshor, D. Tooley, J. Dineen, T. Zuroski, K. Speicher, J. Blahak, B. Messing, and J. Robb.

## Twelve Gridsters Score Touchdowns

Finishing the season with a 7-2 record, twelve boys, including six seniors, broke into the scoring column for the Shamrocks. The Irish gridsters rolled up 284 points against 44 for their opponents.

John Blahak, senior halfback who rambled to pay dirt 18 times for a total of 108 points, sparked the Irish.

Ted Mimick, a hard hitting back, followed Blahak with 48 points. Ted was the kicking specialist, and split the uprights 18 times.

Tom Zuroski, small but mighty fullback, scored 7 touchdowns, highlighted by his 70-yard kickoff return against Seward.

Dave Bowe, junior end and defensive halfback, scored 3 times this season—twice on punt returns and once with an intercepted pass.

Jim Hoshor, sophomore back, racked up 18 points and had a couple of T. D.'s called back.

Don Sokol, senior end, accounted for 12 points on passes.

Dick Tooley, senior quarterback, sneaked across for a touchdown and added the extra point. Tooley's passes were responsible for much of the Shamrocks' yardage.

Herman Keefe, senior tackle, racked up one touchdown and sparked the defense.

Larry Sanders, junior end, tallied once on a pass from Tooley. Larry was rugged on defensive and a fine offensive end.

Don Schmid, junior back, hit paydirt only once, but his hard running rolled up much of the yardage.

Dean Soulliere, 5' 6" sophomore end, accounted for one T. D. and proved he was a capable receiver.

Kenneth Cieloha, speedy sophomore halfback, scored once and contributed some important gains.

## Loyal Lads Blast Newman Grove

St. Bonaventure steam-rolled Newman Grove on the Newman Grove gridiron October 12 by the score of 56 to 6.

Thirty-eight boys saw action for the Irish and all delivered well. A hard charging line and rugged downfield blocking sprang loose the fast stepping Shamrock backs.

John Blahak continued his touchdown parade with three touchdowns, two covering more than 50 yards. Don Schmid rambled for a 60-yard touchdown while Dave Bowe returned a punt 55 yards for a tally. Jim Hoshor scampered 42 yards to paydirt.

Other markers were registered by Tom Zuroski, Ted Mimick and Dean Soulliere. Mimick and Dick Tooley each kicked a placement.

The hustling Newman Grove team came through with a touchdown late in the final quarter. Jim Stanley crashed over from the one, for their only touchdown.

A Newman Grove pass and a 15-yard Irish penalty moved the ball into scoring position.

## Trim Shamrocks Threaten Highly-Rated Holy Name

### Costly Fumbles Permit Ramblers Only Scoring

A rugged St. Bonaventure football team came close to exploding the Holy Name winning streak here, October 24.

A crowd of approximately 1200, one of the largest crowds in Bonnies history, saw a highly-touted Rambler team get the scare of its life.

Holy Name kicked to the Shamrocks and Bonnies fumbled on the first play, with Holy Name recovering. Jim Decker, the King Pin, in the Rambler offense, raced 16 yards to pay dirt on the first play. Decker's kick was good. This first touchdown came with only 53 seconds gone in the game, and the crowd braced themselves for a long evening.

Again the Ramblers kicked with the Shamrocks receiving on the 17-yard line. A fifteen yard penalty on the second play took the ball to the 2-yard line. Once again the Irish fumbled with Omaha recovering. Bob Daly smacked the line and fumbled. The ball rolled over the goal line where Jim Caniglia recovered for Holy Name's second touchdown. Again Decker booted the placement, making the score read 14-0 with 4:11 gone in the first quarter.

From here on out the Sham-

rocks showed their Irish, battling the Ramblers in a hard-running and hard-tackling ball game. After battling and getting nowhere, Bonnies took the ball on their own 37. They then powered their way, aided with good blocking, down to the Ramblers 6-yard line, with John Blahak punching to pay dirt on the next play. Ted Mimick's kick was wide. Just before the half ended, the Irish were knocking on Holy Name's door again.

In the first period the Shamrocks had held the invaders from a first down and led in net yardage gained, holding Holy Name to only 21 yards.

The second half saw two hard hitting, rugged football teams trying to break the others defense, but all attempts were futile as the second half went scoreless. The clock ran out throwing Holy Name the win by eight points, 14-6.

Doc Kaminski played a "rock-em, sock-em" defensive end and Dave Bowe stood out at his defensive halfback spot.

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## Gridsters Trounce Powerful Bluejays

The St. Bonaventure Shamrocks won their sixth game of the year by trouncing a highly regarded Seward team 32-6. The Blue jays, rated seventh in Class B, were completely out-played by the Irish.

The Shamrocks didn't get rolling until the last half and then led by Ted Mimick, Johnny Blahak and Tom Zuroski, the Irish crossed the goal line four times.

The Columbus boys got their first score in the last of the first period when Blahak broke away on a 52-yard run to the Seward 8-yard line; from there Zuroski carried over. The second period was a defensive game with both teams fighting hard.

In the third period St. Bon's went 60 yards with Blahak going over the ten.

In the last part of the fourth period Blahak scooted right end for 30 yards and a score. Then again Blahak went from the 10-yard line to end his scoring for the evening.

Seward picked up its only score when Dean Goldsmith intercepted an Irish pass and raced 55-yards to payland.

Zuroski took the following kickoff on his own 30-yard line and raced 70 yards behind fine blocking for a touchdown.

## Shamrocks Crush Grand Island, 51-0

The St. Bonaventure Shamrocks celebrated Homecoming by defeating St. Mary's of Grand Island 51-0. The Irish held the winning hand throughout the game, though the Ramblers put up a game battle. The Shamrocks led 20-0 at the end of the first quarter and were never threatened after that.

Mimick started the scoring by returning the opening kickoff to the Irish 38. On the next play he scooted 2 yards to paydirt only to have it nullified by an off-side penalty, but on the next play, Tom Zuroski went 67 yards around end to score. Midway in the first quarter the Irish marched 51 yards with a pass from Tooley to Don Sokol covering the final 18 yards. Mimick converted his second extra point. To end the scoring the first period, Blahak intercepted a pass and went 35 yards to paydirt.

To start off the second quarter, the Shamrocks marched 52 yards to a touchdown with Tooley sneaking over from the one. Mimick turned in fine running to spark the drive. Late in the quarter they again marched 51 yards to a touchdown, with Jim Hoshor going over from the one. That ended the scoring in the first half, leaving the score 32-0.

To open the second half, the Irish rolled 58 yards to touchdown land with Dave Bowe and Ken Cieloha doing the running. A 74-yard march in the final quarter was good for St. Bon's seventh tally. Blahak went the final 50 yards. A few minutes later Mimick passed to Larry Sanders for 27 yards and the final touchdown.

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### Local Theater Treats Columbus Gridsters

"What's the matter with the team" was the cry, which filled the Columbus Theater, the night of November 10 when the picture, "The Guy Who Came Back", was shown in honor of the St. Bonaventure and Kramer High football teams.  
Janice Asche, head cheerleader of Kramer High, introduced the cheerleaders of both schools and announced the yells. Following this, Mr. Cletus Fischer, St. Bon's coach, and Mr. Joe Lindahl, coach at Kramer, gave brief talks and introduced their senior players.  
It was noted, that with the exception of Lincoln and Omaha, Columbus is the only city in the state which supports two top football teams—one class A and one class B.

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## Second Band Opens Christmas Program

The St. Bonaventure Grade School band made its debut by opening the annual grade school Christmas program, December 20, in the newly completed grade school social hall.

The band, under the direction of Mr. Joseph Van Ackeren, rendered the following traditional carols: "Adeste Fideles," "Angels We Have Heard on High," "Beautiful Savior," "Deck the Halls," "Good King Wenceslaus," "O Little Town of Bethlehem," "Silent Night," "Up on the House-Top," and "We Three Kings."

The kindergarten class gave a Christmas recitation, "Who Sold Santa Claus?" Following this, the first grade depicted a scene of the "Children at the Crib."

The Rhythm Band, composed of the second grade, made a hit playing the following selections: "The More We Get Together"; "Mary Had a Little Lamb"; "Twinkle, Twinkle, Little Star"; and "Up on the House Top."

"At the Station" a skit, was staged by the third grade, who also, sang, "Oh December."

The fourth grade gave a poem, "A Visit From St. Nicholas."

The fifth and sixth grade B sang "Star of the Evening," and "May the Good Lord Bless and Keep You," respectively.

Several poems—"A Christmas Wish," "When Santa Was a Boy," and "Christmas Exercise"—were presented by the sixth grade A.

The seventh grade rendered a choral reading, "To Bethlehem."

A musical number by the grade school band closed the evening.

The grade school band members are as follows: Clarinets—Kay Phillips, Delores Shefcyk, Sharon Messersmith, Nicholas Wheeler, Dennis Novicki, and Donald Krzycki; Cornets—Frank Hanel, Allen Kusek, Dennis Daly, Jerome Kneifel, Dennis Novotny, and John Scharrf; Horn—Bob Augustine; Baritone—Dennis Stangel; Alto Saxophones—Janet Bures, Jack Hinze, Lea Markhofer, Diana Stangel, Frances Pfaff, and Rose Mary Moschenross; Bells—Elaine Siemek; Tenor Sax—Ted Pfeifer; Trombones—Joseph Woerth, Charles Miecek, and Carol Wemhoff; Percussion, Field Drum—Judith Franklin; and Bass Drum, Shirley Slade.

## R. Brezinski Enters Scholarship Test

Ray Brezinski, a senior, who plans to be an ichthyologist (one who studies fish life) will enter the Nation-Wide Science Talent Search. Preliminary examinations, in connection with the Eleventh Annual Science Talent Search, will be held December 15, under the supervision of Sister Colette, Science instructor.

The Science Talent Search for the Westinghouse Science Scholarship is conducted annually by Science Clubs of America, administered by Science Service. The purpose of the Search is to discover and foster the education of boys and girls with skill, talent, and creative originality in science.

Forty boys and girls, who lead in the preliminary examinations, will be given all-expense-paid trips to Washington to attend the Science Talent Institute for five days early next spring and take the final examinations for the scholarship. One contestant will be selected by a board of judges to receive a Westinghouse Grand Science Scholarship of \$2,800 (\$700 per year for four years). One other contestant will receive a Westinghouse Grand Science Scholarship of \$2,000 (\$500 per year for four years). Eight more contestants will receive Westinghouse scholarships of \$400 (\$100 per year for four years) and \$3,000 additional in scholarships will be awarded.

## Big Crowd Attends Youth Club's Party

Approximately one hundred persons attended the card party sponsored by the Youth Club on November 29. The party was held during the course of the membership drive in order to acquaint parents and members of the parish with the facilities of the Youth Club Center.

A total of \$48.00 was netted and added to the Youth Club fund.

## T. Mostek, G. Spidle Edit Yearbook



TERESE MOSTEK

Theresa Mostek and Gennene Spidle have been named Co-Editors of the 1952 Annual. This is the fourth year the seniors are publishing a yearbook.

Associate Editors, who will assist the editors-in-chief, are Es-

telle Wemhoff and Ruth Kluever. The rest of the staff is as follows: Feature Editors—Betty Koch and Bernice Dolezal; Sports Editor, Dick Tooley; Business Manager, Ray Brezinski; Advertising—Barbara Markhofer, Connie Hittner, Arnold Krzycki, Bill Jarvis, Charles Kaipust and Leo Thiele; Typist—Marilyn Noonan; Artist—Margaret Hembd; Photographers—Dennis Nosal, Charles Weidel and Jean Clark; Salesmen—Geraldine Pensick, Mary Zarek, Bernadette Holys, and Frances Fischer. Sister Gabriel is the sponsor of the publication.

Besides the student photographers, Daniel Studio, Schacher Studio of Humphrey, and Don Wolfe assisted in the photography.

The editors have announced that the yearbooks will be ready for distribution by May 1.

The cover, made of green and white padded leatherette, will feature the senior class ring crest in green in the lower right corner, and will have double horizontal and vertical bars in green in the lower left corner. The words "The Bonaventure" will be printed in green across the top. This year the annual will have more pages, more features, and more band pic-



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tures than last year.

This will be the first time the annual has been produced by the lithograph method. The work is being done by the Hentington Publishing Company of Wolfe City, Texas.

## Boys Town Choir Presents Concert

The 50-voice Boys Town Choir, under the direction of Father Francis P. Schmitt, rendered an inspirational program to packed audiences in the Columbus auditorium the afternoon and evening of December 10.

Howard McCue, outstanding bass soloist from Marshall, Missouri, offered three numbers—"Erie Canal," "O' Man River," and "Joshua Fit De Battle of Jericho." In response to vigorous applause, McCue sang an encore of the second number.

The choristers presented a well-rounded program which included carols, liturgical airs, and popular folk music.

The boys appeared in different garb suited to each of the three sections. In the first division, they appeared in trim blue and white suits. In the second period, singing the liturgical songs, they donned surplices and cassocks. In the third performance, they wore casual sport clothes.

The program included such outstanding numbers as "The Waltz" by Johann Strauss, and carols—"Carol of the Bells," "Hark Bethlehem," "Schonstes Kindlein," "The Boar's Head Carol," and "The Christ Child." In the sacred music section the "Ave Maria" by Schubert, the "Gloria" from Palestrina's "Missa Brevis," and "Ave Vera Virginitas" by Des Pres—all, inspired the audience.

In the last section the boys' renditions of Frimes "Sympathy Waltz," "Tingle-inging" from "High Jinks" and "Oley Speaks Morning" were greeted with enthusiastic applause and in response to it, they concluded the program with an English carol and "Alleluia" by Pietro Yon.

This concert was another of the Parish Building Fund projects and was sponsored by several districts.

## Music Department Presents Second Christmas Concert

### Choirsters Comprise Singing Christmas Tree

According to the generous applause and the call for encores, an appreciative crowd heard the Yuletide Concert rendered by the Music Department. The program was held on December 12 and 13 in the school auditorium under the direction of Joseph J. Van Ackeren.

The highlight of the evening was the formation of a singing Christmas tree by the twenty-eight members of the Noel choir. The choir wore red cassocks and white surplices with white collars and red bows. Each held a lighted candle and as the curtain separated the audience saw the beauty of the singing Christmas Tree in candle light.

Arlene Pickhinke, featured soloist, sang the last number, "Lullaby on Christmas Eve." She was accompanied by the Noel Choir. In response to tremendous applause the group sang the number again as an encore.

The concert was opened by the newly organized Symphonette Orchestra which rendered three selections—"Three Christmas Carols," by E. M. Bessel; "Parade of the Wooden Soldiers," by Jesses, to which Joyce Melcher and Joan Matya performed a dance; and "Christmas Fantasy" by Bergh Wilson.

The Triple Trio sang "Christmas Lullaby," a Polish song; "O Little Town of Bethlehem," and a modern arrangement of "Jingle Bells."

The next group to perform was the Mixed Glee Club, composed of 50 voices, which presented five numbers—"Sing Noel," a French carol of the 15th century; "Ye Watchers and Ye Holy Ones," a German melody; "Carol-Noel," by Wilhousky; "Carol of the Bells," Liovtovich, and "Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star," by Wesley Anderson.

The Noel Choir closed the concert with "Beautiful Savior," a 13th century crusaders hymn; "Silent Night," by Franz Gruber; and "Lullaby on Christmas Eve," by F. M. Christiansen.

Delores Rupperecht was accompanist for the choral groups and pianist for the Symphonette.

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## Van Ackeren Starts Musical Symphonette

A new musical ensemble, the Symphonette Orchestra, has been organized at St. Bonaventure by Joseph J. Van Ackeren, music instructor.

The members of the organization are Mr. Joseph Van Ackeren, violin-conductor; Nancy Boetteher and Ruth Rambour, flutes; Lorraine Herink and Joan Gregorius, clarinets; Betty Gregorius and Barbara Mitera, cornets; Mary Ann Podraza, horn; Bill Messing, trombone; Mary Jo Tucek, baritone; and Delores Rupperecht, piano.

Mr. Van Ackeren organized the Symphonette Orchestra to give the students a chance to perform more advanced work and to promote more individual musical responsibility. He hopes it will create an interest in string instruments so that he can eventually build up a string orchestra.

## Podraza Becomes Youth Club's Head

Mary Ann Podraza was elected president of the Youth Club at a meeting held on December 6 at the Youth Center.

Mary Ann is a member of Band, Triple Trio, Glee, Noel Choir, Sodality, Student Council, and Typist on "The Venture."

Other officers chosen to lead the club are the following: Mike Tooley, social chairman; Shirley Sokol, secretary; and Helen Gahan, treasurer.

At a meeting of the officers a brief outline for the activities of the coming year was made out. Some of the plans include a hay rack ride, card party, dances, and a Christmas party.

At present, a membership drive is being conducted by the officers. They are trying to double the present membership which is 40. Membership fee in the Youth Club is \$1.00 and dues are \$1.00 each six months.

## B. Holys Merits Band Presidency

Bernadette Holys was elected president of the St. Bonaventure Band at the annual election of officers.

Other officers are as follows: Vice President, Charles Weidel; Secretary-treasurer, Phyllis Higgins; Attendance clerk, Barbara Markhofer; and Assistant director, Tony Augustine.

Those in Pep Band are as follows: Bernadette Holys, Student director; Clarinets—Lorraine Herink, Joan Gregorius, Barbara Mitera, Rosemary Siemek and Dave Miller; Saxophones—Helen Gahan, Evelyn Pensick, Mary Paprocki, and Merlyn Keefer; Trombones—Bill Messing, Charles Weidel; Baritone—Mary Jo Tucek; Sousaphone—Tony Augustine; Horns—Delores Rupperecht and Mary Ann Podraza; Drums—Donna Jarecki and Barbara Markhofer; and Bass drum, Sheila McGowan.

## Noel Choir Staging Living Christmas Tree



The members of the Noel Choir, forming the Singing Christmas Tree, are: Left to right, first row—S. McGowan, S. Jiraneck, J. Melcher, A. Pickhinke, M. Fiek, C. Jones, M. L. Stuehmer; Second row—L. Herink, M. A. Podraza, M. A. Miecek, E. Kaminski, S. Bolin, J. Gregorius; Third row—M. J. Tucek, S. Ragatz, D. Gladfelder, S. Bowe, P. Higgins; Fourth row—B. Markhofer, C. Hittner, B. Gregorius, D. Jarecki; Fifth row—B. Messing, D. Bowe, J. Robb; Sixth row—B. Jarvis, C. Kaipust; Seventh row—L. Cynova.



## 'Speed' Becomes Shopsters Motto

Many inquiries have been made as to what goes on in St. Bon's Shop Classes. Noises galore fly out of the windows and doors, but no one sees any results.

The boys are learning wood-working and are required to complete different projects. Of all the boys who are making a project, Ted Mimick was the first to finish. Ted made a table lamp that is a miniature old fashioned water pump, and if this reporter must say so, Ted did a fairly good job.

Leo Thiele is making a wagon box. The only thing wrong is that Leo made it too big and now he has to take it apart to get it out of the door. Dennis Nosal started on four projects but he hasn't completed any as yet.

Dennis Baumert started a project at the beginning of the season, but he didn't get all of his wood cut yet. Alvin Chochon had to make four doors for his project before one of them would fit. The funny thing about Tom Zuroski was that every time we came to class he was pushing a broom. Mr. Fischer asked him where his wood was and he said that none of the lumber yards in town carried his kind of lumber. Tom is still pushing the broom.

## Student Body Views Adventure Movie

"I Married Adventure," a movie, was viewed by the high school on December 1.

This movie, which depicts the exploring life of Dr. and Mrs. M. Johnson, is comprised of the actual pictures taken on their safari; it took approximately forty years to complete these films.

## Our Lady's Sodality Holds Annual Party

The annual Sodality Christmas party was held on Sunday afternoon, December 16, in the gymnasium.

In keeping with the Christmas theme, colorful decorations adorned the various parts of the gym. Carole Tharen, Nancy Boettcher and Mary Kay Bothe were in charge of the decorations.

Members of the Social Life committee presented the entertainment. Barbara Markhofer led the community singing after which the freshmen and senior girls served luncheon.

## A Most Blessed and Joyous Christmas!



This Nativity Group was made by Sister Prudentis, O. S. F., Olpe, Germany. For the figures, she used children as models. The composition is a sort of tone, which is found in the marshes of Holland.

## S. B. Physics Class Tours Two Dairies

The Physics class toured the Beatrice Food Company and Smith Dairy on Thursday, Dec. 13.

The manager of the Smith Dairy showed the class the dairy herd, milking barn and the place where the milk is pasteurized, homogenized and bottled. The class then proceeded to the Meadow Gold Dairy, where they received a treat and were taken on a similar tour. There they were also shown how milk is tested.



## Shamrock Shenanigans

Hurry! Hurry! Hurry! Join the Youth Club and get in on all the fun. Just give Mary Ann Podraza or Mrs. Dick Tooley or Shirley Sokol a buck or two, and you're in.

Wanted! A pillow so Schmitty can sleep more comfortably in Room 3.

A pat on the back to the basketball team for beating St. Ed's in the first game of the season, 48 to 39. Also to Dean Soulliere who dumped in 17 points for the Reserves.

Has everybody seen the new basketball uniforms? Pretty sharp don't you think?

Jerry Thalken is really quite a cook. If you want reference, ask anyone except Buzz Gregorius. He is still recuperating.

Sister I: "What is the coldest known place on earth?"  
Junior: "Room 3, by 10 degrees."

Correction! Ted Mimick informs us that in our write-up on the fellows who scored during the football season, we stated that Larry Sanders scored on a pass from Dick Tooley. Ted says that he threw that pass, which was the only one he threw all season, which leaves his passing average at 100 per cent for the year.

John Blahak has been strutting around acting like a big politician lately. Maybe it's because of the nice letter he received from Gov. Val Peterson, because he made All State. (What party do you belong to, John?)

Sister L: "What kind of Ninth Period do you want, Tom?"  
Tom: "What kind have you got?"

Dear Santa:  
I hope you get my letter this year, Santa, instead of your Secretary, because I don't think she showed you my letter last year. When I wrote to you last Christmas, I was just a simple reporter with my name at the bottom of the list. I begged you to give me a few ideas so that I could write some real good features but I waited and waited and still no ideas. This year although I am a little higher up (second from the bottom), I am asking you the same thing. So please, dear Santa, won't you give me a few ideas so I can write some real good articles and please that editor of ours.  
Well, Santa, I have to get back to my article so I guess I'll have to close this letter.  
Yours waiting,  
A REPORTER.  
P. S.: Please, remember me on Christmas Eve.

A very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to everyone, from all those who work on this column.

## Policeman Causes Undue Perspiration

A knock at the door of Room 5! The door swung open and there stood a policeman in full regalia, his star glittering as if it had been silver-plated just yesterday. A hush—Sister Gabriel approached and he spoke to her in a subdued voice. Sister's glance flew over the room and rested on—Tom Zuroski. She beckoned to him, but he could not move—he just glared at her. Finally, after a second, and a third beckoning, he got to his feet and lumbered towards her, his face as red as a traffic light. Then Sister said, "Tom, please go upstairs and get Clarence Pensick." The spell was broken and Tom flew up the steps.

Then the class had just settled down when there was another knock. The door opened and there stood the same decorated gentleman with Clarence. "What has happened now," Sister inquired. "Nothing serious," the cop answered. "Clarence was an eye witness to a car accident and we need him as a witness. He will be back soon."

What a relief! By this time the perspiration had evaporated from Tom's brow and class was resumed.

## Dazzling Uniforms Startle Spectators

The crowd in the gym on Dec. 4 was tense and excited as they awaited the first basketball game of the season for St. Bon's.

I was late as usual and just in the process of sneaking in when the dressing room doors burst open and the players ran out! The crowd cheered and I heard such remarks: "Golly, they're keen!" "Oh, they're cute!" What were they talking about? Surely not the players! I was standing behind some big "St. Ed's booster" and couldn't see.

Finally I pushed through to see what was going on. New basketball uniforms! The players strutted around awhile and then shed their collars, bounced the basketball awhile, and then off went their warm-up pants. I stood there not knowing what to expect next when off came their jackets, followed by a green T-shirt and, lo and behold!—there were the new basketball suits. They really are neat and all the players really looked swell. Hope these uniforms bring us good luck, don't you? We beat St. Ed, at least, and that's a start!

## Pepsters Hold Surprise Party

Surprise! Surprise! was the cry given by the Junior Varsity cheerleaders as the members of the Bonnet Pep Club stepped into Room 2 on Monday, Dec. 10.

The highlight of the evening was the surprise crowning of Pat Wozny as "Queen for the Evening" She was chosen for her record of selling the most concessions at football games. Mary Ann Staroscik, second in line, was crowned with a large stocking cap.

The girls were served a lunch of ice cream, cookies and pop, after which different games were played. Prizes went to Elaine Buechter. Pat Tooley and Mary Lou Stuehmer.



## Let's Hear That Voice!

Someone called me on the telephone the other day, and it seemed as if they were miles away from the phone. Besides straining my ears to hear the speaker, I had to listen to yelling and confusion in the background. This call makes me realize how our praying in Church during the week must sound to God.

Talk about confusion! We have it. No one opens his mouth enough to make a sound above a mumble. The small children pray loud, very loud, and too slowly, while the high school either drag a mile behind them or race a mile ahead.

And the singing! It is SUPPOSED to be a beautiful song of praise to God. It sounds more like a symphony orchestra tuning up. A few sing—but it should be every one. That means boys, too! Even those who go to Holy Communion should pray and sing with the rest. Yes, one would rather pray from his own prayerbook than sing, but singing religious hymns is praying, too. We are supposed to be singing.

It is disobedient to refuse to do that which we are supposed to be doing. So, does it really make sense to go to Holy Communion and immediately commit a sin of disobedience by not singing or praying? Christ will be only too willing to accept our singing and praying as a thanksgiving after Holy Communion.

So let's hear that beautiful voice of yours. Sing and pray as if you meant every word and note for the honor of God, as you should.  
PAT TOOLEY.



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## Your Heart Can Be A Crib!

The spirit of Christmas is not hard to get into, is it? When you see the Christmas lights in the city, the toys, the candy canes, and the Santa Clauses on the street corners, you get into the mood of Christmas.

You get in the spirit of giving and getting, too. "I must not forget mother and dad, and the rest of the family, and of course, there's that special beau." "I hope mother took that hint which I gave her, and I can always use that check from Uncle Ben."

This is all very nice, but where is the true Christmas Spirit? The spirit of the Baby Christ Child, born in a poor stable. Has the Christmas tree taken the place of the crib? You would almost think so!

It does the heart good to see the mothers of today, taking their small children to see the Christ Child, in the crib, when Santa is down at the local department store.

We, too, can gain the true Christmas spirit by making sacrifices during Advent. Giving up shows, dances, candy, and other pleasures will start you on the road of the real spirit of Christmas. But don't stop here, go on farther until you are hearing Mass and receiving Holy Communion every day. Then you will have reached the end of your road on Christmas Day.

What will the goal be? A welcomed crib, in our hearts, for our new born King!

GENNENE SPIDLE.

## Let's Stamp Out T. B.!

As Mrs. Smith was going through her morning mail, she came upon a letter from the Tuberculosis Association. She opened it, and drew out a sheet of Christmas Seals.

At that moment her little seven-year-old boy walked into the room, and looking at the stamps asked, "Mother, who sent you these pictures of Santa Claus and why?" She turned to her son and began to tell him about the seals, which are sent out by true American citizens, who band together and voluntarily devote their time to see that care is given to people who have had the misfortune of being stricken with Tuberculosis.

"You see Johnny," Mrs. Smith said, "millions of people will unite with us to send money for these Christmas Seals to help fight this disease. Our pennies and dollars have already helped to reduce the T. B. death rate by more than eighty-five percent. The Tuberculosis Association will use this money to help support hospitals, diagnostic clinics, health education in schools and colleges, service clubs, health and social agencies, and X-ray surveys throughout the nation."

Doctors have at last found out how T. B. starts, spreads, and how to prevent it. Now it is our job to help these people carry out their new ideas.

When Mrs. Smith finished, her small son walked into his room and brought out his piggy bank. From it he took the money he had saved and gave it to his mother. He said, "Please, mother, send my contribution with yours." Like Johnny, we too, should make some little sacrifices to buy these seals. If enough of us do, in a short time tuberculosis will perhaps be no more a menace than the common cold. Start now to "Stamp out T. B."

MARY ANN SCHUELE.



## Football in Review

By The SPORTS EDITORS  
The 1951 Football Season was the finest enjoyed by St. Bonaventure since they became a Class B school. The Irish had a record of 7 wins and 2 setbacks and were rated 6th in the state Class B ratings.

Coach Fischer's 11 were upset in their opener by a big St. Cecilia of Hastings team, 12-6. St. Bonaventure out-downed and out-rushed the home team but lost the game because of fumbles.

The Green and White launched a five game winning streak by pounding Loup City, 48-0. Tooley threw two touchdown passes to Keefer and Hoshor. Zuroski scored on two 40 yard scampers, and other tallies were added by Blahak, Mimick, and Bowe.

The Shamrocks rolled over Boys Town Reserves in their third game of the season by the tune of 38 to 6. The Irish started rolling after a 12 to 6 halftime score. Blahak set the scoring pace with three touchdowns. Sokol, Mimick and Zuroski added the other markers.

The Irish won their third straight by spanking St. Joseph of Omaha 46 to 0. Blahak kept his scoring pace by racking up four tallies. Other markers were made by End Bowe, Halfback Mimick, Fullback Zuroski and End Sanders. Miller, Kaminski, and Center Baumert were defensive standouts.

The Irish staged a nine touchdown parade to swamp Newman Grove 56-6. They piled up a 39-0 halftime lead. Schmid, Bowe, Blahak, and Hoshor turned in long scoring runs. Zuroski, Mimick, and Soulliere added the other tallies. Tackle Chochon and Center Baumert were the line standouts.

St. Bonaventure's gridsters, celebrating Homecoming, steam-rolled St. Mary's of Grand Island by a score of 51 to 0. Zuroski scooted 64 yards on the second play of the game and the Irish were never threatened after that.

The Shamrock win streak of five was broken by powerful Holy Name of Omaha by a score of 14 to 6. Holy Name, ranked first in the state in Class B rating, made St. Bonaventure their 39th triumph in a row. The heavily favored invaders capitalized on two first period breaks to score twice. After that the Ramblers highly-touted offense was stopped by powerful Irish defense. The Shamrocks out-played, out-downed, and out-rushed Holy Name the first half, and played them on even terms the second half. The Irish scored in the second period after a 65 yard march with Blahak going the final 6 yards. Kaminski, Keefer, Tooley, and Bowe were also standouts.

The Fighting Irish of St. Bon's ended a very successful season with a 32-6 romp over a highly regarded Seward team. This was Seward's second set-back of the year. Blahak scored three times; Tom Zuroski scored twice, one on a 70 yard kick off return. Mimick turned in excellent running and added two extra points. Baumert, Melcher, and Keefer turned in outstanding defensive play.

**Home Games**  
Sept. 21—Loup City, 0; St. Bon's 48.  
Sept. 27—Boystown Reserves, 6; St. Bon's 38.  
Oct. 5—St. Joseph of Omaha, 0; St. Bon's 46.  
Oct. 19—St. Mary's of Grand Island, 0; St. Bon's 51.  
Oct. 24—Holy Name of Omaha, 14; St. Bon's 6.

**Games Away**  
Sept. 13—St. Cecilia of Hastings, 12; St. Bon's 6.  
Oct. 12—Newman Grove, 6; St. Bon's 56.  
Nov. 2—Seward 6; St. Bon's 32.  
Nov. 10—Holy Trinity, Hartington, 0, (forfeiture); St. Bon's 1.

### Merry Christmas to All

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## St. Bonaventure's



Coach Cletus Fischer congratulates and presents a grid letter to Honorary Captain Dennis Baumert.

## Forty-One Boys Earn Grid Letters

Forty-one students received letters at the Football Banquet, held in St. Bonaventure Gym.

Gregg McBride, noted sports writer, was the main speaker. Mr. McBride, who has been covering Nebraska sports for over thirty years, congratulated the team on its fine showing this year, and the school authorities on the many improvements in the school program that have taken place since his visit to St. Bon's two years ago.

Father Timothy Healy, athletic director, served as toastmaster at the banquet, which was held "to give thanks for such a fine season."

Other speakers included Father Roch, Coach Cletus Fischer, Father John Schniegenberg, Jim Thomson, and Paul Ernst.

Coach Fischer awarded major letters to the following: Dennis Baumert, Alvin Chochon, Dick Tooley, Lawrence Miller, Ronald Melcher, Keith Speicher, Jon Robb, Dave Bowe, Bill Messing, Larry Sanders, Don Sokol, Ted Mimick, Tom Zuroski, John Blahak, Kenneth Cielocha, Jim Hoshor, Don Schmidt, Martin Dunn, Jerry Thalken, Herman Keefer, and John Kaminski.

The following earned minor letters: Dean Soulliere, Jack Gladfelter, Joe Dineen, Gene Nosal, Joe Bonk, Mick Tooley, Joe Tooley, John Holys, Bill Murphy, Bob Wemhoff, Duane Clark, Leo Moschenross, Fred Trofholz, Pete Siemek, Clinton Gates, Vincent Galley, Ken Roddy, Max Woerth, and Eugene Savage.

## Football Team Attends Banquet

The annual football banquet for lettermen and coaches of St. Bonaventure and Kramer high schools, was held on December 6 at the city auditorium.

The guest speaker was George "Potsy" Clark, director of athletics at the University of Nebraska. Forrest Corn served as toastmaster.

Prior to introducing their squads, Head Coaches—Cletus Fischer of St. Bon's and Joe Lindahl of Kramer, introduced the other coaches—Jim Thomson, and B. Costello, E. Wibbels, and K. stuve from their respective schools.

Coach Fischer also told of the "All-State" honors received by John Blahak and the recognition given Dave Bowe, Herman Keefer, Dennis Baumert, John Kaminski and Dick Tooley from the Lincoln Star.

Dinner music was provided by Francis Marshall at the piano.

A turkey dinner was served by the ladies of the St. Theresa Society of St. Anthony's Church, Columbus.

The program ended with the showing of the Iowa State-Nebraska grid films.

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## Hoopsters Defeat Fighting Beavers

Coach Cletus Fischer's St. Bonaventure Shamrocks opened their 1951-52 basketball season by defeating a hustling St. Edward team, 48-39, on the Shamrock's home court, Dec. 4.

Playing before a large crowd, the Irish took the lead early in the game and led the rest of the way, although the Beavers whittled the margin down to six points in the latter moments.

John Blahak, still having the high scoring football spirit, led the Shamrocks with 11 points. Dick Tooley was a close second with 10, while Larry Sanders and Don Sokol each contributed eight.

Tooley and Sanders turned in an excellent floor game for the Irish. On the offensive side the Irish worked the ball in effectively, and connected on most of their shots. Defensively the boys were a little ragged, with several of them picking up fouls early in the game.

Warren Ahrens, lanky 6-4 center, paced the losers with 19 points and turned in a good all-around game. Morris Workman scored 10 points to help Ahrens, who had comparatively little help from the rest of his teammates.

Ahrens scored first with a free throw pulling the St. Ed cagers ahead, the only time they led in the game. Tall Jon Robb broke the ice for St. Bon's with a follow-up and soon after Tooley connected from outside the foul arc for a 4-1 lead. Tooley went on to spark the home team connecting his next two goal attempts for a 12-4 quarter lead.

Doing the first stanza without a fielder, the visitors wasted no time in crowding to a 12-15 margin on field goals by Smith and Workman, but this was quickly subdued when Blahak and Sokol started connecting to pace the Irish into a 27-17 half-time lead.

The third stanza was fought on even terms, in which the crowd saw Bonnies lead by 35-25.

The final stanza saw a desperate St. Edward team, led by Ahrens, whittle the deficit to 30-36, but this proved to be their last breath. Sokol and Sanders started to roll and pulled the Shamrocks to a 39-30 lead. Blahak again found the basket and moved the Irish to a comfortable 48-34 advantage, heading into the final two minutes of play. The Beavers registered five, and the buzzer sounded, ending the game 48-39.

In the preliminary game St. Bon's Reserves out-manuevered the St. Ed Reserves 37-26. Dean Soulliere led the Little Irish with 17 points, and Case bagged 11 for the Beavers.

At the half of the varsity game entertainment was provided by the majorettes — Rita Roman, Joyce Melcher and Joan Matya, who did a marching routine.

The Pep Band also rendered several numbers during the half and quarters.

## S. B. H. Teammates Receive Recognition

John Blahak, Dick Tooley, Herman Keefer, Dennis Baumert and Dave Bowe have received second team and honorable mention awards, respectively. These awards are presented annually by the Lincoln Journal.

These gridsters were cited for their outstanding play in the past season.

This was Blahak's second All State award. He recently received a first team rating from the Omaha World Herald.

Their respective positions on the team were: Blahak, left-half; Tooley, quarter-back; Keefer, guard; Baumert, center; and Bowe, left-end.

Blahak received a letter from Governor Val Peterson and the other boys, who received honorable mention, received congratulatory cards from the governor.

## Gov. Congratulates St. Bon's 'All-Stater'

State of Nebraska  
Executive Office  
Lincoln, Nebraska  
December 7, 1951

John Blahak  
St. Bonaventure High  
Columbus, Nebraska  
Dear John:

Congratulations on winning a spot on the All-State Football team. As a former coach, I am aware you have put in countless hours of hard work to achieve such an honor. You should hold this recognition in high regard. It will be an inspiration to you, your friends, and the many boys who will try to attain the high standard you have set.

Sincerely,  
Val Peterson

## 9 Lettermen Top Basketball Squad

After enjoying a successful football campaign, the spotlight is now turning on basketball. With all of last year's lettermen returning, along with many prospects, Coach Fischer's hopes are high.

Winding up last year's season with eight wins against eight defeats, this year Bonnies is expected to floor a tall experienced ball club. Returning lettermen from last year are Herman Keefer, Dick Tooley, Don Sokol, Jon Robb, Don Schmidt, Larry Sanders, Dennis Baumert, John Blahak, and John Kaminski. Robb, Schmidt, and Sanders are juniors, the rest seniors.

Other varsity bidders, who are expected to see action, are Dave Bowe and Eugene Savage, juniors; and Dean Soulliere and Mick Tooley, sophomores.

The Shamrocks also have size to go with their experience. Keefer, Schmidt, and Savage stand 6-2, Robb 6-1, and Baumert about 6 feet. Sanders, who is 5-10, was top Irish scorer last year with 167 points.

## BASKETBALL

### HOME GAMES

St. Edward	.....Dec. 4
Norfolk	.....Dec. 19
Newman Grove	.....Jan. 4
Lincoln Tech	.....Jan. 11
Humphrey	.....Jan. 25
Grand Island	.....Jan. 29
Holy Name	.....Feb. 7
West Point	.....Feb. 22

### GAMES AWAY

Lincoln Cathedral	.....Dec. 21
Schuyler	.....Jan. 8
Fremont, St. Patrick	.....Jan. 15
St. Edward	.....Feb. 1
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- No. 5—SOME DAY (we'll regret misbehaving in school.)
- No. 6—I WANT TO BE NEAR YOU (when we have that next test.)
- No. 7—BECAUSE OF RAIN (I didn't go to the game.)
- No. 8—THERE'S ALWAYS TIME FOR A SONG (when we go to the game.)
- No. 9—LOVELIEST NIGHT OF THE YEAR (graduation night for the seniors.)
- No. 10—IS IT TRUE (all the seniors will graduate.)

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"Twas the nite before Christmas and all through the house not a creature was stirring not even a 'St. Bon's student.' 'Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year' to you all!" I'm back again to chat with you! I was passing through the hall several days ago when I happened to hear Sister asking a class this question, "What would you give your best friend for Christmas, if you were Santa Claus?" I was very amused at some of the replies as these:

- Jean Clark—A picture of myself.
- Barb Markhofer — A can of beechnut chewing tobacco.
- Bernice D.—My unused last season's football ticket.
- Frances P.—A pair of stilts.
- Tommy Z.—Four new tires for her car.
- Kenny O.—A new set of brains...
- Larry S.—A razor; (hint R. M.)
- Alvin C.—A hint on what to give his best friend for Christmas.
- Richard O.—Answers to physics book.
- Leo T.—A left hand screw-driver.
- Bill J.—A pair of socks with no toes.
- John K.—Four beautiful curving legs, (table legs that is!)
- Mary Alice M.—A used postage stamp.
- Estelle W.—My front seat in class so he could be good too.
- Sharon Bowe — Spiritual Bouquet.
- Dick Tooley—Past Memory.
- John B.—One that goes "Ma, Ma" (a doll, that is).
- Mary Ann P.—A date (the edible kind.)
- Mary Ellen — A Happy New Year.
- Tootie S.—A tricycle to give me a ride to school.
- Mary Jo T.—The lost chord.
- Don S.—A pair of bib overalls.
- Ruth K.—A one way ticket to California.
- Lois G.—A record called "Anchors Aweigh."
- Ted M.—(Censored).
- Rosalie B.—Five dollars worth of hundred dollar bills.
- Herbert A.—A 10-month calendar (with only 7 months of school.)
- Eleanor S.—A bobby pin to go "Boing!"
- Max W.—A straight jacket.
- Dolores N.—An alarm clock.
- Dallas U.—An oak cedar chest.
- Marilyn J. and Buzz G. — A school day with eight study periods and no teacher.
- Betty Kretz—A car.
- LaVerne T.—I wouldn't (I'd keep it myself.)
- Gennene S.—Something sweet (a sack of candy.)
- Virginia Micek—A dictionary.
- Mary Ann Micek — The ninth periods, I'm going to get from now till Christmas.

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### Musician Sends Song Title Letter

"On Top of Old Smoky"  
"Shanghai"  
"Some Sunday Morning"

Dear "Goofus,"  
"How Are Things in Glacemorra?" I took "A Slow Boat to China" and there I saw "Jeanie With the Light Brown Hair" trying to get rid of "The Thing."

There is an "Orange Colored Sky" but there is still a chance of "Rain."  
I went "Cruising Down the River" with "Charley My Boy." We sang songs on "Moonlight Bay" and drank "Tea For Two." We then met "Rosie." I invited her to "Come On to My House," so "Rosie," "Charley My Boy" and I went to my house. "Rosie" is "Five Foot Two" and very sweet, but "Oh How She Lies." I then turned to "Rosie" and said, "So Long, It's Been Good to Know You."

After I got home "I Said My Pajamas" and went to sleep to "Dream."

As this "Letter" is "Signed, Sealed and Delivered," I give you "All My Love."

"Till We Meet Again."  
"Patricia,"

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## St. Bons Draws Top Ord Team In Tournament

St. Bon's has drawn the top-seeded Ord team in the opening game of the district Class "B" tournament to be played March 4, 5, 6 and 7 at Central City.

Officials from the eight schools entered, held a meeting February 7, to make plans for the tourney and seeded two teams—Ord and Albion.

In the first round of action the Irish meet Ord at 7 o'clock, while Loup City clashes with Fullerton at 8:30. The following evening, Aurora vs. Ravenna at 7 o'clock and Albion faces Central City at 8:30.

Semi-finals will be played at 7 o'clock and 8:30 March 6, with the finals to be played March 7.

Supt. B. E. Krantz of Central City is tournament director, and the officials are Dud Graham of Norfolk, and Don Day of Grand Island.

### Look!

Does the date, April 1, mean anything to you? Yes, it's April Fool's Day all right, but it's also the deadline for the sale of the 1952 Annual at the price of \$3.00. Remember, after that, it will be \$3.50.

Don't be a "fool" and wait! Pay the Annual salesman for your Annual now!

## School Bus Design Gains Top Honor At Box Social

The theme of the day prevailed at the annual Valentine Box Social held February 14 at the gym. The festivities sponsored by the junior class netted a total of \$50.00 which will be added to the Prom Fund.

A facsimile of the St. Bonaventure Parish Bus, which was made by Eleanor Syslo and Julene Pfeifer, went to the highest bidder of the evening, Joe Dineen, for \$6.00. Runners-up in the auctioning were Pat Tooley and Rosalie Billesbach, whose box brought \$5.00.

After the supper, a school dance was held. Featured were solos and girls' choice dances.

The following juniors were on committees: Lawrence Miller and Jon Robb, auctioneers; Charles Weidel, cashier; Mary Ann Schuele, Doris Melliger, Elaine Romanek, and Arlene Pickhinke, Valentine boxes; and Martha Laska, entertainment.

## Senior Girls Enter Elks' Competition

Three senior girls — Theresa Mostek, Lois German, and Mary Jo Tucek, have been chosen to compete for the annual "valuable student" scholarship award given by the local lodge of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. The Elks award a one-hundred dollar check to aid an honor student in furthering his education.

The students are selected to compete according to the highest averages in the senior class.

# Senior Class Dramatizes Timely 'Seven Mirrors'

## Modern Drama Portrays Woman's Part in World

The senior production of "Seven Mirrors" will be presented in the school auditorium sometime in March. Because of the flu epidemic, a definite date has not been set. The play, a seven act drama by Emmet Lavery, is being directed by speech instructor, Sister Laurentine.

The over-all theme of "Seven Mirrors" shows how woman has assisted in man's achievements. The point is again and again brought out that although men must work, fight and die, it is woman who must, in the end establish the peace.

This timely modern play offers the very newest treatment of stage arrangement, lighting, and backgrounds; during the entire play the curtain is never drawn. "Seven Mirrors" draws upon split second timing and sound effects to produce its full dramatic effect.

### Plot

The play, which does not feature any leading parts, spotlights different action spots in the world shortly before the close of World War II. Some of the scenes are factual, while others illustrate

feelings and views; some scenes have been localized for better effect. Parts of the play are filled with genuine humor while others are "sincerely moving and a stimulus to right-thinking."

The first scene spotlights Warsaw during the war. Next in order of portrayal are the following: A School Prom Scene; Guam, after its recapture; the Shrine at Lourdes during the war; and Mexico.

The sixth scene comically joits the observer to the present time in our own community, and the seventh scene swings to a plaza of a Berlin park.

### Press Reviews

The play, which is actually a college drama, received many favorable press reviews when it was presented on Broadway and perhaps was most aptly summed up by the review in the New York Journal-American, which stated "The point is brought beautifully, beautifully, home, time and again—Men must fight, men must die, men must argue in the public places. But women, a woman, The Woman Who Is the Mother of Mankind, must bring about the good peace, the great peace, the final peace that passes understanding. Then, and not before, will come the right and righteous brotherhood of man, under the high and holy fatherhood of God."

### Cast of Characters

The characters are as follows: The 'Seven Mirrors'—Virginia Jarocki, Mary Alice Moersen, Frances Fischer, Mary Ellen Marsolek, Mary Lou Stuehmer, Lois German, and Estelle Wemhoff. Janina, Betty Koch; Helena, Bernice Dolezal; Ensign, Arnold Krzycki; Wave, Mary Ann Staroscik; Lieutenant, Bill Messing; Junior, Mary Ann Podraza; Civilian, Dick Tooley; Senior, Pat Tooley; Major Harrison, John Blahak; Alaham, Herbert Abts; Henry, Leo Thiele; Stretcher Bearer, Jerry Speicher; Jerry, Leo Cynova; Kay, Ruth Kluever; Guard, Ted Mimick; Pilgrim, Kenneth O'Kane; Girl, Charlotte Jones; Peasant, Richard Otterpohl; Dancers, Pat Tooley and Rosalie Billesbach; Miguel, Ray Bryzinski; Sister Tomaso, Theresa Mostek; Lucia, Mary Zarek; College Girl, Bernadette Holys; Bus Driver, Margaret Hembd; Ladies on the bus, Connie Hittner, Bernice Maag, Barbara Markhofer, Diane Haney, Geraldine Pensick, Mary Ann Euteneuer, Gennene Spidle, and Marilyn Noonan.

## 'The Venture' Staff of St. Bonaventure High



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## S.B. Seniors Attend County Career Day

The seniors will again participate in Career Day, which will be held at Kramer High School on March 3. All seniors of Platte County high schools have been invited to attend.

The day's activities begin with registration at 8:30 a. m. at Kramer High school. The opening session will be held at 9:30 a. m. with the address by Mr. Don Twiford. One series of sectional meetings will be held following the general assembly.

A luncheon will be served at 11:45 a. m. in the Columbus City Auditorium by the mothers of the Kramer High senior class. The highlight of the luncheon will be an address by Dr. Walter Beggs of the University of Nebraska.

In the afternoon two more series of sectional meetings will be held. A tea dance for all seniors will close the day's activities.

## Former Graduates Receive Honors

Ina Claire Frischholz and Raphael Gladfelter, 1950 St. Bonaventure graduates, have been given honors on publications from their respective colleges.

Miss Frischholz, a sophomore at Kearney State Teachers College, has been chosen Associate Editor of their paper, "The Antelope." While attending St. Bon's she was editor-in-chief of "The Venture."

Ina Claire has also been awarded a \$50.00 P.T.A. scholarship for the second consecutive year. She is planning to teach in the elementary grades and is taking a four year elementary course.

Raphael, attending Norfolk Junior College, has become the Sports Editor of their 1952 annual. He was photographer of St. Bon's 1950 annual.

## Physicists Tour Local B-D Plant

The Physics Class, with Sister Colette, instructor, visited the Beeton-Dickinson Manufacturing Company at the industrial site on Jan. 24, during their class period.

Mr. Brun Brentzel, the plant manager, met the class, which was divided into two groups. Mr. Brentzel and Mr. Kenneth Kingston conducted the two groups through the plant.

## Unusual Plaid Dance Attracts Fine Crowd

"Plaid, plaid everywhere, on shirts, socks, ribbons and shoe-strings." This is the comment of an onlooker at the Plaid Dance sponsored recently by the sophomores. A total of \$22.00 was earned which will be applied to the Prom Fund.

The requirement for admission was that everyone have some plaid on.

## Students Observe 'Babe Ruth Story'

"The Babe Ruth Story," a movie on the life of George Herman "Babe" Ruth, professional baseball player, was viewed by the students on February 8, in the auditorium.

The movie portrayed the "Babe" as a student in 1906, at St. Mary's orphanage, where he stayed until he was offered his first job with a professional baseball club in 1914.

He played for several different clubs, but finally settled down with the New York Yankees and through his efforts, they won four consecutive World Series. During 1927, he hit 60 home-runs to beat his all-time record of 59. His record of 60 still stands today.

As his fame grew he became the idol of all teen-agers and the "King of Baseball."

He retired at the age of 36, but soon made a startling comeback to prove he wasn't "washed up." He died in August, 1948, at the age of 53.

## Sodalists Sponsor Literary Projects

The Mystical Rose Sodality sponsored two exhibits—one on Catholic Press from February 17-23, and the other during Bible Week February 10-16.

The Catholic Press Exhibit was put on display at the February P. T. A. meeting. Marilyn Johnson showed and explained the exhibited Catholic magazines. Samples were given to the parents to read and distribute. Joan DeLarme, Rita Roman, and Pat Johnson were in charge of taking subscriptions at the meeting.

On February 24, the exhibit was displayed in the rear of St. Bonaventure Church. Two bulletin boards were prepared with the samples. Sodalists in charge of taking subscriptions at Church after masses were these: Captains—Virginia Miller, Sharon Robb, Marilyn Boroviak, Lillian Miller and Janette Fyfe. Helen Gahan, Marjorie Kretz, Evelyn Pensick, Elaine Kneifel, Joan Gregorius, Dorothy Mielak, Shirley Jiraneck, Joan De Larme, Rose Mary Irwin, Patty Johnson, Sharon Bowe, Rose Blahak and Marilyn Johnson served as their crew.

The purpose of the Church for having Bible Week is to encourage the reading, discussion, and spreading of the doctrine of Christ and His Church. In a program for the public, Father Martin gave a lecture and showed films depicting the history of the Bible.

Through the courtesy of the following local business firms—Montgomery Ward, Alexand Furniture Co., Brenner Furniture Co., J. C. Penney Co. and Tooley Drug Co., the Catholic Bible, posters and pamphlets were on display.



# Shamrock Shenanigans

When I die, bury me deep,  
Put my English at my feet.  
Put my flute on my chest  
And tell Mr. Joe I did my best.  
Put my Civics by my head  
And tell Sr. Gabriel that I'm dead.  
Last but not least  
Put my Algebra by my side  
And tell Sr. Herman Joseph  
That's why I died!

One of the newspapers stated that Holy Name was given a scare by St. Bon's in the game on February 7. Was it the playing or the faces by Denny?

Utopia! Does this ring a familiar note to Dick Tooley's ear? It seems that during a discussion on Utopia, Dick, becoming confused, stuck an eraser in his ear. The doctor who removed the eraser stated that he had taken things out of three and four year olds ears but never eighteen year olds. Oh well there's a first time for everything, huh, Dick?

Flash! Juniors received their class rings. Some are all metal while others have a ruby set. All feature the senior crest, consisting of school emblem, dove and shamrock, together with the name of the school.

New Fad: "Poodles," not dogs! Hair cuts!

Sr. H. J.: "Larry, what is money?"

Larry S.: "Something I ain't got!"

If anybody has any trouble with flat tires just call Doris M. or Mary Ann S. From what I hear they're pretty good at changing tires.

Sr. G. "What business was Cain in?"

Tom Z.: "Sugar."

- S-incere
- O-ndient
- P-atient
- H-onest
- O-rderly
- M-odest
- O-bservant
- R-eliable
- E-nthusiastic
- S-ilent

That's what we are!

## Student Observes Two Secret Lovers

"Darling what does it matter if you love me and I love you?" Huh! am I hearing things! Were those words spoken by a St. Bon's student? Of course it just couldn't be. Golly, I must be getting in on a secret romance. I guess I'll peek in the room and see who it is. Oh, here comes someone - I'd better duck in here. Whew, that was close! It's sure a good thing she didn't hear those two.

Well, I guess the coast is clear, I'll sneak up on them now. (Squeak, squeak) Gosh, why does that door have to make so much noise. It's almost opened now, I'll see who it is. Oh-if my face isn't red!

The two lovers were only Pat and Dick Tooley practicing their parts in the class play.

## Crowds Witness European Slides

Colored picture slides of interesting places such as Berlin, Vienna, Italy, Spain, Turkey and Switzerland were shown at the city auditorium on February 10. Approximately 800 people witnessed the afternoon and evening public showings.

Mr. and Mrs. Otto F. Walter took the pictures on their recent six-month tour of Europe. Mr. Walter served as narrator for the programs, and added interest to the pictures by explanations of the subject matter, enlarging on those of special interest, which often appear in world news.

Places of historical interest, beautiful examples of architecture, and scenes of general attractiveness or significance—all played their respective part in the programs.

The St. Bonaventure Pep Band, directed by Mr. Joseph Van Ackeren, provided popular music for the showings.

## Has It Come to This?

Many Catholic Pastors tell us the depth of Catholic Faith in a parish is measured by the attendance at daily Mass. Yes, it takes time; fifty, sixty, perhaps a hundred years of hard Pastoral pressing to produce a parish that just "fumes" with faith. Seventy-five years have passed at St. Bonaventure and the daily attendance at Holy Mass is nearly wholly neglected.

Many folks in the parish just can't make it, due to working hours and the tax upon their time in raising a family. But one wonders if these conditions exist for the students of St. Bonaventure's High School? Willing fathers and mothers, who didn't have the chance that their children are afforded for daily attendance at Holy Mass, parcel the whole family to the door of the church, only to see Tom make excuses and hurry towards some recess in the school building across the street; or little Mary walk in the opposite direction to meet her girl friends coming very slowly down the street.

Police action by the faculty members is not the answer. We are aware of the powers of a student in the art of disappearing. Their need for daily Holy Mass for themselves, their own homes, and most important for their future daily lives ahead of them, once they are out in this work-a-day-world, must be brought to their hearts' attention. Catholic students here must remember that they are the last vanguard against the raid of Communism in this land of ours in as far as they are good Catholics, believing in the spiritual over the material. This added strength for the daily battle comes from attending the Holy Sacrifice daily and receiving the increase of Grace for the daily battle with the wiles of the Evil One.

Lenten Season of forty days can be a wonderful beginning in your life, to a habit that will bring untold happiness into your own life and those that are to come after you.

FATHER TIMOTHY HEALY.

## Where's Your Backbone?

How many times have you read a good Catholic magazine or paper within the last year? This is an important question being asked thousands of students and their families throughout the world, during Catholic Press Month.

Did you ever really stop and meditate upon this question? Everyone knows that it is hard to find good reading material at their local newsstands, with all of the "no good" books displayed. It is really horrifying to even glance at some of the covers on certain magazines. But where's our backbone? We all have one, you know, and here is our chance to show that we are strong, good Catholics willing to set a wonderful example for others.

Many Catholic homes today are without good literature. If our home is lacking good reading material, why not subscribe today to some Catholic magazine, book, or paper?

Many boys and girls of today, after they purchase books and finish reading them, pass them on to their friends. But very seldom one sees Catholic books circulating in this manner. It is usually comic books, movie magazines, or simply just trash. Couldn't we pass on our favorite books, magazines, or papers, like "You Can Change the World," "The Catholic Boy," or "The True Voice," instead of discarding them or storing them in the basement?

Our non-Catholic pals will also enjoy reading the fine articles in the editions that are published by the Catholic Press. We are mistaken if we think every article in Catholic publications is about Religion. There is fiction, humor, comic and other joyful reading in them, too, for the youth of today.

This month of February is devoted to Catholic Press Month. Can't we all get together and make an effort to read only articles that we know are worthwhile and destroy trash that may come our way?

Why not start today, to form a good habit and set an example to others? That would mean supporting the Catholic Press.

MARILYN NOONAN.

## Remember Pearl Harbor!

The time—ten years ago. The situation—world wide unrest and dilemma. The result—Pearl Harbor! Now again we are confronted with a similar situation. Pick up any newspaper and glance at the headlines; from the maze of words, five bold black letters will meet your eyes—KOREA.

Millions of American boys died in the intervening decade between 1941 and 1951; they fought to preserve the American ideals and they fought for us! So that we are able to sit here—in a parochial school if we wish, so we may worship and think and act as our conscience dictates. Think of one of the boys who, ten years ago, occupied the same desk in school as you do now. No doubt, he was one of the many who fought and won the battle with the "isms"—Fascism and Nazism; but one, masquerading under the name ally, was overlooked—that was Communism.

Now after ten years, it seems, we are still involved in this same battle. As shown so recently in Korea and throughout the world, the spirit of hate, and desire for power, terror and religious hatred, which symbolized the former dynasties, still reign in all Communistic countries.

Now again the first spark of war has been kindled in Korea and more of our boys are dying—still hoping to attain peace and happiness. How much have they gained? Over the conference table, too, a cold war has been waging for nearly five years. Again we must ask, "What have they gained?" We must do something so this conflict in Korea will not result in a second Pearl Harbor and World War III.

Maybe we should all stop a minute and examine our surroundings and ourselves. Not until we, the people of the United States stop worshipping money; not until crime is subdued and the voices of gambling, immorality and political fraud stilled, will it be possible to have peace. Most important we must put GOD back where He belongs—back into the schools, into Washington and into business dealings. Only then can we avoid another war. We don't want another Pearl Harbor!

MARY ALICE MOERSEN.



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It was so warm in the ole' file in the staff room that I just couldn't keep my eyes opened. Land an' begorra, I fell asleep and when I awakened I was in a strange land called CAN YOU IMAGINE LAND? I couldn't imagine such things as came before me eyes but this is what I saw concerning the mighty seniors—so can you imagine:

- Herman K.—5 ft. 1 in. or Richard O. 6 ft. 5 in.
- Johnny B.—not being sports-minded.
- Rosie B.—not cheering at games.
- Mary Alice M. and Tootie S.—on time for school.
- Bill M.—without his freckles.
- Mary Ellen M.—late for Mass.
- Frances F.—with the natural color of her hair.
- Benny H.—directing the band.
- Ted M.—without his car.
- Mary Z.—with a very deep voice.
- Pat M.—not smiling.
- Bernice M.—getting a ninth period.
- Betty K.—not counting stamps.
- Bernice D.—not preparing her lessons.
- Mary Ann E.—with straight black hair.
- Marilyn N.—with a butch hair cut.
- Kenneth O. K.—understanding bookkeeping.
- Mary P.—driving a "Model A."
- "Greek" P.—nicknamed "Roman."
- Margaret H.—without 4-H ribbons to her name.
- Diane H.—with a double chin.
- Leo C.—singing with Jimmy Morgan over WJAG.
- Jerry S.—being boisterous.
- Charlotte J.—not being able to sing.
- Mary Lou S.—with braids.
- Dennis B.—in a hurry.
- Ruth K.—working at Scotts.
- Gennene S.—living a block from school.
- Charles K. and Bill J.—not being together.
- Theresa M.—not editing the Annual.
- Dolores N.—talking too much.
- Mary Jo T.—playing a flute.
- Ray B.—without something bright to say.
- Alvin C.—not being called "handsome Al."
- John K.—wearing a belt.
- Mary Ann P.—not belonging to the Youth Center.
- Lois G.—having a driver's license.
- Estelle W.—not speaking to everyone.
- Don S.—weighing 300 lbs.
- Leo T.—living in town.
- Arnold K.—taking shorthand.
- Connie H.—without natural curly hair.
- Barb M.—without a sense of humor.
- Pat T.—being named Hortense.
- Dick T.—without a grin.
- Jean C.—not living on "lovers" lane.
- Herbert A.—not being an A-student.
- Virginia J.—with blonde hair.
- Dennis N.—living on the north side.
- John H.—walking to school.
- Cletus Fischer—directing the band.
- J. Van Ackeren—coaching the team!
- St. Bon's—without the seniors!

## S. B. H. Stylize Civil War Caps

One day a few weeks ago as I was going up town after school I saw something that should have been out of date seventy-five years ago. There, walking down the street, arm-in-arm, were two boys, one with a blue Johnny Reb cap on, and the other with a grey Yankee cap. Had the Civil War begun again or what???

Well, I found out later that it was just the latest fad. Just like the fad of last year, the checkered "Hot Rod" caps, the Johnny Reb and Yankee caps were coming into their own.

The school is now divided into the North and the South and the guys from opposite sides mockingly do not associate with each other. But don't worry, girls, it is all friendly rivalry so there is nothing to get alarmed about.

## Sgt. Pelter Earns 'Soldier of Year'

Sergeant Lawrence Pelter, a 1947 graduate of St. Bonaventure, was named "Soldier of the Year," at the city auditorium, and was awarded a beautiful traveling trophy in honor of S/Sgt. John J. Wielgus, and S/Sgt. Walter F. Placek, two Columbus Infantrymen, who gave their lives in World War II.

Sergeant Pelter enlisted in Company E of the National Guards on June 22, 1948. He was promoted to Private First Class December 1, 1951.

He received a Superior Achievement Award at Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri, in 1950 for his performance of duty on guard. He has completed several sub-courses of the Army Extension Course of the Army General School.

This is the third time this award has been given to a member of the local National Guard unit. Jerome Dunn, also a 1947 graduate of St. Bonaventure, merited it in 1950.

Erigadier General Warren C. Wood of Gering, Commander of the 34th Infantry Division, made the presentation.

## Boy-Chasing Girls Overwhelm Males

The St. Bon's gals came back to school in "52" with a special gleam in their eyes. "Why? Why?" asked the boys. But the girls wouldn't divulge their secret. They wandered down the halls smiling at each and every boy that they passed. The boys were starting to feel very uneasy. To top that off, I heard a senior girl ask a boy to go to a show. He smiled and said, "Fine, pick me up at 7:30." I about dropped right through the floor. I thought every female in school had gone crazy. Would the same thing happen to me if I stayed?

We had a test next period so I went to my classroom and sat down, and started to head my paper—January 2, 1952. Golly, why hadn't I thought of that before! It's a full explanation for the girls' un lady-like actions.

Of course, it's LEAP YEAR, gals, and it was made just for you. (Heh-Heh).

## Sodalists Hold Family Program

A panel discussion on family life highlighted the Family Night observance held January 24, by the Mystical Rose Sodality. Parents and friends of the Sodality were invited to attend the regular meeting and the panel.

The following students participated in the panel: Lawrence Miller, Lorraine Pickhinke, David Bowe, Joan Gregorius, Charles Weidel, Charlotte Jones, and Mary Ann Schuele. They discussed Religion in the Family, Economic Influences on the Family, Educational Influences, Family Recreation (effect of television and radio on the home), Literature and Reading, and Home Influences on Choice of Career.

Father Roch gave a talk on family life, stressing the importance of the family and the conditions that should exist in every home. Following this, the discussion was continued by the Sodality and parents.

Refreshments were served by the Social Life Committee.

## Youth Club Holds Olden Days' Dance

An old-fashioned square dance held February 17, was the Youth Club project of the month.

Approximately three fourths of the members attended the dance and the meeting which preceded it. During the meeting plans for taking the members to the Lincoln basketball tournaments, as the March project, was discussed.

At the close of the evening a lunch was served.

Gary Altmanshofer was caller for the square-dances and Mr. and Mrs. Weidel were chaperones. Mothers of the members prepared and served the lunch.



## Shamrocks Topple St. Francis, 47-23

The St. Bonaventure Shamrocks marked up their sixth victory in nine starts by defeating St. Francis of Humphrey, January 25, by the score of 47-23.

The traditional rivals stayed even the first ten minutes, then the Irish moved away.

The sharpshooting of Don Sokol and Herman Keefer paced the Shamrocks. Sokol led with 15 points and Keefer accounted for 13.

Sokol's long shots tallied all but one of the Irish's points in a slow first quarter which ended in a 7-7 draw. Keefer and Dick Tooley pulled the home team away to a 20-11 halftime advantage.

Sokol pushed through 7 counters and Dennis Baumert added 5 more, while the invaders were able to gather only 3 points in the third quarter which ended 36-14. The Irish then coasted through the final quarter.

## Basketballers Win Home-Court Tilt

Coach Cletus Fischer's Shamrocks chalked up their seventh victory in ten starts, by downing St. Mary's of Grand Island, January 30, 52-41.

Play was ragged and the Irish were guilty of frequent bad passing and poor floor work but showed enough good basketball to stay at a comfortable lead throughout. Although Bonnies had control of the boards, the small St. Mary cagers were able to put on some interesting spurts.

Herman Keefer and Don Sokol again led the scoring with 15 and 12 points, respectively. Dick Tooley led in floor play and connected for nine.

Scrappy Dick Dowd led the invaders with 13 and Al Whyte turned in a good all around game.

Sokol's two neat buckets pepped the Shamrocks to a 9-0 lead before Dowd was able to tally for St. Mary's with 3 minutes remaining in the opening stanza. Whifer's long looper cut the margin to 9-4. But Tooley's gratis shot and Keefer's lay-up pulled St. Bon's to a 12-4 quarter edge.

Dennis Baumert and Tooley matched fielders to open the second period but Whyte and Roheder scored a fielder and free throw to close the gap 16-7. Quickies by Baumert and Keefer pulled Bonnies away to a comfortable 26-12 halftime standing.

Fielders by Keefer, Robb, and Sokol pushed the Irish into a comfortable 40-24 edge going into the final quarter. Two free throws by Tooley, one by Sokol, and one by Keefer, and also Sander's fielders wrapped it up for the Shamrocks, although St. Mary's fought back well in the closing minutes. Dowd and Whyte turned in good all-around play for the "Invaders."

In the preliminary, the St. Bon's Reserves breezed with a 40-17 decision. Jim Hoshor was big spark.

## Fighting Irish Tame Platte Center "5"

An underdog Platte Center team gave the St. Bon's Shamrocks a rugged battle before they bowed 38-36 on February 5 at Platte Center.

The Irish cagers played good ball the first half but fizzled the second half and missed numerous easy shots.

St. Bon's took a 9-6 lead in a slow first quarter and then began to click for a short time and piled up 20 points in the second stanza.

Both teams played on even terms the third quarter, with Bonnies leading by a 38-22 margin.

Then with Torczon and Von Bergen sparking the way, Platte Center pulled within two points of the Bonnies' lead before the final buzzer.

The Irish missed the services of Don Sokol, high scoring guard, who was out because of flu. Herman Keefer led the winners with 16 points while Larry Sanders totaled 11. Torczon had 17 points for the losers while Von Bergen merited 12.

## S. B. Powerhouse Massacres St. Pats

St. Bonaventure's Shamrocks ventured to St. Pat's, Fremont, January 15, to defeat them 42 to 21. The Irish were clicking on defense but had a hard time hitting the hoop till late in the third quarter.

The Green and White led 7 to 1 after a slow first quarter. They increased their lead to 19 to 6 at intermission. All 6 of St. Pat's first half points came on free-throws as they failed to score from the field.

The Shamrocks hit their best scoring pace late in the third quarter as they banged in 8 points in 9 and a half minutes to build their third quarter lead to 34 to 16. The Bonnies then coasted the last period.

Herman Keefer and Don Sokol led scoring with 15 and 14 points, respectively. Bathieto was high for the opponents with 7 points.



## Teachers Subdue Bonaventure Five

A last quarter spree helped Lincoln Teachers defeat St. Bonaventure in a fast, thrill-packed game on the local court, January 11, 53-41.

With only two minutes of play left, the Shamrocks were hot on the Tutors, 39-43, but the Teachers started to hold the ball. Then, when the Irish started to press, the Lincoln "5" broke loose and sacked up ten quick points while holding St. Bon's to one lone bucket.

The big and fairly fast Teachers proved to be too much for the Irish, who the night before had traveled to Omaha and met defeat at the hands of powerful Holy Name in the Diocesan Tournament. The well balanced scoring punch of the invaders turned the trick in their favor. Jim Thorn, 6-ft. center, potted 15 points, smooth Mike Stubbs accounted for 14 and little Bob Wilson was good for 12 and made himself very bothersome to the Irish with his ball-stealing tricks.

Long "Ham" Keefer racked up 15 points and worked well under the boards. Keefer rang up 13 points the first half but when the defending Teachers covered him the last half, there was no one among the cold Shamrocks to take up the slack.

Three Irish regulars fouled out in the course of the game, which was also a deciding factor. Dick Tooley, sharpshooting guard, picked up three personals in the first quarter and eventually fouled out early in the third. Denny Baumert also picked up his fifth foul with seven minutes of play left. Don Sokol also drew his fifth with a couple of minutes left.

Dean Soulliere and Sokol sparked the early last quarter surge that put Cletus Fischer's charges within shooting distances until the fatal last two minutes.

Soulliere hit three long loopers and Sokol added two more to pull the Irish up to within four points after they had trailed 37-27 at the end of the third quarter. Then Thorn and Wilson came through to save the Tutors.

The Shamrocks, relying on the effort of Keefer who banged in 9 points, moved into a 14-6 first quarter lead.

Teachers started moving the second stanza and came out on top of a 24-22 intermission lead. The third quarter saw the Irish go cold while the Lincoln outfit, through the shooting of Thorn and Stubbs, moved into their 37-27 advantage going into the last period.

## Shamrocks Frighten Holy Name Team

The St. Bonaventure Shamrocks gave Holy Name, a highly touted rival and currently rated 1st in Class B, a scare before bowing 20 to 27 on the local court. This was the Green and White's 2nd meeting with Holy Name. They bowed to the Ramblers in Omaha last month in the first game of the Catholic Tournament by the count of 46 to 19.

The Shamrock's showing in the second game was much improved as they employed an effective man-to-man zone defense to stop the high scoring Omahans. The Ramblers were out-played by the excellent rebounding of Herman Keefer, Dennis Baumert, and Jon Robb. The main cogs in the Irish defense were Larry Sanders and Dick Tooley. Jim Decker paced the Holy Name team by nifty shooting from out court.

Late in the first quarter, Baumert knotted the count at 5 to 5 at which score, the first quarter ended.

Keefer's following shot gave the Bonnies a 7 to 5 lead as the second quarter got under way. Decker knotted it up at 7 to 7. Decker and Keefer again traded buckets before Holy Name pulled away to 13 to 10 intermission lead.

The Shamrocks cut one point from Holy Name's lead in the third quarter as it ended 22 to 20, Holy Name in front.

Bonnies went scoreless in the fourth quarter but continued their powerful defensive punch as Holy Name was able to score only four points in the last quarter to make the final reading 27 to 20.

Keefer and Tooley led the offense with eight points apiece, while Jim Decker notched 11 counters for Holy Name. Coach Cletus Fischer used only five players the whole game. Don Sokol, regular guard, was side-lined with an ear infection.

## Clicking Irish Jolt Sacred Heart Five

The St. Bon's Shamrocks overwhelmed Sacred Heart of Norfolk, December 19, by the count of 62-31. The Irish clicked like a top-flight ball club the first quarter as they rolled to 24-5 lead. The Bonnies had scored 14 points before Sacred Heart broke into the scoring column.

Herman Keefer and Dennis Baumert led the Irish cagers both in scoring and rebounding. Keefer wound up the evening with 21 points, while Baumert tallied 14.

Baumert's work featured the early Irish surge as he netted four straight field goals, three of them from difficult angles.

The Green and White kept rolling the second period, though the pace slackened slightly as they billed up a 34-12 half-time lead.

Sacred Heart played its best ball in the third quarter as they scored 10 points compared to the Shamrocks' 14. The home-team added another 14 in the final period.

In the preliminary the little Irish defeated Sacred Heart Reserves by a score of 44-22. Gene Savage paced the winners with 11 points.

## Loyal Lads Trample Schuyler Warriors

Cletus Fischer's Shamrocks rolled to their fourth victory by downing the Schuyler Warriors, 51-38, on the Schuyler court, January 8.

The first quarter was played on even terms and both teams played good ball with the Warriors coming out ahead 9 to 7. Herman Keefer got hot in the second quarter, making 8 points and taking the Shamrocks ahead at the halftime 19 to 15.

Keefer added three fielders during the third quarter, and Larry Sanders collected 4 points to give the Irish a 37 to 23 lead at the beginning of the final stanza.

Schuyler had their best scoring spree in the last quarter collecting 15 points, while the Shamrocks collected 14 markers.

The Irish attack was sparked by Keefer, with 17 points, followed by Sanders' 13 markers.

Schuyler's leading scorer was Jack Flynn, who had 13 points.

## Sparking Beavers Thump Local Quint

St. Edward avenged an early season setback by defeating St. Bonaventure on the St. Edward court February 1, by a score of 51 to 44.

Late in the last quarter, Fischer's boys closed the margin to only four points but St. Edward went into an effective stall game and managed to pick up a few security points when the Shamrocks started to press.

The old St. Bonaventure hex—too much fouling—hurt the Irish chances for victory and proved to be a deciding factor in their defeat. St. Bon's had the edge in field goals, 19 to 17, but the Beavers made good on 17 of 25 free throws, while the Shamrocks were only good for 6 points from the foul line.

Ronnie Smith, smooth warring junior guard, proved to be the big gun of the St. Edward unit with a total of 15 points. Warren Ahrens was good for 13. Morris Workman contributed 10 to the cause.

Hustling Larry Sanders and Don Sokol sparked the ragged Irish offense with 15 and 14 points, respectively. Sanders smart-head work under the basket, in the last quarter, looked for awhile as if it might pay off. The junior forward, playing at the pivot post, had the opposition confused with his faking and wide variety of shots.

St. Edward took an early lead and was usually out front by 5 or 6 points. They led at the first quarter 14-9 and continued the rest of the half in the same manner with Smith and Ahrens sparking the attack. The half ended 26-21.

The second half went along in just about the same way, the Beavers making use of the scoring talents of Ahrens and Workman.

## Hoopsters Spank Bluejays, 56-29

The Shamrocks picked up their third win in four outings January 4, by breezing past Newman Grove, 56-29.

Cletus Fischer's boys pulled away late in the first quarter and controlled the play thereafter. The Irish's floor-play and passing, plus strong rebounding, paved the way to victory.

For St. Bonaventure, the scoring was pretty well divided. Larry Sanders poked in 12 points, "Ham" Keefer furnished 11, and Dick Tooley bagged 10. Don Sokol sparked the floor play and shared the rebounding honors with Dennis Baumert and Keefer, Jim Stanley and Lloyd Shupe were the all-round standouts for the invaders. Each tallied 11 points.

The Bluejays started out with a rush and after four and a half minutes of play had built up a 9-5 advantage on the shooting of Stanley, and Dave Janovy. Then Tooley and Sanders hit a couple shots to move the home team into a 9-9 deadlock. Tooley hit another quickie and Keefer potted a free throw to make it 12-9. Baumert pushed in two more gift tosses to end the quarter, 14-9.

Halfway through the second quarter, Newman Grove went cold, and the Irish got hot. Tooley hit five straight points to help move St. Bon's into a 32-13 half-time lead.

The second half went pretty much the same way as the second quarter, with Sanders and Keefer leading the way. The Shamrocks entered the last quarter with a 47-22 cushion.

In the preliminary, the St. Bonaventure Reserves bumped the Newman Grove seconds, 22-16, after holding a 14-4 intermission edge. Dean Soulliere led all scorers with 12, and Peterson chalked up 7 for the Junior Bluejays.

## Cathedral Trims S. B. H. Hoopsters

Lincoln Cathedral came up with a second half spurge to turn back the invading Shamrocks, 53 to 30.

Coach Fischer's Irish cagers lost range completely in the second half, and could muster only three points in the third quarter and six in the final period as the big smooth host team steadily pulled away.

Bonnies played good ball in the first quarter taking a 13-7 first quarter lead. The second stanza saw the Shamrocks falter but they were still pressing at the intermission, 21 to 23.

Eddie Cripe, the Lincoln Cathedral stalwart, caught fire in the shooting department and did his share of work under the boards. Cripe finished the game with a stellar 19-point showing. Cowan notched 9, and Sodman contributed 8. Herman Keefer led the Irish with 11 points while Dick Tooley counted eight.

The big guns for St. Bon's in the first quarter were Keefer and Sanders, but then Cathedral started climbing while Bonnies failed.

This was the first loss in three starts while Lincoln remained in the undefeated ranks.

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Gennene Spidle	Tootie	News Editor	"No lie?"	Movies	Conceited boys
Walter Gregorius	Buzzy	News Editor	"Skip it then"	Sleeping	Living
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The Modern Problems class has viewed a series of interesting movies on Erosion, Plant Production, Farm Products, and Food. The purpose of these movies was to acquaint the class with agriculture, its conditions, progress, and its problems.

The General Science Class is studying a unit on transportation—on land, in the air, and on the water. A chart was brought showing different models of cars from 1915 to 1951.

A contest is now being held between the boys and girls to see if they can name the different cars. A chart showing correct name of each car has been sent for, to determine the winner.

St. Bon's band has been sponsoring a candy sale during the past month to raise money for additional uniforms. It is estimated that the members have made approximately \$40.00.

The students, in groups of two, were given different districts in the city. They are to sell Curtis Fruit Drops in packages of six for a profit of ten cents a pack.

This project was under the supervision of the director, Mr. Joseph Van Ackeren.

The Secretarial Training class is now learning how to use the mimeograph machine. Each student will be required to make a stencil for his project. Father Roch gave the students their first demonstration in the use of the machine. Year around work for the class are certain "jobs," such as making mortgages, deeds, shipping orders, order blanks, and business letters, which are used in office work.

The high school religion classes viewed two movies in connection with Bible Week on February 11.

These pictures were views of Palestine and Jerusalem in the vicinity where Our Lord lived and died. It showed the Jewish synagogue service and the Passover feast. Father Martin added interest to the films by explaining outstanding phases of interest.

Sophomore Biology students recently witnessed the dissection of a calf's eye. This enabled the students to see and study the various parts of the eye.

They also experienced seeing and handling a live bat at close view.

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# Dedication Highlights St. Bon's Diamond Jubilee Celebration

## Church, Civic Dignitaries Plan to Attend Activities

St. Bonaventure Parish will hold a two-day celebration on its seventy-fifth anniversary, April 27 and 28. The celebration will include the dedication ceremonies of the new school, social hall, and convent; a Solemn High Mass for the living of the parish; a Requiem High Mass for all deceased of the parish; and a parish dance.

An invitation to attend the celebration has been extended to all former pastors and assistants, and religious of the parish. Other church and civic dignitaries have been invited to participate in the

celebration.

### General Program

The diamond jubilee celebration will open with a Solemn High Mass on Sunday morning with Rev. John Joseph Brogger, a former pastor officiating. Father Martin Wolter and Father Timothy Healy will assist as deacon and subdeacon, respectively.

His Excellency, Archbishop Gerald T. Bergen of Omaha, and his assistants will preside at the throne during the Mass.

Rev. Daniel Sheehan, chancellor of Omaha, is to serve as Master of ceremonies. Rev. Leander Conley, who is a native of St. Bona-

venture parish, will deliver the sermon.

### Dedication Ceremonies

The dedication ceremonies for the school, social hall, and convent will commence at 2:30 p. m. Sunday, in the new social hall. Archbishop Bergen, main speaker for the occasion, will give the dedicatory address.

Mr. Lee Nauenburg, mayor of Columbus, will deliver the official greeting, and the Very Rev. Eligius Weir, Provincial of the Franciscan Order, whose headquarters are in St. Louis; Mr. Freeman Decker, State Superintendent of Public Instruction; and Rev. R. C. Ulrich, Archdiocesan School Superintend-

ent, will make comments appropriate to the occasion.

A Solemn Benediction, on the social hall stage, with the Archbishop as celebrant, will close the afternoon ceremonies. Assisting him are to be the deacon, Father John J. O'Brien and subdeacon, Father Leo Kriekemejer, both of Platte Center. The entire congregation will join in the singing for Benediction.

### Triduum Replaces Retreat

A Triduum will be held on the three days, April 24, 25, and 26, preceding the celebration. The Triduum, which will replace the high school retreat, is to be conducted by Father Arno Hartman,

former assistant at St. Bonaventure. All high school students will be required to attend the Triduum.

Dinners will be served Sunday afternoon and evening, and concession stands will be operated. This will be the project for the year for Districts 11, 12, 18, 20, 29, and rural route No. 3.

The program for Monday consists of the Requiem High Mass in the morning and the parish dance in the evening.

A detailed history of the parish, which was founded in 1887, has been printed in souvenir books and will be on sale during the celebration.



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## 'Seven Mirrors,' Class Play Draws Capacity Crowds

### Unique Theme Portrays Seven Versions of Mary

The senior class rendition of "Seven Mirrors," a drama by Emmet Lavery, was presented before capacity crowds in the school auditorium on March 16 and 19. A total of \$480.00 was netted which will be added to the Prom Fund.

The play, which offered seven versions of Mary in various countries and under varying circumstances, showed woman's courage during trying times.

Throughout the play ran the deep religious theme that peace can only be gained when the people arm themselves with prayer rather than guns.

The stage setting for "Seven Mirrors" featured a large grass covered ramp in the form of a cross, which extended across most of the stage. The entire play was built on and around this ramp.

### Description of Scenes

Each Madonna acted as a commentator to a specific scene, showing the way in which women assisted in man's achievements.

The Polish Madonna turned the spotlight on war-torn Warsaw and a few heroic women, fighting the Germans to the very last and dying only after they had accomplished their purpose—to send a letter through to the Holy Father telling that they had fought for peace.

The Lady of the Immaculate Heart pointed out the decisions women were forced to make because of the war, which often are not decisions of great importance but sometimes only "To love or not to love." In her scene it was springtime, and at a college prom three young couples were faced with various decisions concerning their pending marriages.

As the dancing couples faded away, the distant chatter of machine guns was heard.

The voice of Our Lady of Guam directed the interest to a hospital cave on the Island of Guam, where a soldier died rather than follow the rule of Christ that all men are

equal regardless of the color of their skin.

Our Lady of Lourdes introduced a scene in France during the war. There a miracle of faith was wrought under the unseeing eyes of the Germans although miracles were supposedly "locked up for the duration."

The Madonna of Mexico showed there is still good in the world as she pointed to the good Sister Tomaso who gave her one good eye to help the grandson of a rebel who was working against the church.

The sixth scene jolted the observer to the present time in this or any model community where, on a city bus, women are heard indulging in bits of womanly gossip.

The seventh Madonna turned to Germany after its surrender, where the deep feeling of hate had not yet been erased. At the climax of the scene goodness once again triumphs and love of God replaces the hate.

### Student Production Staff

Members of the student production staff were as follows: Assistant Directors—Charlotte Jones and Bernice Dolezal; Business Manager, Mary Lou Stuehmer; Stage Managers, Theresa Mostek and Margaret Hembd; Prompter, Mary Ann Staroseck; Sound, Mary Jo Tucek, Mary Ann Podraza and Mary Paprocki.

The whole activity was under the direction of Sister Laurentine, Dramatics instructor.

## Van Ackeren Forms Parish Dance Band

The newest musical organization to be formed at St. Bonaventure is the Parish Dance Band.

The group, under the direction of Mr. Joseph Van Ackeren, will make its initial appearance at the 75th Jubilee celebration on April 27.

## Mary Ann Schuele Becomes '52 Stater

Mary Ann Schuele has been selected by the High School Staff and the Catholic Daughters of America to represent Columbus at the 1952 session of Cornhusker Girls' State in June, at the University of Nebraska Campus in Lincoln.

She has been an honor student, ranking no less than 'A' in scholarship, effort, and conduct.

She has always taken an active part in school activities—school dances, assemblies, panel discussion, and athletics. She is a member of the High School Band, the Student Council, Our Lady's Sodality, and the Youth Club.

Mary Ann won second place in the "I Speak for Democracy" contest in her junior year. She ranked high in the Speech Contest held at Creighton University in December of 1951. She has been on "The Venture" Staff for two years and has been a representative at the state press convention in Lincoln.

Mary Ann Micek, a member of St. Anthony's Parish, has been chosen as alternate.

## St. Bonaventure Band Gives Second Big Spring Concert

### Ensembles Feature Instrumental Solos

St. Bonaventure Band is now in deep preparation for its second annual spring concert which is slated for April 24 at the Kramer High Auditorium, under the direction of Joseph Van Ackeren.

Topping the repertoire will be such outstanding pieces as "Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring," a classic dating from the 17th century, by Johann Schop. Throughout it rings the pure church-like theme which prevailed during Bach's time.

"Dramatus," a modern classic by G. Johnson, rounds out the classical mood. It has been called "a powerful and dramatic Symphonic Tone Poem with many shades of tone color."

In direct contrast to these classics will be the lively hit tune "Blue Tango," by Anderson; the ever-popular Irish folk tune, "Danny Boy"; a bouncy boogie piece, "Business in B Flat," by Handlon; and a humorous novelty piece, "Teddy Bears Picnic," which will highlight incidental solos by the woodwind and bass sections.

"March of Youth," a concert march by Oliviodotti, will open the program. This is by the same composer who wrote "Carnival of Roses," which was received with such enthusiasm in last year's concert.

### Selections Spotlight Ensembles

To be featured on the program are several special pieces by the

various instrumental sections. The trombone trio, composed of Bill Messing, Mary Jo Tucek, and Charles Wiedel, will play a modern rumba entitled "Slippery Gentlemen." The horn quartet—Delores Rupprecht, Lois German, Mary Ann Podraza and Julene Pfeifer—will perform "Four Horsemen."

Finally the spotlight will be thrown on the entire clarinet section which will render a Concert Caprice entitled "Pepperino," by Endersen. A sousaphone solo, "Forty Fathoms," by Walters, will be played by Tony Augustine and Joe Bonk. The band will provide accompaniment for all these selections.

The entire band will conclude the program with renditions of several standard marches—"National Emblem," "His Honor," and "Washington Post."

## Business Classes Complete Projects

The senior bookkeeping classes recently engaged in two supplementary projects—touring the local banks and sponsoring business enterprises.

The future bookkeepers, guided through the banks by able guides, observed the processes undertaken in the posting and sorting of checks. Of special interest to the students were the various complex machines used in banking. The guides also explained the use and the meaning of the vaults containing the safe deposit boxes, the bank's money, the loan checks, savings accounts and counterfeit checks. At the Central National Bank a question period was held in the employees' lounge and each student received a souvenir plastic piggy bank. Mr. Harvey Loseke and Mr. Howard Burdick answered questions.

The other project in which the students performed the actual transactions and kept records as in an operating business was sponsored in conjunction with the sale of refreshments at the last two home basketball games.

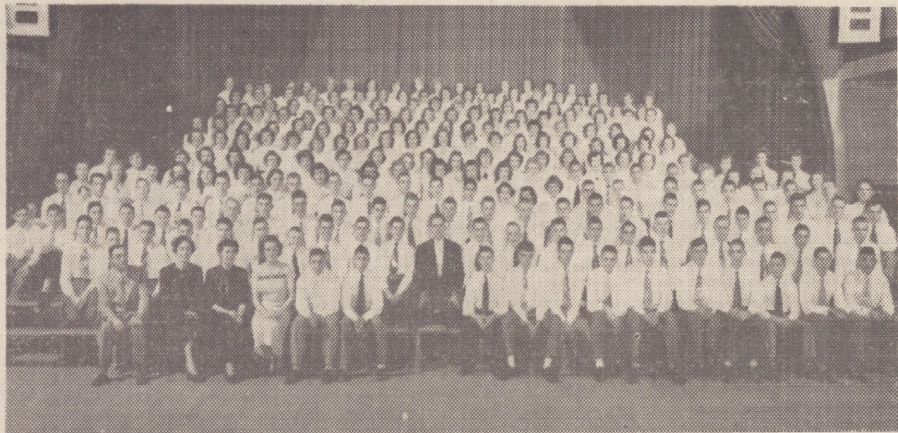
The two classes were divided into various departments and each performed its individual duties. The aim of the project was not so much to make money as it was to give the students an idea of the business world; how a retail business operates; and to learn of the great amount of good which employers and employees can do for Christ by promoting the Christoper Movement now and in any future occupation or career.

## Dr. Maxwell Offers Leadership Award

Dr. D. E. Maxwell of Columbus has offered to give \$100 to one of the seniors of St. Bon's an award for scholarship, leadership, and good work in general, performed during the four years of high school.

The purpose of Dr. Maxwell's award is to help some student to go on to school and make a place for him or herself in the world of success.

## Local Clinic Choristers



Members of the St. Bonaventure, Kramer, Central City, and North Bend Glee Clubs pose as the Massed Mixed Chorus at the City Auditorium, with Conductor Dr. David Foltz (center of picture).

## Glee Club Participates In Choral Clinic

The fifty-eight members of St. Bonaventure's Mixed Glee Club were among the 250 high school students who participated in the choral clinic held March 10, at the city auditorium. Dr. David Foltz, professor of voice at the University of Nebraska, was guest conductor.

The clinic opened in the morning with registration at Kramer High. The rest of the day was spent in rehearsals of the massed mixed chorus, boys' glee club, and girls' glee club in preparation for

the evening concert. A mixer, held at Kramer, followed the rehearsals.

The evening program was opened by the mixed chorus which presented three numbers—"Save Us, O Lord," "To Thee We Sing," and "Peace."

The boys' glee club offered "When Day Is Done," and "We Sail the Ocean Blue." Following this the girls' glee club sang "The River in Spring" and "Oh, Rise, Shine."

Each of the four schools—Cen-

tral City, North Bend, Kramer, and St. Bon's, performed an individual number. For its specialty the St. Bonaventure mixed chorus, under the direction of Joseph J. Van Ackeren, rendered "Swanee River."

The massed chorus terminated the program with "Black Is the Color of My True Love's Hair," "Run to My Lord," and "Dark Eyes."

Miss M. Shelley, vocal instructor at Kramer, served as accompanist for the program.

## T. Mostek Earns Elks' Scholarship

Theresa Mostek, senior, has been awarded the \$100.00 "valuable student" scholarship by the Columbus lodge of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. These awards are made to enable young people to further their education.

Theresa, besides ranking first in her class, is editor-in-chief of the yearbook, secretary-treasurer of the senior class, typist for "The Venture" and was in the cast of the senior class play.

During her four years of high school, she has been secretary of Our Lady's Sodality; a member of choir, Pep Club, and Youth Club; reporter and typist of "The Venture;" Prom Chairman; and assistant manager of the Christmas cantata.

After graduation, Theresa plans to enter Nurse's Training at St. Joseph's Hospital, Omaha.



# Shamrock Shenanigans

There has been a revolution in the Staff Room. We overthrew the last writers of this column and from now on, it will be under the management of Bowe, Robb, Wiedel, Esq. In other words, no women are going to have anything to do with it. Any opinions expressed in this column are definitely our own. Any names of characters living or dead, used in this column are purely intentional.

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E. Savage (giving a sales talk during junior speech class): "This \$3.00 watch is shock proof, water proof, and the best you can get."

L. Thraen: "How many jewels does it have, or does it run on ball-bearings?"

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Say, Joe Tooley, just where was it in Lincoln that you got lost? Anywhere?

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We were wondering which key-hole Sister Honora has been peeking through lately? (What a shiner!)

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We wish to extend our congrats to the senior class on their performance in the class play.

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The sophomore boys had everyone wondering when they came back from a visit to the hospital during Biology period. Was it the pretty nurses that had them all in a daze?

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Sister G: "Tomorrow I will bring an old newspaper with an advertisement on eggs, selling for .07 per dozen."

Larry S: "Rotten eggs, Sister?"

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**WANTED!** Prom dates for junior and senior boys! . . . (come on, girls—this is leap year.)

## 'Get HEP, Boys' Says Promster

Cheery smiles, twinkling eyes, courteous greetings! A terrific change has come over the junior and senior girls. Can you tell me why? They must be after something, but what? Spring? Easter? Graduation? And, oh, yes, Prom!

That must be it, PROM DATES. Have you, boys, COMPLETELY forgotten there is a PROM this year, remember? Have you thought about your date? Not much time left. Guess you'd better get "HEP" and ask your favorite lassie NOW! We know you're not bashful, boys, so just walk up to that little 'ole gal and tell her to be ready for that "Date" on May 15! That's all there is to it—so it's up to you, fellows!

### Wanted:

**WANTED:** Applicants for School Band. Four school instruments are available after June 1. Contact Mr. Joseph Van Ackeren.

## Spring Fever Hits Sophomore Boys

As I was walking down the hall one morning, some sophomore boys walked past me and I was so amazed with what I heard. I thought maybe it was because I was tired. But I'm always tired so I decided it was something else. "I think I need an operation, something very serious is wrong with me." I thought to myself—they must be awfully sick, but they look all right to me. I wonder what's up! Half-way down the hall, they started moaning. Everyone passing by stopped and stared at them.

I went home to dinner and when I returned these same would-be-patients were standing in the hall laughing and talking. I thought—"Well, they seem to be all right now." Then this is what I heard—"Wasn't that nurse pretty?" "Yeah, she's engaged though."

Finally I realized it wasn't because these sophomore boys were sick—it was because of the pretty nurse on the second floor. Miss Durlinger, a student nurse of St. Joseph's Hospital of Omaha, was here giving the senior girls information, concerning nurses training at St. Joe's.

## A Happy Easter!



THE RESURRECTION

### He Is Risen! Alleluia!

Easter time, just like Christmas and birthdays, is a time for giving gifts. Little children long for Easter, when the "Easter Bunny" will come and bring them brightly colored Easter eggs. Adults look forward to the new spring styles and the Easter Parade. But a true Christian should prepare himself, all during Lent, for the greatest feast in the Church, The Resurrection of Our Lord.

On that beautiful Sunday morning, Our Lord appeared to Mary Magdalene, and truly her heart must have been joyous, for her Lord and Master had risen from the dead! Can you imagine how happy she must have been? Well, that is exactly how we should feel on Easter morning. But the only way we can possess that joyous rapture in our hearts is if we have sacrificed and lived in the true spirit of Lent—not just the beginning of Lent, but every day!

We can easily see how grateful Our Lord would be if He were to receive the gift of ourselves and all our penances and sacrifices which we have offered up during Lent. If we offer such a gift to Christ surely He will give us much reward for our gift to Him.

So, here's our chance to give our gifts to our Risen Lord on Easter morning, and He in return will give us all the blessings that go to make a most Happy Easter!—Charles Wiedel.

### Is That For Me!

In a beautiful decorated ballroom, with soft lights and romantic music filling the air, I sat watching the Senior Prom in action. With glowing faces and sparkling smiles, the boys and girls danced. As I sat there I wondered what was in their minds on such an eventful evening. Still wondering, I noticed a boy and a girl sit down near me. They were talking about graduation, careers, and future plans. The girl, all aglow, proudly remarked how happy she was to be entering a convent in June. The boy said he wished he were as certain about his vocation as she was. He was interested in the priesthood, but was still undecided if he should make such a big step.

With these thoughts swimming in my mind I went out on the terrace. Walking in the moonlight, I thought of all the boys and girls who would enter the religious state if they were encouraged. I remembered the saying, "Many are called, but few are chosen." This can well apply to St. Bonaventure Parish. In the past seventy-five years this parish has given only two priests and very few sisters to the service of God.

Maybe more girls and boys would be following Christ's calling if they were encouraged by friends, parents, and instructors; and most of all, if we would pray for them. Through our prayers God will instill into their hearts a stronger desire to become a priest, brother, or sister and encourage them to take that final step to really go.

Not everyone can become a priest or religious, but it is the duty of everyone to pray earnestly for those who are blessed with a religious vocation.—Arlene Pickhinke.

## Hearken! It's Heart-Appealing!

When we see the picture of a poor ragged, dirty child in the newspaper, or on one of the posters around school, do we say to ourselves, "Well, it's not my fault, I didn't drop those bombs; our country did not ask for war."

Of course in our hearts we must know that this attitude is wrong. We know that the poor, hungry child didn't ask or want his parents killed or to go hungry or dirty.

Then one can say, too, that there are so many other charities and that he gave a big contribution to them. But if a person would stop to think and consider, he would find that "Where There is a Will, There is a Way."

This is Bishops' War Relief Month. This year the Fund stands alone. It no longer has the support of the National War Fund, the International Refugee Organization, or the Surplus Disposal Program. How much difference will this loss of supplemental help make?

The people in Korea, Red China, Soviet-dominated countries, and the Bishops, Priests, and laity in other Iron Curtain countries still need our help.

This plea for our donations is made throughout the United States. We should all share in this heart-warming appeal.

We may not be patted on the back and congratulated, but we will be rewarded in Heaven for every little bit we do on earth. Our Lord said, "Whatever you give to the least of men, you give to Me."—Gennene Spidle.



## Seniors Survive Second Childhood

Oh, no, don't tell me those seniors are at it again! They surely should be through acting like freshies after four years of high school. But here they are carrying red and yellow piggy banks to school. Can you imagine our supposedly dignified seniors, carrying piggy banks?

Yes, here comes another one. "Say Gennene!" Well! she went right on with her nose up in the air. Just who does she think she is!! (a senior?) Oh, well, I'll ask this one, she looks like she'd be a little more friendly. "Delores, can you tell me what is the big idea of the piggy banks?" Oh, gee, yes, thank you!

Boy, do I feel like a chump! The Senior Bookkeeping classes made a tour of the Central National Bank and were given the banks as a souvenir. I should have known the mighty seniors have grown up by now.

## Sly Juniors Ignore Bewildered Seniors

As I passed two juniors in the hall, their impish expression made me stop and stare at them as they walked on down the hall. They looked like a couple of cats who had just eaten a poor little mouse. Why, they didn't even speak to me, A SENIOR! Oh! now they stopped to talk to some kids. Anyway, I think I'll mosey on and see if I can find out their big secret anyhow.

"Sh-h—here comes a senior." Well, that was all in vain. I guess I might as well go to class. Ye, gads, there is another group talking—I'll just walk past. "And don't mention a word about the PROM to the seniors!" was the only line I heard but it has solved my problems—that is why they are acting like F.B.I. agents, no doubt.

### Sympathy!

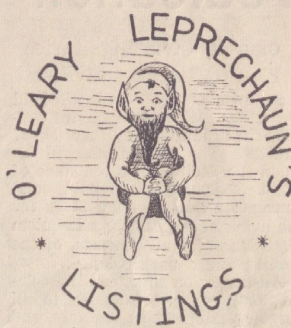
The faculty and students of St. Bonaventure High extend their deepest sympathy to Father Timothy Healy in his recent bereavement of his beloved mother, Mrs. Patrick Healy.

## Sophomores Hold Panel Discussions

Sophomore English Class I terminated a series of panel discussions on narcotics recently. The purpose of this project was to acquaint them with the form and procedure of a panel discussion.

The class was divided into five panels, with each division taking a separate phase of narcotics.

The first panel, with Helen Gahan as chairman, discussed "Kinds of Narcotics, Where Grown, and Produced." With Sheila McGowan as chairman, the second topic, concerning "Uses and Abuses of Narcotics," was given. "Effects of Narcotics," headed by Joan Syslo, was the third topic. Vincent Galley and his committee explained the fourth subject, "Dope Peddlers." Joan Gregorius and her committee presented the fifth discussion, "What is the Country Doing About Narcotics?"



Oh, begorra! March 17, me day to shine! Yes, St. Pat's day had come again. I donned me "Green" and slipped out of the files. How carefree I felt as down the stairs I skipped. "Top of the mornin' to you, Sister" and on me merry way I went. I stopped a group of the St. Bon's lads and lassies and one question I asked them—so I says, "What would you do if you were given a good 'ole Irish mavourneen? (A mavourneen is a sweetheart). Some of their replies were as such:

J. Melcher—I'd carry it with me in case it rained.

H. Gahan—I'd bless it and call it "Blue Smoke."

M. Woerth—I would put it in a closet.

E. Buechter—I'd feed it peanuts.

B. Sleddens—I'd give it to a friend.

J. DeLarme—I'd use it to the best of my ability.

S. Ragatz—I'd put it on my chair in band so Mr. Van Ackeren would think it was I.

M. A. Micek—I'd get rid of it.

D. Jarecki—I'd bury it.

T. Pensick—I'd give it to my brother.

J. Stevens—I'd send it fishing.

D. Gladfelder—I'd drown it in a bottle of "sodie" pop.

R. Blahak—I would name it "Ham Bone."

L. Sanders—if it's anything like an Irish coleen, I'll take four dozen.

B. Bowe—I'd give it to Jon R. for Easter.

A. Roddy—I'd take it for a ride on my tricycle.

B. Holys—I'd hide it from the wolvies in this town.

J. Robb—I'd give it to Butch for Easter.

L. Miller—I'd send it back to Ireland where it belongs.

P. Tooley—I'd put it to work.

T. Staroscik—I'd make it leave town.

M. A. Feik—I would send it to ninth period to take my place.

M. A. Moersen—I wouldn't have anything but a German "Fraulein."

L. Cynova—I'd sell it.

T. Zuroski—I'd give it to Frank & Sons.

## Biology Class Tours St. Mary's Hospital

The sophomore Biology class, with its teacher, Sister Honora, recently toured St. Mary's Hospital.

Among the various rooms inspected by the class were the office, chart room, x-ray room, operating rooms, diet kitchen, drug room, laboratory, metabolism room, kitchen, and cafeteria.

An experiment, to determine the amount of white and red corpuscles found in the blood, was made in the laboratory.

According to Sister Honora, among the field trips to be taken in the near future will be to the water plant, Smith's Dairy, and Becton-Dickinson plant.

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## H. Keefer Leads St. Bon's Scorers

Herman Keefer, senior center, paced St. Bonaventure's cagers in scoring the past season. Altogether 11 cagers broke into the scoring record. Six of these were seniors, most of whom saw action throughout their high school days.

Keefer, playing in all 18 games, tallied 211 points to average 12.3 per contest. He tallied 88 field goals and made good on 45 out of 75 from the free throw line. Keefer's high point performance included twenty-one against Schuyler, sixteen each against Platte Center and St. Joseph of Omaha, and 15 each against Lincoln Teachers, St. Mary's of Grand Island, and Osceola.

Forward Larry Sanders, a junior, took runner-up laurels with 141 points. Guards Dick Tooley and Don Sokol, both seniors, were separated by only two points, meshing 113 and 111 points, respectively.

Sanders' 20 points against Guardian Angel of West Point and 15 against St. Edward, and Sokol's 15 against St. Francis of Humphrey were other high point performances.

The Irish, who had 11 wins in 18 starts, totaled 784 points to average about 43.6 points per game. They tallied 301 field goals and hit on 182 out of 344 free throw chances.

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Keefer.....	18	88	45-75	62	211
Sanders.....	18	47	47-94	44	141
Tooley.....	18	45	23-43	60	113
Sokol.....	15	44	23-36	51	111
Baumert.....	18	24	19-40	73	67
Robb.....	16	18	9-22	38	45
Blahak.....	5	12	7-11	9	31
Schmid.....	15	14	2-4	14	30
Soulliere.....	8	5	2-4	15	12
Kaminski.....	13	2	5-13	15	9
Savage.....	7	2	0-2	8	4

## Irish Cagers Edge Osceola Bulldogs

St. Bon's cagers annexed another victory in a tight game with Osceola, February 13, at Osceola, 35-34.

Already owning two wins over Class B ball clubs, the fighting Bulldogs came up with a determined fourth quarter bid, trying to add the Irish to their win-list.

Going into the final quarter with a 30-26 lead, the Shamrocks built the margin to 35-27 before the home-team got hot.

Snodgrass potted two fast ones to close the gap 35-31 and Broeze hit a free throw to move the host team within three points. Walgreen then notched a timely lay-up to make it 34-35 with a minute and a half remaining, but neither team could hit the hoop in the final 90 seconds of fast action.

St. Bonaventure took a 7-4 lead in the first period, but three fielders by Snodgrass pulled Osceola ahead at the half-time 18-17.

In the third quarter it was Herman Keefer who took things in hand and hit the hoop for nine points to push the Irish back in

## Loyal Team Blasts Spaulding Quintet

St. Bonaventure's Shamrocks breezed to an easy victory, February 18, over Spaulding Academy 59 to 24.

The Shamrocks had too much size and scoring ability for the host team, and ruled the game all the way.

Lanky Herman Keefer was once again the pace-maker for the Irish as he contributed 18 counts, Johnny Blahak made a good return showing, bagging 13 points. Big Don Schmid worked well under the boards and tallied 10 points.

Berberich was the only scoring threat for Spaulding totaling 10 points.

Six points by Keefer and a pair of fielders by Schmid sparked the Irish to a 12 to 4 first period standing, after this the gap steadily increased.

The Shamrocks coasted to a 21 to 8 half-time, and kept rolling with 19 points in each of the last two periods.

In the preliminary the Irish Reserves piled up a 33 to 2 first quarter margin and went on to defeat the Spaulding Reserves 18 to 23. Dean Soulliere had 13 points and Jack Gladfelder 10 for the Bonnies while Dick McMannon scored 7 for Spaulding.

## St. Bonaventure '52 Freshman Class I



Pictured is the Freshman Class I—winner of "The Venture" subscription contest, with seventy-one percent subscribing. The members are as listed—First Row: D. Miller, B. Laska, M. C. Bothe, M. Kretz, R. Messersmith, M. A. Egger, T. Kobus, R. Chollar, M. Keefer. Second Row: S. Urkoski, J. A. Matya, M. C. Liss, B. Gregorius, I. Euteneuer, B. Mitera, N. Boettcher, J. Czuba, S. Bowe. Third Row: F. Blahak, D. Clark, L. Moschenross, T. Dischner, J. Holys, J. Bonk, C. Gates, L. Mielak, D. Minette, J. Johnson.

## Ord Defeats Irish In District Opener

St. Bon's dropped the first game on March 4 to Ord in the District B tournament, 64-41. The sharp shooting of Ord's center, Paul Penas, spelled defeat for the Irish.

The Chants stocky southpaw started fast and when the final whistle blew, he had connected 12 fielders and 10 out of 14 free throws. This total of 34 points was a new high for him this season, his previous high of 31, was recorded against Ravenna.

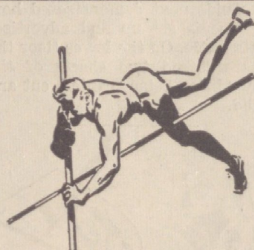
The Ord center played the entire game, missing only a minority of his left handed hooks and pivot shots. He also turned in a rugged defensive game.

Ord had a very good night in about every phase. Seven of the ten players dented the scoring column, and took advantage of the Shamrocks' fouls by hitting 20 out of 27 shots from the free-throw line.

Bonnies put up a good fight in the first half, but missed several easy layups and enabled the Ord boys to leave the floor with a 30-21 margin.

The Shamrocks went stone cold in the third stanza going scoreless for the first four minutes, and the Chants taking advantage of this were leading 17 points going into the stretch.

Nine of the 10 Shamrocks seeing action scored, with Don Sokol leading the way with 13 markers.



## St. Joe's Jayhawks Clip Irish Cagers

St. Joseph of Omaha came roaring back from way behind to clip St. Bonaventure, 47 to 46, on the St. Joseph's home court, February 29.

The Shamrocks, desperately trying to ride out a one-point lead, lost the ball in the last seconds as substitute Joe Burkhardt beat the buzzer with a long looper from the side.

The game, up to the fourth quarter, was all St. Bon's, but the Shamrocks lost their scoring spark in the last quarter and couldn't manage to find it again.

St. Bonaventure scooted into an early 16-6 first quarter lead. The Johawks narrowed the margin slightly in the second period and the half ended 26-18. The Irish coasted into the final period on top of a 41-30 score.

In the opening seconds of the last quarter, the Shamrocks upped their lead to 45-30 and then it happened. The Johawks started hitting the basket from all over the floor. They couldn't miss. On the other hand, the Green and White couldn't do anything right. The loss of "Ham" Keefer and Denny Baumert on personals hurt the Irish defense and underboard work.

Frank Valentic, big Johawk center, topped the scorers with 18 points. Keefer hit 15 and Larry Sanders potted 13 for St. Bonaventure.

The Shamrock Reserves walked away with the preliminary, 37-19.

## Shamrocks Clinch West Point, 52-45

St. Bon's cagers rolled to their eleventh victory in 16 starts, February 22, by downing Guardian Angel of West Point, 52-45.

The West Pointers were crowding, with three minutes gone in the fourth stanza, 37-39, when the Shamrocks hit a hot streak. Two fielders by Larry Sanders and others by Dick Tooley and Herman Keefer moved the margin to 47-37, and the Irish coasted from there.

Sanders led Coach Fischer's Shamrocks to the victory by pouring in 20 points—16 of these coming in the second half. Herman Keefer, the Irish scoring ace, didn't dent the hoop until late in the third quarter, and wound up the evening with 10.

West Point started fast with a 6-0 lead on fielders by Paul Heinon, Mel Ulrich, and Lee Ulrich, but Bonnies popped back with counters by Schmid, Tooley, and Sanders. Lee Ulrich hit a free throw and Burger bagged a field goal, preceding Jon Robb's two pointers for the Irish, to give the invaders a 9-8 quarter edge.

Don Sokol's free throw tied the count as the second stanza began. From here it was a nip-and-tuck, until Baumert finally hit a quick three points to give the Irish a 29-17 halftime edge.

Guardian Angel came pushing back again led by Mel Ulrich and Burger, to pull back into a 26-26 deadlock. It was the last time, however, that the Invaders were able to do so, as Sanders led the team to a 36-20 advantage, going into the final quarter.

## Tracksters Begin Season's Last Sport

Track is the next sport on deck at St. Bon's. The Irish cindermen have been working out in the gym and as soon as the weather warms up, they will begin to practice outside.

The team will not suffer too badly by the loss of the stars of last year—Cliff Speicher, Jiri Lippstreu, and Paul Melcher—because it has some good material coming up, and also quite a few lettermen are back. The Shamrocks will be led by the returns—John Blahak, Ted Mimick, Larry Sanders, and Dave Bowe—who qualified for the State Track Meet last year.

Blahak, a speedy runner and good weight man, will be trying to avenge the tough break he got last year when he set a new District Record in the 220 yard dash, and then was disqualified for running in the wrong lane.

Blahak, Mimick, and Bowe will be returning to the varsity relay.

These boys also qualified for the State Track Meet last year, when they finished second to Central City in the District Track Meet at David City, and set a new school record of 1:39.1 in doing so. The old record was 1:39.9 which was made by Cliff Speicher, Bill Ragatz, Ed Zuroski, and Bill Merrill in 1948.

Sanders will be returning in the High Hurdles and Pole Vault and probably the High Jump. He traveled to the State Meet last year in the Vault and also set a new school mark of 10'6".

Coach Cletus Fischer is relying on top performance from Al Chochon, Denny Baumert, Herman Keefer, Lawrence Miller, Jon Robb, Martin Dunn, Jerry Thal-ken, Dean Soulliere, Ken Cielocha, and Jim Hoshor.

Father Tim and Coach Fischer have made arrangements for two St. Bon's Invitational Track Meets this season. The first will be held April 17. The schools competing will be St. Edward, Oakland, St. Pat's of Fremont, Palmer, and St. Bon's. The second meet will be held May 2, and will gather Lincoln Teachers, Central City, Aurora, Schuyler, and St. Bon's. There will be a trophy awarded to the winning school in each meet.

## S. B. Cagers Voice Favorite Peeves

Basketball season has ended and St. Bon's Shamrocks now let loose with the complaints which they have stored up all season. Here they are:

- Dennis Baumert—"Referees."
- Don Sokol—"Curfew."
- John Kaminski—"Warming the bench."
- Dick Tooley—"Losing the game."
- Herman Keefer—"Fouls."
- Larry Sanders—"Missing free throws."
- Jon Robb—"Practice."
- Dean Soulliere—"Being shortest on the team."
- Gene Savage—"Traveling."
- Don Schmidt—"Excitement."
- John Blahak—"Basketball."



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### 'The Venture' Staff Keeps Press Month

In observance of Catholic Press month "The Venture" Staff sponsored an assembly about journalism and a tour of the "Columbus Daily Telegram" newspaper office on Febr. 28 and Febr. 29, respectively.

During the assembly a panel discussion was held to give the students a general idea of what really goes on "behind the scenes" in writing articles and making the paper from start to finish.

Those who participated in the discussion and their topics are as follows: Mary Lou Stuehmer, news; Bernadette Holys, features; Mary Ellen Marsolek, editorials; Frances Fischer, ads; Pat Tooley, headlines; Marilyn Noonan, make-up; Dave Bowe, sports; Mary Alice Moersen, editor of The Venture, gave a brief outline of the entire paper and introduced the speakers. The discussion was followed by an open session for questions.

Following the panel discussion, an original skit, depicting the Press Convention in Lincoln, was presented. The participants in the skit were the following: Mary Ann Staroscik, Frances Fischer, Mary Alice Moersen, Pat Tooley, Arlene Pickhinke, Bernadette Holys, Rosalie Billesbach, Dick Tooley and Ted Mimick.

At The Telegram office the students viewed the "mechanical" works of a paper. Mr. Paul Ernst met the group and showed them the teletype and the linotype machines.

A guide next demonstrated how the type is set up and advertisements made. On the lower floor the class watched two sheets of the daily edition being printed, cut and folded.



### Fr. Martin Shows Lenten Film Series

Two religious movies—"Father Christopher's Prayer" and "The Life of St. Therese"—were shown to the high school students and the parish recently. The movies were the beginning of a series of films that are being shown during the Lenten season, through the courtesy of Father Martin.

"Father Christopher's Prayer" depicted the sorrow that can be caused by selfishness. In this motion picture of love, faith, and devotion, Alexander Manzoni's significant novel comes to life as he portrays the life of two parted lovers, who were again united with the help of their confessor, Father Christopher.

The setting takes place during the time of the black plague and illustrates the sufferings of that time. All through the story it showed the conquest of virtue over sin.

The story of the Little Flower of Jesus, brought out the theme of faith, love, devotion and trust in God. It showed how these qualities helped the Saint in the sorrows and trials of her home and convent life.

### Youth Club Sees Tournament Finals

The Youth Club sponsored a trip on March 15, to see the State Basketball Tournament Finals at Lincoln.

The sixteen members, who took the trip, saw the Class B and Class C championship games in the morning.

The afternoon was spent touring the State Capitol building; attending the University of Nebraska track revue; and other points of interest in Lincoln.

In the evening the students returned to the Coliseum to see the Class A and D championship games. The awarding of the trophies to the winners, climaxed the four-day tournament.

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## Music Department Enters Contest

St. Bonaventure musicians traveled to Fremont April 19 to attend the District Music Contest, and participate in competition with the Class B schools of this section of the state.

Charlotte Jones, soprano soloist received a "Superior"; "Excellent" ratings were given to the glee club and two piano soloists—Mary Alice Moersen and Barbara Mitera. The band, competing with many Class B bands of long standing, received a "Good" rating.

The choristers entries for the contest were "Bless Ye the Lord" by Ippolito Ivanoff, and "Ave Maria" by Victoria. The band performed "Dramatus" by Clair Johnson and "Thunderer March" by Sousa. The soloists played selections of their choosing.

According to director Van Ackeren, the band turned in one of its finest performances so far.

Comments, stated by Alvin Edgar of the University of Iowa State, were as follows: "Your band plays with fine spirit, has a very good appearance, and the director handles the band well and conducts nicely." All judges gave the strong and weak points of the band.



# Largest Senior Class Graduates

## Rev. Wm. F. Kelley, S. J. Addresses Graduates

The largest class ever to graduate from St. Bonaventure will receive their diplomas on May 25 in church. A guest speaker, Rev. Wm. F. Kelley, S. J., Dean of Liberal Arts and Sciences of Creighton College, will address the fifty-four seniors at the commencement exercises, and Father Roch Hettinger will give the baccalaureate sermon.

Baccalaureate Services will open before the 8 o'clock Mass when the seniors—girls clad in white caps and gowns, boys in black—march to the tune of "Pomp and Circumstance." The group will receive Holy Communion in a body. A breakfast, prepared by the senior mothers, will be served to the graduates in the gym, following the Mass.

The program at the breakfast will be as follows: "Welcome" by Ted Mimick, class president; "Response" by Theresa Mostek, class secretary; address by Father Roch; "In Gratitude" by Lois German; and "You'll Never Walk Alone" sung by the class. Barbara Mitera will be accompanist.

Seniors Graduate in Church  
Graduation exercises will be held at 8 o'clock in the evening in Church. An honor guard of juniors—Betty Kretz, Mary Lou Kud-



REV. W. F. KELLEY

## Future Freshmen Receive Diplomas

Thirty-seven St. Bonaventure eighth graders will receive diplomas in graduation exercises at the 9 o'clock Mass, May 25, in church. This will be preceded by a renewal of their Baptismal Vows. Father Roch Hettinger will officiate and present the diplomas.

After the graduation Mass, the graduates will be served a breakfast in the new Social Hall.

The graduates are Floyd Aramsmith, Lloyd Bartholomew, Dick Broderick, Richard Lee Foral, Milo Herink, Edward Kavanaugh, Henry Kroenke, Lorus Luetkenhaus, William Markhofer, Donald Noonan, Allen Pensick, Gerald Prosski, Clifford Roddy, Robert Snell, Thomas Stevens, Leon Wemhoff, Anita Augustine, Janet Bures, Betty Dineen, Beatrice Euteneuer, Betty Hemmer, Sharon Hoshor, Norma Jean Irwin, Estes Liss, Janet Melcher, Frances Merrill, Joan Minette, Margaret Moschenross, Clara Nickolite, Darlene Nickolite, Judy Olivetti, Ruth Rambour, Joyce Schaefer, Joyce Soulliere, Madge Tank, Patricia Tworek, and Elizabeth Waiter.

After the hymn to the Blessed Virgin, Solemn Benediction will be given with Father Roch as celebrant, assisted by Father John Francis and Father Timothy, Knights of the Altar—Tony Pensick and Eugene Wennekamp—will assist the Clergy.

The singing of "Holy God, We Praise Thy Name" followed by the recessional will conclude the ceremony and the seniors will march from Church as alumni. Sister Herman Joseph will provide music for all the church celebrations.

Sister Gabriel, senior sponsor, is in charge of the graduation exercises.

Immediately following the commencement exercises in the evening, a reception will be held for the parents and friends of the graduates in the social hall.

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## New Editor-in-Chief



## A. Pickhinke Merits 'Venture' Editorship

Arlene Pickhinke has been named editor-in-chief of the "The Venture" for the 1952-1953 scholastic year. Buzz Gregorius will succeed Pat Tooley as Assistant Editor.

Arlene, who is an honor student, has served as co-headline editor this year and was a reporter as a sophomore. She attended the State Journalism Convention at the University of Nebraska the past two years and this year she was awarded the certificate of merit in headline writing for ranking second in the competitive contest.

Arlene is a member of Our Lady's Sodality and has served as secretary and vice-prefect during the last two years. Last summer she was one of three delegates sent by the Sodality to the S.S.C.A. in Omaha. She is also a member of the Youth Club, St. Bon's Triple Trio, and has been a member of the Glee Club and Choir for three years.

Buzz has been co-news editor this school term and was a reporter during his sophomore year.

## J. Pfeifer Attains Y. C. Presidency

The election of Youth Center Club officers was held May 12 in the Youth Center.

Julene Pfeifer succeeds Mary Ann Podraza as president; Sheila McGowan replaces Mick Tooley as social chairman; Sharon Bower replaces Shirley Sokol as secretary; and Martin Dunn is treasurer in place of Helen Gahan.

Father Roch concluded the meeting by outlining the plans for the coming year.

## Organization Holds Election, Installation

Mary Ann Schuele was elected the new prefect of the Mystical Rose Sodality at the monthly meeting on May 5. On May 11, World Sodality Day, new members were installed in the society.

Mary Ann is the News Editor on "The Venture", and has been elected to Girls' State this summer.

Other officers of the Sodality are Joan Gregorius, vice president; Lorraine Pickhinke, secretary; Julene Pfeifer, treasurer. They will take over their newly appointed offices in September.

The director, Father Roch in his spiritual talk to the candidates, stressed the importance of Sodalists and their obligations as such. After the blessing of the medals, the candidates took their pledge of loyalty and made an Act of Consecration to Mary.

For the first time, older Sodalists acted as sponsors for the candidates and pinned on their medals. Immediately following was the presentation of the rule books, diplomas and membership cards.

To conclude the ceremony, May Devotions and Benediction were held for the congregation.

The new Sodalists are as follows: Nancy Boettcher, Mary Catherine Bothe, Sharon Bower, Imelda Euteneuer, Betty Gregorius, Marjorie Kretz, Joan Matya, Barbara Mitera, Evelyn Pensick, Lorraine Pickhinke, Sharon Robb, Mary Ann Simpson, Betty Sleddens, Carole Thraen and Laura Wemhoff.

The last year's officers were: Rosalie Billesbach, prefect; Arlene Pickhinke, vice-prefect; Joan Gregorius, secretary; and Mary Lou Stuehmer, treasurer.

## Sodality Prefect



MARY ANN SCHUELE

## May Procession



Left to right—B. Markhofer, P. Tooley, M. A. Starosick, and B. Koch carrying the Blessed Virgin statue preceding May crowning.

## Sodalists Form 'Living Rosary'

The "Living Rosary" highlighted the May crowning ceremony held April 30 at St. Bonaventure Church. Sodality Prefect, Rosalie Billesbach, crowned the Blessed Virgin, Queen of May.

The "Living Rosary" consisted of sixty members of the Mystical Rose Sodality, standing in an extended circular line from the front to the rear of the church in the form of a rosary. The May Queen and her attendants formed the cross.

The elementary school children were encircled by this rosary formation. As each Sodalist prayed

the bead she represented in the semi-darkened church, she lit a candle.

Rosalie wore a crown of assorted sweetpeas, and was attired in a white formal and a dark blue velvet cape with an Elizabethan collar. Sharon Slade and Lois Gablenz, clad in light blue gowns, carried the queen's train.

Preceding the queen was the court of honor, consisting of the following: Arlene Pickhinke, maid of honor; Joan Gregorius, attendant; Mary Lou Stuehmer, crown bearer; Mary Alice Moersen and Virginia Miller, attendants; Barbara Markhofer, Mary Pat Tooley, Betty Koch, and Mary Ann Starosick, statue bearers.

## Jamboree Features High School Band

St. Bonaventure Band has again been asked to play for the annual Boy Scout Circus on June 5.

The activities open at 10 a. m. with a street parade in which the band will play two marches—"Sound Off" and "Invincible Yank".

In the evening, at the stadium, on the program will be the following: "Thunderer March," "Blue Tango," "Swanee," "Clarinet Polka," "His Honor March," "National Emblem March," "Washington Post March," and "Business in B Flat."

Mr. Joseph Van Ackeren, band master and head of the music department, is in charge of the music.

The band participated in the Jamboree last year, marched in the parade, and provided appropriate music for the evening program.

The remaining procession comprised the following: small girls in white dresses; Cub Scouts, Boy and Girl Scouts in uniform; grade and high school girls in white blouses and dark skirts; the Knights of the Altar and the clergy.

While the congregation sang "Bring Flowers of the Fairest," the Prefect placed a wreath of fresh pink rosebuds on the Blessed Virgin statue. After the coronation, the attendants placed their bouquets on the elaborately decorated blue satin throne, which enshrined the Blessed Mother's statue.

Services closed with solemn benediction of the Blessed Sacrament and the singing of "Holy God." Father Roch was celebrant with Father Martin and Father Timothy as deacon and subdeacon, respectively.



# Shamrock Shenanigans

The band members are soulless creatures. (shoes that is). They've been marching every day for the past month and their shoes really show it.

Did you hear about the seniors making all states. That's right, on their Sneak Day, they toured Nebraska, Kansas, Missouri and Iowa. (Really get around, don't they?)

Daft Definitions: Sob Snobs—Seniors on graduation day.

Putti Putti Jockeys — Cement layers.

The "Stiff Room"—The staff room.

If you have seen Johnny Blahak, Larry Sanders, Butch Bowe, and Kenny Cielocha drifting on a cloud, it's only because they won berths to the state track meet.

With all the elections and signs of the juniors taking over next year, the seniors feel their song should be "Old Seniors Never Die, They Just Fade Away."

If some of you have forgotten to get your Jubilee book, there are still some left at the monastery.

It seems as if some of the students were over anxious to go swimming and ended up with peachy sunburns. They are now peeling. (What do they think they are—bananas? ?)

The boys that have taken shop have really learned a lot about the principles of carpentry as shown by the lamps, tables, etc., that they have made.

Shamrock Shenanigans has come to the end, Of this '52 year, but we'll see you again.

We hope you've enjoyed us up to here, If so, we'll see you again next year.

So long Seniors, it's been good to know you, but you've got to be going along.

# Redskins Invade Fort St. Bonnies

"Umgoomjellygawawa!" Redskins are invading Fort Bonnies. Anyway that's what it looked like as I walked down the halls this morning. They weren't dressed like Indians but their red faces gave them away. As I proceeded down the hall I passed another Indian. This one had a look of pain on her face. Who were these strange creatures? I was determined to find out, so I went up to one and put my hand on her shoulder. "Ouch! Don't touch my back, it hurts. Oh, what a burn I have."

Yes, you guessed it. Some of the students took advantage of the early May sun and got quite a burn. They are recuperating now and in the peeling stage.

# To the Youth Center!

I walked to the Youth Center and to my surprise What a magnificent sight appeared before my eyes. The walls were all painted a nice shade of green. The prettiest color I ever have seen. And there in the corner a new jukebox stood. And not one of those old ones that're made out of wood. It's bright and real classy, that I'll admit. I thought with the kids this would make quite a hit. I thought about then I should be on my way. Even though it would be fun to stay there and play. Walking up the stairs as I took my leave I noticed it was painted—ceiling, walls, And oops! wet paint! My sleeve! My, what a good clean-up job had been done. Why not go down and have a lot of fun!

# Congratulations!

The faculty and students of St. Bon's High extend their sincerest congratulations to Ina Claire Frischholz, sophomore, for having merited the Editor's position on "The Antelope," the publication of Kearney State Teachers' College.

# Parish Celebrates Seventy-Fifth Year

The seventy-fifth anniversary of St. Bonaventure Parish was marked with a two-day celebration on April 27 and 28. The celebration included the dedication ceremonies of the new school, social hall, and convent; a Solemn High Mass for the living of the parish and a Requiem High Mass for the deceased of the parish; and a parish dinner and dance, which netted a grand total of \$1,604.00.

The jubilee festivities began with the Solemn High Mass on Sunday morning with Rev. John Joseph Brogger, a former pastor, officiating. His Excellency, Archbishop Gerald T. Bergen of Omaha, presided at the throne during Mass.

Father Leander Conley, a native of the Parish, delivered the sermon and Father Daniel Sheehan, Chancellor of Omaha, served as master of ceremonies.

Archbishop Bergen gave the dedicatory address at the ceremonies in the new social hall Sunday afternoon.

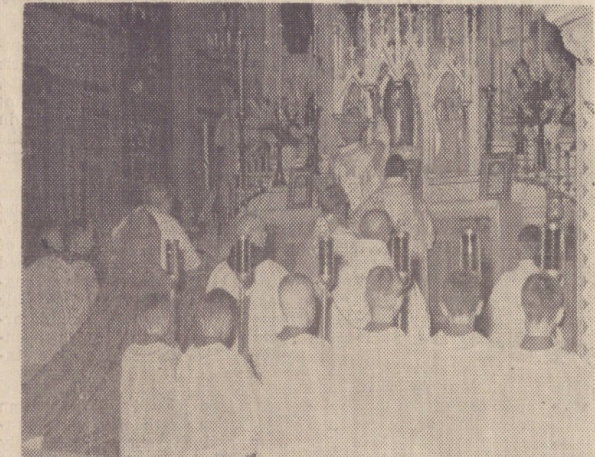
Mr. Lee Nauenburg, mayor of Columbus, gave the official greeting. Other speakers were as follows: Mr. Freeman Decker, State Superintendent of Public Instruction; and Rev. R. C. Ulrich, Archdiocesan School Superintendent.

A Solemn Benediction with Archbishop Bergen as celebrant closed the afternoon ceremonies.

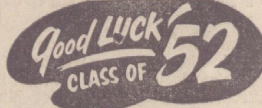
For three days preceding the festivities, a Triduum was conducted by Father Arno Hartman, a former assistant, for the high school students and other parishioners.

On Monday a Requiem High Mass was celebrated in the morning and a parish dance, at which St. Bonaventure Parish Band made its first appearance, was held that evening in the social hall.

Concession stands were open during the afternoon and evening. Dinners were served by Districts 11, 12, 18, 20, 29, and rural route No. 3.



Archbishop Gerald T. Bergen, clergy, and Knights of the Altar kneel as Father John Joseph Brogger raises the chalice at the Elevation during the Jubilee Mass.



# 'You'll Miss Us' Say '52 Seniors

I entered the building as usual half asleep Monday morning, and what an awakening I received! Plastered all over the walls and in the hall were signs saying—"Class of '52 We Love You," "The Biggest and the Best," and "You'll Miss Us When We're Gone." I recovered and walked into the senior class room and there streamers adorned the lights and more signs were in sight.

It was a group of senior girls, I found out, who were trying to impress the undergraduates just what a class was graduating so the 'youngsters' would realize that next year they would have to work mighty hard to keep up to the standards set this year.

On the football field there will be no more thrilling runs by Blahak; no smart left-handed quarterback—Dick Tooley; nor a fast running back, Ted Mimick; no John Kaminski, a tough guard, who let few through; nor Alvin Chochon, a good line backer; no little Tommie Zuroski, a fast back; nor Baumert, a capable center; no Keefer, a good, fast tackle; and no Sokol at end or Messing at tackle.

What would the football team have been this year without the seniors? The basketball team will suffer too from the loss of Tooley, Kaminski, Blahak, Baumert, Keefer and Sokol.

All just agree the seniors of '52 will be missed in '53.

# Scouting Biologists Enjoy Field Trips

The biology classes, accompanied by Sister Honora and Sister Herman Joseph, took two field trips this month.

On their trip to the water plant, Mr. Sullivan showed the class the various rooms and explained each one thoroughly. He also demonstrated the various methods of purifying the city's water supply, and showed where the water is stored.

On the trip to Pawnee Park, the students completed their study of various types of leaves and insects. At that time they gathered over 100 specimens of leaves and insects.



# Orchids

A big armful of orchids to the following:

Father Roch, for his interest shown in the Youth Club and all the help he has given in school activities;

Father Martin, for his interest shown in the spiritual welfare of all the students;

Father Tim, for all the work he has done in building up the sports program;

Mr. Van Ackeren, for his zealous work with the band and glee;

Cletus Fischer, for his excellent work in the athletic department;

Jim Thomson, for assisting Coach Fischer as line coach;

Faculty, for their numerous hours spent in helping the students throughout the year;

Mrs. Faith Hurford, our school nurse, for her dependable service rendered to the students;

Jack Dineen, for his loyalty in driving the school bus to the games and other outside activities;

The seniors, for being the largest class ever to graduate from St. Bon's.

# Dare to Be Different!

(By Miss Margaret Hayes)

As everyone nears the end of his high school days, he faces the question: "What should I do?" Being no different from others in my class, I, too, was deeply concerned about my plans for the future. As a senior, my thoughts turned frequently toward the Religious life, but the very idea of my being a sister seemed impossible. Because of the social events and happenings of my high school days, the thought was pushed farther back in my mind. After much praying, seeking the advice of my confessor and teachers, and gathering information concerning the Franciscan Order, I made my decision.

True, it was a great sacrifice to leave my family, friends, home, and all the other things that made life as a teen-ager so wonderful. But I didn't give up the love of my parents or friends; it has increased with their absence. They are daily remembered where remembrances are sacred, before the Altar. I left one home, but gained twenty-nine new ones, the number of our schools in this province. I exchanged my pretty pink dress for a neat, black and white Postulant's uniform and in August hope to change that for the habit and veil of my Order. I dared to be different and entered St. Joseph Convent, where I exchanged my material possessions for the peace and happiness I had been seeking. In this way, I entered upon the road leading to perfection. Although this road is sometimes rocky and bumpy, our falls and failures are made sweet and light by realizing that we are striving for the highest possible goal.

Perhaps some of you think, "Oh, what a dull life she is leading," but if you could only spend one day in our Motherhouse, you would see how interesting, exciting, and eventful our life really is. Our days are complete with studying, praying, and working. However, we are still human and enjoy laughter and good times, which are even more numerous here, and all of which become more precious because of our motive, the love of Christ. As a Spouse of Christ, perhaps you, too, can find the happiness you are so tirelessly seeking.

No doubt some of you have a vocation to the Religious life. You might laugh at the very idea of it, as I would have done less than a year ago. To enter the Religious life means sacrifice, but if Christ has chosen YOU, how can you refuse Him?

In case you are interested in our Order, you are welcome at any time to come to our Motherhouse in Denver and we will show you a happy group of girls enjoying life in the finest way. Besides gaining their own salvation, they are also aiding others to gain their salvation.

Why don't YOU dare to be different?

# What Will I Get Out of It?

"What will I get out of it? There's no future in it." How very often the St. Bon's corridors resound with these words. Why is it that such expressions should never be heard, not even thought of, in a Catholic School? The solution is easy—it's the saying of the Morning Offering daily. Every student here knows that important little prayer as well as his A, B, C's and has said it every day in school, but what are we going to do about it during vacation? Of course, we'll make up our mind right now to be faithful in reciting it DAILY.

Now here's what we get out of saying the Morning Offering. We become members of the Apostleship of Prayer League. As a member we have a share in the prayers of all members of the League throughout the entire world and in the merits and prayers of many Religious Orders. We get a special title to the love of the Sacred Heart and to the blessings promised by our Lord. We gain countless Indulgences.

There's a future in it, too. To belong to the Apostleship of Prayer League is so easy and the benefits reaped are so unspcakably tremendous that every St. Bon's student should make use of this God-given grace and opportunity.

There are three degrees of this world-wide League of the Sacred Heart. However, the essential obligation for all degrees, is the same—to be faithful in saying the Morning Offering, and that, each day. That's all that's to it! This consists simply in offering on awakening all your prayers, works, and sufferings of the day in union with the Divine Hearts and for the intentions of all other members of the League. All that is contained in the saying of the Morning Offering. Although the Morning Offering is the official prayer of the church, any other prayer such as "All for Thee, most Sacred Heart of Jesus," may be used. Even one's own made-up offering will serve the purpose.

Here's your choice! The greater our love for our Savior, the more we will try to reach the highest degree.

June is the beautiful month, not only of vacation, but also of the Sacred Heart. How about starting it out right—by never forgetting our Morning Offering.

MARY ANN SCHUELE.

# We Need Your Help!

"When is the paper coming out?" Those words frequently resound throughout the school. Then, after many days of writing and re-writing articles, typing, proof reading, making headlines, and collecting ads, the happy phrase, "It's here!" echoes down the halls. The reporters quickly scan through the new issue to see how many of their articles were printed and the rest of the students interestingly absorb it from front page to back. The staff's only reward for their work is the thrill of seeing the happy faces of the subscribers as they read the paper. But the staff feels it is a privilege to be the public voice of the school and anyone who has worked on the paper will tell you of the happy times which they had working in the staff room.

Last year, "The Venture" was honored with the "International Honor Award," highest possible achievement rating of the Quill and Scroll International Society. It also retained the "All Catholic," highest International Catholic Press Association.

We wish to extend our sincerest thanks to Mary Alice Moersen, editor-in-chief; the graduating members of the staff; to our patrons and advertisers; to Sister Honoriana, sponsor; and to all the faculty and students for their whole hearted support and cooperation.

We hope you will give us your support again next year. We need it! ARLENE PICKHINKE.

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## Irish Tracksters Cop Relay Trophy

St. Bonaventure track men turned in an impressive showing April 25 at the Norfolk Invitational. They wound up in a tie for fifth place with 10 points. Yankton, S. D., won the 28th annual event with 34 points.

Good weather aided the fine showing of all the teams. The Shamrocks collected all ten of their points, by capturing first place in two events—the 880-yard relay and the 220-yard dash.

The 880-yard relay team: John Blahak, Kenneth Cieloha, Jim Hoshor, and Dave Bowe came through again by copping the relay trophy and again establishing a new school record of 1:37.6; previous to this mark the relay team had the fifth best time in the state.

John Blahak took first place in the 220 yard dash in 24.1.

## S.B. Cindermen Enter Class A Competition

The St. Bon's tracksters made an impressive showing at the Columbus Invitational this year by winding up with five points all toll and in tenth spot in a field of 16 Class A schools.

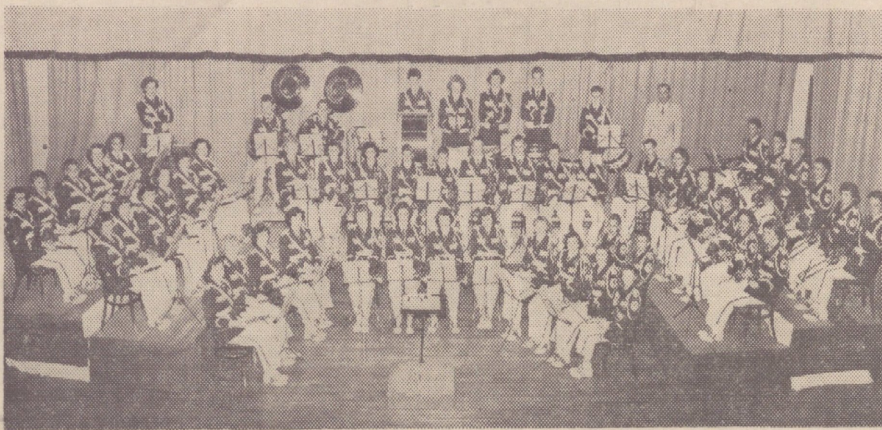
Dennis Baumert and Larry Sanders contributed all five points. Sanders tied for second with Don Kirkpatrick of York in the pole vault while Baumert contributed a fifth in the 880-yard run.

Omaha Central copped the title with 67 1/2 points led by Leonard Rosen in weights and Rodrick Washington in the dashes. Beatrice ran a close second with 49 1/2, while the rest of the teams didn't figure in the runnings.

Bill Hawkins of Beatrice, who stole the spotlight at the meet, should stand high in eligibility as "Athlete of the Year."

The Frank M. Barnes, jr. traveling memorial trophy, went to Jim McLean of Benedict in his fine performance in the mile with a clocking of 4:55.4.

## St. Bonaventure First Band



## High School Band Stages Second Concert

In their striking green and white uniforms, the High School Band presented its second Spring Concert recently, at the Kramer Auditorium. A large audience was present to witness this performance featuring several sectional solos.

The program was divided into three musical varieties—Harmonic, Ensemble, and Rhythmic. "Dramatus" by Clair W. Johnson proved to be the prominent number in the

Harmonic section. The Ensemble varieties were highlighted by four sectional solos. The audience prolonged their applause especially to a well rendered sousaphone solo, "Forty Fathoms." The Rhythmic section, was spotlighted with a fine arrangement of "Teddy Bears' Picnic" and LeRoy Anderson's "Blue Tango."

Before the closing number, "National Emblem March", Mr. Van

Ackeren introduced to the audience, the graduating seniors of the band—Lois German, Bernadette Holys, Margaret Hembd, Bill Messing, Barbara Markhofer, Kenneth O'Kane, Mary Paprocki, Mary Ann Podraza, and Mary Jo Tucek.

Many favorable comments have been made on the band's progress; both press and music critics have listed the concert as very successful, and progressive.

## Van Ackeren Gives Joint Concert, May 19

A joint concert presented by the St. Bonaventure Glee Club, Triple Trio, and Second Band on Monday, May 19, in the parish social hall, closed the musical activities for the 1951-'52 school year.

The program under the direction of Joseph J. Van Ackeren, music instructor, was opened by the Second Band with the march, "Activity" and the fox-trot, "Indian Boy," both by Bennett.

The Glee Club presented "Bless Ye the Lord" by Ippolitov Ivanof; "Nobody Knows the Trouble I See," an old negro spiritual; and "Down by the Station," a novelty by Ricks-Gaillard.

In the third section of the program the Triple Trio sang "Blue Moon" by Rodgers and Hart; "Diane" by Rapee-Pollack; and a novel arrangement of "Dinah." For an encore they chose Rodgers and Hammerstein "You'll Never Walk Alone."

The remainder of the program consisted of several numbers by the Second Band, including "Chalma," a waltz; "The Little Grey Church," a serenade; "Project March"; and "Zenith Overture"; and the Glee Club's rendition of Victoria's "Ave Maria," "Madame Jeanette" by Lockton-Murray; and "Come to the Fair" by Marlin-Taylor.

Delores Rupprecht served as accompanist for the vocal groups.

## H.N. Men Sponsor Annual Breakfast

The Annual Mother-Daughter Breakfast was held on Mother's Day, May 11, in the gym at which nearly 300 women and girls attended.

The breakfast was served by the Holy Name men, after the 8 o'clock Mass during which the mothers and daughters received Holy Communion in a body.

Father Roch gave the blessing and the welcome address. Mrs. Woerth, C. D. A. Grand Regent, gave the response. Crawford Snell served as toastmaster for the entire program.

Louis R. Rambour gave the principal address, which stressed the importance of the mother in the guidance of her children. A "Mother Day Greeting" was presented by Bernadette Holys. The St. Bon's Triple Trio, under the direction of Joseph J. Van Ackeren, sang "Diane" and "Dinah."

Mrs. Frank Bradley, 84, Geneva, was awarded the prize for being the oldest mother present; Mrs. Wm. J. Ebner and Mrs. Charles Nickolite merited prizes for being the youngest mother, and the mother with the largest family, respectively.

The program terminated with a prayer and the singing of "God Bless America" by the assembly.



## St. Bon's Thinclads Subdue Warriors

St. Bon's cindermen nosed out Schuyler in a Dual Meet, May 2, at Pawnee Park, 70-65.

Larry Sanders and Johnny Blahak paced the Irish to victory. Blahak took the 100, the 220, and the shot put. Sanders took first in high hurdles, pole vault, and tied for first in the high jump.

Don Groulik and Hans Arps turned in good performances for Schuyler. Groulik took the 180 low hurdles, and the broad jump with 19-1, as Arps copped the 440.

The Shamrock relay team tried their hand at the mile relay but it didn't work. After leading the first lap, they failed to make the exchange in the prescribed zone, and were disqualified for continuation in the meet.

Summaries of St. Bon's scorers: 120 highs—First, Sanders; fourth, Thalken. Time :17.4.

100—First, Blahak; fourth, Cieloha. Time :10.9

Pole Vault—First, Sanders; third, Soulliere. Height 9-3.

880—First, Baumert; second, Hoshor. Time 2:12.5.

440—Second, Bowe; Third, Cieloha. Time :54.4

Shot Put—First, Blahak; third, Miller. Distance 41 1/2

180 Lows—Third, Miller; fourth, Mimick. Time :21.6

Mile—Third, Dunn; fourth, Soulliere. Time 5:16.2

Discus—Second, Mimick; third, Miller; fourth, Sanders. Distance 104-5 1/2.

220—First, Blahak; second, Mimick; fourth, Siemek. Time :23.9.

High Jump—Tie for first between Sanders and Svoboda. Height 5-4.

## Bonnies Quality Four Tracksters

St. Bon's qualified four men for the state track meet in five events in competition in the Class B district meet at David City, May 10.

The Shamrocks, who qualified are John Blahak, Kenneth Cieloha, Jim Hoshor, and Dave Bowe in the 880 relay; Blahak in the 100, 220 and shotput; and Larry Sanders in the high jump.

The relay team won its event in 1:28, a good time on the "slow track." Blahak placed third in the 100, 220 and shot put; and Sanders, in the high jump, established a new school record of 5-5 1/2.

Bonnies concluded the meet with 20 points as Seward and York battled for the championship. Other Irish points were contributed by Sanders with a fourth in the pole vault, and a fifth in the high hurdles; and Dennis Baumert with a fifth in the 880.

## Negro Minstrel Highlights Dance

A minstrel show highlighted a dance, sponsored by the Freshmen II, on May 2, in the gym. A total of \$15.00 was netted for the benefit of "The Venture."

The seven girls from the Girls' Physical Education Class, who comprised the minstrel band were J. Matya, Rosemary Irwin, B. Kretz, S. Moritz, M. Boroviak, M. Micek, and J. Luetkenhaus. Representing negroes and attired in white uniforms, they performed the following: "Hokey Pokey" and "Blacksmith Blues," action songs; "Charleston," original rendition; "Black Hawk Waltz," a modern waltz done by Floe and Moe; "Solomon Levi" a square dance; and Oh, Johnnie," a demonstration of a new circle dance which was taught to the entire group.

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## '52 Prom Features Apple Blossom Theme

### Promsters Enjoy Elaborate Banquet

In the gala atmosphere of a spring garden featuring the Apple Blossom theme, the juniors and seniors celebrated their annual banquet and prom on the evening of May 15, in the high school gymnasium and auditorium, respectively.

At 6 o'clock the junior class president, Marilyn Johnson and her

The tables were artistically decorated with large bouquets of fresh sweet peas and snap dragons in a variation of light pink, white, and orchid hues.

The seniors' colors, blue and silver, were featured on the nut cups, napkins, and memory booklets. The place cards were designed as miniature boy and girl graduates. To each memory booklet was attached a baby blue tassel and transformed into a lovely garden

spot. Streamers of two hues of blue disguised the walls and the ceiling, and apple blossoms branched the doorway.

#### Class Selects Committees

Sister Laurentine, junior sponsor, was in charge of the activity. Committees for the banquet and the prom were as follows: Business manager, Marilyn Johnson; Decorating Manager, Julene Pfeifer; Banquet Manager, Mary Ann Schuele; Chandlers—Arlene Pick-



escort, Charles Wiedel, led the youthful couples from the high school to the monastery premises, where they were met by the guests of honor—Father Roch Hettinger, Father Martin Wolter, Father Timothy Healy, Father John Francis Schneigenberg, Mr. Joseph Van Ackeren, Coach Cletus Fischer and Mrs. Fischer, Line Coach Jim Thomson and Mrs. Thomson. The happy procession then wound its way to the gaily lit banquet hall, where they entered to the march, "Pomp and Circumstances," played by Mr. Van Ackeren on the violin, with Miss Isabelle Micek accompanying him on the piano.

After Father Roch led the grace, the party was seated around the elaborately decorated tables, which made a triangular formation. Lawrence Miller, presiding as toastmaster, introduced the junior class president, who welcomed the assembly. Ted Mimick, senior class president, gave the response.

**Van Ackeren Presents Surprise**  
During the course of the banquet, Mr. Van Ackeren delighted the outgoing seniors of the band and Triple Trio. He dedicated and played the following special number for each respective individual: "Minuet," Kenneth O'Kane; "Frasquito," Bill Messing; "Intermezzo," Barbara Markhofer; "Tambourin," Lois German; "Liebesleid," Mary Ann Podraza; "Fair Rosmarin," Mary Jo Tucek; "Waltz in A," Connie Hittner; "Czardis," Bernadette Holys; "Ballet Music," Mary Paprocki; "Chanson and Pavane," Margaret Hembd. Besides, Mr. Van Ackeren rendered several other violin solos during intermissions. The Triple Trio sang "Blue Moon" and "You'll Never Walk Alone," this last piece was dedicated to the graduating seniors. Betty Gregorius and Barbara Mitera played a cornet duet entitled "The Pals." Speeches delivered by Father Roch, Father Martin, Father Timothy, Father John Francis, Coach Cletus Fischer, and Mr. Van Ackeren terminated the program. Highlights during the banquet were the class wills given by Estelle Wemhoff and the prophecies related by Mary Ann Schuele.

#### Apple Blossoms Decorate Hall

At 8:00 the couples entered through the archway gate leading into the elaborately decorated auditorium. Here the class officers and their dates led the class in the grand march to the mellow strains of Bobby Mills Orchestra.

The decorations carried out the Apple Blossom Theme in a flower garden effect. The seniors' chosen blue and silver were prominent in the color scheme. The ceiling, covered with twisted streamers of baby blue, were caught in the center by a beautiful silver hanging basket overflowing with apple blossoms interspersed with sprays of hanging fern. The chandlers were draped with French blue streamers and sprayed with a light touch of silver.

The walls, covered with alternating French blue and baby blue twisted streamers, cleverly concealed the many large arched windows. White trellises entwined with fresh branches and apple blossoms were placed on various spots along the garden wall.

The entrance depicted a white garden archway with a swinging gate. Apple blossom branched trellis stood on either side of the archway.

#### Stage Resembles Garden Terrace

The stage, disguised as a terrace had baby blue streamers draped from the ceiling with a colorful wall garden scenery in the background. A white picket fence was strung entirely across the edge of the circular stage. Lawn chairs and a refreshment table were placed on one side of the stage, while the opposite side contained a lawn glider and a magnificent shrine of our Lady of Fatima decked with a picturesque background of gorgeous bouquets of real flowers, intermingled with the dainty pink colored apple blossoms and fragrant strands of snowy bridal wreath. A spotlight added beauty and prominence to Our Lady's statue, furthering the charming apple blossom atmosphere. White trellises entwined with apple blossoms adorned the exit doors. Below the stage, delicate blue twisted streamers hung to the floor. Against this background, in the center, the words "Class of '52," hung gracefully in broad, shining silver letters.

Surrounding the dimly lit ballroom floor were six veranda tables and chairs, adding friendliness to the garden scene. The soft drink booth, near the entrance, was

hinke, chairman, Dorothy Mielak, Martha Laska; Entrance and Booth—Sophie Moritz, chairman, Adolphine Euteneuer, Betty Kretz, Mary Lou Kudron, Virginia Micek, Lucille Pensick, Rosemary Irwin, Frances Paprocki; Letters and front of stage—Shirley Sokol, chairman, Elaine Buechter, Eleanor Syslo; Wings of stage—Julene Pfeifer; Stage—Elaine Romanek, chairman, Doris Melliger, Rita Roman; Decorators—Lawrence Miller, Arthur Roddy, Max Woerth, Eugene Wennekamp, Charles Wiedel, Buzz Gregorius, Don Schmid, Lavern Thraen, and Jon Robb.

Sophomores helping during the prom and banquet were as follows: Pop stand—Helen Gahan, Lorraine Herink; Ushers—Mary Ann Feik, Pat Vruble; Waitresses—Pat Wozny, Shirley Jiranek, Donna Jarecki, Rose Paprocki, Sally Ragatz, Joan Cielocha, Janet Placzek, Dorothy Gladfelder, Dorothy Jarecki, and Mary Micek.

The banquet was prepared and served by the mothers of the juniors. The chaperones for the evening were Mr. and Mrs. Charles Kaipust, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Gregorius, Mr. and Mrs. William Gregorius, and Mr. and Mrs. George Rump.

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