

THE VENTURE

St. Bon's Takes Slight Decrease In Year's Scholastic Enrollment

High School Enrolls Many New Students

The total enrollment of St. Bon's High decreased this scholastic year to 199 from the 214 students of last year. Several changes have also been made in the faculty personnel.

The senior students number only 46 this year while the 1952 seniors had a class of 58. This drop in seniors explains the decrease in total enrollment. The junior class boasts 58 students, the sophomores 52, and the freshmen 43.

Besides those students who graduated from St. Bonaventure's Grade School, twenty-two transfer students are enrolled here. They are as follows: William Sus, senior; Pat Michaelsen, Charlotte Seid, John Tooley, Ronnie Warholowski, juniors; Carroll Fix, Virginia Peters, Rita Simons, sophomores; Marilyn Adamy, Barbara

Cielocha, Norman Henggeler, Mark Kobus, Jimmy Laska, Jackie Michaelsen, Leonard Nosal, Carole Novicki, Pat Podgurski, Ann Schily, Mariann Shanka, Larry Sleddens, Richard Twarek and Robert Zoucha, freshmen.

The faculty personnel include: Father Roch, and Father Martin, religious instructors; Father Joseph, religious instructor and athletic director; Sister Honora, high school principal and senior sponsor; Sister Laurentine, junior sponsor; Sister Herman Joseph, sophomore sponsor; Sister Verona, freshmen sponsor; Sister Bronisla, science teacher and the annual sponsor; Sister Cyrill, commerce teacher and "The Venture" advisor; Sister Gerard, librarian; Mrs. Locher, home economics; Mr. Joseph Van Ackeren, music director; and Mr. Cletus Fischer, athletic coach and mechanical arts instructor.



FATHER JOSEPH

Father Joe Hagen Joins S.B. Faculty

Reverend Joseph B. Hagen, OFM, is the new athletic director of St. Bonaventure School and second assistant pastor of St. Bonaventure parish. He replaces Father Tim, who served this parish for three years.

Father Joe was born in East St. Louis, Illinois in 1920, and spent his early boyhood on a farm. He was ordained to the priesthood on December 20, 1946. His only previous assignment was Corpus Christi Parish in Chicago, Illinois, where he served as instructor of physical education in the parish high school for one year, and later spent two years in teenage and adult convert work. Also during this time he served as Moderator of Young People's Activities, District Chaplain of Boy Scouts and acting Chaplain at Cook County jail in Chicago.

In an interview Father Joe said he enjoys hunting, fishing and all types of sports activities.

Shop Room Gets Improved Look

The shop has many new improvements this year for the boys.

It has a new jig and band saw and a lathe that will be ready for use in the near future. Altogether there are 32 students taking advantage of the many facilities the shop offers.

Larry Sanders has been chosen as shop manager and Keith Speicher was appointed as shop foreman. The students have nearly completed their first project, the making of corner what-not shelves.

St. Bonaventure Prize Float



St. Bon's two-time winning float pictured in the Platte County Fair Parade.

'The Venture' Receives Top Journalism Ratings

Honorary Society Presents High International Award

"The Venture" was again awarded two top honors for superior achievements in scholastic journalism during the year of 1951-52 — International Honor Award, highest possible rating of the Quill and Scroll International Honorary Society, and "All Catholic", top award of the Catholic School Press Association.

For the second consecutive year, "The Venture" has won the "International Honor Award, recognizing it as a paper of outstanding achievements. This award is granted to superior high school newspapers on the basis of overall layout, reader appeal, coverage of news, and general management of the paper.

The "All Catholic" rating has been awarded to our publication for the past five years on the same principles as the Quill and Scroll rating and according to the standards of good Catholic journalism.

The ratings granted by the

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

The Catholic School Press Association's ratings are "All Catholic", "First Honors", and "Second Honors".

"The Venture", besides being a member of the Quill and Scroll Society, and Catholic Press Association, is a member of the Commission of American Citizenship Organization sponsored by the Catholic University of America, and joined the Nebraska High School Press Association of the University of Nebraska in 1948.

Mary Alice Moersen was editor of "The Venture" last year and Pat Tooley served as assistant editor.

St. Bon's Plans Gala Homecoming

The traditional Homecoming celebration at St. Bonaventure is being planned in a big way this year, and will be held in conjunction with the St. Joseph, Omaha—St. Bonaventure football game on October 10. The festivities are scheduled for October 9 and 10, with all St. Bonaventure High School and St. Francis Academy alumni cordially invited to attend both days.

On October 9, a large bonfire rally will take place on the school premises at 7:15 in the evening. The burning of a dummy, representing the opponent, St. Joseph, will be one of the main features of the evening. The High School Pep Band will play several football pieces. Coach Cletus Fischer and a student game captain will give a short pep talk; following this, the varsity and junior varsity cheerleaders will lead the crowd in victory cheers, songs, and dances around the bonfire.

At 8:00 the same evening, a unique, original program in keeping with Homecoming theme, will be presented by the freshman class under the direction of Sister M. Verona.

The football game against St. Joseph of Omaha will begin at 8:00 at the football stadium in Pawnee Park on October 10. During the half of the game the crowning of the King and Queen will take place on the football field. The band is working on intricate formations for a big half-time performance previous to the crowning of King and Queen.

The Homecoming Queen and her attendants will be voted upon by the entire football team, and their identity will not be revealed until that night, when the time comes for the special crowning ceremony.

After the football game a Victory Dance will follow in the social hall, with Bobby Mills and his orchestra providing the music. All students and alumni are invited to attend this dance. With the ending of the dance at 1:00 a.m., the Homecoming celebration for 1952 will come to a glorious close.

The publicity group plans to advertise the Homecoming in the daily newspaper and in the parish bulletin. A day preceding the gala event, a car, especially equipped with a loudspeaker, will canvass the town broadcasting the coming event. Special attempts will be made to contact and invite as many St. Bonaventure and St. Francis Academy alumni as is possible.

The divisions in preparation for the Homecoming celebration are as follows: Cheerleaders—bonfire rally; seniors—advertising; juniors—half time program at the field; sophomores—social hall decorations; freshmen—the stage show.

Assistant Pastor Leaves St. Bons

Reverend Timothy Healy, OFM, second assistant pastor and athletic director for three years, was transferred to Provincial Headquarters, Franciscan Fathers Monastery, St. Louis, Missouri, on June 25, 1952.

While Father Tim was athletic director at St. Bonaventure, he gave a great contribution to a better sports program. Through his influence, the Shamrocks received an improved game schedule, and were donned with new uniforms in football, basketball and track. He organized a parish baseball team about two years ago and did his best to maintain it as a fine, winning team throughout both seasons.

Father Tim was very instrumental in getting the "Little League" baseball team started in Columbus for local youngsters below high school age; and he is credited with having started the student activity tickets in the high school for the promotion of better attendance at the home games.

Besides taking a vital interest in high school sports, Father Tim initiated football in the elementary grades, and bettered their basketball team.

Father Tim served as chaplain at the State Hospital for the Insane in St. Louis this summer and recently was appointed as an instructor at a girls' academy in St. Louis.

Father Tim was succeeded by Reverend Joseph Hagen, OFM.

1952 Graduates Choose Many Fields of Endeavor

A recent survey of St. Bonaventure graduates shows that from this class, thirteen are continuing in schools of learning. Of the remaining graduates, a large number are employed by business firms in Columbus and surrounding cities. Several are serving in the United States Armed Forces.

Students attending universities are: Mary Alice Moersen, Marquette University, Milwaukee, Wis.; Dennis Baumert, Quincy College, Quincy, Illinois; Alvin Chochon, Bill Messing, Richard Otterpohl, and Dick Tooley, University of Nebraska, Lincoln; Charles Kaipust, Omaha University, Omaha; Ted Mimick, Norfolk Junior College, Norfolk, Nebraska.

The three girls enrolled in nurses training are: Margaret Hembd, St. Joseph Mercy Hospital, Sioux City, Iowa; Ruth Kluever, Duquesne College, and Pat Tooley, St. Joseph Hospital, both in Omaha.

Rosalie Billesbach and Mary Ann Podraza are studying the teletype system at the Radio and Television Electronics School in Omaha.

Graduates employed in Columbus and their place of business are as follows: Jean Clark, Gottschalk Insurance Agency; Mary Zarek and Mary Euteneuer, Columbus Planning Mill; Leo Cynova, Leonhard's Conoco Service Station; Francis Fischer, Consumer's Public Power District, general office; Bernadette Holys, Mead

Lumber Company; Diane Haney, Estelle Wemhoff, Charlotte Jones and Marilyn Noonan, Northwestern Bell Telephone Company; John Kaminski and Herman Keefer, Union Pacific Railroad; Betty Koch, Montgomery Ward store; Arnold Krzycki, Alexander Furniture; Bernice Maag, St. Mary's Hospital; Barbara Markhofer, Davidson Cooley Drug Store; Mary Jo Tucek, St. Bonaventure school, secretary to Mr. VanAckeren; Ray Brezinski, Woolworth store.

Lois German is employed at the Elgin Watch Factory at Lincoln. Mary Ellen Marsolek and Mary Paprocki are helping at home. Those in service are Kenneth O'Kane, Tom Zuroski, Jerry Speicher and Don Sokol.

Mary Lee Ebner and Mary Lou Steuhmer attended Kearney State Teachers College this summer and are now teaching school in District 12, in Platte county and Richland public school in Richland respectively.

S.B. Religious Float Takes Top Honors

"Prayer, Our Mightiest Weapon," was the theme of the 1952 St. Bonaventure Float made by the different parish organizations. It captured top honors in both the Platte County Fair held August 29, and the Schuyler Labor Day Parade. Prize money amounting to \$90 was received.

The float was artistically decorated in white and gold crepe paper. In the background was mounted a beautiful cross with the inscription, "Our Father Who Art In Heaven." Kneeling on either side of this cross, and pointing to the inscription, were two little girls dressed as angels. Before the cross, two soldiers were kneeling in prayer for world peace; while three other soldiers were lying on a simulative battlefield.

Mrs. R. L. Dodendorf was the chief designer and artist for the float.

Former Graduate Receives Degree

Leland C. Koch, 1946 graduate of St. Bonaventure High School, graduated this year with a Bachelor of Science degree from Parks College of Aeronautical Technology of St. Louis University.

While attending the university, Leland was a member of Alpha Pi Sigma Fraternity, and the Institute of Aeronautical Sciences. He took an active part in intra-mural sports as a student, both in high school and in the university.

He is now employed by Lockheed Aircraft Corporation, Burbank, California, as a Junior Engineer.

Shamrock Shenanigans

The mighty seniors welcome the green freshies to ole Bonnies High. Congratulations! to the football team for winning the first home game.

The big crowd at the Youth Center, after the first football game, shows fine school spirit. Keep it up, kids.

Hurry, hurry, hurry, get your student activity tickets now!

The students' cars got a new paint job for the first pep rally. Shoe polish, that is!!

Three cheers for the new cheerleaders! Swell combination. No? For instructions on how to drive off curbs in one easy lesson, see Shirley Sokol!

Hey, Larry, who were you trying to hit with that paper wad? Sorta backfired, didn't it? Who's the senior boy called Louie Speicher? Any relation, Keith?

"Step on your own feet" seemed to be the slogan of the students on the school bus going to Decatur. Everyone seemed to have loads of room. Just ask any of the kids!

The football players all seem to have that new look lately, scratched faces!

We wish to welcome Sister Cyrill, Sister Bronisla, Mrs. Locher and Father Joseph to the faculty.

Mike Tooley's favorite joke lately seems to be about the head floating down the river singing, "I ain't Got No-Body!"

The students and faculty are making plans for Homecoming. Let everyone do his best to make it a big success.

The Kramer High students seemed to enjoy themselves at our Youth Center last Friday night after their game. We were glad to have them and hope they come back again.

Lost: The Seniors of '52.
Found: Forty-three freshies!
Rumors have it that Sister Verona had a new type of holy water in Room 4!! To us it smells like kerosene.

Sister Honora, better known as "Smiley" to the seniors, is in St. Anthony Hospital, Denver, Colorado. We all are rooting for a speedy recovery for her.

Low Buzzing Sound Bewilders Student

"Ouch! that is the second time it has happened." "This is murder, but let's get it over with."

These are some expressions I heard as I walked past a room in a far off corner of St. Bons. I was going to pass by, but I waited to find out what was going on. So I stood by the door and all of a sudden I heard something buzzing. Then it stopped, and was followed by laughter. This continued for quite some time, but I waited. I expected to hear the buzzing sound again, but it stopped as suddenly as it had started. I started to walk away, and finally it dawned on me that it must have been the home economics class getting their first experience in sewing.

Darkness Arouses Student Curiosity

Walking into the Chemistry Lab, I knew something seemed different but what was it? What had happened over nite? It was so dark and the place used to be flooded with sunlight.

Maybe I was walking in my sleep. No, that wasn't it. After groping through the darkness, I finally reached a window. I started to open it and in the process something fell and hit me on the head. When I came to, a big green rigamajig was lying on me. After getting untangled I noticed these same long green things were hanging on the windows. Examining them more closely I suddenly realized that these long green things were new shades.

High School Holds Welcoming Mixer

The senior and sophomore classes delighted the student body with a get-acquainted mixer held in the school gym during the opening week of school.

Classes that day were shortened and the afternoon was spent dancing and getting acquainted with new students. Punch and cookies, served by the sophomores, brought the mixer to a close.

FOOTBALL RALLY



The students, led by the cheerleaders, are giving the public a cheering exhibition during the recent football rally staged on the main street in town.

Come On, Let's Live A Little!

As the records were blaring out on a popular beat, I didn't have to prove to myself or to anyone else that the crowd was having a gay time. The dance floor was filled with active, fun-loving teenagers, and a talkative crowd was gathered about the refreshment stand.

"Sounds like fun," you might say, "but that just doesn't happen at our school dances." Now, don't get so discouraged, after all, isn't everybody a little to blame if the time drags, and you turn out to be a wall-flower at a dance?"

Let's go into the details of why this group was having fun. The seniors, having sponsored this dance, were delighted with the prospect of playing host to the other classes. They took careful consideration in selecting records everyone liked. The dance was highly publicized, and the result was a large turnout; many just curious to find out what it was all about. The seniors didn't disappoint them. A grand march, solo dances, refreshments, and party balloons were all that was needed for the realization of all the fun.

Without knowing it, they forgot their shyness and were making everybody feel like "one of the gang." These boys weren't afraid to dance, so they gave all the girls a try—whether they were smooth dancers or not. Surprisingly, it was entirely different from what they had expected it to be. After that dance, it took no convincing, they liked the school dances, and they were looking forward to the next one.

Could we try it here at St. Bon's? We can have fun if we want it, so . . . come on, let's live a little!

ARLENE PICKHINKE.

Youth Center Forsees Fun-Filled Future

The Youth Center has been showing remarkable changes and has planned a full year of activities for its members.

With the Pep Club and Youth Center combined, committees are decorating the Youth Center for each game to welcome the opposing team. After each home game, all football players are being served a hot lunch in the Youth Center followed by dancing. All refreshments at the home games are being sold by the club members.

Ping Pong has long been popular at the Youth Center, therefore, Ping Pong tournaments are being planned.

These and many other activities are planned and will unfold as the year passes by.

All students holding a student activity ticket are considered members. The Youth Center is open every Tuesday and Friday evenings and after all home games. Guests are welcomed on Fridays and on game nights. Kramer High students have been welcomed to the Youth Center recently and their mixer following their game against Blair was held at the Center.

Those from St. Bon's who attended, reported that they were greatly complimented on the fine place we have and all of them agreed that they had a wonderful time. So let's have St. Bon's get into the swing of things and enjoy themselves at the Youth Center. We want everyone to join us in having a good time.

JULENE PFEIFER.

A Rosary A Day Keeps Mary Always

Wouldn't you like to give a bouquet of roses to a beautiful lady? Just think, this won't even cost you a cent. Listen and I'll tell you how it can be done.

Everytime you recite the rosary you are sending roses to the most beautiful lady in the world—Our Blessed Mother.

Mary is stronger than an army in battle, because Jesus refuses His mother nothing. Remember the promise she made: "Those who propagate my rosary will obtain through me aid in all their necessities."

The rosary will foster religion, humility, and personal purity in these days, when weak souls are losing faith in God at the sight of the misery of nations and horrors of war. Through the rosary sinners will be converted and the just will grow in grace.

Why not start now, during the month of the holy rosary—October—and make a promise to recite the rosary daily? It's the most powerful weapon we have against hell.

MARY ANN SCHUELE.

S.B. Students Hold Inspiring Pep Rally

Horns were blowing, bells were ringing, people were cheering, a band was playing. "What's the occasion?" you may ask. Why, it's the big pep rally and parade previous to the Shamrock's first football game of the season.

The student body was going all out for it. They were really displaying their school spirit and backing their team with full force.

From the school, the parade went through town. The rally proved to be a morale booster to the boys. They came through with flying colors, and an eighteen to nothing victory. A large crowd filled the stadium to see the game.

S.B.H. Band Begins Year's Activities

St. Bonaventure Band is already in full swing with this year's activities. It started: the fall program with the County Fair Parade held on August 29. Subsequently, in conjunction with the St. Francis Band of Humphrey, music was supplied for the Holy Name Rally.

During the next six weeks, St. Bon's band will be busy working out the music and maneuvers for the half-time shows at football games. The band members will accompany the football team to one or two out-of-town games. Music for the half time shows will be supplied by them at this time.

An elaborate homecoming show is in the making. Performances are scheduled for the bonfire rally, and the half time during the Homecoming game.

The winter program includes a Pep Band, which will provide music for the basketball games. However, most of the time will be expended in preparing the major concert of the year—the spring concert. Shortly after the spring concert, the band again will attend the District Music Contest.

Sodalists Draw-Up General Program

The Spiritual Council of the Mystical Rose Sodality drew up the general sodality program for the year at a meeting on September 23.

The council decided that the general meetings of the Sodality will be held on the first Tuesday of each month. This night was chosen for the main purpose that all Sodalists could attend the Youth Center after the meeting.

Each meeting will start at 7:15 in the Church with the Little Office of the Blessed Virgin. All those who do not attend the service will be counted as absent from the general meeting.

Any Sodalists missing more than three Communions or meetings without a written excuse from their parents will automatically be dismissed.

The membership dues for the coming year will be \$1.00.

Mental Prayer, Daily Mass and Communion along with the daily recitation of the Rosary are the Sodality's major spiritual project. Daily breakfast is now being served in the gym to give all those receiving Holy Communion an opportunity to eat before classes.

A Parish Talent Show will highlight the social events for the year. The date has been set for Sunday, November 2, in the Social Hall. There will be two divisions—children and adult. Judges along with the audiences' applause will determine the winner of each division. Big plans are underway to make this an evening that will long be remembered by all those attending.

These were the main topics discussed at the Council meeting. They will be placed before the Sodalists at their October meeting.

The Council consists of Father Roch, Spiritual Director; Sister Verona, Moderator; Mary Ann Schuele, prefect; Joan Gregorius, vice-prefect; Lorraine Pickhinke, secretary; and Julene Pfeifer, treasurer. The six committee chairmen are Sharon Robb, Our Lady's; Joan Matya, Apostalic; Elaine Kneifel, Publicity; Rita Roman, Eucharistic; Carol Thraen, Social Life; and Dorothy Mielak, Catholic Truths.

With the cooperation of each and every Sodalist, and with the wonderful spiritual guidance of Father Roch and Sister Verona, the Sodality will have a very successful year.

Inquiring Reporters Report Inquiries

Curiosity aroused the reporter to investigate on the likes and dislikes of the freshies. Here are some of their views on high school life.

Carroll N.—I like the dismissal bell.

Mariann S.—The school games and Youth Center.

Larry S.—The studies and movies.

Bill M.—The High School because I have to.

Jackie M.—Changing from room to room.

Robert Z.—The sports.

Bernice E.—Three minutes between classes.

Sharon H.—Everything but what I don't like.

Norman H.—The girls (How did this get in here?)

Bob S.—Sr. Herman Joseph for two subjects.

Richard T.—Better studies and more entertainment.

Don N.—Because it isn't grade school.

Judy O.—I dislike the boy next to me.

Joyce S.—I don't like mathematics.

Betty E.—I'm against seventh periods.

Norma I.—I dislike those 1000 word compositions.

Allen P.—The homework.

Henry K.—Because I don't like to be up "high". (Careful Henry).

Pat T.—The "slap-happy" seniors.

Eddie K.—Being called "little freshie."

'I Dream of You' My 'Charmaine'

"A Place In the Sun" "Watermelon Time"

Dear "Charmaine" I was "Sing in the Rain" on "Shrimp Boats", "Until" "All of a Sudden", I remembered "Sunday Is My Day With You", and I was "Wish in" I could take "You" to the "Candy Dancers Ball" down the "Street of Dreams."

I'm a "Slow Poke", but I hurried back to "Pittsburgh Pennsylvania" and arrived all "Out of Breath" "Because of You." I bumped into "Pigtails and Freckles" and she said, "You'll Never Walk Alone" "Because" she saw "My Truly Fair" "Cry" "Down the Trail of Aching Hearts." But "Oh, How She Lied."

"Why Worry", I thought, I knew "You" were "All by Yourself in the Moonlight", "Smokin and Dreamin'". So, I went "Under the Honey-Suckle Vine" and found you in a "Star Dust" "Alice Blue Gown." I said, "Please" "Forgive Me." My "Hobo Heart" is "Loving For You", won't you "Be My Life's Companion?" "We Won't Live In A Castle", but I can afford a "Bicycle Built for Two" wedding in "Apple Blossom Time" "If" the "Little Brown Church" "Ay Round the Corner" isn't "Too Old" for you.

Then a "Little White Cloud That Cried" told me it was all "Make Believe." The "Syncopated Clock" struck "You Gotta Get Up", it's "High Noon", so I'll bring "The Letter" to a close.

"Auf Wiederseh'n", "A Wonderful Guy"

Green Organisms Astound Students

These green organisms have the biology class quite worried. They have been creeping about the school now for about three weeks. They have been seen mostly on the third floor according to the latest reports. The sophomores are noted for having seen them more than any of the other classes. These green creatures are found mainly in Room 4. Could anyone help us discover what these are? Freshmen, do you have any ideas?

Poor Willie

Little Willie, from the mirror Licked all the mercury off Thinking in his childish air That it would cure his whooping cough.

At the funeral, Willie's mother Sadly said to Mrs. Brown, 'Twas a chilly day for Willie When the mercury went down.

Dave Bove



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St. Bonaventure 1952 Grid Roster

ENDS	
**Larry Sanders, sr.	160
Dean Soulliere, jr.	135
Joe Dineen, sr.	150
Jack Gladfelder, sr.	155
Pat Michaelsen, jr.	145
Clarence Nosal, so.	120
TACKLES	
**Jon Robb, sr.	175
*Eugene Savage, sr.	160
Clinton Gates, so.	150
Jim Jaworski, sr.	150
Joe Bonk, so.	155
Vince Galley, jr.	130
Mick Tooley, jr.	125
Ed Kavanaugh, fr.	145
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GUARDS	
***Lawrence Miller, sr.	160
*Martin Dunn, sr.	150
**Keith Speicher, sr.	155
John Tooley, jr.	135
Art Roddy, sr.	145
Joe Woerth, sr.	140
Carroll Novicki, fr.	150
CENTERS	
Bob Wemhoff, jr.	160
Ron Warholoski, jr.	155
Bob Snell, fr.	125
QUARTERS	
**Dave Bowe, sr.	150
John Holys, so.	135
Norman Henggeler, fr.	130
LEFT HALF	
*Jim Hoshor, jr.	145
Duane Clark, so.	130
RIGHT HALF	
**Ken Cielocha, jr.	145
Joe Tooley, so.	125
Leo Moschenross, so.	130
FULLBACKS	
**Don Schmid, sr.	190
Paul Shemek, so.	150
*—indicates letter	

Decatur Gridsters Upset Shamrocks

The St. Bonaventure Shamrocks met a surprised upset by a high-spirited Decatur Football team, September 19, with a score of 13 to 12.

The Irish attack was badly hampered by a steady drizzle, which caused quite a few fumbles.

Arriving only seven minutes before game time, the Shamrocks had to enter the contest "cold." Decatur pushed over a couple first half touchdowns, and managed to withhold a strong Irish bid after intermission.

On the statistical side, Decatur was badly out-downed and out-played by the Shamrocks, with most of the game being played in Decatur territory. Scoring was a different phase; however, Bonnies just couldn't muster the touchdown punch.

The game proved to be a battle of the fullbacks, with big Don Schmid doing the pile driving for St. Bona, and Ray Y'Deen starring for the host team.

Dean Maryott tallied in the first stanza on a 30 yard pass lateral play. Y'Deen shook loose on a neat 70 yard scoring jaunt in the second quarter, and added the extra point, which proved to be the eventual margin of victory.

Except for the pair of scoring plays, Decatur offense fizzled and produced only a couple of first downs.

Schmid scored first for the Shamrocks from 12 yards out in the third period, and quarter, Dave Bowe sneaked across from the 3 in the fourth quarter.

Fumbles stopped St. Bona as they tried to run for the point.

The Irish made a strong bid in the last minute of play, driving from the Decatur 40 to the three line, but Schmid fumbled in going across and the host team recovered.

LARSON-KUHN
GOOD CLOTHES FOR MEN AND BOYS

BLAKE'S DOWNTOWN
BOWLING ALLEY
Bowl For Health

Football Squad of 1952



Coach Cletus Fischer gives the squad a pep talk before scrimmage.

St. Bon's Shamrocks Retain 11 Lettermen

'Swiftness' Becomes Squad's Watchword

A relatively light, but speedy football squad reported to Coach Cletus Fischer, August 22.

The squad, one of the largest in St. Bon's history, lacks the size and experience of the 1951 team which rolled up seven victories in nine starts; and wound up with a ranking of Nebraska's No. 6, Class "B" team.

One of the highlights, however, is the return of eleven lettermen from that crack club. They are Larry Sanders, end; Jon Robb, Eugene Savage, and Clinton Gates, tackles; Lawrence Miller, Keith Speicher, and Martin Dunn, guards; Dave Bowe, Don Schmid, Jim Hoshor, and Ken Cielocha, fullbacks.

The Shamrocks will face a fair-

ly tough nine game schedule, with five games on the road. As usual, the Irish will run off the split-T, and Dave Bowe will probably get the call at quarter back. Jim Hoshor, Ken Cielocha, and Keith Speicher will be competing for the half spots. Speicher has been moved from guard to half-back to add a little depth to the back field. "The big boy," Don Schmid, 6' 3", 190 pound bruiser, will fill the fullback slot. With this power and speed, he should add the badly needed punch.

There isn't much more size in the back field picture, but the reserves show plenty of hustle.

Jon Robb, 6' 2", 175 pounds, will be the big boy in the line. Robb, rugged on offense as well as defense, will be set for plenty of action this year. Gunning for the other tackle position will be Sav-

age and Gates, 160 and 150 respectively.

Miller and Dunn will have the inside track on the guard spots. The guard positions will be one of the Irish's strong points in this season.

Husky Bob Wemhoff, 160 pound junior, will tackle the center position. Bob, willing, but inexperienced, will be kept busy filling the shoes of Denny Baumert, last year's powerful center.

With the ranks thin at nearly all positions, Coach Fischer will have to keep his fingers crossed in hopes that no key players are hurt. But Shamrock fans can draw encouragement from the past records under Clete's direction.

Clete has always been able to get full mileage from his boys, and this year should be no exception.

Holy Name Sponsors Annual Public Rally

The third annual public Holy Name Rally, sponsored by the Lindsay Deanery of the Holy Name Societies, was held before a fine crowd in the Frankfort Square on Sunday, September 7.

The Holy Name men from councils in the Lindsay Deanery marched to the square from the St. Bonaventure school ground, led by the St. Bonaventure Band of Columbus, and St. Francis band of Humphrey.

A group of fourth degree Knights of Columbus headed the procession and formed a guard of honor for his Excellency, the Most Reverend Bishop John L. Paschang, D.D., of Grand Island, who officiated at the ceremonies.

Company E of the National Guard provided the color guard, bearers, and firing squad. The ceremonies were opened with the raising of the flag, the singing of the "Star Spangled Banner," pledge of allegiance to the flag, and taps.

The Most Reverend Bishop John L. Paschang, in his sermon, called for a religious re-awakening in every phase of human endeavor. He pointed out the roots of modern evil; and urged Catholics to recognize the importance of Mass and Holy Communion in helping them lead good and constructive lives.

The Rev. Clement Kubesh of Clarkson, Holy Name director for the Lindsay Deanery, served as the Master of Ceremonies. Music during the service was provided by the male choir from St. Francis of Humphrey. The Rev. Martin F. Wolter, assistant pastor of St. Bonaventure, led in the recitation of the rosary. Frank Miller of Clarkson, president of the Lindsay Deanery of Holy Name Societies, led the Holy Name men in the pledge.

The service concluded with solemn Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament, with His Excellency, Bishop Paschang as celebrant, and Rev. John O'Brien of Platte Center and Rev. Daniel Brick of Leigh as assistants.

High School Elects New Cheerleaders

T-E-A-M was the resounding cry heard at the cheerleader try-outs held on September 9, in the school gym.

Many girls participated in both junior varsity and the varsity try-outs, but the final voting was limited to those students not in the band.

Those selected for the new varsity cheerleading team are three seniors, Eleanor Syslo, Elaine Buechter, Rita Roman; three juniors, Pat Vruble and Stacia Bolin.

In the junior varsity division, one sophomore, Carole Thraen, and four freshmen, Janet Melcher, Ester Liss, Barbara Cielocha, and Pat Tworek were elected.

This is the second year of varsity cheering for Eleanor Syslo and Elaine Buechter. Stacia Bolin was junior varsity cheerleader last year and Rita Roman has had previous experience on the junior varsity cheering squad as a freshman in Fullerton High School.

The varsity cheerleaders selected green pullover sweaters with white corduroy kullouts for their uniform, and the junior varsity chose green corduroy skirts with white pullover sweaters.

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Conquering Irish Down St. Cecilia

Coach Cletus Fischer's Shamrocks opened the 1952 football season with a convincing 18-0 triumph over St. Cecilia's of Hastings on September 12.

The St. Bonaventure offense was ragged and spotty in the first half, but the boys settled down and played some pretty fair ball during the last two quarters.

An outstanding feature of the game was the defensive play of the Irish forward wall. Keith Speicher, Joe Bonk, and Clint Gates were the defensive standouts and continually harassed the Blue Hawks backfield. Quarterback, Jerry Buttel, was thrown for repeated losses trying to get away passes.

St. Bona kicked off. On the first play, Jerry Gerhart ran 32 yards from scrimmage. St. Cecilia's threatened only once, when a Blue Hawk lineman recovered an Irish fumble on the Bonnie's 19 yard line.

Bonk recovered a fumble on the St. Cecilia 34 late in the first period. Jim Hoshor started the touchdown march with a 7 yard gain. Ken Cielocha picked up a few yards and a pass from Dave Bowe to Don Schmid was good for six and a first down.

A few plays later, the Shamrocks were on the six yard line knocking on the goal posts. Off-side on the following play set the Irish back to the 11. Cielocha took a run around the right end and crossed the goal line untouched. The try for the extra point failed.

In the last half, Schmid began to roll and picked up both final touchdowns. Bowe set up the third period score by returning a punt 19 yards to the invaders 25. The Irish picked up a first down and then completed a pass for a 7 yard loss that put them back on the 19 yard line. Schmid took the ball right on the next play and drilled his way across, knocking off tacklers easily. A bad pass from center ruined the try for an extra point.

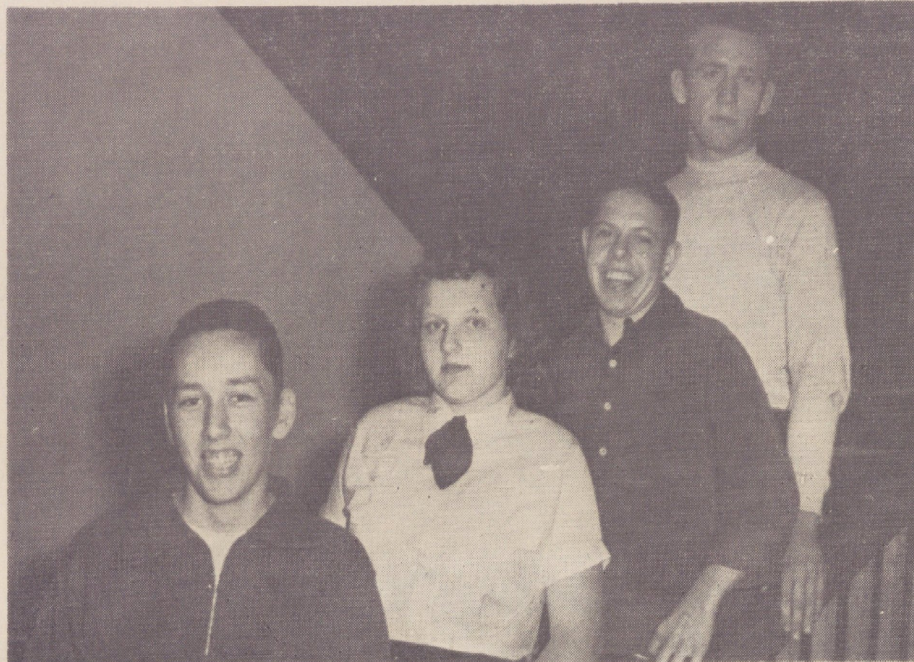
Late in the last quarter, Jim Hoshor returned a punt to the St. Cecilia's 24. Three quick plays later, Schmid scored again. Robb's placement was wide.

Schmid was the offensive standout and Bowe turned in a good all around game. Gerhart showed the most punch for the visitors on offense and Gilmore turned in some rugged defense.

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**Students View
 Enjoyable Movie**
 The high school students were shown the first school movie for the year on Monday afternoon. It was entitled "Smith of Minnesota." The picture centered around a Hollywood movie producer, who's assignment was to make a motion picture story about a football player's life. Uninterested in football as he was, he dreaded the job, but took it over nevertheless. After meeting Smith's wonderful family and finally realizing their love of football he soon grew to like the game himself. The picture showed the determination and hard luck of the player, and the obstacles that he had to overcome to get the All-American award. It was a true-to-life picture and was enjoyed by the whole high school.

**Homerooms Hold
 Officer Elections**
 The election of class officers brought to a climax, the first week of the new school year at St. Bonaventure High, with the students favoring the boys as their leaders. The boys dominate over the girls in the senior class, having Lawrence Miller as president, Don Schmidt as vice president, and Martin Dunn carrying the duty of secretary-treasurer. The juniors elected John Tooley as president, and Jim Hoshier, vice president. Delones Rupprecht is serving as secretary-treasurer.

**Majorettes Attend
 Twirlers Meeting**
 Five St. Bonaventure's majorettes were among 312 other majorettes from cities throughout the state attending the sixth annual Twirlers Convention, staged in the football stadium at Neligh, Nebraska, Monday, September 15. Those attending from St. Bon's were Joann Matya, Joyce Melcher, Sheila McGowan, Betty Dineen, and Sharon Bowe. Father Roch accompanied them on the trip. After morning registration, the girls proceeded to the football field where instructors explained the correct methods of twirling, plus numerous types of twirls and eye-catching tricks.

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High School Teachers Attend State Convention

Students from the high school and eighth grade were dismissed from classes on Oct. 23 and 24, for the convenience of the teachers attending the 32nd annual teachers' convention arranged by the Nebraska State Education Association. District meetings were held in Omaha, Lincoln and Norfolk.

The convention was divided into divisional meetings to the greater interest of teachers in those special fields. The three divisions were: elementary and junior high, administration and college, and high school activities.

The main assembly address on Thursday, Oct. 23, was given by Dr. William F. Russell on the subject of "Contrasting Policies Regarding Communism in American and European Schools." Dr. Russell told that in Europe, Communism is a struggle. It has penetrated American life deeply, and there is a powerful conspiracy afoot in the United States, but it is up to the young people in the schools to stamp out this spreading evil.

Various luncheons, dinners and receptions also were held for the different associations and organizations.

The teachers representing St. Bonaventure school at the convention were: Sister Honora, Sister Cyril, Sister Bronisla, Sister Verona, and Sister Esther.

School Inaugurates Hot Lunch Program

The serving of hot school lunches was inaugurated by the school faculty of St. Bonaventure on October 14.

At the present time, approximately 100 grade and high school students are partaking of the hot lunches. This number will increase when the cold weather arrives.

Sister Cyril is directing this project and Mrs. Ed German and Mrs. Victor German are doing the cooking and serving. They are assisted with the serving by six eighth grade girls.

Different Classes View 'Oil and Its Importance'

"Oil and Its Importance" was the subject discussed in an educational movie shown to the biology, chemistry, and modern problems classes on October 16.

Mr. M. C. Palmer, the Nebraska Advertising and Public Relations Representative explained how twelve oil companies combined to have Movietone make the \$85,000 movie. They toured the United States and took action shots which explained methods by which oil is obtained, how it is refined into the many types of finished products, and the different uses of oil.

A class discussion on this subject followed the movie.

'Venture' Journalists Attend Nebraska Press Conference

Four Students Enter Competitive Contests

Twenty journalists from St. Bonaventure High again will represent "The Venture" at the 21st annual Nebraska High School Press Convention to be held on the campus of the University of Nebraska, at Lincoln, on November 7 and 8.

The purpose of these annual conventions is to acquaint the high school students with new techniques in writing, business management, and make-up; to exchange ideas for developing a better publication; and to discuss the most common problems connected with editing a high school paper.

Besides attending the panel discussions and lectures that are to be held on both days, four staff

Sodalists Present Local Talent Show

A large crowd was present for a Talent Show sponsored by the High School Sodality in the Social Hall on Sunday, November 2. All proceeds went to the Sodality.

The program, consisting of all local talent, included: St. Bon's Mother Singers; Martha Laska, accordion solo; Barbara Mitera and Betty Gregorius, cornet duet; Arlene Pickhinke, soprano solo; Billy Jean Coles, ballet and tap dance; Charles Wiedel, trombone; Joseph Van Ackeren, violin; Sharon Bowe, alto vocalist; Delores Rupprecht, piano solo; Betty Dineen, majorette; Mrs. Edward Messing and Mrs. Rose Gumm, piano duet; and St. Bon's Triple Trio.

All these people graciously donated their time and talent to make the program possible.

The Master of Ceremonies for the evening was Mary Ann Schuele. Other helpers include: stage managers, Julene Pfeifer and Lorraine Pickhinke; ushers, Shirley Jiranek and Sally Ragatz; publicity, Elaine Kneifel; arrangement, Carole Thraen.

St. Bon's Faculty Attends Catholic Teachers Meet

Among the many teachers in attendance at the second Archdiocesan Teachers' Convention in Omaha on October 9 and 10, were twelve teachers from St. Bonaventure Grade and High School.

The convention opened on Thursday morning with a pontifical Mass at St. Cecilia's Cathedral with the most Reverend Gerald T. Bergan, D.D., as celebrant.

Many demonstrations, panel discussions, speeches, and visits to the different exhibits filled the program with helpful information for the benefit of all the teachers present.

Home Ec. Classes Analyze Designs

"Warm colors, such as yellow and brown, look best on girls with dark features." This was one of the key statements made by Mrs. Locher to the home economics class during their recent study of clothes designing and color harmony.

Each girl analyzed herself to determine her better qualities, and then proceeded to select the design and texture of her clothes on the basis of height, personality, skin, hair, and eye coloring.

The students modeled various kinds of fabric and color to determine which kind looked best on each individual person. In selecting clothes, they agreed that not every girl can wear the latest fashion, but should stay with the style that emphasizes her good features and lessens her faulty ones.

Students Hear 1952 Homecoming King, Queen CAP Speaker

Major Ted Kerr, commanding officer of the Nebraska Civil Air Patrol, and Mr. Clyde Simpson addressed the assembly on October 22, to promote the C.A.P. organization in this community.

Lawrence Miller, senior class president, introduced Mr. Simpson, chief of the Columbus C.A.P. chapter. Mr. Simpson compared flying with a disease, explaining that once you begin flying in the clouds it is like an incurable disease, you don't want to quit.

Mr. Simpson introduced Major Kerr from Omaha, who related the history of the C.A.P., explaining its purpose, and its great value to members who later join the U. S. Air Force.

The C.A.P. membership is open to both boys and girls who are interested in learning the fundamentals of aeronautics.

One of the valuable services that this civil organization renders is the search work being done in locating missing government and privately owned airplanes.

Their national programs include summer camp for aviation cadet training; drill competition, with annual awards in state, regional, and national contests; and foreign exchange. Each year three outstanding C.A.P. members from the United States are sent to 16 foreign countries for a month's all expenses paid tour. This is done to promote good will and friendly relationships among the different countries.

Major Kerr closed his talk by extending a cordial invitation to everyone to join the Civil Air Patrol.

Robert Snell Receives Highest Scout Award

Robert Snell, honor student in the St. Bonaventure freshman class, was recently recommended for the highest honor in scouting, the Eagle Award.

Bob, who takes part in such extra curricular activities as football, youth club, and altar boy, hopes to enter Notre Dame University upon completion of high school.

Bob entered scouting in December, 1946, as a member of Cub Pack 115. He earned five arrowheads as a Cub before he progressed into Boy Scout life as a tenderfoot. He reached Second Class in January, 1950; First Class in March, 1950; Star Scout, September, 1950; and Life Scout in May 1951.

In 1950, he also entered Camp Cedars, qualifying for 22 merit badges that he now possesses with many other honors.

To earn the Eagle Award, one must have served 15 months in scouting, earned 21 merit badges, be a natural leader in church, school, community, and growth in citizenship. One must also be recommended by his unit leader, his pastor, prominent businessmen, and his teachers.

J. Robb Becomes Council President

Jon Robb, senior, was elected president of the Student Council, Oct. 29. Other officers are Mick Tooley, vice-president, and Lawrence Miller, secretary.

The senior class nominated three candidates for the offices of president and secretary. The juniors chose the nominees for vice-president. The student body then elected one for each office.

John, an honor student, has held many class offices, and has been an outstanding leader in all school activities. He is a letterman in both football and basketball.

Other members of the Student Council are: class presidents, John Tooley, junior; Mary Ann Simpson, sophomore; Ed Kavanaugh, freshman; Arlene Pickhinke, "Venture" editor; Mary Ann Schuele, Sodality prefect; Julene Pfeifer, Youth Center president. Sister Honora is the faculty advisor.

1952 Homecoming King, Queen



Courtesy of Daniel Studio

Sanders, Johnson Become '52 Homecoming Royalty

St. Bon's High Celebrates Festivities Oct. 9 and 10

Larry Sanders and Marilyn Johnson were chosen by the student body to reign as King and Queen over the 1952 St. Bonaventure Homecoming festivities which were held October 9 and 10.

The celebration began Thursday evening with a large bonfire rally on the school premises. The High School Band played several peppy college favorites, followed by cheers led by the varsity and junior varsity cheerleaders. Coach Fischer gave a short pep talk and then introduced the game captain, Lawrence Miller, who expressed his desire to see everyone at the game. A stuffed dummy, dressed as a St. Joe's football player, was then thrown into the fire to symbolize the defeat of the opposing team.

The students then joined in a

snake dance to the social hall where the freshmen gave a unique, original program.

Friday evening, during the half of the St. Joseph-St. Bon's football game the crowning ceremonies took place. The Queen, and her attendants, Eleanor Syslo, Julene Pfeifer, Mary Ann Micek, and Shirley Sokol, attired in formals, rode onto the field in convertibles. There they were met by the King and his attendants, Lawrence Miller, Donald Schmid, Jon Robb, and Dave Bowe. Larry then crowned Marilyn, and she in turn presented him with a scepter, symbolic of his honor.

Following the game a Victory Dance was held in the social hall. Bobby Mills and his orchestra provided the music. The public was cordially invited. With the ending of the dance at 12 o'clock, this year's Homecoming came to a close.

Parish PTA Plans Monthly Programs

St. Bonaventure P.T.A. met for its regular monthly business meeting in the social hall on Tuesday, October 21.

The guest speaker, Jesse Dougherty, gave a resume of the six state constitutional amendments which will appear on the ballot at the general election on Nov. 4.

Mrs. John C. Byrnes reported on the P.T.A. workshop held at Norfolk on October 10. Father Roch also gave a brief talk to the group.

The monthly programs for this year were drawn up at this meeting. The themes are as follows: November, Thanksgiving; December, Christmas; January, Courtesy; February, Health; March, Panel Discussions on Present Athletics; April, Travélogue Night; and May, Profitable Vocations for the Students.

Sodality Sponsors Daily Breakfasts

An average of thirty-five high school students are taking advantage of the new daily breakfast program started one month ago at St. Bon's. This project is under the direction of the Eucharistic Committee of the Mystical Rose Sodality.

Hot breakfasts are served in the gym each morning to students who receive Holy Communion during the 8:00 mass. They are given until 9:00 to eat their breakfast. Then they return to their regular classes.

Rita Roman, Eucharistic Committee Chairman, Elaine Romanek, Mary Ann Simpson, Betty Hemmer, and Joan Gregorius are in charge of preparing the breakfasts. Mary Ann Schuele, Sodality prefect, and Julene Pfeifer, treasurer, are cashiers.

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Let's Thank the Lord!

Did you ever see a picture of a child standing on a hill and looking down below at a peaceful town, surrounded by acres of shimmering grain ready for harvest. It usually reminds us of Thanksgiving, doesn't it?

Thanksgiving is that day of the year when everyone enjoys tempting roast turkey dinners with all the trimmings. It is a national holiday and everyone is in a festive mood. But do these same people stop to think why they are celebrating this day?

God really isn't asking much by having one day in the year set aside to thank Him. He gives us our spiritual and temporal needs every day without a single "thank you" uttered by many of us. It isn't that we mean to do this. Very few really stop to think, "Shouldn't we thank God every day?"

A daily thanksgiving doesn't take much effort once we start doing it. Take for example our football games. Nearly all the high school students receive Holy Communion the morning of a big game, but we could improve on our thanksgiving afterward, when we know the Lord helped us mark another win on the score board.

When this Thanksgiving Day arrives, let's all show the Lord how wonderful we think He is, and let's remember to keep telling Him this every day.

Are You A Parasite?

When an unexpected examination turned up in class the other day, several students, looking completely unconcerned, hustled up to one desk and took some history paper that a thoughtful person had brought for his own use. Paper, ink, pencils—day by day students depend on somebody else to furnish supplies they should have brought themselves.

The subject of borrowing brings to the mind the word "parasite." Webster defines a parasite as an organism who lives on other organisms, doing nothing for itself. No student would like to be called a parasite, yet, aren't habitual borrowers parasites, just as the word implies?

One sheet of paper would not be hard on anybody's pocket, but when sheet after sheet is loaned day after day and not returned, the cost rises steadily—both in money and friendship. Is it fair to the person giving out generous amounts of supplies, just because a certain group intends to save the few pennies he would have to spend for their own supplies?

No one wants to be termed a "parasite" by his fellow students. Parasites live off other organisms; borrowers live off other human beings. Are you a parasite?

A. Pickhinke.

Is Your School Spirit Showing?

We are told that St. Bon't students have real school spirit. Sure, we have pep rallies, bonfires, and are all out at the game routin' for our team to come through with another win. After a victory we are sitting on top of the world, but after a grid defeat we're down for days.

But stop a moment; are other organizations in school given the same recognition on their successes as is heaped on the varsity? Do we have rallies to honor students in other groups which represent the school, as well as the athletics?

Real spirit extends to every activity in school. It entails enthusiastic cooperation and cheerful generosity in everything we have, from an important Sodality meeting, to working on the school paper, and to that assignment in English.

We can be proud of the wonderful school spirit we have for athletics here at St. Bon's, but let's remember there are other organizations in school that could use some too. How about it?

M. A. Schuele.

Are You Doing Your Part?

We have all heard about the Poor Souls in Purgatory, but do you ever think about the poor souls on earth?

They are ordinary people, just like everyone else, but the main difference lies in the fact that they are the victims of a slow fatal disease. No one knows exactly whether or not it is contagious, but according to authorities on this disease we have learned that it can easily be caught by staying away from church for a long period of time. There is no physical pain connected with it, but reports say there is much suffering after they die. The cure for those victims, who are lucky enough to survive isn't as easy as it was for them to catch the disease. The convalescent period is hard and it takes much courage to avoid the things that have brought on the disease.

The victims are referred to as 'fallen away Catholics' and the germ causing this serious disease is called "sin."

Fallen away Catholics are poor souls on earth who are the victims of a dreadful disease—hardness of heart. They need our prayers very urgently. We must help them before it is too late. The Church sets aside November as the month for all Poor Souls. We can help them by our prayers at daily mass and Holy Communion. So start now! Give generously to the Poor Souls in Purgatory and on earth.



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Clean Mirrors Reflect Boys' Radiant Glances

As I went into the senior home-room, my eyes beheld a sight my mind couldn't quite grasp. The seniors were looking like fashion magazine models, especially the boys, who were wearing suits, white shirts, and ties. That is what I considered an overnight change—from jeans to suits. What had happened to my fellow classmates?

Toward the front of the room I noticed one of the students whom I had always considered quite normal, smiling at himself in a pocket mirror, and acting quite contented with what he was seeing. Another kept combing and recombining his hair. This was unusual for I had never known him to comb his crew cut more than once or twice a week.

At first, I thought only the boys were acting a little strangely, but as I focused my attention on the girls, I noticed they were acting very much the same. One, quite in a daze, who was staring right past me, raised one eyebrow, then lowered it. She smiled with her mouth open, then grinned with it shut.

I was getting to feel more and more out of place in my own class room, so I decided to leave. As I headed for the door, someone tapped me on the shoulder and asked me when I was going to have my graduation picture taken. Picture . . . ? That explained this whole strange situation.

It wasn't long before I found myself going through the same actions I had witnessed a few minutes ago.

'Venture' Takes Popularity Poll

Did you hear about the important election coming soon? The entire nation is in a dither over it, but that isn't the one we are talking about. Ole St. Bon's is having its own election this year on Nov. 14.

What's it all about. Well, here are the details. "The Venture" is sponsoring a "Popularity Poll" with each grade voting for students in its own class only. There will be winners in each division, from freshmen to seniors included. There are eight titles for the girls and the same for the boys, so that means YOU have a good chance of being selected as a winner from your class. The names of the winners will be kept a secret until they are published in the next issue of "The Venture."

- The titles to be granted are:
1. The girl and boy most likely to succeed in life.
 2. The boy and girl with the most pleasing personality.
 3. The two best pals (boys and girls).
 4. The best dressed boy and girl.
 5. The best dancers (boy and girl).
 6. The most ambitious girl and boy (on the basis of studies and extra curriculums.)
 7. The most talkative boy and girl.
 8. The best behaved girl and boy in class.

Start thinking now because that November election isn't far off, and we do want to know YOUR selection.

For whom are you going to cast your vote?

Outstanding Assortment Dazzle Joyful Juniors

"Oh—Aren't they beautiful—" "I like the shape of this one, but the other one looks better at close view."

No, don't get the wrong idea. We are talking about the class rings that the agent from the Josten Company was showing the juniors. Excitement and uncertainty dominated the minds of the joy-filled students as they seriously looked at each of the designs.

After discussing the merits of the different rings and weighing the matter mentally, they reached a decision. The latest in style of class ring will be worn by the juniors at St. Bon's. The girls are getting rings with a delicate opal blue setting, and the majority of the boys chose the all metal gold ring. Both patterns bear the traditional senior crest.

Shamrock Shenanigans

"Feet Up" appears to be the slogan of the senior girls literature class—especially when that faithful little mouse appears.

What junior girl has had two flat tires in ten days?? Have you learned how to change tires, Elaine?

Junior—What's the purpose of the freshies, anyhow?

Senior—To make the sophomores feel superior!! Huh!!

Robert Johnson, 1951 graduate of St. Bonaventure High, left Wednesday, October 15, for Westmont, Ill., where he will attend school in preparation for the Franciscan Brotherhood. Since graduation, Robert had been an employee at the Art Printery.

Sister Bronisla: "What is the difference between the work done by you in school and the work done by your father?"

Bright sophie: "My dad gets paid for what he does, and I don't."

What's this I hear about the junior boys initiating the senior girls? Somebody has their wires crossed! (Isn't that right, Mick, John and Dean??)

Why, on this particular Friday, did so many boys develop headaches, colds, etc??? Could it be that pheasant hunting season opened on that day???

Three cheers for the players in their victory over Holy Name!! We finally did it!!

Speaking of the game, there were more kids from St. Bon's in Omaha over the weekend than there were in Columbus.

Ch-ch means absolutely nothing unless UR in it!

The big turnout at the first school dance shows fine school spirit. Keep it up, kids!!

Seems as though "Silas Gladfelter wants the city to return the stop signs to 28th Avenue. Wonder why!!

On the way to the Holy Name game it seemed as if the students couldn't forget about their books. Anyway "It's in the Book" really got initiated! Right Father Joe??

If anybody sees any glass peashooters that shoot around corners, just ask the chemistry class where they came from.

Are your manners showing? Then read Maureen Daly's "Smarter and Smoother" and Sheila John Daly's "Blondes Prefer Gentlemen". These helpful books will improve your manners for school, dates, and business life.

Seniors Vividly Relive Uncanny Conversation

The senior classroom was silent and the students' faces appeared to be unusually tense and serious. Sister spoke: "Mary Ann, please come to the front of the room."

The students' heads turned and all watched her as she slowly came forward. Then Sister spoke again: "Will the three witches please come forward?" At this, the silence in the room was broken by a sudden burst of laughter.

What was going on? Maybe it was Halloween.

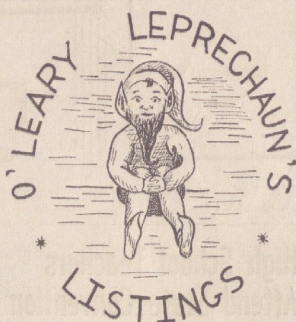
"Where hast thou been, sister?" asked the first witch. "Killing swine," replied the second witch. Suddenly Lady Macbeth entered crying: "Out damned spot, out I say." Huh!

There was a simple explanation to the whole bewildering affair—the literature class was reading Shakespeare's "Macbeth."

Glimmering Walls Confuse Students

Green and white? The students thought they had walked into the wrong building. Just yesterday that was the gym—or were they dreaming it all? No, they weren't in a daze, it must be true because glancing outside they recognized the well-known red brick walls. However, they also saw ladders, paint cans, and brushes standing in a neat row against the building.

Yes, it was a surprise to walk into the building and to see the gym walls shining with a coat of new paint, and in our own school colors—Green and White!



Ah me, I sighed to meself, as I crawled into the files and sank down luxuriously on my mattress of "Ventures." Another hard day at St. Bon's has come to a close, and a hard day it was indeed. It's getting so around this staff room that a lad can't catch a little nap. Like this afternoon, a terrible experience it was when having a little snooze on the typewriter I began dreaming of the lads and lasses at St. Bon's. But wait, let me tell you of my dreams. I dreamt I was on the planet, Hollywood, and saw the mighty seniors as well known movie celebrities. Can you imagine:

Jack Gladfelter as Jack Benny.
Marilyn Johnson as Marilyn Monroe.
Charlie Wiedel as Charlie McCarthy.
Doris Melliger as Doris Day.
Donald Schmid as Donald O'Connor.

Betty Kretz as Betty Hutton.
Keith Speicher as Spike Jones and his City Slickers.

Rosemary Irwin as Rosemary Clooney (Botch a Me)
Louie Kosiba as Louie Armstrong (Takes Two to Tango, eh Louie-)

Rita Roman as Rita Hayworth.
Jon Robb as Edward G. Robb (In-son).

Eleanor Syslo as Eleanor Parker.

Walter (Buzz) Gregorius as Walt Disney.

Elizabeth Kaminski as Elizabeth Taylor.

Butch Bowe as Butch Jenkins.
Shirley Sokol as Shirley Temple.
Joe Dingen as Joe Louis (Beware!!!).
Joan Siemek as Joan Davis.

Tony Augustine as Tony Curtis.
Frances Paprocki as "Frances".
Larry Sanders as Larry Parks.
Lanie Buechter as Mary Lane (Anyone got a problem???)

Lawrence Miller as Lawrence Welk.
Julie Pfeifer as Julie Adams.

Gene Savage as Gene Autry.
Lucille Pensick as Lucille Ball.
Arthur Roddy as Arthur Godfrey.

Elaine Roman-ek as Ruth Roman.
LaVerne Thraen as Jerry Lewis.

Arlene Pickhinke as Arlene Dahl.
Martin Dunn as Dean Martin.
Dorothy Mielak as Dorothy Lamour.

Anthony Pensick as Ray Anthony.
(Mary) Ann Schuele as Ann Miller.

Max Woerth as Groucho Marx.
Adolphine Euteneuer as Ava Gardner.
Gene Wennekamp as Gene Krupa.

(Mary) Ann Micek as Ann Blythe.
John Stevens as John Wayne.

Virginia Micek as Virginia Mayo.
Jim Jaworski as Jimmy Durante.
Martha Laska as Martha Vickers.

William Sus as William Bendix.
Sophie Moritz as Terry Moore.
Mary Lou Kudron as Louella Parsons.

Then—pop I felt a sharp pain in me head. Someone had started typing. Grumbling with words that good Irishmen would not like to hear, I jumped off my comfortable bed. But Begorra, it was a relief to wake up from such dreams. I want St. Bon's students to be nothing but themselves.

School Library Secures New Teen-Age Novels

Seniors, do you want some romantic stories? Three new books that have just arrived on the shelves in the library are combined career and young modern romance stories. "Gloria, Ballet Dancer", "Lark, Radio Singer", and Marcia, Private Secretary" are exceptionally fine books. All three are written by approved authors and are highly recommended for teenagers.

Fighting Irish Down Boys Town Eleven

St. Bonaventure's Shamrocks registered their second victory in three starts by beating Boys Town Reserves with a convincing score of 25-7.

The Shamrocks punched across single markers in the first and second quarters and added a pair in the third, to hold the advantage all the way.

Boys Town players didn't score until the last 34 seconds of play, when Wilfred Dollar intercepted a pass and ran 45 yards to pay dirt. Aside from Dollar's jaunt, the only bright spot in the Boys Town attack was the hard running of Jim Dean.

Clinton Gates set up the first tally, early in the opening quarter, by recovering a fumble on the Boys Town 21. Don Schmid and Keith Speicher moved the ball to the two-yard line and from there Jim Hoshor banged across. Jon Robb converted.

Speicher's fumble recovery on the Omahan's 24 started the Irish to their second quarter score. A pass from Bowe to Larry Sanders ate up the main yardage, and Bowe tossed to Dean Soulliere on the seven-yard scoring play.

It was Speicher again who set the stage for the third touchdown, pirating a pass and returning 18 yards to the Boys Town nine, Schmid bulled over on the next play.

A pass from Bowe to Hoshor covered 57 yards for the final Irish touchdown. Hoshor gathered in the toss on the Boys Town 45 and turned in some good broken field running to go all the way.

Aside from the last quarter touchdown, the deepest Boys Town penetration was to the St. Bonaventure 29 late in the second half. Hoshor quelled the threat with a pass interception.

The Shamrocks had a big edge in the statistics. The home team registered 11 first downs and netted 195 yards rushing and 135 passing, while the invaders had six first downs, 78 yards on rushing and 21 on passing.

Inquiring Reporters Report Inquiries

The Holy Name game was one of the biggest events in sports here at St. Bonnies. Everyone was really up in the clouds when we finally beat them. Wondering just what the players thoughts were immediately after the game, we asked them. Here are the answers:

Don Schmid—Well, we finally did it!

Jack Gladfelter—We Beat Holy Name!!!

Martin Dunn—How'd I'd feel the next day.

John Tooley—We'll get a rating.

Larry Sanders—I thought about the class of '53 being the only class capable of beating H. N. (No hard feelings toward recent alumni).

Ken Cielocha—I was hungry.

Keith Speicher—I thought Clete would go crazy with joy!

Dean Soulliere—Staying over night in Omaha.

Jon Robb—Well I'll be——! We finally beat them.

Mike Tooley—I didn't think, I was too happy.

Joe Dineen—It took six years to beat them and it took the class of '53 to do it.

Vincent Galley — We'll get a good rating.

Bob Wemhoff—Telling the people in Columbus about it!

Pat Michaelson — Another victory!

Butch Bowe—I looked over at "Box" and thought, "Poor coach, that's a hard pill to take."

Ronny Warholoski—Holy Name sure isn't what they said it would be!

Jim Hoshor—Thought we'd get a steak from Padre!

St. Bons vs. Holy Name Game



Taken on the 20 yard line during the fourth quarter, the Shamrocks have the ball and are on their way to the winning touchdown in the game. Courtesy of Charles Wiedel

St. Bon's Irish Trample Omaha St. Joseph, 32-6

The Shamrocks made the old grads happy by trouncing Omaha St. Joseph, 32 to 6, in the homecoming grid game at Pawnee Park on October 10.

Speedy Jim Hoshor was the offensive leader and hit pay dirt four times. Another junior, Dean Soulliere, tallied the other marker and the two extra points were made by the charges of Don Schmid.

It was strictly no contest after the first quarter as the Irish scored three times and held an 18-0 margin. At intermission it was 25-0.

The Irish took the opening kickoff and went right down the field to score, with Hoshor picking up the touchdown. Keith Speicher had a run of 19 yards on the drive.

Three plays later, Dave Bowe intercepted a pass and it took five plays for another Irish tally. This time Hoshor crossed from 23 yards out.

Next time the Irish got the ball they again repeated the story and chalked up another touchdown. This scoring play was a pass from Bowe to Soulliere.

The visitors scored mid-way in the third period with Mat Golt going over for the Johawks. It was in this period that Bonnies put up a beautiful goal-line stand. The invaders had a first down on the Irish one yard line and after the series of downs, the Shamrocks took possession of the ball on the 2 1/2 yard marker.

Scoring ended near the end of the fourth quarter on a Bowe-Hoshor pass. Schmid made the extra point.

Hoshor, Schmid, and Speicher carried the offensive load for the Irish, with Bowe directing the play and looking sharp in the passing game.

Powerful Irish Beat Holy Name Squad

St. Bon's Shamrocks punched across two touchdowns in the final quarter to upset Holy Name Ramblers at Omaha, October 23, by a score of 19-7.

Big Don Schmid, a 190 pound ox-like senior fullback, was the show of the game as he bulled his way through the Rambler defense for 162 yards (almost 7 times that of the Holy Name team) in 25 carries. He scored the lone touchdown of the first half as he punched over from the two. With this he teamed his excellent punting which kept the Omahan's in their own back yard most of the evening.

The Shamrocks marched 53 yards in the second quarter, with Schmid gaining all but 13 of the yards for the only touchdown of the first half. A penalty cancelled out Hoshor's extra point kick, which set the Irish back 15 yards. A pass for the point went incomplete.

In the third stanza of play, Bob Daley recovered a fumble for Holy Name, and ran to the Irish 37 before being hauled down by Bowe. Several plays later Jim Blair hit pay dirt, with Charley Blankenship running the extra point.

It wasn't until the fourth quarter that the Bonnies bounced back into the lead with a 73 yard march, climaxed with Bowe's pass to Speicher for the final 13 yards. Hoshor's boot was good.

In the final minutes of play, the Shamrocks went over again with the power running of Schmid showing the way. Bowe tallied from the seven. The boot was wide.

The game standouts were: Jon Robb, Lawrence Miller, Larry Sanders, Bob Wemhoff, Dave Bowe, and, of course, big Don Schmid.

This was the first time the Irish had ever topped the Ramblers.

Local Gridsters Wallop Grand Island Ramblers

St. Bon's gathered in its fifth victory in six starts by walloping St. Mary's of Grand Island, 51-7.

Clete Fischer's boys dominated play throughout the game. All squadmen saw action and Clete played the second team about half of the time. Keith Speicher led scoring with three touchdowns, while big Don Schmid and "Weinie" Soulliere each contributed two.

The Irish offense rolled in high gear all night, collecting 18 first downs to two for St. Mary's and had a net yardage gain of 372 compared with 112 yards gained by the host team.

Schmid inaugurated the scoring parade with a 32 yard smash over tackle early in the first period. Speicher carried 16 yards for the second score and an 11 yard pass play from Dave Bowe to Soulliere accounted for the third tally and the quarter ended 19-0 for the Irish.

A five yard touchdown smash by Speicher in the second period started the ball rolling again. "Moldy" Miller blocked a punt to set up another score and John Holys tossed to Soulliere for the last seven yards. The half ended with the Shamrocks out front 31-0.

The third quarter was played entirely by the second team. Paul Siemek, reserve fullback, went over from the five for the lone score of the third period. Jim Hoshor converted.

The Ramblers never quit trying though, and St. Mary's finally scored early in the fourth stanza on a 31 yard pass play from Al White to Leon Tryba. Larry Murphy ran for the point.

Before the final gun, Schmid and Speicher added two more touchdowns. Schmid galloped over from 12 yards out, and Speicher swept end for 37 yards, the longest run of the evening. Hoshor capped the scoring by converting on Speicher's touchdown.

Shamrocks Upset Seward Bluejays

The Irish marked up its third win against a surprised Seward in a well-played contest on the Seward gridiron with a score of 12-6.

Playing a good all-around game, the Shamrocks took the lead in the first half and protected the six-point margin through a scoreless second half.

St. Bons dominated play before intermission. Seward came back well in the second half, but couldn't muster the tying tally.

The Bluejays almost pulled the game out of the fire in the last three minutes, but had a score nullified by a holding penalty.

St. Bonaventure rolled up 14 first downs, with all five backs who saw action getting in some good work. Jon Robb, Martin Dunn, Dean Soulliere, and Joe Dineen were among the line standouts.

The Bluejays held a weight advantage, but St. Bons had the edge in experience and used it well. The Irish played the game without the services of their regular guard, Clinton Gates, and lost Larry Sanders by injury in the third quarter.

The Irish opened scoring by marching 70 yards in the first period, with Jim Hoshor sweeping end for the last 25 yards and a touchdown.

Seward bounced back early in the second quarter, with a 45-yard drive climaxed by Schultz's back sneak.

Don Schmid, fullback, scored the winning touchdown with a nifty 45-yard run in the second stanza. The hard-running senior followed excellent blocking early, then bowled over several Bluejay defenders enroute to scoring.

Both teams threatened in the second half. The Irish had one penetration inside the Seward 10 yard line, only to lose the ball on a fumble.

Shamrocks seeing action were Larry Sanders, Dean Soulliere, Joe Dineen, Gene Savage, Joe Bonk, Jon Robb, Martin Dunn, Lawrence Miller, and Bob Wemhoff in the line; and Dave Bowe, Jim Hoshor, Keith Speicher, Ken Chielocha, and Don Schmid in the backfield.

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Various Classes View Educational Filmstrips

Movies on Our Lady of Fatima, the Coronation Ceremonies of Pope Pius XII, and the Holy Year Pilgrimages were shown to the high school recently as part of their religious instruction.

The main feature, "Our Lady of Fatima," showed the reproduction of the Blessed Mother's appearances to the three shepherd children at Fatima. It pictured the appearance in which she urgently pleaded for prayer and sacrifice in order to obtain world peace from God.

It told her prophecies and showed how they were fulfilled to the astonishment of the many unbelievers.

The Coronation of Pope Pius XII showed the election of a new Pope and the ceremonies in which he was given the official title as earthly head of the Roman Catholic Church.

The Holy Year Pilgrimages movie pictured the opening of the holy door and the audiences given to all holy year pilgrims by the Holy Father.

Unwelcome Guest Startles Classmen

Who was that distinguished visitor the seniors had in their home-room on Tuesday during the first period? If I dare say so, I don't believe Sister Honora appreciated our visitor. After all, she was speaking when the visitor rudely distracted all of the students' attention. But not for long though—the boys quickly showed the unsolicited visitor to the door. Poor Dog! (literally speaking, that is!)

School Band Stages Striking Show

The band made its initial trip for this season to Omaha for the St. Bonaventure-Holy Name football game on October 23.

During the half of the game, the band performed on the Benson Football Field, forming an "H N" in honor of Holy Name. After a fanfare announcing the next formation, the band went into their original positions. At the signal from the drum major, the band formed a trombone and played "Darktown Strutters Ball." Following this, the field took on the appearance of a clock in action. After the majorette, Sheila McGowan, wound the clock, the band played "The Syncopated Clock," accompanied by a clever dance step executed by the rim and hands of the clock.

After going into regular band position they did a counter march and proceeded across the field, where they marched off in single file.

Reports and comments from observers showed that the band made a striking appearance and were well received by the audience.

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Freshmen Conduct Panel Discussions

Generally speaking, are girls better students than boys? This subject and five other topics kept the Freshman English class in serious and argumentative discussions during their first experience in conducting panel discussions.

The class divided itself into six divisions and elected a chairman in each group. After everyone on the panel gave a talk on his phase of the topic under discussion, the panel was open for remarks and questions, which were duly answered by members of the panel.

Three Top Seniors Seek Elks Award

Charles Wiedel, Mary Ann Schuele and Martha Laska have been announced as the three top senior scholars to compete for the Elk's Valuable Student Award.

They are to prepare brochures telling of their accomplishments during their school careers and including letters of recommendation from the faculty and friends.

The highest rated student will receive a \$100 cash award. The winner is then eligible for additional awards on the regional, state and national levels.

Y. C. Members Sponsor Valentine's Day Party

The Youth Club celebrated St. Valentine's Day in advance with a Valentine Party on February 12 in the Youth Center.

The Youth Center was appropriately decorated for the occasion with red and white balloons and crepe paper streamers.

Dancing provided the main entertainment. Refreshments were furnished by local food dealers and served by mothers of the club members.

Thirty-Four Students Achieve Semester Honor Roll Merits

Sixteen Maintain Perfect Attendance

Reports show that 34 high school students have merited honor roll positions and 16 other students have held a perfect school attendance record for this first semester.

To merit the honor roll, one must maintain an "A" average in no less than three solid subjects. Students on the honor roll are as follows: Seniors—5 A's—Martha Laska, Jon Robb, Mary Ann Schuele, Charles Wiedel; 4 A's 1 B—Marilyn Johnson, Arlene Pickhinke, Eugene Wennekamp; 3 A's, 2 B's—Dave Bowe, Adolphine Euteneuer, Louis Kosiba; 3 A's 1 B—Lawrence Miller.

Juniors—5 A's—Delores Rupprecht, Ronnie Warholoski, Pat Wozny; 4 A's, 1 B—Helen Gahan, Joan Gregorius, Janet Placzek, Shirley Raemakers; 3 A's, 2 B's—

Stacia Bolin, Mary Ann Feik, Jim Hoshor, Pat Vruble.

Sophomores—5 A's—Lorraine Wozny, Sharon Robb, Mary Ann Simpson; 3 A's, 2 B's—Janet Czuba, Lawrence Mielak, Evelyn Pensick.

Freshmen—5 A's—Anita Augustine, Jacqueline Michaelson, Carroll Novicki; 4 A's, 1 B—Joan Minette; 3 A's, 2 B's—Janet Melcher, Pat Podgurski.

Students holding a perfect school attendance for this semester are as follows: seniors—Joseph Dineen, Jack Gladfelter, Betty Kretz, Julene Pfeifer, Charls Wiedel; sophomores—Nancy Boettcher, Joe Bonk, Janet Czuba, Betty Gregorius, Lawrence Mielak, David Miller, John Peck, Evelyn Pensick; freshmen—Henry Kronk, Bill Markhofer, Donald Noonan.

'The Venture' Staff, St. Bonaventure High, 1952-53



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Senior Class Plays Comedy 'New Fires'

"New Fires," a three act comedy play, has just been undertaken by the senior class and will be presented by them early in May.

This play, written by Charles Q. Burdette, has an interesting plot concerning a Chicago family who takes a trip to the Ozarks to see the farm which they inherited from an eccentric old uncle.

The father, Stephen Santry, an author, is already living there in an effort to woo the writing muse which his troubles in Chicago have frightened away.

The family, in the opinion of Stephen, seems to have lost their grasp on the fundamental values of life and he thinks life on the farm can make them realize how wrong they are. Little does he suspect that when the family arrives, things will start popping around the old farm.

Favorable comments have been heaped upon the play from all parts of the nation. A high school in Virginia says: "New Fires is very sympathetic, full of understanding and humor—a play that will delight any audience with its theme because it is so exactly true to American life." Another, in talking about the play, says: "It has everything, complication, dramatic climax, humor, romantic interludes, and good common sense."

The cast of fourteen characters in order of appearance is as follows: Lucinda Andrews, a widow, Lucille Pensick; Suzanne Toler, a spinster, Elizabeth Kaminski; Sid Sperry, a farm hand, Martin Dunn; Jerry, his son, Jack Gladfelter; Stephen Santry, an author, Bill Sus; Billy, his son, Eugene Wennekamp; Phyllis, his daughter, Julene Pfeifer; Anne, his wife, Mary Ann Schuele; Olive, his daughter, Martha Laska; Eve, Dick's wife, Arlene Pickhinke; Dick, Stephen's son, Max Woerth; Doctor Lynn Gray, a country physician, Charles Wiedel; Mary Marshall, a neighbor girl, Dorothy Mielak; Mrs. Marshall, Mary's mother, Doris Mellinger.

Typing Class Earns Competent Awards

Typewriters have been clicking at St. Bon's during the last month. The senior and junior classes have been working for the Competent Typist Awards offered for speed and accuracy in typing.

Certificates of award were given to students reaching from 30 up to 50 words per minute in tests timed for 10 minutes. For typing 50 words or more per minute in the same 10-minute test, students received a small gold pin bearing the initials C.T.

Students achieving awards are as follows: 50 w.p.m.—Martha Laska, Julene Pfeifer; 40 w.p.m.—Doris Mellinger, Arlene Pickhinke, Elizabeth Kaminski; 30 w.p.m.—Pat Vruble, Mary Ann Feik, Dorothy Gladfelter, Dorothy Jarecki, Elaine Kneifel, Ronnie Warholoski, La Vern Thraen, Janet Placzek, Shirley Ramaekers, Pat Wozny, Helen Gahan, Jeanette Fyfe, Jim Hoshor, Rosemary Irwin, Stacia Bolin, Bill Sus, Sally Ragatz, Davianne Powell, Joyce Bures and John Stevens.

Parish Undertakes Building Program

St. Bon's Parishioners held an important meeting at the social hall on February 13, to discuss the advisability of erecting a new high school - auditorium combination here at St. Bons.

Since this meeting, building plans have been drawn and visits to new high schools under construction have been made. After various plans have been studied, and new plans drawn up, another meeting will be held for final approval; after which the actual construction will begin.

The building of a new high school has become an immediate necessity because of the increasing deterioration of the old building.

Also, recent figures show that within 10 years the high school enrollment will reach the 400 mark. This number is based on the increasing percentage of students attending St. Bons. With this increase taking place, it would be impossible, due to the shortage of space, to bring the enrollment this high.

When interviewed, Father Roch manifested great enthusiasm over the project and expressed his desire to see it begun and finished as soon as possible.

Senior Students Enter Bookkeeping Contest

The "Business Education World" is sponsoring its Annual International Bookkeeping Contest which ends the first week in March.

It is conducted in three divisions—one for public high schools, one for parochial high schools, and one for private business schools and colleges—with the same kind of prizes offered in each division.

The official contest problem consists of journalizing and taking a trial balance. However, only the trial balance needs to be submitted to the judges. Correctness and neatness are the qualifications necessary to obtain recognition.

The bookkeeping class at St. Bons is entering this contest for the first time. The students are anxious to see if they can carry away a club prize or at least an individual one.

High School Band Furnishes Music

The St. Bonaventure Pep Band entertained with a variety of band music at the Farmers Short Course held in the City Auditorium on January 14.

After playing, the members of the band enjoyed a lunch which was served by the Junior Chamber of Commerce.

Glee Group Enters Local Choral Clinic

St. Bon's Glee Club will again be numbered among the six high school glee clubs participating in the annual Columbus Choral Clinic held on March 10.

Lee Kjelson, a native Nebraskan and now the director of music at Iowa State University, will direct this year's clinic.

The day will be spent in learning techniques in good singing and putting this knowledge to work in their group practice for the public performance that evening.

The glee clubs from Kramer High, Central City, North Bend, Schuyler, York, and St. Bonaventure will compose the clinic chorus.

Senior Class Watches Religious Slide Films

During the first semester, the seniors viewed religious movies as part of their course in Religion.

The subjects shown were: The Ten Commandments, The Mass, The Capital Sins, Prayer, Indulgences, and The Spiritual and Corporal Works of Mercy.

Movies of this type were presented, on the average, three times a week, through the courtesy of Father Martin.

Assembly Views Visual Aid Movies

Through the cooperation of the Modern Sound Corporation, the high school students were shown a number of educational movies during January and February.

Those shown were: The Du Pont Story, What Makes Us Tick, On the Track, Credit-Man's Confidence in Man, Constant Challenge, Song of the Pioneer, Homes Unlimited, and Sun Goes North.

These movies were shown as visual aid to the students in understanding recent industrial accomplishments and today's world problems.

Sister Theresa Takes New Principal Position

After semester exams, the student body was greeted by a new principal, Sister M. Theresa.

Besides her duties as principal, Sister Theresa is senior home room sponsor and teaches the classes left vacant by Sister Honora, who is in St. Anthony Hospital, Denver, Colo.

Before coming to Columbus this year Sister Theresa held a teaching position at St. Francis High School in Humphrey and previous to that, she taught in the College of St. Joseph at Albuquerque, New Mexico. During the years, 1936-41, Sister Theresa was principal of St. Bon's High, hence this school is not new to her.



THE CRUCIFIXION

Are You Like The Jones?

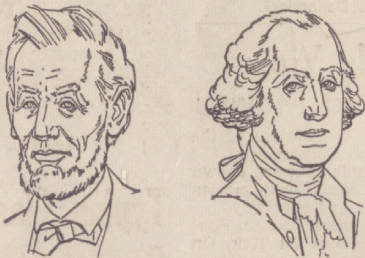
Lula and Albert Jones are average teen-agers, just like the students here at St. Bon's.

If you ask them what's on February 18, they'll say, "Ash Wednesday." Just think, forty days later will be Easter. To Lula, it means a new suit; while to Albert it means a few days vacation. Lula decided she would give up candy for Lent—she's a few pounds over weight anyway. Albert decided he'd give up smoking. Oh, that means buying his own cigarettes. If someone would offer him one, that would be different.

We would hate to think that we have students right here in a Catholic High School who think no more of Lent than Lula and Albert. But how will we know you aren't, if you don't show us differently? Oh, I am sure Jesus would be pleased to see you at church Easter Sunday in a brand new outfit, but He would be much happier if you kept a perfect record of attending Mass and receiving Holy Communion daily during Lent. Also, doing a little penance like keeping silent during classes would not only please our teachers, but also, God.

Don't be a second Lula and Albert. Make this Lent a perfect one. God will bless you for it!

M.A.S.



Make Honest Your Policy

"Am I ever going to flunk this test. I don't see what good this subject will do me anyway when I get out of school. Maybe if I get stuck, Jim will help me." These words sound familiar, don't they?

The day arrives for the big test and sure enough he's stuck on the first question. It's funny, but he never heard of it before. Glancing across the aisle, he notices that Jim has nearly all the answers already on his paper. "Now is my chance," he thinks. So after taking a quick glance to make sure the teacher isn't watching him, he takes advantage of the convenient way Jim's paper is lying on the desk, and copies most of the answers.

This boy knew it was dishonest to copy; nevertheless he did do it.

This month we commemorate the anniversaries of two Presidents noted for their honesty—Abraham Lincoln, known as honest Abe, and George Washington, famous for his honesty in the cherry tree incident.

Great issues were not involved, but in later life when they became leaders of their country, that honesty learned was not difficult to practice.

Be honest in all your undertakings, especially school work. Cheating and copying never brought lasting success to anyone.

J. P.

Shamrock Shenanigans

Why the different expressions on the seniors' faces lately? Could it be they got their class pictures?

Rumors have it that certain seniors came to class the other day covered with spider webs. Wouldn't have anything to do with exploring the school basement—would it?

Hey Mick! How come you get such a big BANG out of dropping into the Senior room??? He is still muttering about trick doors!

Sr. Theresa: Do you benefit by the movies we have?

Larry S.: They're very educational.

Sister: What did you get out of the last one?

Larry: I wasn't in school!

Flash—the two new trophies are on display in the library.

The president of the Y. C. has purchased new records for the juke box and removed Daddy! Oh Happy Day! How about coming down and making use of them?

Advise to Butch Bowe—In the near future, be careful not to slide past the cashier at basketball games, while trying for the basket. It seems Newman Grove is "penny-wise!" How about that Julene??

From Olpe, Germany comes this greeting: "A word of thanks to the Sisters and staff of the school paper 'The Venture!' Yes, your fine paper crosses the Big Pond. Much work to edit a school paper, you do so well. First semester soon to close. Time speeds away. I wish all students success and a Blessed and Happy New Year. Pray much. Say the rosary every day." Sister M. Emilie.

Have you heard the new version of the poem "Mary Had a Little Lamb." If you haven't, here it is. Mary had a little watch, She swallowed it, it's gone, Now everywhere that Mary goes, "Time Marches On."

Say, it seems these junior boys are right on the ball. I hear two have dates for the prom already!!

The faculty and student body express sincere thanks and appreciation to the local chapter of C. D. A. for their Christmas gift to the high school library. This marks the tenth annual donation that this organization has made for the purchasing of books. Within this time their generosity has placed about 125 books on our library shelves.

Join the Sinners Club—no meetings—no officers—no dues. Just a daily prayer: "O God be merciful to me a sinner."

The N. G. reserve game proved to be a real thriller. Henry played the last minute.

By the way if anyone wants to know the speed limit between here and Humphrey, ask Tony Augustine! (or the Hi Way Patrol??)

The chemistry class gets quite a big "BANG" out of their experiments. For proof, see Pickhinke or Hoshor.

To Sister Honora

God's blessing be yours in whate'er you do,
To the finest Sister we ever knew;
You greeted us in the morning when we took our place,
Seated in front of the room with your smiling face.
You helped us in our trials when ever you could,
And taught us to respect your sisterhood.
You taught us to go on until we would succeed,
And promised that God would reward our every deed.
May God be with you and lead you through this life,
And greet you in heaven when you have finished your strife.
But best of all, you will always be in the thoughts of the Class of '53.
J. S.

Brave Explorers Hunt Underground Tunnels

"Sh-h-h!!! Quiet! Someone's coming! ! !"

"Where could we hide? ? ?" "I don't know, it's so dark, I can't see a thing!" "Hey! here's some cupboards. Maybe we can hide in them. Hurry! Help me open 'em." "Ohhh!! They're just filled with spider webs."

"Get in anyway! ! !!" "Oh, no, not me!" "Here's a door, let's duck in here, oh, it's just another dark tunnel. Hey, where are you? ? ?"

"I'm lying down here on the floor. I just tripped over something."

"What was it?" "Just a minute I'll see—Hmmm, it's a bucket of canned fish. Oh, ugh!"

"I've had enough; let's get out of here."

"I'm all for it; I think you go this way!"

"No, I'm positive we came from over there. Just a minute. I hear someone coming. Oh, no, there's the lights—we're caught!"

"I don't care; at least we'll get out of this mess."

Yes, it appears a couple of the senior boys were looking for the buried tunnels under our school. All they ended up finding was plenty of spider webs and a bucket of canned fish! !

Empty Classrooms Mystify Student

It was the morning of January 20, and there was not a soul to be found throughout the vast expanse of classrooms in St. Bonaventure High School. What could have happened to everyone? Only an epidemic could have caused this enormous number of absentees.

I sat down on the steps to figure out what to do. Should I call the principal? I quickly discarded that idea because she was not to be found. Just as I was thinking of the possibility that a free day had been declared, I heard a bit of band music; so I immediately headed in the direction from whence the music came.

There, in the auditorium I found them. All the faculty members and students were clustered about a large T.V. set, watching the inauguration of our new President—D. D. Eisenhower.

Beware---Speed Demons

Have you noticed the not-so-rare animal, the Wizzerica Demonica? No, you won't find them by looking in the biology laboratory, or in a nearby museum. In plain English, it is known as the Common Speed Demon and will be found in any community with a group of active teenagers.

Take for example, 16 year old, Johnnie Wade. He got his driver's license a month ago and bought a jazzed-up hot rod despite his dad's warning note about some hot rods being unsafe.

Johnnie was otherwise a good fellow, but he took delight in the barbaric sport held on crowded avenues known as the "dig race." Our Johnnie was "digging" himself an early grave. "Drive about 85 per, get there early, and avoid the rush," (to the cemetery) says lightfoot Johnnie (on the brake, that is).

Luck was with him for a while in his dangerous fun, but he too learned his lesson soon enough lying in a hospital bed with a broken leg. His hot rod had seen its better days and one night Johnnie had a near-fatal accident due to excessive speed and defective brakes.

Do you speed, or drive an unsafe car? Everyone remembers the results of the last inspection at our local schools. A large percentage of the cars driven by students were labeled unfit for safe driving. Don't let yourself become another Johnnie. Get your car repaired and drive safely. Speeding is a "Shortcut to Eternity!"
A. P.

Believe It Or Not

52½ per cent of the students at St. Bon's have blue eyes—47½ per cent have brown eyes.

"Smitty" wears a 13½ size shoe (little snug.)

La Vern Thraen is the biggest joke (oops—joker) in the whole school.

There are 149 glass windows and one wooden one in the high school building.

Each class has at least five left-handies or south-paws. Hence we have to have special left-handed typing books.

Leonard Nosal, 4'11" is the All-Star player on the Reserve team.

Seven out of ten students chew Double Mint gum.

America discovered Columbus. (Nebraska, that is!)

Boys danced in the Y.C. after the Osceola game. (Woa—this column got carried away.)

There is a mouse in one of the sousaphones.

Herkie had the flu.

Parties can be held without boys. (Fun, too.)

Fourteen girls can ride in one car.

The Green Hornet has padded seats. (School bus.)

For ulcers Keith Speicher advocates a heavy water diet.

Biologists Perform Operation Eye Lift

"Oh, this must be the sclerotic coat!" "That's nothing, I found the suspensory ligament." "Look here, I just ran into the vitreous humor." Plunk, "Wow, I dropped my pupil." "My iris is sure a pretty green." "Ugh! but this stuff looks awful!" "I can hardly hold mine, it's so slippery!" "Hey, give me back my eye!" "Yours is over on the table." "Be careful you'll get your eyes crossed!"

Don't worry whose eyes they were. The above conversation was only a part of that heard during the sophomore biology classes' experiment. They were engaged in dissecting preserved cow eyes to locate the various parts of it.

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DEAN SOULLIERE

Hustling Irish Trim Eager Warrior Team

The fighting Irish pulled away in the second half, to defeat an eager Schuyler team, before a good crowd on the home court 55-42.

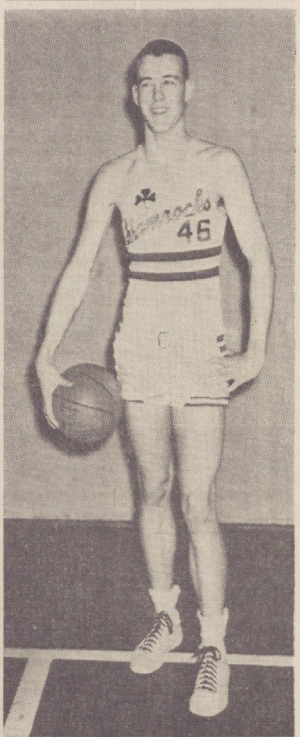
Dave Bowe led the way for the Irish cagers. Bowe flashed speed and an alert floor play as he poured home 19 points, the best in his cage career.

The Irish jumped into the lead when "Speedy" Dean Soulliere stole the ball and drove in for a layup, but Sanders followed with a close up shot. The Irish still had this four point margin at the quarter, 13-9.

Despite Bowe's brilliant playing in the second quarter, the Warriors kept in close range. The Shamrocks left the floor owning a 22-21 advantage.

Robb, Don Schmid and Bowe led the team into a 38-30 margin at the third quarter mark, and the advantage was steadily widened through the final canto.

In the preliminary game, Jim Hoshor sunk the crucial bucket as the little Shamrocks nosed out Schuyler seconds, 35-32, in a nip and tuck battle.



JON ROBB

'Green and White' Conquer Leigh Foe

The Green and White conquered its eighth victory in 10 starts by defeating a hustling Leigh team on the home court, 60-48.

In the first four minutes of play the Panthers sparked ahead into an 8-3 lead. The Irish then settled down into a tie on Larry Sanders gift toss and buckets by Dean Soulliere and Don Schmid. Just before the quarter ended, Jon Robb hit a fielder to put the Shamrocks in front.

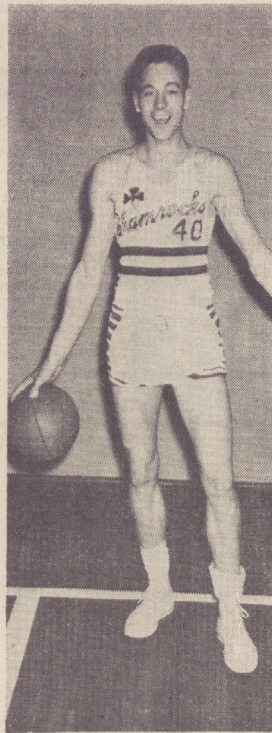
During the second stanza, the home team paced by Bowe, Robb and Schmid, started pulling away and went on to victory.

Soulliere paced the winners with 16 points followed by Sanders who had 12 points.

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LARRY SANDERS

Irish Place Second In Catholic Tourney

St. Bonaventure gained the final of the Catholic Tournament at Omaha by defeating favored Holy Name, 41-33, and then lost to Lincoln Cathedral, a team they had previously beaten in regular season play.

After trailing all the way, the Shamrocks pulled away in the early minutes of the last quarter. With Larry Sanders and Dean Soulliere showing the way, the Irish hit for 17 while holding the Ramblers to eight points in the final canto. It marked the first time Holy Name had been defeated on their home court.

St. Bon's got off to a poor start trailing 6-3 at the end of the quarter and 12-10 at halftime. The Shamrocks missed a lot of good shots during the first half.

It was nip and tuck through the third stanza which ended with Holy Name holding the advantage 25-24.

Sanders led all scorers with 16 points including 10-16 free throws. Soulliere contributed an even dozen. The Shamrocks could have made it easier on themselves with a better percentage from the free throw line, making good on only 15 of 34 gift tosses.

Mike Giddings and Carl Ciani shared honors for Holy Name with nine apiece.

After a day's rest, the Shamrocks went back to Omaha to meet Lincoln Cathedral in the finals. The Irish were stone cold throughout the contest and fought an uphill battle all the way. St. Bon's conceded honors to the Lincoln club, 40-36. The only consolation was the runner-up trophy presented to the captain, Larry Sanders, at the ceremonies following the game.

A weak first half showing put the damper on Irish hopes for victory. The Green and White could manage only five points each quarter while Lincoln chalked up 20 to leave the floor at half time, owning a 20-10 margin.

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Unbeaten Brainard St. Bon's Trample Defeat Irish Five St. Francis, 73-44

Unbeaten Brainard put its 16th straight victory by defeating Bonnies on the home court 50-41.

The Shamrocks faltered in the last quarter after dueling the invaders on even terms for three quarters.

Bonnies led by 35-34 entering the stretch and jumped three points ahead on Bowe's quick lay-in.

Then the Irish offense wilted, and didn't produce another basket for six minutes until Sanders hit a jump shot. By that time Brainard had taken advantage of some erratic passing and defensive lapses to move into a 45-37 margin.

Larry Sanders made a 14-point performance for Bonnies while Schmid and Jon Robb tallied eight. Dean Soulliere, usually a dangerous scorer, went without a field goal, but hit seven free throws the first half.

Both teams were jittery when the game began and most of the first quarter action was at the free throw line. The pace quickened in the second quarter and with two minutes remaining in the half the count tied at 21.

Bonnies played its best ball in the third quarter hitting 12 points while holding the invaders to six. Jon Robb made 6 points to put the Irish in good shape, only to have the home boys lose their touch and the ball game.

In the preliminary the Brainard reserves marked up their 62nd straight triumph by defeating the Irish seconds 39-25. Brainard led 19-16 at halftime and early in the third quarter trailed by 19-21. Then they broke loose on some dead-eye jump shooting to pull away.

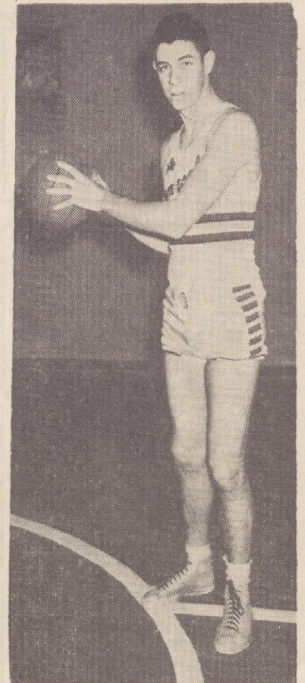


EUGENE SAVAGE

The Irish won the seventh game in nine tries as they turned back St. Francis of Humphrey, 73-44, on the Flyers court.

The Irish zoomed to a 10 to 1 lead, built it to a 19-11 quarter, and took a 32 to 21 half time lead, with Soulliere and Sanders leading the way.

St. Francis fell way behind in the second half and the Irish breezed to victory. St. Francis could manage only nine field goals but had a very impressive 26 of 39 from the foul line. Sanders led the winners with 18. Soulliere followed with 17.



DON SCHMID

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Irish Win Ends Home Card Play

St. Bonaventure picked up its 12th victory in 16 starts by defeating Omaha St. Joseph on the Columbus court on February 23, 57-47.

Early in the fourth quarter, the Irish had moved into an apparently safe 46-32 margin, but a touch off rally by St. Joseph closed the gap to four points, 47-51. There was only one minute and fifteen seconds of play remaining.

Then Larry Sanders, whose action was limited because of four early fouls, hit a nifty hook shot and the home team moved out of danger.

At only one stage of the game, the Omahans led when Burkhardt's side looper gave them a 14-12 edge to start the second canto.

Robb and Soulliere quickly took up the slack for the Shamrocks, who moved into a 32-26 halftime lead. Schmid managed five straight points in the third quarter to spot the home team a 44-32 margin.

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Archdiocese Designates Annual Vocation Week

The week of March 8-15 has been officially designated as "Vocation Week" in the Archdiocese of Omaha.

All schools have been urged by his Excellency, Archbishop Gerald T. Bergan, D. D., to plan and carry out a worthwhile program that week.

The Omaha Chapter of the Serra Club has purchased a 16 mm film entitled "Captains in His Army." This picture dramatizes the seminary life of a Diocesan Priest. Although this film is already heavily booked during Vocation Week, St. Bon's will have a showing of it.

The eighth grade students are writing essays on "What Appeals To Me in Religious Life." These essays will be submitted in the diocesan contest.

A planned program will be submitted to the high school students. This will consist of spiritual and classroom activities.


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Commercial Club Takes Merit Exam

At present, the secretarial training class is preparing for the Annual Merit System Examination to be held at St. Bonaventure High on March 21.

This examination will be in shorthand and typing. The shorthand test will consist of a number of timed dictations and the transcribing of these shorthand notes. The typing contest will consist of timed writings in plain copy and also in rough draft.

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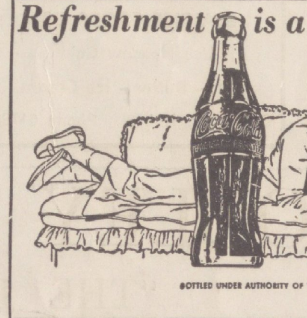
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Glee, Band Attends Annual Music Meet

St. Bon's Music Department, for the second year, will participate in the District Music Contest, April 16 and 17 in Fremont, Nebraska.

This year the Boys' Quartet and Triple Trio will be entered along with the glee club and band, under the direction of J. J. Van Ackeren.

The Triple Trio, consisting of Sheila McGowan, Joyce Melcher, Arlene Pickhinke, Joan Gregorius, Stacia Bolln, Lorraine Herink, Donna Jarecki, Betty Gregorius, and Sharon Bowe, will render two selections—Italian Street Song by Victor Herbert and Sympathy by Rudolph Friml.

The Boys Quartet, composed of Charles Wiedel, Ronald Warholoski, Tony Augustine, and Bill Markhofer, will sing two numbers—Steal Away, a Negro Spiritual by Wick, and The Mountaineers, a Norwegian Folk Song by Wick. Both these groups will appear on Thursday afternoon.

For Friday, the 72 member glee club has selected two favorites—Give Me Your Tired, Your Poor; Black is the Color, an Appalachian Folk Song. Both selections are arrangements by Stuart Churchill.

The Band will present two numbers—American Folk Rhapsody by Grundman and Pavane by Ravel-Johnson.

Both the band and the glee club made a fine showing in last year's contest.

St. Bon's Pep Band Presents Program

St. Bon's Pep Band, under the direction of J. J. Van Ackeren, recently presented a short program at the Boy Scout Circus in the City Auditorium.

The program consisted of nine selections. The marches rendered were: High School Cadets, American Patrol, Salutation, Washington Post, Our Director, and Repasz Band. The novelty numbers presented were: Bleacher Boogie, Jolly Quarterback, and When the Saints Go Marching In.

This Boy Scout Exposition is presented annually by the scouts from Columbus and near-by towns.

Sophie Girls Tour Columbus Hospital

In order to get an overall picture of the nursing profession, the sophomore girls visited St. Mary's Hospital. Sister Vitalis accompanied the girls in their tour of the different divisions of the hospital.

At first the group was shown the manner of admitting patients and the office work connected with the conduct of a hospital. Next they were taken to the X-ray department, the operating rooms, the instrument room, the sterilizing unit, the pharmacy, the nursery, the private rooms and wards. Sister graciously explained the duties of the nurse and showed them in general what is expected of her.

Finally they wended their way down stairs where was found the main kitchen, store rooms, and cafeteria. At this last stop, the students enjoyed an ice cream treat.

Students Increase Typewriter Tempo

The tempo of the typewriters in the commercial department has not diminished the least bit during the past four weeks.

To prove our statement, our honor roll shows the following: Martha Laska, last month's winner of the Competent Typist pin, has garnered 64 wpm with 3 errors. In the 50 wpm bracket we find, Doris Melliger, 54-3, Elizabeth Kaminski, 56-3, Mary Ann Micek, 57-4.

Those claiming 40 wpm or better are: Joyce Melcher, Elaine Romaneck, Eleanor Syslo, Janet Placzek, Stacia Bolin, Ronald Warholoski, Dorothy Jarecki, Pat Vruble, Jim Hoshor, Patricia Wozny, Shir-Gladfelter. Finally, the following lay Rameakers, Bill Sus, and Dot negotiated the first hurdle—30 wpm or better—Phyllis Higgins, Rosie Paprocki, Frances Buzynski, Bob Wemhoff, Virginia Miller, Jane Luetkenhaus, John Tooley, Kenneth Roddy, Shirley Jiraneck, Mary Micek.

Lee Kjelson Directs Second Choral Clinic

Five Schools Comprise Massed Mixed Chorus

An enthusiastically-received evening program, presented in the Kramer High auditorium, climaxed the second annual Columbus Choral Clinic on March 10.

Some 250 students from Kramer High, Schuyler, North Bend, Central City, and St. Bonaventure participated in the one-day program under the direction of the guest conductor, Lee Kjelson, director of music in the Shenandoah, Iowa High School.

The clinic opened in the morning with registration at Kramer High School. The students worked diligently throughout the entire day for the evening presentation of the massed chorus, boys' glee club, and girls' glee club. After the afternoon rehearsals, the students attended a get-acquainted mixer, held in the Kramer gym.

Included among the numbers presented by the massed mixed chorus was one which was written by the young guest conductor. Mr. Kjelson wrote it while attending

the University of Nebraska. He dedicated the song "Peace," to his mother who was in the audience. Other selections in which the 250

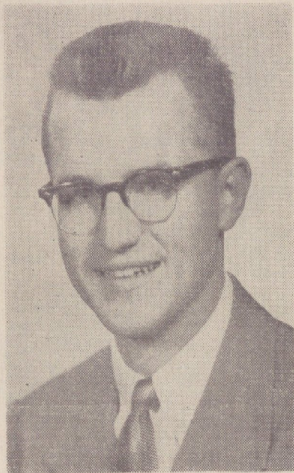
voices were joined were: "Alleluia," by Will James; "Lord Have Mercy," Ralph Williams; "Your Land and My Land" by Sigmund Romberg; Harry Wilson's negro spiritual "Res' My Shoes," and the finale, Roger Wagner's "Heritage of Freedom."

The girls' glee presented "Come Away Sweet Love and Play Thee" by Miller, and Cain's "So I Can Write My Name."

Selections of the boys' glee club were "The Mountain Girl" by Manney, and Will James' "Blow Trumpets Blow."

The varied program was given further attention through the presentation of specialty numbers by each of the participating schools. St. Bonaventure was represented by their Modern Choral Group, which adeptly sang "With a Song In My Heart For You." This group is composed of the Triple Trio and three boys from the Boys' Quartet.

The vocal instructors of the five schools are as follows: Mrs. Elaine Grant, Kramer High; Iral V. Anderson, Schuyler; Hazel Arpke, Central City; Lillian Diffey, North Bend; and Joseph Van Ackeren, St. Bonaventure High.



MR. LEE KJELSON

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Sodality Attends Annual Convention

On Sunday, March 22, twenty-four members of the Mystical Rose Sodality attended the annual Sodality Convention in Omaha.

This convention is sponsored yearly by the Omaha High School Sodality Union and held at Creighton University. The theme this year was "Teen Age Apostles." It consisted of lectures and open forum discussion.

Fremont, West Point, and the various Catholic schools in Omaha were represented, as well as Columbus. About 500 were present at the convention.

The convention opened with Mass at 9:00 a.m. in the Creighton Auditorium, celebrated by the Most Reverend Gerald Thomas Bergan, S. T. D., Archbishop of Omaha. The day's activities were divided into three sessions—the teen-age Apostle's place in Social Life, in the Cause of Christ, in the Home and in the Parish. A period for discussion on each topic was held after each session. These discussions were directed by Rev. Charles T. Shimmers, S. J., Rev. Mario T. Puricelli, S. J., and Rev. Hames G. Hogan, S. J. respectively.

Those attending the convention were: Sisters Laurentine, Theresa, Herman Joseph, Cyril; Mary Ann Schuele, Marilyn Johnson, Dorothy Mielak, Arlene Pickhinke, Elaine Kneifel, Sheila McGowan, Betty Sleddens, Joyce Melcher, Pat Wozny, Joan Delarme, Pat Johnson, Mary Catherine Bothe, Joan Matya, Mary Ann Simpson, Lorraine Pickhinke, Carol Thraen, Rita Simmons, Laura Wemhoff, Pat Podgurski, Sharon Hoshor, Joyce Soulliere, Anita Augustine, Janet Melcher, and Frances Merrill.

Father Martin Directs Pre-Marriage Course

During the second semester the senior class is having lectures and movies, given by Father Martin, on "Preparation for Marriage," in order to show them how to choose wisely for a happy marriage.

Father Martin is pointing out to the seniors that happiness in marriage depends upon a serious and intelligent preparation. He pointed out what you should look for in a partner in physical, intellectual, moral and religious aspects. He also stressed the dangers and safeguards to be taken during courtship and engagements.

"To really safeguard ourselves," he said, "we must pray and receive the Sacraments to obtain the grace of purity and light of guidance."

'53 Girls' Stater



DELORES RUPPRECHT

Local CDA Selects Delores Rupprecht

The local Catholic Daughters of America have announced that Delores Rupprecht is to be the St. Bonaventure delegate to the Cornhusker Girls' State in Lincoln on June 9-15.

Sheila McGowan was selected alternate for Delores.

Delores, an active junior, holds the highest scholastic place in the junior class and serves as secretary-treasurer of the class this year. She plays the French horn in the band; is organist for the high school choir; and accompanist for the glee club, triple trio, and quartet.

She has been a member of the Youth Center all three years.

Sheila, also an honor student, is a member of the band, glee club, triple trio, and adult choir. She is social chairman of the Youth Club and is a member of the American Legion Auxiliary juniors.

She is feature editor on "The Venture," and placed third in a feature writing contest last November at the state high school press convention.

Girls' State is sponsored each year by the Nebraska American Legion Auxiliary to give the girls selected for this project a first hand idea of the problems and workings of state and city government. They elect their own city, county, and state officials, learn regular election procedures, introduce their own bills in the legislature and participate in other recreation and entertainment.

Students Observe St. Pat's Holiday

The students of St. Bon's observed St. Patrick's Day with a box social, held in the Youth Center. Proceeds from the auction went to the fund for the Prom.

The hall was appropriately decorated for the festive occasion with green and white streamers interspersed with shamrocks.

The girls decorated boxes in keeping with the occasion. These boxes were auctioned to the highest bidder—the lowest bid being \$2.00.

Cash prizes of \$5.00 each were given to the girls whose box was decorated the prettiest and the most novel. Because of a tie, the prize money was divided among Eleanor Syslo, Joan Gregorius, Sheila McGowan, and Dorothy Gladfelter.

The first prize went to a replica of a Dutch windmill, which went for the low bid of \$3.25 to Charles Wiedel and Bill Sus. The other prize was awarded to a uniquely made graham cracker church, monastery and youth center group of buildings. These edible buildings went over the auctioneer's block to David Vanek and Jack Johnson for only \$4.00.

The prize for the most novel box was captured by Barbara Mitera and Joan Matya. They fashioned a model juke box, complete to the smallest details. Duayne Clark and John Woerth enjoyed a bountiful repast for the not too large sum of \$6.00.

All of the boxes brought to the party were easy on the eyes and, of course, the contents of each found a good home before the swing music started another enjoyable activity—dancing.

Duchesne Students Address Assembly

Four Duchesne College students were the guest speakers at an all-girl assembly presented by the Mystical Rose Sodality, Friday, March 13, in the high school auditorium. S.D.S. Modesty Crusade was the topic of discussion.

S.D.S.—Supply the Demand for the Supply—purpose is to raise the standard of decency in dress, advertising, literature, and entertainment. Although an interest was taken in all four of these fields, decency in dress was stressed the most.

The Duchesne representatives—Peggy Lou Heaney, Jody McGrath, Betsy Furay, and Anne Wachter—spoke on the origin of the S.D.S. organization in the college, and the response given to the movement by clothing store buyers in the Omaha area.

'The Venture' Cops First Place Award

"The Venture" captured first place honors in competition with 1300 other publications throughout the United States in the Columbia University's contests to select the nation's best school newspapers and magazines.

This publication entered the division for private high schools.

Announcement of the contest winners was made at the Columbia University in New York City, the sight of the Columbia Scholastic Press Association's 29th annual convention, held this year on March 12, 13, 14.

Winners were selected by a Board of Judges consisting of thirty men and women of long experience in the student publication field. Consideration was given to such factors as makeup, typography news content, and features.

This is the first year that "The Venture" has membership in the Columbia Scholastic Press Association; and made its appearance in the convention contests for the first time.

College Representative Advises Senior Girls

On March 9, a representative of Duchesne College spoke to the senior girls relative to a Catholic college education.

Naturally the special offerings of her own college were stressed. Emphasis was placed on the special courses offered, and the social activities provided at this college. Included in the talk, was the expense involved for attendance at this institution.

Booklets and pictures depicting buildings, campus scenes, and important social events were passed around for inspection. Pamphlets were distributed to those interested in attending the college.

A general invitation was given to all the senior girls to visit the college.

Speakers Discuss Athletic Importance

Three speakers addressed the regular March P. T. A. Meeting on "The Importance of the Athletic Program in High School."

Mr. Miller, principal of Kramer High School, pointed out the important role of athletics as an impetus to boys to make greater efforts. The desire to excel which sometimes lies dormant, he pointed out, is often aroused through an interest in the athletic program. He said such a program should be considered on a par with another school activity or program, neither to be favored nor discriminated against. Mr. Miller illustrated his points with humor and observations from experience.

Mr. Fischer, our coach explained some of the physical advantages attached to our athletic program. He showed how physical handicaps are frequently discovered and remedied which otherwise would go unnoticed for a considerable time before they were otherwise noticed. Also important in our program are cleanliness, care of the body, general fitness and the development of a sound body as well as a sound mind. Whether a boy makes the team or not, he definitely is improved by his participation in the athletic program.

Father Joseph then spoke of the advantages of the athletic program as a character builder. Honesty, dependability, respect for authority, co-operation and the ability to take correction are a must in sports. While a boy is training for a certain sport he is at the same time training himself for life. He doesn't have to be a good sportsman in order to be a good sport. Parents and teachers want to see the team win just as much as the boys do themselves, but they realize more fully that the trophies won in high schools, ten years from now will be standing on the shelves, while the boys who won them will be rubbing shoulders with thousands of others in every day life.

The program was favorably received. Parents generally and emphatically agreed that all boys should participate in some form of physical activity.

Anxious Promsters' Tension Increases

As the months go by, the tension of the senior and junior girls mounts. While watching from my point of vantage, I heard different boys and girls in conversation. Remarks such as the following caught my attention.

"When will I ask her?" "What if she says, 'No'?" "I suppose I'd have to buy a suit if get a date!" "If he doesn't ask me, I'll just die." "Well, I'm not very particular, but—" "I'm certainly not going to buy a new formal, without a date!" "When are they going to get on the ball?" "Do they realize there's only 40 days left?" "Don't they know that if they wait too long, they might be surprised?" "Or are they aware of the fact that the senior and junior girls can ask outside Catholic boys this year?"

Boys, if you want a date with the girl of your dreams, ask her early! Get your PROM dates now!!!



HE IS ARISEN! ALLELUIA!

Peace---Peace, Yet No Easter Peace

Peace, peace, and still there is no Easter Peace! Day after day we hear about the unsuccessful talks with foreign negotiators to bring about peace terms. Week after week, we see more of our loved ones leaving home and family to join the fight in the defense of our country and the priceless freedom and liberty for which it stands.

But, can fighting bring real peace? It may show who's the stronger. It probably proves who is the smarter. But, think a moment, is the horrible bloodshed, disaster, and human fatalities worth all this fighting, if nothing of true peace value is accomplished?

The world is crying for peace, but it can never find it by fighting with bombs and bullets. The world needs God—the true ideal of peace. Jesus spent His entire lifetime in teaching us to be peaceful with all. On many occasions during His earthly life He used the phrase, "Peace be unto you!" These words were spoken also by the angels in announcing to the shepherds the birth of Jesus on that first Christmas night. It was repeatedly used by Jesus in admonishing sinners during His public life; and again this phrase was used after His Resurrection, when He spoke to His Apostles. He tried to exemplify to us that peace is necessary, peace is important, peace means happiness; and that it can only be obtained through Him.

And yet, we have no peace. National strength is judged in terms of atomic bombs, but they cannot bring peace—only disaster and murderous death to millions of innocent victims.

People must realize that wars are a punishment from God for sin. Our Lady of Fatima has repeatedly warned us that God is already too much offended and His hand will strike angrily upon us with wars, persecutions, and death, unless we pray much and put a halt to the moral corruption which is rotting the entire pleasure-minded human race. She went on to tell us that only through prayer and a return to God can we find the peace for which we are yearning so hungrily.

The world must become God-minded and pray with true sincerity if it honestly wants peace. Then, and only then, will we find peace—world peace—peace with God and peace with our fellow-men on this blessed Easter.

Arlene Pickhinke

Are Your Friends Cliquetess Fiends? Bake Sale Boosts Junior Prom Fund

"What's in that bottle?" "These are a new kind of pills." "What are they for?" "They're a cure for cliquetess." "What on earth is cliquetess?" "It's a new disease, very, very contagious, usually it is found in groups of four or five." "Quick, throw it away!" "Why?" "Why?", well of course you know, we certainly don't want any cliquetess fiends around St. Bon's!" Do we? The "Caste system" is dying even in India.

One hundred eighteen dollars was added to the Prom Fund as the result of a Bake Sale held recently at the Alexander Furniture Store by the Youth Center organization.

All food was donated by the club members; therefore all income from the sale was clear profit.

Youth club officers and mothers of the members managed the affair and were in charge of the selling.

Shamrock Shenanigans

Did you know that Joe Dineen uses chlorophyl tooth paste, chlorophyl shaving cream, chlorophyl gum, chlorophyl hankies, and chlorophyl socks?

Herkie, the "car wonder", has six tires, but three of them are "holy" in the true sense of the word.

Doris Melliger—Planning Sneak Day—Sister will Ascension Day fall on a Thursday this year?

Bishop Sheen puts this question to you—"Do you ever ask God to make a Communist a Communionist?"

High school children are like money—you have to keep them busy or they lose interest.

Sister H. J. asked Denny M. if he had a water gun. His reply was: No, but you almost need one now days for self-defense."

One can find almost anything in St. Bon's nowadays, including girl hitch-hikers! Did you make it to Lincoln, girls? How was the game?

Three cheers for Coach Cletus Fischer, and the basketball team for the fine showing during the season and the tournaments!

Sr. L. (in literature class) What was Uncle Tom's Cabin? Pat J. "A little house."

What makes you laugh if you have one and makes you peeved if you don't have one? A water-gun!

Bernard P. thinks the easiest way to avoid errors in typing is—quit typing.

The present vogue at St. Bon's appears to be laryngitis. Sheila McGowan is the latest victim of the whispering campaign.

Who broke her finger nails trying to open the back of her watch in order to see the water therein? Did you find the spring, Rita?

All the Bonnies were tea-kettled pink when they saw our Henry's picture on the front page of "The Green Wave!" (Central City High paper)

What was the big attraction in Omaha that made three girls miss the "Green Hornet" on the return trip from the Sodality Convention. Perhaps the inter-transit buses ride easier! Ahem! How about it, A., J., and S.?

Hearty Congratulations to the Fullerton Warriors for gaining the runnerup title in the State Class-B competition.

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Which Path Is Yours?

"Choose your life's vocation while you are still in high school." This is a challenge directed to YOU! When you think of your vocation or calling, you consider yourself as choosing the correct place in society. Whether you are to be shoemaker, lawyer, doctor, nurse, baker, housewife or stenographer is entirely up to you. But, whatever you select as your place in society take heed—for society is sound and successful when the various callings are properly filled and carried out. These decisions may be important as far as your temporal welfare is concerned, but as far as your eternal happiness is in question your decision cannot be made in a moment's time or over-night.

How completely different a matter is the choice of a state of life. Here the right to decide is up to God. For all eternity God has known our station in life. He sometimes tells you by some external means and sometimes by a voice within, "I have destined thee to be a mother or father of a family; or upon thee I have bestowed a religious vocation; I intend for thee to live unmarried in the world." In a wide variety of ways God addresses His call to each one of us.

There are three paths before you. One leads straight ahead—that is the Religious life; it is the shortest and most direct road to heaven. If you have a religious vocation you are to be envied. There are many sacrifices to be made, among them are the final vows of obedience, chastity, and poverty. A religious is looked upon with reverence, envy, respect and very often bewilderment.

The second path is to the right—a rather round-a-bout road, but it leads to the same, bright goal of heaven—this is the unmarried state.

The third path is to the left—a rocky, steep, and hilly climb to the top—this is the married state of lie. It is filled with many joys and pleasures, trials and tribulations, much toil and many sorrows, triumphs and defeat. A married couple should strive after and aim at the same thing. Peace and harmony should reign. They must help each other; lead a good Christian life; serve God faithfully and rear and educate their children in the Catholic Church. It is a long, tedious and thorny path, but provided you live up to Christian morals you will be rewarded in the place you have reserved for yourself with good deeds.

During March, the month of vocations, pray that you will be enlightened as to what position is yours—single life, married state or a religious life.

Ask yourself, "Which is my path?"

Helen Gahan

Our Family Gift---A Bond of Love

'But Mom, Betty's mother is letting her go to the dance, why can't I?'

Did you ever stop to think that God didn't give us Betty or Bob's parents to guide us on the right path to reach our eternal goal. Therefore, why compare our parents to someone else's. There are millions of people in this big world God could have placed us with, but He chose a particular mother and father for each of us. They are to be our dearest friends, our comfort in whatever we do. Stop a moment and think—God is infinitely perfect so He can do only what is infinitely perfect for us.

By the indissoluble bond of love we are joined with our family—yes, that includes big sister and little brother as well as mom and dad. Remember, the next time you argue with your sister in regard to wearing her blue sweater or you want to beat your little brother because he got your hair all wet with his water gun—try to smile and pass it over. It will be hard for any of us; but think of that bond of love. You know, there's more to love than—soft lights—dreamy music—and being with your one and only. Work together, pray together, play together, sacrifice together—yes, that's real love. Do you have it in your family?

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'53 Team Expands Trophy Collection

St. Bon's Basketball Five Merit Two Additional Cups

The number of trophies in the library has been increased by two so far this year and with the track season still ahead, the boys are dusting off some more room on the rack.

Both of these trophies are for basketball. One is the runnerup trophy for the State Catholic Basketball Tournament held in Omaha. The other is the runnerup cup for the Class B District Meet held at Central City.

The Irish beat Ord and Aurora, then lost to Fullerton, 39-42. Fullerton went on to finish second in the state meet.

There is another trophy in the case that will go to the outstanding scholar-athlete of the school at the end of the year. All told, the St. Bonaventure teams have won a total of 31 trophies in basketball and track since they first took up sports.

The following is a list of the trophies on display in the library:

1. Platte County Basketball Runnerup '37.
2. Platte County Basketball Runnerup '38.
3. Platte County Basketball Runnerup '39.
4. Platte County Basketball Runnerup '48.
5. Platte County Basketball Champions '45.
6. Platte County Basketball Champions '47.
7. Platte County Basketball Champions '49.
8. District Basketball Runnerup '43.
9. District Basketball Runnerup '47.
10. District Basketball Consolation '49.
11. District Basketball Champions - Class C '44.
12. District Basketball Champions - Class B '37.
13. District Basketball Runnerup '53.
14. State Catholic Basketball meet Runnerup '51.
15. State Catholic Basketball meet Runnerup '53.
16. Omaha Archdiocesan Basketball Meet Runnerup '51.
17. Nebraska N Club Scholarship Trophy '42.
18. Platte County Track-Relay Champions '46.
19. Platte County Track-Relay Champions '47.
20. Platte County Track-Relay Champions '48.
21. Platte County Track-Relay Champions '49.
22. Platte County Track Champions '46.
23. Platte County Track Champions '47.
24. Platte County Track Champions '48.
25. District Track Champions - Class C '46.
26. District Track Champions - Class C '47.
27. District Track Champions - Class C '48.
28. St. Bonaventure Invitational Track Meet Champions '51.
29. St. Bonaventure Invitational Track Meet Champions '52.
30. Fourth Place 880 Relay Team State Meet '52.

St. Bonaventure 1952-53 Basketball Team



Back row, left to right: Coach Cletus Fischer, Ed Kavanaugh, Jon Robb, Donald Schmid, Eugene Savage, Tom Bonk, Dave Bowe. Front row, left to right: Dean Soulliere, Larry Sanders, Jim Hoshor, Mike Tooley. (Photo by Roger Hill)

Larry Sanders Sets Records

Larry Sanders, alert senior forward, set three new scoring records for the Irish. Larry has been a varsity man during the four years of his high school career, and he has been a starter since his sophomore year.

When he was a freshman he scored 23 points; as a sophomore 167 points; as a junior 141 points; and as a senior he broke the school record with 293 points in 20 games.

Larry has been a standout since his sophomore year, and he has always contributed his best in everything undertaken by the athletic club. Our man also broke the single scoring mark at the Concordia High game at Seward. He scored 32 points.

The four-year mark has been broken by Larry—he can boast of scoring 624 points in four years of high school play.

Following close at Larry's heels in this game of high scoring, is a junior—Dean Soulliere. He takes runner-up honors with 230 points for the season. Soulliere hit 91 fielders and made 48 out of 82 free throws.

Third honors for this year go to Jon Robb, with a score of 165 points. Two more seniors, Don Schmid and Dave Bowe tied for fourth place with 142 points each.

Thirteen boys saw varsity action for St. Bon's 1953 basketball season.

Irish Place Second In District Tourney

St. Bon's lost a heart-breaker to the Fullerton Warriors in the finals of the District Class 'B' Tournament at Central City, 44-41.

The Shamrocks outscored the Warriors from the field—16-15, but the Fullerton crew cashed in at the free throw line, hitting 14 of 35 gift shots. The Irish did a good job in rebounding—getting the ball most of the game. In previous play, Bonnies did a fine job of controlling the boards, but just failed in attempts this game.

It was a thrilling game with Fullerton taking the lead and being tied just twice. The Irish just couldn't get over "the hump" as the Warriors always managed to stay just one step ahead of them.

Gordon Greer opened scoring with a free throw and Don Hamel got a follow-in to give the Warriors a 3-0 margin. Dave Bowe hit a long looper and Don Schmid a gratis, to tie it up. But, Fitzgerald hit six straight points aided by a gift shot by Clyde Haskins, and it was 11-3. Dean Soulliere dropped in two free throws, but Lyle Pierce hit from the field. Bowe and Haskins exchanged goals before Larry Sanders made a free throw and the period ended 13-8.

With the Warriors leading 21-14, the Irish put on a rally and had the count knotted 21 all with a minute remaining in the first half. Fitzgerald dropped in a setup and Haskins made it 24-21 at intermission with a free throw.

The Bonnies battled up hill the entire third quarter, and never came any closer than three points. The period ended with Fullerton leading, 27-29.

But the Irish were not yet to be counted out. They thrilled the over-flow crowd by hitting six straight points, to pull within 36-37. Jon Robb, Sanders, and Jim Hoshor did the firing. Here Hamel came with three straight from the foul line to give his Fullerton team a 40-36 boost with 2½ minutes to play. Fitzgerald scored the last four points for the Warriors, while Bowe and Savage tallied goals for the Shamrocks.

Sanders turned in his steady game for the Bonnies with 12 points and Bowe played his best game of the tournament while netting nine.

Fitzgerald hit 17 for Fullerton and was a leading playmaker and a quick defensive man. Pierce and Hamel proved to be the big guns under the boards and also turned in a good game.

Forty Tracksters Start Opening Drills

Approximately forty boys reported for track as Coach Cletus Fischer started opening drills.

Lettermen include Larry Sanders, jumps, pole vault, hurdles; Dave Bowe, 440 and relay; Ken Cielocha, sprints and relay; Jim Hoshor, sprints and relay; Martin Dunn, distances; Lawrence Miller, hurdles; and Dean Soulliere, distances.

The crack 880 relay team, which gained fourth in the State Meet last year, has three men returning, namely: Dave Bowe, Ken Cielocha, and Jim Hoshor. The fourth man, John Blahak, graduated last year. Tom Bonk or Tom Discher is expected to fill this vacancy.

Larry Sanders, who gained a spotlight in pole vaulting, is expected to qualify again for the State meet.

Lawrence Miller and Tom Bonk are working with the shotput. Freshman, Ed Kavanaugh, shows great form in the discs.

The team is working hard for their opening track meet, April 7, with Schuyler and Albion.

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Basketball Musings

By COACH CLETUS FISCHER

It was mid-November, just after an unexpectedly successful football season—a cool day as I remember—that we checked out basketball equipment to all of the promising prospects. The boys were really of a variety from Mouse Nosal to the Horse Schmid. When dust settled, we had just a breath over twenty boys that had reported for the sport. I felt sure that there would be more later with an enrollment such as ours.

During the three weeks or so immediately following, a little black-haired fellow would stop to watch the boys through the window. I could tell by the look in his eyes he wanted to be a star basketball player. He kept his attention on Larry and watched every move he made. I knew they were buddies in school, so I told Larry to ask him to come out for practice. He was very shy at first, but Larry took him by the hand and walked him into the gym proper. He gave him a few pointers on the game—you could see their great friendship as they worked together. The boys worked very hard, and as the season wore on he caught the eye and captured the heart of every fan. Yes, Henry—they all loved Henry.

We had just played a couple of basketball games when I overheard Robb and Savage talking in the locker to Dean. I knew they were having a little trouble making him understand. They were explaining hygienic cleanliness. Since their lecture was not too convincing, they decided to use force. They pulled Dean to the shower and wet him down good—used soap and all—even took off his shoes to find four pairs of socks Dean didn't know he had. Well, he got shined up real good. Dean didn't mind too much though, because now he takes a shower on his own at least once a week.

Our team this year has given us new recruits in almost every department. Game score and individual scoring marks were set. We were the first team to defeat Holy Name on their home floor. In final ratings of basketball's top teams, only one team that defeated St. Bonaventure was not rated. At the end of our regular season of play, of our four losses three of the schools had gone all victorious. Three of the five schools defeating us played in the finals in their respective classes. Our team's season record this year, I believe, will be one of the best in the history of our school with fifteen wins to five losses.

Asked what I remember about the season?

We had the gym every day for practice.

The boys worked well and hard. They believed in themselves and in the members of the team, with a complete absence of any kind of friction among the players.

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**Auto Accident Injures
Two St. Bon's Students**

Two students of St. Bonaventure High met with an accident on a return trip from a St. Patrick's Day Dance, at Platte Center, Nebraska. The accident occurred at the junction of highways 22 and 81.

Kathryn Zelasney, sophomore, suffered a brain concussion and shock, while Jane Luetkenhaus, junior, had only a minor neck injury.

As a result of the accident, Kathryn Zelasney, is still in a serious condition at St. Mary's Hospital. The driver of the car, Norman Luetkenhaus, suffered a broken shoulder-blade and ribs. The car was badly damaged.

**Parishioners Plan
Spring Round-Up**

Come one, come all to the Spring Round-up dinner and dance at the city auditorium on April 8th. This is another project sponsored by St. Bonaventure Parish, and everyone is invited.

The committees have been busy with arrangements, and you can plan on having a wonderful time. Tickets will be sold a dollar for adults and fifty cents for children through high school. The dinner will be served from 4:30 to 8:00 P. M.

A stage show will be presented throughout the dinner hours. Music will be furnished by St. Bonnies band during the dinner and Fran Marshall's orchestra will furnish the music for the dance.

There will be both modern and old-time dancing. Casper Mueller will be square dance caller. Remember, this is an old time dance. Blue jeans and shirts will be good enough to wear.

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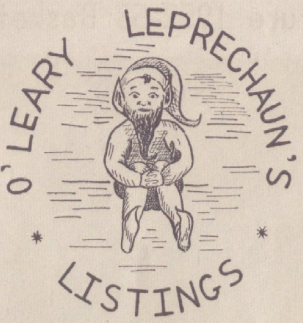
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This mornin' I put on me overcoat and pulled me cap down o'er me ears. I shuddered at the thought of going out into the cold, but gathering up me things I set out. I opened the door just a wee bit to stick out me big long nose to test the weather, but as I did, something flew past almost pushing the door shut on me nose. Getting brave, I flung the door open and lo and behold—fairyland appeared before me very eyes. Where the winter snow had lain, grass was coming up and the trees and bushes showed hints of me favorite color. The robins were singing music to me ears. Standing there amazed at it all, I suddenly realized what all this meant —SPRING was here!

With the happiness that spring brings, me first thought was to meander over to Bonnies and this is what the lads and lassies had to say!

Janet B. Spring, spring, beautiful spring.

Bob S. At last I have an excuse for being lazy.

Norman H. Joy to the world, spring has come.

Bob Z. Spring is here and that means no more snowball fights. Shucks!

Floyd A. Maybe I can "Ike" for some fresh air.

Henry K. Now the freshies aren't the only green things about St. Bons.

Pat P. With the coming of spring, school will soon be out.

Betty D. I saw a robin and knew it must be spring.

Don N. "I'll see you in my dreams" (Spring fever, Don?)

Dick B. The ole fishin' hole beckons some of us diligent fellas! Judy O. Spring makes me have a good feeling.

Bill M. Oh, boy, now I can shed my red flannels.

Joyce S. The awakening of nature makes me feel poetic.

Ed K. Spring puts springs in my feet and I can really fly over those hurdles.

Joan M. In spring the "hikin" is fine.

Rita S. The air is scented with the fragrance of flowers!

Cliff R. Nothing so wonderful as a day in spring!!

Ann S. In spring we can go, "Cruising Down the River on a Sunday afternoon."

Beatrice E. The quiet mornings of spring remind me of some quiet people I know.

Carroll N. Spring fever even gets the best of us.

Allen P. Here's my line—fall, winter, spring, VACATION!

Barbara C. My only regret at the coming of spring is that cheer-leading is no longer in demand.

Norma I. In spring one longs for the great wide-open spaces.

Yep, kids, this is that wonderful season when the beauty of nature awakens in all its grandness, but 'tis a time for young uns also to enjoy life and to thank the good God for His beautiful world.

**Juniors Undertake
Prom Preparations**

The Senior-Junior Prom theme, colors, decoration design, and banquet preparations are being planned by the junior class.

Officers were chosen by popular vote of the junior class. They are: Prom chairman — Pat Vruble; as sistants—Stacia Bolin and Elaine Kneifel; treasurer—Delores Rupprecht.

The class is divided into several committees, each having various responsibilities and assignments.

The date of the big event will be May 14. Details regarding decorations, etc., will be kept secret.

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Students Receive Honor Awards

M. A. Schuele Merits Elks Cash Scholarship

Mary Ann Schuele was announced as the winner of the Elks Scholarship Award at the annual achievement and honor convocation held May 20 in the high school auditorium.

Also, at this time, the best scholar-athlete trophy was presented to Jon Robb for his fine work in school as well as athletics.

Attendance Awards

Eleven students were honored for regular school attendance. They are as follows: Betty Kretz, Julene Pfeifer, Charles Wiedel, Jack Gladfelter, Marilyn Johnson, Dorothy Gladfelter, Virginia Miller, Betty Sladdens, Joe Bonk, Evelyn Pensick and Lawrence Mielak.

Special Recognitions

Anthony Pensick was given an award for service rendered to the school as student manager. Lucille Pensick received honors for having sold the most tickets for the senior class play.

Elaine Kneifel received a first prize of \$5.00 for her winning entry in the Catholic Daughters of America Poem Contest.

Sports Awards

Forty-six lettermen in track, football, and basketball received letters and special certificates of award. They are as follows: Joe Bonk, David Bowe, Ken Cielocha, Joe Dineen, Martin Dunn, Clinton Gates, Jack Gladfelter, Vincent Galley, Jim Hoshor, John Holys, Lawrence Miller, Jon Robb, Larry Sanders, Eugene Savage, Donald Schmidt, Dean Soulliere, Keith Speicher, Mike Tooley, John Tooley, Tom Bonk, Max Woerth, Bob Wemhoff, Art Roddy, Anthony Pensick, Lloyd Bartholomew, Floyd Arasmith, Dwane Clark, Tom Discher, Norman Henggeler, Ed Kavanaugh, Bernard Laska, James Laska, Leo Moschenross, Clarence Nosal, Paul Siemek, Joe Tooley, Ronald Warholoski, Patrick Michaelson, Carroll Novicki, Don Noonan, Gene Nosal, Robert Snell, Bob Zoucha, Carroll Smith, Mark Kobus, Jerry Micek.

Journalism Awards

Arlene Pickhinke and Mary Ann Schuele were cited for meritorious work in the field of Catholic journalism. Arlene was presented with a gold key and an honor certificate bearing the title "Apostle of the Word." Mary Ann received a journalism medal.

Music Awards

A special honorary award in music went to Delores Rupperecht for her faithfulness in attendance and superior quality of her work.

General music awards were presented to Arlene Pickhinke, Joyce Melcher, Sheila McGowan, Joan Gregorius, Stacia Bolin, Lorraine Herink, Donna Jarecki, Betty Gregorius, Sharon Bawe, Relores Rupperecht, Tony Augustine, Charles Wiedel, Barbara Mitera, Frances Paprocki, Nancy Boettcher, Mary Catherine Bothe, Julene Pfeifer, Dorothy Gladfelter, Lorraine Pickhinke, Evelyn Pensick, and Helen Gahan. Bill Markhofer and Ronald Warholoski received honorable mention.

Betty Dineen received an award for twirling.

Commerce Awards

Receiving 60 wpm typing pins were Julene Pfeifer and Martha Laska. Dorothy Gladfelter, Ronald Warholoski, Shirley Ramaekers, Stacia Bolin, Liz Kaminski, Doris Melliger, Mary Ann Micek, and Dorothy Mielak each merited a 50 wpm pin.

Students receiving Proficiency Certificates in bookkeeping were Adolphine Euteneuer, Marilyn Johnson, Betty Kretz, Martha Laska, Frances Paprocki, Anthony Pensick, Julene Pfeifer, Jon Robb, Mary Ann Schuele, Charles Wiedel, Anthony Augustine, Louis Kosiba, Virginia Micek, and Mary Ann Micek.

Father Elias Discusses Religious Qualifications

"Health, heart, happiness and head. These are the four vital things that are necessary for a religious vocation."

Those are the opening words of Father Elias, a traveling Missionary in his talk to the junior and senior classes on Thursday, April 31. On May 1st, he directed his address to the freshman class.

The aim of his talk was to help bring about a better understanding of the qualifications necessary to join the life of a religious or priest. A discussion period followed each talk in which the students took part.

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'53 Juniors Acquire Cornhusker Seats

A total of one hundred seventeen "Elected Officials," from nine high schools in Platte County were busy running the County Government April 15. The 117 "officials," all junior students, were elected by the student bodies in regularly-conducted elections, following campaigns.

The program is designed to acquaint high-school students with the principles and functions of the various county offices.

The students represented Kramer and St. Bonaventure of Columbus, Creston, Duncan, Platte Center, Monroe, Humphrey, and Lindsay.

Upon arrival, the students filed certificates of election with County Clerk, Carl Hoge, and then joined in general assembly with the county officials to be given their "oath of office," which was administered by C. L. Stone.

After morning registration, the boys and girls spent some time in their respective offices and then went to the city auditorium at noon for a lunch which was sponsored by the American Legion and Auxiliary.

Following the luncheon, the students reported to work again in their respective offices and remained busy until 4:00. At this time a final assembly was held. An official from each office gave a three minute report on the day's activities in his particular county position.

The officials from St. Bon's and their positions are as follows: County Clerk—Delores Rupperecht, Register of Deeds—Helen Gahan, County Assessor—Jane Leutkenhaus, County Treasurer—Pat Vruble, Clerk of District Court—Lorraine Herink, County Judge—Dean Soulliere, Superintendent of Schools—Mick Tooley, Sheriff—John Tooley, Attorney—Donna Jarecki, County Supervisor—Mary Ann Feik, Highway Engineer—Jim Hoshor, Assistance Director—Bob Wemhoff, Extension Agent—Joe Noonan, Home Demonstration Agent—Rose Blahak, Veteran Service Officer—Kenneth Roddy.

Bookkeeping Students Obtain Merit Awards

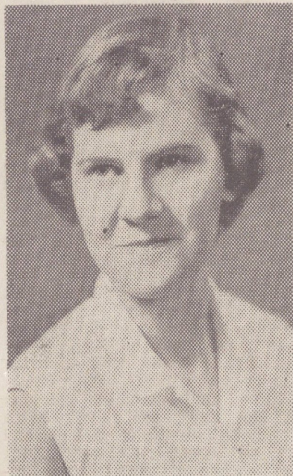
Thirty-nine students of the Senior class received certificates of merit in this year's Business Education World's International Bookkeeping Contest.

Seven of the thirty-nine received superior ratings. They are as follows: Marilyn Johnson, Martha Laska, Anthony Pensick, Julene Pfeifer, Arlene Pickhinke, John Stevens and Charles Wiedel.

The B. E. W. Contest is designed to test inadequacy, inaccuracy and indifference in the bookkeeping students as well as to test their ability to follow directions and to review the knowledge of the fundamentals of bookkeeping.

The entire bookkeeping class entered the contest under the supervision of Sister M. Cyrill, commercial director.

Editor-In-Chief



Helen Gahan Gains 'Venture' Editorship

Helen Gahan was selected as "The Venture" Editor for the coming year 1953-54 and will start the work in that position next September.

Sheila McGowan will serve as Assistant Editor.

Helen, an active junior, was a reporter for the paper in her sophomore year and served as a headline editor this year.

Helen attended the Nebraska High School Press Convention last November in Lincoln and brought honors to St. Bon's by winning first place in the State Headline Writing Contest for schools in division 1.

She has been in the band for two years and holds membership in the glee club and Youth Center.

Sheila was feature editor this past year and reporter as a sophomore. She is active in all school affairs and won third place in the feature writing contest at the State High School Press Convention this year.

Others on the staff for the coming term include: News Editors—Elaine Kneifel, Delores Rupperecht, Judy Olivetti; Feature Editors—Stacia Bolin, Sally Ragatz; Sports Editors—Jim Hoshor, Dean Soulliere, Mike Tooley; Headline Editors—Mary Ann Simpson, Sharon Bowe; Make-Up Editor—Joyce Melcher; Advertising Managers—Joan Gregorius, Pat Vruble; Business Managers—Donna Jarecki, John Tooley; Student Photographer—Jack Johnson; Typists—Dorothy Jarecki, Dorothy Gladfelter, Janet Placzek, Joyce Bures.

Reporters are: Mary Ann Feik, Shirley Jaraneck, Shirley Ramaekers, Ronald Warholoski, Patricia Wozny, Mary Catherine Bothe, Jo Ann Matya, Lorraine Wozny, Mary Ellen Egger, Richard Choller, Anita Augustine, Janet Melcher, Paul Siemek, Joan Minette, Carroll Novicki, Pat Podgurski, and Betty Dineen.

'53 Seniors Receive Graduation Diplomas

8 O'Clock Mass Opens Baccalaureate Service

Forty-six seniors of St. Bonaventure High School received their diplomas Sunday, May 24 in Church. Rev. John O'Brien was the guest speaker at the Commencement exercises.

Baccalaureate Services opened at the 8 o'clock Mass when the senior girls, attired in white caps and gowns and boys in black caps and gowns—marched to the traditional graduation march of Pomp & Circumstance. The graduates received Holy Communion in a body. Father Roch Hettinger gave the baccalaureate sermon.

Following the Mass, a breakfast, prepared by the senior mothers, was served to the group in the social hall. The program was as follows: March; grace by Father Joseph; "On This Day O Beautiful Mother" by the graduates; welcome by John Robb, Student Council president. During the meal, Sharon Bowe sang "I Believe" and "You'll Never Walk Alone." Delores Rupperecht was the accompanist.

At 7:30 in the evening the graduates, dressed in caps and gowns, marched to the church for the graduation exercises. After a hymn to the Blessed Virgin, Father O'Brien gave the main address. Father Roch conferred the diplomas to the class.

Solemn Benediction was then held with Father Roch as celebrant, assisted by Father Joseph and Father Martin.

The services closed with the singing of "Holy God, We Praise Thy Name" followed by the recessional as the seniors marched from the Church as alumni.

Immediately after the commencement exercises in the evening, a reception was held for the graduates, their parents and friends in the social hall.

Musicians, Choristers Receive High Ratings

The St. Bonaventure Music Department traveled to Fremont April 16 and 17 to attend the District Music Meet and to participate in the Clas B divisional contests.

The glee club received a "superior" rating. "Excellent" ratings were given to the band, triple trio, boys' quartet, and the clarinet quartet. Ratings of "good" were given to piano soloists, Barbara Mitera and Martha Laska.

The Glee club sang "Black is the Color of My True Love's Hair," and "Give Me Your Tired, Your Poor," a dramatic portrait of the Statue of Liberty speaking to foreign countries.

The band rendered "Pavane" by Ravel Johnson, and "American Folk Rhapsody" arranged by Grundman. The triple trio sang two selections, "Sympathy" and the "Italian Street Song." The boys' quartet sang "Old Jonah" and "Dry Bones."

Band Celebrates Third Anniversary

Mr. Van Ackeren, members of the band and triple trio were honored at a covered dish dinner held in the social hall, Monday, May 18.

After the dinner, speeches delivered by Father Roch, Father Joseph, John Miller and William Lux recalled the brief history of the band's past performances and rapid growth.

In a speech following this, Mr. Van Ackeren related how he began his career in music education and told of his early experiences in this field. He expressed his desire to remain in this school and become to St. Bon's what Knute Rockne was to Notre Dame.

The group showed their appreciation for Mr. Van Ackeren's services by presenting to him a \$63.00 purse for his own personal use.

A social hour followed in which Mr. Fred Pfeifer presented a playback of the spring concert which he had tape-recorded May 7 during the concert.

Band, Triple Trio Presents Concert

Before a large and appreciative audience, the St. Bonaventure Band featuring the Triple Trio, under the direction of Mr. J. J. Van Ackeren, presented their third annual spring concert on May 7, at Kramer Auditorium.

The young musicians gave a varied program, which in the audience's opinion, was the finest presentation ever witnessed since Mr. Van Ackeren inaugurated the band here several years ago.

The skill and poise evidenced by the students was a tribute to the ability of the director and their own efforts. At the close of the concert, members of the Triple Trio surprised Mr. Van Ackeren with a music portfolio, signifying their appreciation of his training.

Among the best band offerings were "Bells of St. Mary's," "Pavanne" by Morton Gould, and a specialty novelty number, "TV Suite" by Walters. The latter was divided into four parts—"Sagebrush Saga," "Whodunit," "Hayloft Hoe Down," and "Big Name Band." Prolonged applause led to encores on the second and third sections. The third division featured the "appropriately dressed Triple Trio."

Other numbers provided by the band were: "Men of Might" by Meretta, "Our Director" march by Bigelow, "March of the Little Leaden Soldiers" by Pierre, "Pavane" by Ravel-Johnson, "Soiree" by Whitney, and "Repasz Band" a march by Lincoln.

The Triple Trio delved into the light opera and capably offered such ever popular selections as "Sympathy," the "Italian Street Song," from "Naughty Marietta," and "My Heart Stood Still," with an encore on the latter. Delores Rupperecht was the accompanist.

There were three ensembles consisting of a coronet trio of Betty Gregorius, Barbara Mitera, and Rosemary Siemek playing "Jim Dandies," a flute trio of Mary Catherine Bothe, Nancy Boettcher and Lorraine Pickhinke with "La Cinquantaine" arranged by Mr. Van Ackeren; and a saxophone number rendered by the entire section of Helen Gahan, Billie Jean Coles, Evelyn Pensick, Janet Bures, Merlyn Keefter and Ted Pfeifer playing "Triad."

The majorettes displayed a precise twirling and dance routine to the brisk music of "High School Cadets."

St. Bonaventure Band Stages Third Spring Concert



Letter To A Senior Boy

This is a letter to you and you—Yes, to every boy graduate in the class of '53.

The time has come for you to graduate, you're going out into a mighty big world. Most of you fellows don't have definite plans for the future—do you? Why? Could it be because you have taken the attitude of "What difference does it make? Next year I'll be in Korea!" Yes—you're facing the draft. Its not much use to make plans for the future as far as you can see. So you decide to have your fun now before Uncle Sam gets you. Mass is missed, parties and dates get wild, drinks are more plentiful than they should be and all because next year, this time, you'll be in the Armed Forces.

The situation is tough for you—plenty tough. But that is no excuse for wrong thinking or foolish acting. Our Lord has promised that you can do all things in and with Him. Not a sparrow falls, He assures us, without His Heavenly Father's knowledge. Surely then He knows about your plans, and how the draft is ruining you, even before you are full grown. He knows how you feel about the whole thing too—the fear and worry. He can read hearts, remember?

God loves you more than you can guess. He has planned every step of your life with great love. If you cooperate with Him—if you live cleanly and bravely for His sake, having fun, sure, but not confusing recklessness or sin with the kind of good times you need and should have—then your life will be happy now, and even in Korea if that is God's plan for you. And that's what you want in life, isn't it—happiness?

Mary Ann Schuele

Cooperation Keynotes Success

Why isn't the paper out yet?" That is a very familiar saying in the halls throughout the school. But, does anyone ever stop to think exactly just how much work there is to putting out one issue? There are dozens of things to do that the ordinary reader doesn't even consider unless he is on the staff.

Other readers only see the paper as it is—from front page to back—the general appearance. Most of them like what they see, but a few criticize the paper and all for which it stands; yet do nothing to improve the situation. Why not give your suggestions for improvements; state your likes and dislikes; tell what fun and information you get from reading our school paper. Let us know—we'll do our best!

This year "The Venture" received first place recognition in the Columbia Scholastic Press Association's nation-wide contest. It also retained the International Honor Award from the Quill and Scroll Society, and All Catholic from the Catholic Press Association.

The new staff will endeavor to follow closely in the footsteps of those who have led the way in the past. Cooperation is the keynote on which the structure of The Venture functioned in the past; hence its necessity for the future.

Helen Gahan

A Parting Word To Our Graduates Of '53

You are leaving St. Bon's ready to meet the problems of a changing world. Your teachers have tried to prepare you for the part you are to play on the stage of life. If you have applied yourselves well during these years of training, you can go forth with the greatest confidence that your efforts will be crowned with success.

No doubt occasions arose during these years when you thought the discipline of the school was too severe. But discipline is important in a system of education which stresses spiritual as well as mental and physical development.

Dear Graduates, now that you will soon enter a new life, a life of greater freedom, do not think that you are fully equipped for life. You are expected to apply the principles you have learned here at school, but at the same time you must endeavor to increase your knowledge by trying to keep abreast with the times. The Graduate who hopes for success, will continue to apply himself most diligently, in order to be prepared for the problems that may confront him in life.

In conclusion, dear Graduates, I wish to congratulate you most sincerely. With the fine training you have received, I trust that you will be good citizens of our country and that you will strive by your good example to lead others to know and serve God better. God bless you all!

Father Roch



As I awoke this mornin' a cheery feeling came over me. I peered out of the window and be gorra! There was the sun a'greetin me. What a relief after all the rain! So I slipped into me "Irish Linens" and proceeded onto old St. Bonnies. But as I neared the building I noticed something missing. Where was all the usual chatter and overwhelming school spirit that is found among the student body?

With this on my mind I proceed into the school building. While walking down the deserted halls, me eyes spy the telephone booth. Why not find out where everyone is? No, they're probably in home room. So into the room I go, and Lo and behold it's empty!! Even the teacher is gone? "Saints Preserve us where are they?" Now my eyes catch sight of a long piece of paper on Sister's desk. As I look over it I see the names and phone numbers of the seniors. This is too good for my ear. So I ventured on to the phone booth to first get in touch with Max Woerth. His mother politely said that Max was sleeping and couldn't be disturbed.

Finding it enjoyable arousing students from their sleep, I proceeded to call 3391, Rita Roman's home. After 6 or 7 longated rings, a voice answered with what I think was "hello?" Informing her that school was being held, a thunder of protests rang through my ear. I could make out the voices of Jo Ann, Elaine, Doris (poor Doris) and Mary Ann.

Chucking to meself, I quietly hung up on the protests and tried me luck once again. Suddenly remembering I hadn't seen the familiar black Studebaker, I decided to find out where (and how) Tony was. Hearing Tony's voice promptly answer the phone, I questioned him on his plans for the day. In unison from the back ground I heard the word "Sleep."

These sleepy tones clued me on to the fact that it was Butch, Larry, Jon, Keith, Martin, and the sweet voice of "George."

Me Irish sense of humor forced me to hang up and pause before making my final call. The thought just occurred to me that I still haven't found out why the juniors and seniors rooms are empty. With the thought in me mind I called Sylvia, and Liz half-heartedly answered.

Me curiosity just got the best of me. I had to find out. Why the suspense? At last I heard a mumble and listening distinguished the word "Prom."

Oh, so that's it. This is the day after Prom.

(Yawn) will, I think I'll just go home to bed.

ORCHIDS

A very large ORCHID and a sincere "thank you" to the following:

Father Roch: for his hard work given toward the betterment of St. Bon's and for his helpful interest in school activities.

Father Martin, for his interest shown in the spiritual education of all the students.

Father Joseph, for directing the sports program and Youth Club.

All the Sisters for their zealous work in the education of the students.

Mr. Van Ackeren, for the innumerable hours he has spent directing band, glee club, triple trio, and boys' quartet.

Cletus Fischer, for his excellent work as "Coach" and shop instructor.

Jim Thompson, for his assistance as line coach.

Mrs. Leo Locher for beginning home economics classes at St. Bonaventure High.

Jack Dineen for his loyalty in driving "The Green Hornet" to and from the games.

Mrs. Faith Hurford, school nurse, for her dependable service rendered to the students.

To the Advertisers in "The Venture" for their support.

Seniors Bequeath Possessions

We, the class of 1953 of St. Bonaventure High School, having come to the close of our long life, in accordance with the laws of the State of Nebraska, do hereby bequeath all our earthly goods to our worthy and favored heirs.

We hereby bequeath our possessions thus:

To all the Reverend Fathers, our sincere gratitude for their interest and help during our years of high school.

To all the Sisters, our thanks for all their patience, love, and understanding shown to us.

To Joseph Van Ackeren, our heartiest thanks and appreciation for his interest in music which he performed so willingly.

To Coach Cletus Fischer, our sincere appreciation for his interest in the athletic programs which he so capably sponsored.

To Mrs. Locher, our thanks for teaching the first home economics classes in St. Bon's this year.

To the junior class, our individual bequests have been devised as follows:

Mary Ann Micek wills to Janet Placzek, her clarinet. But she must remember to carry a life insurance policy if she practices at home.

Jack Gladfelder, since he does not feel he can afford to give away any of his material possessions, wills to Tom Bonk his nickname "Silas" and his ability to tell good jokes.

Julene Pfeifer wills to Dorothy Gladfelder, the youth center presidency.

Virginia Micek wills to Virginia Miller the hardest accomplishment any woman can achieve, her ability to be always silent in class.

Arlene Pickhinke wills to Helen Gahan, the key to the staff room and all the troubles and good times connected with the editor's chair.

Dorothy Mielak wills to Marilyn Borowiak her most cherished possession—her first project in home economics, an embroidered tea towel.

Charles Wiedel wills his little black address book of Carroll, Iowa to Mike, lover boy, Tooley.

Martha Laska wills to Mary Ann Feik her accuracy and speed in typing, so she will be able to make at least 15 words per minute.

Sophie Moritz wills her artistic talent to Patricia Wozny.

Eugene Wennekamp wills to Kenneth Roddy his 1/4 interest in the '28 Chevie which includes four flat tires in unsound condition and an hour guarantee to be the smoothest riding car in town.

Max Woerth wills his 1/4 interest in the '28 Chevie to Bob Fyfe, with hopes that he is a good mechanic so he can keep it running.

Arthur Roddy wills his 1/4 interest in the '28 Chevie to Eugene Nosal which includes formula to make a substitute for gas.

Lawrence Miller wills his 1/4 interest to Jim Hoshor, which includes his job of keeping the doors tied shut.

William Sus wills to Vincent Galley a perfect place for concentration—his front seat in room five.

Dave Bowe wills to John "Rock-et" Tooley his overflowing abundance of energy and sincere love of track.

Frances Paprocki wills to Jane Luethenhaus her clarinet and hopes she won't give Mr. Van Ackeren as many headaches as she did.

Sylvia Nosal wills to Pat Michaels her diploma which will save him lots of time and much wear and tear on his pick-up.

Lucille Pensick wills to Joan Syslo her chair in home economics—the one all by itself in the corner.

Rita Roman wills to Donna Jarcecki her ability to have a charge account at three gas stations so "Herkie" will always have gas.

Martin Dunn wills to Kenneth Cielocha his ability of promptness for all the classes, especially in the afternoon.

Sophie Moritz wills to Shirley Jiraneck her most treasured desk in front which she has possessed since the first day of school and has remained there till the last.

Elizabeth Kaminski wills her secretarial training set to Sally Ragatz so she will get an "A" in every job without too much concentration.

Joseph Dineen wills to Dean Soulliere his brilliant remarks, philosophical sayings and his ideal behavior in class.

Since Eleanor Syslo was the heir of an ability she made very little use of last year, she wills to Lorraine Herrink, the ability to polish green and white saddles

with the hope she'll find more use for it than she did.

Mary Lou Kudron wills to Shirley Sullivan her desk in room five. It is ideally located in back of the room by the window with a very comfortable chair.

La Verne Thraen wills to Bernard Peterman his uncanny ability to say the wrong thing at the right time.

Jim Jaworski will his ability of driving Thomson's station wagon to Bob Wemhoff if he promises to take care of it as he did.

Elaine Buechter wills to Joan Gregorius her hitch-hiking ability, remembering an old proverb, "Where there's a will, there's a way."

Joan Siemek wills to Rosalie Bursynski her ability to drive a car, with a precaution for her: never let a car stall on railroad tracks.

Mary Ann Schuele wills to Dorothy Jarecki her office as the Perfect of the Sodality.

Eugene Savage and Louis Kosiba will their desks, which are in the back of the room together to Joan De Larme and Pat Johnson.

Adolphine Enteneuer wills to Rosie Paprocki her car so she will always be sure to get to school on time.

John Stevens wills his coronet to Joseph Noonan so he can continue his fine work in band.

Arlene Pickhinke wills to Rose Blahak her love for singing.

Rosemary Irwin wills to Elaine Kneifel her ability to get 30 words a minute in typing.

Shirley Sokol wills to Stacia Bolin her ability to get an "A" in conduct.

Marilyn Johnson wills to Delores Rupprecht her completed book-keeping set which will save her loads of work.

Mary Ann Schuele wills to Sheila McGowan her Missouri accent.

Donald Schmidt wills his alert mind and one foot of his height to Patty Vruble.

Lucille Pensick wills to Betty Sleddens her ability to dance polkas.

Larry Sanders wills to Bill Murphy his ability to study eight hours a day.

Doris Melliger wills to Phyllis Higgins her knack of making up original jokes.

Elaine Romanek wills to Joyce Melcher her experience as a soda jerk.

Keith Specher wills to Clarence Nosal his sure remedy to cure ulcers—at least two glasses of water a period.

We do hereby make, constitute and appoint Father Roch Hettinger to be the executor of this, our Last Will and Testament.

In witness thereof, we, the class of 1953, the testators, have to this, our Will, set our hands and our seal this 14 day of May in the Year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and fifty three.

Shamrock Shenanigans

Perk up juniors, you did a fine job in the prom and everyone had a swell time. Now wasn't it worth all the effort and work?

The pause that refreshes—taking time out to sign the annuals.

I'm sure everyone was put in the spring mood after attending the fine concert under the direction of Mr. Van Ackeren, featuring the Band, Triple Trio and Majorettes. Congratulations.

Sounds like some of the seniors really traveled on Sneak Day. (Any trouble getting out of Nebraska, fellas???)

Flash!! Rumor has it, four boys have a neat, trim, blue '28 Chevy for sale. Bids will begin at 4:00 o'clock Sunday, May 24. Buyer may have it hauled away for the small sum of \$10.00 per mile. Contact either Roddy, Wennekamp, Woerth or Miller.

How was it Joe, that you fell out of the boat and didn't even get wet? (Strange things are happening!!)

Seems as though there has been a replacement around here lately. Herkie (the car wonder) has been replaced by Herlight, a ford. (Everyone still likes Herkie better.)

Wanted — someone who knows how to start motorcycles. Apply to Moldy Miller.

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CLASS of 1953**

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Anthony Augustine
Class Pres. 1. Glee 1, 3, 4. Boys' Quartet 4. Band and Pep Band 2, 3, 4. Band Pres. 3. County Gov. 3. Junior Librarian 4. Young Christian Students 4. Youth Center 2, 3, 4.

Dave Bowe
Football 1, 2, 3, 4. Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4. Track 1, 2, 3, 4. "The Venture": Ass. Sports Editor 2, 3. Sports Editor 4. 4-H Club 1. Annual Staff 4. Catholic Action, Club, Sec. 4. Class Vice Pres. 2. Glee 1, 2, 3, 4. Band 3.

Elaine Buechter
Pep Club 2, 3. Cheerleader 3, 4. Phys. Ed. 2. Choir 2, 3. Glee 2, 3, 4. Press Convention 3. Journalism Day 4. "The Venture" Reporter 3. Feature Editor 4. County Gov. 3. Sodality 2, 3, 4. Youth Center 2, 3, 4.

Joseph Dineen
Glee 1, 2, 4. Choir 1. Football 1, 2, 3, 4. Basketball 1, 2. Track 1, 2, 3. County Gov. 3. "The Venture" Reporter 1, 2. Knight of the Altar 1, 2, 3, 4. Choral Clinic 3, 4. Prom Chair 3.

Martin Dunn
Football 2, 3, 4. Track 2, 3. Basketball 2, 3. Glee 3. Youth Club 1, 2, 3, 4. Treas. 4. Class Sec.-Treas. 4. County Gov. 3.

Adolphine Euteneuer
Youth Club 1, 2, 3. Pep Club 1, 2. Choir 1. Glee 1, 2, 3, 4. Phys. Ed. 1, 2, 3. Sodality 1, 2, 3, 4. Annual Staff 4. Sodality Convention 3.

Jack Gladfelder
Knight of the Altar 1, 2, 3, 4. Football 1, 2, 3, 4. Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4. Youth Club 1, 2, 3, 4. Student Council Sec. 4. Class Play 4. County Gov. 3.

Buzz Gregorius
"The Venture" Reporter 1, 2. News Editor 3. Annual Staff 4. Knight of the Altar 1, 2, 3, 4. Glee 1, 3, 4. Catholic Action Group 4. Hall Monitor 3, 4. Press Convention 3. Basketball 2. Homecoming Master of Ceremonies 3.

Rosemary Irwin
Pep Club 1, 2. Sodality 1, 2, 3, 4. Youth Club 2, 4. Glee 1, 2, 4. Phys. Ed. 1, 2, 3. Sodality 3. Choir 1, 2.

Marilyn Johnson
Class Pres. 3. Venture, Headline Editor 4. Class Treas. 1. Glee 1, 4. Choir 1, 2. Phys. Ed. 1. Sodality 1, 2, 3, 4. Conv. 4. Homecoming Queen 4. Choral Clinic 4. Youth Club 4. Student Council 3. Noel Choir 4.

Elizabeth Kaminski
Sodality 1, 2, 3, 4. Glee 1, 2, 3, 4. Choir 1, 2. Class Sec. 3. Youth Club 1, 2, 3, 4. Phys. Ed. 1. Senior Class Play 4. Annual Staff 4. Venture typist 4. Band 4. Pep Club 1, 2. Choral Clinic 3. Glee Concert 3.

Louis Kosiba
Glee 1, 2. Track 3. Ass. Librarian 4.

Betty Kretz
Pep Club 1, 2. Phys. Ed. 1, 2, 3. Sodality 1, 2, 3, 4. Annual Staff 4. Youth Club 2, 4. Glee 1, 2, 4. Sodality Conv. 3. Choir 1, 2.

Mary Lou Kudron
Pep Club 1, 2, 3. Phys. Ed. 1, 2, 3. Prom. Chair 4. Annual Staff 4. Glee 4.

Martha Laska
Pep Club 2. Glee 3, 4. Student Council 4. Annual Editor-in-chief 4. Senior Class Play 4. Transfer from Duncan 2. Phys. Ed. 2. Venture Reporter 4. Noel Choir 4. Sodality 2, 3, 4.

Doris Melliger
Glee 1, 2, 3, 4. Sodality 1, 2, 3, 4. Spiritual Council 4. Sodality Chair. 4. Class Play 4. Venture Reporter 4. Youth Club 1, 2, 4. Music Contest 3, 4. First prize poem contest 2. Christmas Cantata 2. Annual Staff 4. Noel Choir 4.

Mary Ann Micek
Librarian 1. Band 2, 3, 4. Band Sec. 4. Choir 2, 3. Glee 1, 2, 3, 4. Cantata 2. Venture 4. County Gov. 3. Homecoming Attendant 4. Girls' State Alternate 3. Phys. Ed. 1, 2. Sodality 1, 2, 3, 4.

Virginia Micek
Sodality 1, 2, 3, 4. Phys. Ed. 1, 2. Glee 4. Annual Staff 4. Pep Club 1, 2.

Dorothy Mielak
Glee 1, 2, 4. Choir 1, 2. Pep Club 1, 2. Phys. Ed. 1, 2. Venture 4. Annual Co-Editor 4. Class Play 4. Sodality 1, 2, 3, 4. Conv. 4. Choral Clinic 4. Music Contest 4. Youth Club 1, 2, 4.

Lawrence Miller
Class Pres. 4. Student Council 3, 4. Vice Pres. 3. Pres. Catholic Action 4. Football 1, 2, 3, 4. Track 1, 2, 3, 4. Knight of the Altar 1, 2, 3, 4. County Gov. 3. Prom Toatsmaster 3. Homecoming Atendant 1, 4. Venture 1, 2, 3, 4. Youth Club 1, 2, 3, 4.

Sophie Moritz
Sodality 1, 2, 3, 4. Glee 1, 4. Phys. Ed. 1, 2, 3. First Prize in local and State Safety First Poster Contest 2. Annual Staff 4. Artist and Chairman for Homecoming Decorating Com. 3.

Sylvia Nosal
Sodality 1, 2. Glee 1, 2, 3, 4. Phys. Ed. 1, 2. Pep Club 1, 2. Choral Clinic 3. District Music Contest 3.

Frances Paprocki
Phys. Ed. 1, 2. Glee 1, 3, 4. Band 2, 3, 4. Pep Band 2, 3, 4. Venture Reporter 3. Typist 4. Annual Staff 4. County Gov. 3. Junior Librarian 2. Pep Club 1, 2, 3, 4. Noel Choir 4. Clarinet Quartet 4. Symphonette 4. Sodality 1, 2, 3, 4. Press Conv. 2.

Lucille Pensick
Phys. Ed. 1, 2. Pep Club 1, 2. Class Play 4. Annual Staff 4.

Anthony Pensick
Glee 2, 3, 4. Knight of the Altar 1, 2, 3, 4. Youth Club 1, 2, 3, 4. Catholic Action Group 4. Student Manager 1, 2, 3, 4. Basketball 3, 4. Track 2, 3. Class Play 4.

Julene Pfeifer
Glee 1, 3, 4. Phys. Ed. 1, 2. Choir 1, 2. Class Sec. 1, 2. Pep Club 1, 2. Sec. 2. Sodality 1, 2, 3, 4. Treas. 4. Spiritual Council 4. Sodality Convention 1, 2. Venture Reporter 2, 3. Make-Up Editor 4. Annual Staff 4. County Gov. 3. Democracy Contest 3, 4. Youth Club 1, 2, 3, 4. Pres. 4. Student Council 4. Band 3, 4. Prom Chair 3. Music Contest 3, 4. S.S.C.A. Delegate 3. Choral Clinic 3, 4. Homecoming Attendant 4.

Arlene Pickhinke
Class Pres. 2. Sodality 1, 2, 3, 4. Sec. 2. Vice prefect 3. Venture Reporter 1, 2. Headline Editor 3. Editor-in-chief 4. Spiritual Council 2, 3. Pep Club 1, 2. County Gov. 3. Glee Club 1, 2, 3, 4. Noel Choir 3, 4. Triple Trio 3, 4. Student Council 4. Youth Club 1, 2, 3, 4. Third Order 1. May Crowning Attendant 2, 3. Choir 1, 2, 3. Adult Choir 4. Band 2. Clarinet Quartet 2. S.S.C.A. Delegate 2. Press Conv. 2, 3, 4. Conv. Panel Discussion 4. Second place winner state headline writing contest 3. First place winner state news writing contest 4. Christmas Concert 3, 4. Spring Concert 3, 4. Choral Clinic 3, 4. Prom Chair 3. Sodality Conv. 4. District Music Contest 3, 4. Senior Class Play 4. Phys. Ed. 1.

Jon Robb
Class Vice Pres. 1, 3. Class Treas. 2. Student Council 1, 4. Student Council Pres. 4. Football 2, 3, 4. Basketball 2, 3, 4. Track 1, 2, 4. Venture Staff 2, 3, 4. Annual Staff 4. Glee 1, 2, 3. Band 3, 4. County Gov. 3.

Arthur Roddy
Glee 1, 2. Youth Club 1, 2, 3, 4. Football 4. Catholic Action Group 4.

Rita Roman
Transfer from Fullerton 2. Glee 4. Phys. Ed. 2. Pep Club 1, 2. Cheerleader 4. Sodality 2, 3, 4. Spiritual Council 4. Sodality Chair. 4. May Crowning Attendant 4. Venture Staff 4. Annual Staff 4. County Gov. 3. Youth Club 2. Majorette 3. Senior Class Play 4.

Elaine Romanek
Glee 1, 3, 4. Phys. Ed. 1, 2. Youth Club 1, 2, 4. Choral Clinic 3, 4. Music Contest 3, 4. Sodality 1, 2, 3, 4. Venture Reporter 4. Pep Club 1, 2. Annual Staff 4. Sodality Conv. 1, 2.

Larry Sanders
Football 1, 2, 3, 4. Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4. Track 1, 2, 3, 4.

Eugene Savage
Glee 1, 2. Knight of the Altar 1, 2, 3, 4. Football 3, 4. Basketball 2, 3, 4. Track 3, 4. County Gov. 3. Youth Club 1, 2, 3, 4.

Mary Ann Schuele
Glee 1, 4. Choir 1, 2, 3. Band 2, 3. Sodality 1, 2, 3, 4. Chair. 2. Spiritual Council 2, 4. Sodality Prefect 4. May Crowning 2, 4. Sodality Conv. 4. Venture 2, 3, 4. Headline Editor 3. Assistant Editor 4. Prom Chair 3. County Gov. 3. Cornhusker Girls' State 3. Democracy Contest, first place, St. Bon's 3. First place, city 4. Student Council 2, 4. Senior Class Play 4. Press Conv. 3, 4. Creighton Speech Conv. 3. Youth Club 1, 2, 4. Sec. Treas. of Band 2. Annual Staff 4. Pep Club 1. Phys. Ed. 1.

Jo Ann Siemek
Glee 1, 4. Phys. Ed. 1, 2. Youth Club 1, 4. Music Contest 4. Choral Clinic 4. Pep Club 1, 2. Annual Staff 4. Third Order 1.

Don Schmidt
Football 2, 3, 4. Basketball 2, 3, 4. Track 4. Glee 2, 3. Choir 2, 3. Class Vice Pres. 4. Homecoming Attendant 4. Football Co-captain 4.

Shirley Sokol
Glee 1, 2, 3, 4. Choir 1, 2, 3. Youth Club 1, 2, 3, 4. Sec. 2, 3. Treas. 1. Homecoming Attendant 1, 4. Venture Reporter 2, 3. Advertising Manager 4. Pep Club 1, 2, 3, 4. Press Conv. 2, 3. County Gov. 3.

Keith Speicher
Football 1, 2, 3, 4. Track 1, 2.

John Stevens
Knight of the Altar 1, 2, 3, 4. Youth Club 1, 2, 3, 4. Ass. Librarian 4. Band 2, 3, 4.

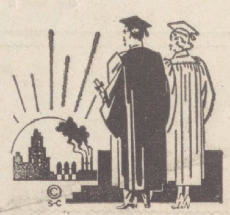
Bill Sus
Transfer from St. Joseph Seminary 4. Youth Club 4. Senior Class Play 4. Third Order 4. Holy Name Society 4.

Eleanor Syslo
Glee 2, 3, 4. Cheerleader 3, 4. Sodality 1, 2, 3, 4. Stamp Queen Attendant 1. Youth Club 2, 3, 4. Homecoming Attendant 2, 4. Choir 1, 2. Venture staff 1, 2, 3. Advertising Manager 4. County Gov. 3. Press Conv. 2, 3. Phys. Ed. 1, 2. Choral Clinic 3. District Music Contest 3, 4.

Eugene Wennekamp
Glee 1. Choir 1. Knight of the Altar 1, 2, 3, 4. Class Play 4. Annual Staff 4. Venture 1, 2, 3, 4.

Charles Wiedel
Transfer from Hebron 2. Band 2, 3, 4. Pep Band 2, 3, 4. Glee 3, 4. Venture Staff 2, 3, 4. Annual Staff 3, 4. Press Conv. 3. I.Cass Play 4. Band Vice Pres. 3. Youth Club 3, 4. Young Christian Students 4. Democracy Contest 3, 4. Diocesan Speech Contest 3. Orchestra 4. Boys' Quartet 4.

Max Woerth
Knight of the Altar 1, 2, 3, 4. Glee 2. Choir 2. Football 3, 4. Annual Staff 4. Youth Club 1, 2, 3, 4.



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Crowning Highlights Annual May Devotions

The crowning of the Blessed Virgin, Queen of May by the Sodality prefect, Mary Ann Schuele, highlighted the annual May Opening Devotions held at St. Bonaventure Church, Sunday, May 3.

Mary Ann, wearing a crown of assorted sweetpeas, was attired in a white ballerina length gown and a dark blue velvet cape with an Elizabeth collar. Rita Roman and Elaine Kneifel, wearing pastel color formals, carried the queen's train.

Preceding the queen was the court of honor, consisting of the following: Doris Melliger, Joan Matya, Sharon Robb and Carol Thraen, statue bearers; Julene Pfeifer, crown bearer; Lorraine Pickhinke, attendant; and Joan Gregorius, maid of honor.

The remaining procession comprised the following: small girls in white dresses; Boy and Girl Scouts in uniform; grade school girls in white blouses and dark skirts; high school sodalists in formals; the Knights of the Altar and the clergy.

During the singing of "Bring Flowers of the Fairest," the Prefect placed a wreath of fresh sweetpeas on the Blessed Mother's statue. After the coronation, she presented the attendants' bouquets to the Blessed Virgin on the elaborately decorated blue satin throne.

Services closed with solemn benediction of the Blessed Sacrament and the singing of "Holy God." Father Roch was celebrant with Father Martin, deacon, and Father Joseph, subdeacon.

Meet Your Friends at

Billie's Cafe

for Dining and Dancing

Elaborate Banquet Carries Seniors' Selected Colors

Midst an evening setting carrying out the "Moonlight in Paris" theme, the juniors and seniors banqueted in the social hall and later danced in the school auditorium, celebrating the annual Junior-Senior Prom on May 14.

At 6:30 o'clock, the junior class president, John Tooley and his date, Patty Vruble, led the young couples to the monastery premises where they met the guests of honor, Rev. Father Roch Hettiger, Father Joseph Hagen, Father Martin Wolter, Father John Schneigenberg, Coach and Mrs. Cletus Fischer, Linecoach and Mrs. Jim Thomson, Mr. Joseph J. VanAckeren, and Mr. and Mrs. Leo Locher, and then proceeded to the social hall where the banquet was held. The couples entered the hall to the strains of "Pomp and Circumstance" played by Miss Isabelle Micek.

Banquet Carries Parisian Theme
The social hall carried out the French theme. Favors were minute traveling bags and moon' brellas which were silver and blue, the seniors' class colors.

Jim Hoshor, acting as toastmaster, introduced Father Roch, who led grace. He then called on the junior class president who welcomed the assembly. Lawrence Miller, senior class president, gave the response and gave a short summary of the Class of '53 in their years at Bonnies. Speeches were delivered by Father Roch, Father John, Father Joseph, Coach Fischer, and Mr. Van Ackeren.

During the course of the banquet, Mr. Van Ackeren, accompanied by Miss Micek, dedicated violin piece to each individual outgoing senior in the band and triple trio. They are as follows: "Lebesleid," Julene Pfeifer; "Waltz in A," Mary Ann Micek; "Serenade," Arlene Pickhinke; "Fair Rosemarin," Frances Paprocki; "Rondino," John Stevens; "Tango" Jon

Dear Editor:

Another year of painstaking work on "The Venture" is just about to end. This year you may write in your memory book the words: "Well done," because as Editor of our school paper you have not counted the cost in time, in patience, in extra trips to the printers, and in the constant demand of the students for another issue.

God bless you, and may His love be with you every day as you care for the sick at St. Joseph Hospital and study diligently to become another angel of mercy.
The Junior Staff Members

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SCHWESER'S

Robb; "Stringing Along," Charles Wiedel; "Fiddle the Fiddle," Tony Augustine. Also, during the banquet, the triple trio sang four selections: "Orchids in the Moonlight," "My Buddy," "You'll Never Walk Alone," and "Dinah." The highlight of the banquet was the seniors' will which was related by Julene Pfeifer.

The tables were arranged in four vertically-placed rows and a horizontally placed head table. The tables were decorated with vases of spring flowers and five white candles on each table. The napkins were white with silver printing of the Junior-Senior Prom, the date and the year. Memory booklets, depicting a garden scene, were placed at each table setting, with a silver pencil attached to each. Place cards were the same scene as the memory booklet.

Auditorium Dons French Blue
Following the speeches the youthful couples paraded to the auditorium. At 9:00 o'clock with the class officers and their dates leading, they entered through an archway of roses to the mellow music of Bobby Mills and his orchestra playing "Moonlight and Roses" during the Grand March, which then blended into "Blue Moon." The entrance, carrying out the French theme, was an imitation sidewalk cafe with four garden tables covered with long white tablecloths with a centerpiece of a narrow vase and a single American Beauty rose in each.

In one corner stood a trellis with three yellow roses on it, and a veranda glider in front of it with two small, round garden tables on either side.

Separating the dance floor from the "cafe" was a white picket fence and a rose laden arched trellis with a swinging gate. The ceiling was solidly covered with low, twisted French blue streamers draped from each wall to chandeliers in the center of the room. The chandeliers were over-spread with two rows of white

fringed streamers. The walls were an imitation of the sky, covered by French blue streamers. The center of one wall were blue streamers in V-shape, dorned with sparkling stars. In front of this stood a silver stairway with a large basket of snapdragons.

Class Selects Committees
Sister M. Laurentine, junior class sponsor, was in charge of the affair. Pat Vruble was chosen by the entire class to act as general prom chairman. Other committees for the gala affair were as follows: Financial manager — DeLores Rupprecht; decorating manager — Lorraine Herink, chairman, assistants — Sally Ragatz, Shirley Jiraneck; decorators — Jim Hoshor, Ronnie Warholoski, Mike Tooley, Bob Wemhoff, Ken Cielocha, and Pat Michaelson. Banquet manager — Sheila McGowan, chairman, assistants — Joan Gregorius, Joyce Melcher, Dorothy Gladfelder, DeLores Rupprecht; entrance — Elaine Kneifel; pop stand — Mary Ann Feik, chairman, Rose Blahak; pickett fence — Betty Sleddens; walls — Dean Soulliere, Bernard Peterman, Tom Bonk, Dominic Zarek; stage — Stacia Bolin, chairman, assistants — Helen Gahan, Pat Wozny, Donna Jarecki; roses — Janet Placzek, Dorothy Jarecki, Mary Ann Placzek; stars — Virginia Miller.

Sophomores helping during the banquet and prom were as follows: pop stand — Sharon Bowe, Joan Matya; ushers — Betty Gregorius, Sharon Robb; waitresses — Mary Ann Simpson, Barbara Mitero, Nancy Boettcher, Lorraine Pickhinke, Mary Catherine Liss, Evelyn Pensick, Laura Wemhoff, Carol Thraen, Marjorie Kretz, Catherine Bothe, Mary Ellen Egger.

The banquet was prepared by the mothers of the juniors. Chaperones for the evening were Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Gregorius, jr., Dr. and Mrs. P. H. McGowan, and Mrs. Frances Tooley.

Stacia Bolin Obtains Youth Club Presidency

Stacia Bolin was elected youth center president by popular vote of the members, at a meeting held on May 19.

Patty Vruble replaces Sheila McGowan as social chairman; Sharon Hoshor succeeds Shirley Sokol as secretary and John Tooley takes over the treasurer's position.

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H. N. Serves Annual Mother's Day Affair

The annual Mother-Daughter breakfast was held on Mothers' Day, May 10, in the social hall. Approximately 186 women and girls attended.

The breakfast was prepared and served by the Holy Name men after the eight o'clock Mass. The mothers and daughters received holy Communion during the Mass, with the C.D.A. officers leading.

Gene Eckholt, acting as toastmaster, introduced Father Roch who gave the blessing. Mr. Eckholt then gave the welcoming address. Mrs. Leo Woerth, C.D.A. Grand Regent, gave the response.

Jesse L. Daugherty gave the principal address which stressed the importance of child guidance. He also paid special tribute to the mothers throughout the world. Julene Pfeifer gave a short reading, "Prayer to Mother." Mrs. Fred Gerber, mother of the day, gave the response.

The St. Bon's Boys' quartet, consisting of Bill Markhofer, Ronnie Warholoski, Charles Wiedel, and Tony Augustine, under the direction of J. J. Van Ackeren, sang four numbers; "Old Jonah," "Tin Can," "Dry Bones," and "Dear Mother of Mine" with an encore on the second selection.

Mrs. Mary Noonan, 82, of Columbus was awarded the prize for being the oldest mother present. In contrast, Mrs. Don Baumert and Mrs. Louis Euteneuer won prizes for the youngest mother and the mother with the largest family present, respectively.

The program ended with a prayer and the singing of "God Bless America" by the entire assembly.

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