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## 'The Venture' Receives Top Journalistic Honors

### Quill, Scroll---7th Year 'All Catholic'---2nd Year

For the third consecutive year "The Venture" has been awarded two top honors for outstanding achievement in scholastic journalism. The International Honor Award was made by the Quill and Scroll and "All Catholic" top award of the Catholic School Press Association.

For some years "The Venture" has won the "International Honor Award." This award provides for an annual appraisal of the school newspaper not only in terms of its journalistic merit, but also of the students' growth and development on the newspaper staff in terms of educational value. It is granted to superior high school newspapers on the basis of overall layout, reader appeal, news coverage and general management of the press.

The "All Catholic" rating has been merited by our publication for the past six years. It is based on the same principles as the Quill and Scroll rating and according to good Catholic journalism.

The ratings granted by the Quill and Scroll are the following: 1. International Honor Rating-Newspapers of Superior Achievements; 2. International Second Place Award-Newspapers of Substantial Achievements; 3. International Third Place Award-Newspaper of Fair Achievements; 4. International Fifth Place Award-Newspaper of Law Achievements. "The Venture" received recognition twice in the part of Superior Achievements, and twice in Substantial Achievements. There were four sections judged.

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. The Nebraska High School Press Association of the University of Nebraska was joined in 1948.

Issues judged were those edited by Arlene Pickhinke, editor-in-chief, the 1952-53 "Venture." Mary Ann Schuele served as assistant editor.

## Bonnies Undergoes Many New Changes

Announcements can now be made simultaneously to all the class rooms by means of the new loud-speaking system. The new system connects all the classrooms with the principal's office where the voice is controlled.

The halls and corridors near the shop now have taken on a "new look" with inlaid linoleum.

The old music room, next to the principal's office, is now occupied by the coaches, Mr. Fischer and Mr. Costello.

The Communion breakfasts are under the supervision of Mrs. Hauser. The location has been changed from the second floor to the kitchen. This location is more convenient for the students serving and those participating.

## Sophomore Girl Enters State Twirling Contest

Betty Dineen, sophomore, won recognition in the Nebraska State Baton Twirling Contest. The contest was held during the Ak-Sar-Ben rodeo in Omaha on October 3. Competing with twenty other twirlers she was one of the runnerups in the senior division. Joan Passekany, well-known Omaha twirler, won the senior title.

Betty has made several other public appearances. One of these, as a contestant on the T. V. program, "Talent Sprouts."

## Enrollment Figure Shows Decrease

The good old bell summoned the students to St. Bonaventure's on September 8, 1953. The records show a slight decrease in enrollment over the previous year. Last year's student body numbered 201, while this year's rank contains 190 eager students.

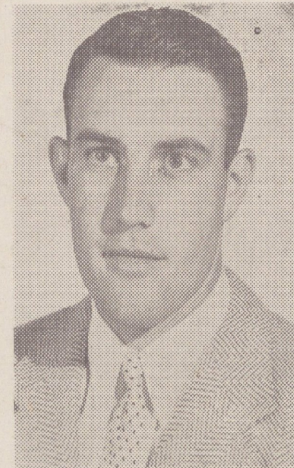
The senior class fee's high and mighty (for more than one reason, we might add!) since their group is the largest--59.

The juniors have 10 less than the seniors in their class. The sophomores have the privilege of being the smallest group. Thirty-eight answer the daily roll call.

True to form, the freshmen get no special honors. Their class is the between number--but it is good--44.

New faces on the campus include Raphael Schilz and Leo Stavas, seniors; Tom Lakers, junior; Ambrose Placzek and Milo Herink, sophomores; and, of course, the green, but peppy, entire freshman class.

## St. Bon's High Again Plans Gala Homecoming Festivities



### B. Costello Joins St. Bon's Faculty

Among the new members of the faculty at St. Bonaventure's is Mr. Bob Costello. He has taken over the position of assistant football coach and basketball coach. Mr. Costello replaces Jim Thompson, who gave his services to our high school for three years. Two years ago, Mr. Costello was coaching at Kramer High School.

Before receiving his present position, Mr. Costello, his wife, and two daughters lived in Lincoln. While there, he worked at the Goodyear Plant, outside of Lincoln.

Coaching must be Mr. Costello's extra curricular activity, because we find him teaching modern problems to the seniors, world geography to the freshmen, and supervising in study hall.

### NHSPA Invites The Venture Staff

The Venture Staff hailed with joy the news of their invitation to the Nebraska High School Press Convention. This annual affair will be held in Lincoln, on November 6 and 7.

The two-day meeting offers students an opportunity for participation in various contests in journalism. It also affords them a chance to hear experts in the journalistic field. Dr. William F. Swindler, Director of the School of Journalism, will serve as convention director.

### D. Rupprecht Reviews Girls' State Activities

Girls' State was held in Lincoln on the University Campus from June 9 to June 15. There were 254 girls present representing schools from all over the State of Nebraska. St. Bonaventure's representative was Delores Rupprecht.

The purpose of Girls' State is to teach girls the value of government in a Democracy. Each girl chose the office for which she wanted to be elected. Delores chose to run for State Superintendent of Public Instruction. But all could not win so those that lost in the elections were given an appointive office. Delores was appointed as a "Page" in the Legislature.

During the course of a week the girls made two trips to the State Capital where they fulfilled the duties of their various offices. They also had lectures, panel discussions, and party meetings.

Besides the educational program various social activities were held: Talent Night, The Annual Girls' State Reunion Banquet, and a Girls' State-Boys' State Dance.

This project is directed by the American Legion. Delores was sponsored by the Catholic Daughters of American of this parish.

### Bonfire, Parade, Dance Highlights Celebration

Another gala homecoming is being planned in conjunction with the Holy Name, Omaha-St. Bonaventure football game on October 22. Events will take place on both October 21 and 22.

On the evening of the 21st, a gigantic bonfire rally has been planned by the cheerleaders. This will begin at 7:30 p. m. on the school premises. Some of the highlights of the evening will be talks by Coach Clete Fischer, Bob Costello and the game co-captain, the burning of Holy Name in effigy, and cheers led by the senior and junior Cheerleaders. The high school pep band will honor the occasion with appropriate music.

A parade will be held the afternoon of the 22nd. It will consist of floats made by the individual classes, cheerleaders, and football players. The line of march will be formed at 2:00 p. m. on the campus and will proceed through the business districts of both 11th and 13th streets. The parade will be led by the St. Bon's High School Band.

### Coronation Highlights Half Time

The Homecoming King and Queen will be presented and crowned during the half time of the football game. Their identity will be revealed at the ceremony. The Queen is chosen by the entire student body; the King by the coaches and football players. The candidates for Queen are: Joyce Melcher, Pat Vruble, Stacia Bolin, Janet Placzek and Mary Ann Placzek.

Following the game, there will be a celebration dance in the social hall. Music for the festive occasion will be furnished by the Bobby Mills Orchestra. The Grand March will be led by the King and Queen and their attendants.

All classes were eager to participate, hence the following items were chosen as class projects:

Seniors: Advertising.  
Juniors: Half-time festivities at the field.

Sophomores: Social hall decorations.

Freshmen: Making pom-poms for the student body.

### Tom Bonk Merits Band Presidency

Tom Bonk succeeds Helen Gahan as band president at the election of officers held September 10. He was chosen from nominees belonging to the senior class.

Other officers include: Dorothy Gladfelter, vice-president; Joan Gregorius, secretary treasurer; and personnel manager, Delores Rupprecht.

No immediate plans for the band have yet been revealed by Mr. Van Ackeren.

### Triple Trio Obtains Early Engagements

Because of their vocal ability in the past, the triple trio has been called upon at this early date.

Practice on new numbers has begun. Their schedule calls for entertainment at various social functions in this city. Of course, their vocal numbers are also appreciated at our high school events.

Their first formal engagement will be on October 11. The group will then entertain at a Silver Wedding reception, honoring Mr. and Mrs. George Rump. This event will be held at the Wayside Country Club.

Due to the graduation of Arlene Pickhinke, a vacancy had to be filled. After tryouts, Mary Ann Feik was chosen by Mr. Van Ackeren for this soprano part.

At the group's first meeting, Sheila McGowan was chosen personnel manager.



### Father Reinhard Gets Directorship

Again this year, we see a new face at St. Bon's as athletic director. The Rev. Reinhard P. Kommer, O. F. M., replaces Rev. Joseph B. Hagan, O. F. M., in the above position and that of second assistant pastor of the parish.

Chicago, Illinois is the birthplace of Father Reinhard. This event occurred on August 25, 1916. The years 1926 to 1932 found Father attending school in Germany. His junior and senior high school education was received at St. Joseph's Seminary, Hinsdale, Illinois. St. Augustine's located in South Chicago, also contributed to Father's education.

Father's ordination took place on June 27, 1943. His first assignment was at St. Joseph's parish, Omaha, for one year. Previous to his Columbus assignment, Father spent eight years at St. Christopher's, Midlothian, Illinois.

During the interview, Father Reinhard revealed his enjoyment in all sports, stressing tennis, ice skating and skiing.

### Music Executives Ask Band's Representation At Fremont Convention

Mr. Van Ackeren recently announced an advanced invitation to participate in the Nebraska Music Educator's Annual Clinic and Convention. This music fest will take place in Fremont, Nebraska, on November 19, 20, and 21.

The clinic is designed to function as a musical workshop for the benefit of the students and instructor. An All-State Band, Orchestra, and Chorus will be organized from a representative group of recommended high school students.

Each year, the convention will be directed by a group of guest conductors who are specialists in their respective field. Comprising the group this year are: David Foltz—Chairman of Music Department of the University of Nebraska; A. Clyde Roller—Director Amarillo Symphony, Amarillo, Texas; H. E. Nutt—Dean of Faculty, Vandercook College of Music, Chicago, Illinois. These men will direct band, orchestra and chorus, respectively.

#### 19 Musicians Recommended

Eleven chorus and eight band members' names are being sent in with qualified recommendations of each.

The names of those selected to take part will be announced at a later date.

Due to the great distance between previous convention sites, St. Bonaventure's has never before been represented at a music clinic.



### Students Welcome English Teacher

Last year the students of St. Bonaventure's became acquainted with Mrs. Hauser. This year finds her a full-time faculty member. All of her classes are in the field of English.

Mrs. Hauser is a native of Platte County. She is a graduate of St. Francis Academy, the present St. Bonaventure High School.

The field of teaching is not new to Mrs. Hauser. She has seen service in many high schools and rural schools in and near Columbus.

### Library Shelves Obtain New Looks, New Books

Have you noticed the NEW LOOK in the library? The newly sanded floor adds much to its attractiveness. Thanks to those men who did such a fine job for us.

Among the new books added to the shelves are: A set of the new 1953 edition of AMERICANA ENCYCLOPEDIA; HAMMOND'S NATURE ATLAS OF AMERICA, by E. L. Jourdan; the 1953 revised and enlarged edition of BREWER'S DICTIONARY OF PHRASE AND FABLES; Leyson's MODERN WONDERS AND HOW THEY WORK and his MORE MODERN WONDERS AND HOW THEY WORK.

The boys will be interested in: AUTOMOBILE REPAIR MANUAL, by Manly; ROMAN COLLAR DETECTIVE, by Johnson; OUT-LAW RED, by Kjelgaard; and BLOCK THAT KICK, by Archibald. The girls will enjoy: GOD AND THE GENERAL'S DAUGHTER, by Heagney; COUNTY FAIR, by Emery; SHEPHERD'S TARTAN, by Darcy.

We wish to thank Miss Marie Kyle for her generous donation of 15 new books.



# America---Worth Fighting, Praying For

In our classroom the bulletin board bears the following motto: "God Bless America." These words are provocative of thought. God certainly has blessed America, but how much more He would protect and bless our country if we would only pray more for it. Of course, we pray for our country, but we pray for it in general, along with our other prayers for the Church, ourselves, and peace.

In these trying and dangerous times, we should pray in particular for our country. Pray that American citizens have the courage and foresight to put good men in the government offices and that these men will perform their duties as God would have them performed. Also pray that our country will remain alert and able, and be spared from war. But pray most of all that America does not fall into a happy dream—thinking Communism can not touch us. This is not true! Communism has conquered other countries who thought they were safe and had no need of prayer. Now they are suffering for their mistake of being too sure of themselves. Pray that this does not happen to us.

It has been said that we have a country well worth fighting for. If this is true, then it is certainly well worth praying for!  
S. R.

## Mercy Is Boundless---Use It!

While walking down the street today, a woman afflicted with palsy chanced by. Her every movement was jerky, quick, and unsure; her arms hung limply at her sides, and her back was bent.

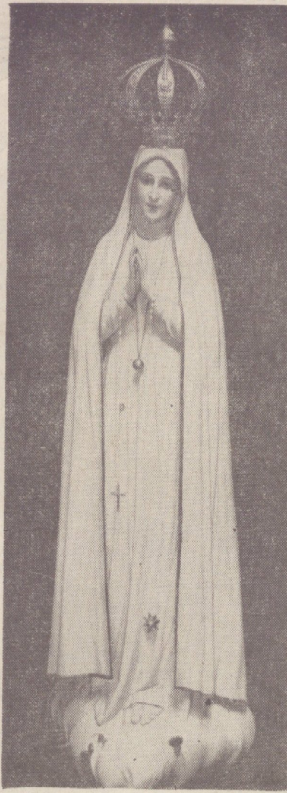
To my horror, shame, and amazement, a group of children jeered and laughed at her unmercifully.

The thought perplexing me most was—"What must God think of us human beings. Just because that poor woman has a terrible affliction, should she be the object of a joke?" But for His good grace, that woman could be you or I.

We are all God's children. Whether we are black, yellow, red, or white. We all are most precious in His sight.

By showing mercy and kindness to each other in the every day occurrences of life, we could all say with pride: "I am an equal member of the human race."

The quality of mercy is not strained, it falls as a gentle rain from heaven upon the earth below.  
J. O.



## A Freshie's Woesome Inviteless Invitation

Dear Friendless Friend;  
Because Monday comes on Friday instead of Tuesday, you are invited to a Christmas party on the afternoon of Easter morning, October 34.

Admission is free for all children under 8 oz. The dinner will consist of Castor oil at 50c a bushel, watermelon at 10c a glass, and spaghetti at 15c per yard. The boat will leave the airport at 25 o'clock P. M. If you miss the boat, swim out to the train as we don't want an intermission while we wait.

When you get to the corner drug store in the middle of the block, you will know you have come the right way—to the wrong place. So just hop a little steam wagon and paddle down the street.

The party will start at 12 below 0 providing the sun is shining at midnight. Our address is just above the vacant lot.

Please be there on time, because we don't expect you anyway. Ten bullets will be fired at each guest. Any guest found living will be hung at dusk. For amusement, (if anyone is found surviving), the men will run a race for a golden cup made of the finest tin.

Never yours,  
I. M. Nutz

The above letter was found among the junior assignments in English.

### THE BONNIE'S AGENDA

— October —

3—Game, Lincoln Cathedral

(here)

7—Business Education Day, Free

8—Catholic Teacher's Institute.

16—Report Cards

21—Bon Rally prior to Homecoming game.

22—Homecoming

30—Game with St. Pat's, Fremont, here.

### SYMPATHY

The faculty and student body extend Sympathy to Mrs. Hauser upon the death of her mother-in-law, Mrs. Margaret Rose Hauser.

## Shamrock Shenanigans

It seems improvements are in store this year. St. Bon's boys came to class one day—yes, one day!! with white shirts and ties! Nice going boys, you looked neat!

"What's the matter with the team!" This was a yell given by our new cheerleaders, Phyllis Higgins, Sharon Bowe, and Betty Gregorius. Returning were two letter men Stacia Bolin and Patty Vruble. Congratulations girls, you did a fine job.

With a 13-0 victory over the husky Fullerton Warriors, St. Bon's chalked up their first win of the 1953 season. Everyone was wondering how St. Bon's would manage without the height and weight of our 1953 graduates. Seems we are doing alright so far. Keep up the good work boys!

Tom Bonk has a birthday this coming December and his first one at that! What's the deal, Tom? Did you mean 1935 or 1953?

It seems that every one is coming out of speech class nearly deaf. Could it be due to Joan Gregorius' powerful replies to Mrs. Houser's questions? (NO)

Congratulations are in hand to the class officers.

Alas for poor ole Willie. For we'll ne'er see Willie no more. For what he thought was H-20, was H-2 SO-4!

Father Martin: "Therefore it would be impossible for a monkey to produce an intelligent paragraph on the typewriter."

Mike Tooley: "Oh, I don't know, Father, I did it last year!"

Traveling Reporters report their travels—to Sr. Bronisla in the office!! (What's the attraction in Lincoln, girls?)

As Homecoming draws near, the Senior girls' tension mounts. Who is to be the 1953 Homecoming Queen? Let's all find out at the game.

Why is Joe Tooley's face turning green? Could it be he is getting Carbonites Dioxidis? from blowing in lime water?

Have you got your Student Activity tickets, kids? Better hurry, they're going fast.

Little did we know we had a talented senior among us! Seems John T. was exercising his vocal cords the other day in modern problems, and was asked to sing a song for the class. (We did enjoy the repeat on your first grade, "Little Duckie Duddle.")

## Juniors Anticipate Old Tradition

Such a commotion! The entire junior homeroom was in a turmoil! In all corners of the room exclamations could be heard. "Ohs" and "Ahs" echoed from desk to desk. What was happening?

Silence, then some more remarks. Included were "Oh, this is a beauty!" "No—I like the set in that one!" "Are you kidding? You mean you actually like that type?"

What were these students discussing? Furs? A set of dishes? What type? Typewriters? After arousing much curiosity a strange man was seen leaving the room. He was carrying a brief-case and some sample-cases.

Then, upon catching part of the "stranger's" conversation with Sr. Cunegundis, the words "a truly beautiful ring" rang clear. For today, the juniors had chosen their own class ring! A moment they had anticipated since their freshie year.

The ring is yellow gold with a background of white gold. The St. Bonaventure traditional crest is imprinted on the foreground.

### ADD ANOTHER CANDLE

— In October —

- October 1 ..Mary Ann Placzek
- October 2 .....Merlyn Keefe
- October 3 .....Janet Czuba
- October 4 .....Joyce Melcher
- October 5 ..Norma Jean Irwin
- October 12 .....Shirley Jiranek
- October 14 .....Bob Fyfe
- October 17 .....Esther Liss
- October 18 .....Paul Siemek
- October 18 .....Sally Ragatz
- October 20 .....Duane Clark
- October 21 .....Leo Moschenross
- October 26 .....David Miller
- October 30 .....Betty Sladdens

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Guest Editorial By Sr. M. Cunegundis

## A Holy, Purifying Flame---Love

Love is a beautiful thing. It is likewise, a sacred thing. Love, in the proper sense of the word, seeks the good of the beloved. It does not seek self-satisfaction; neither does it seek self-gratification. Therefore, sex must never be confused with love, for the object of each is vastly different. Love wishes to please the beloved; sex wants to please self. Neither is Hollywood's presentation of the love theme, in many of the movies, a true version of the real meaning of love. Too often, Hollywood only gives a perversion of love. Frequently, Hollywood considers but the self in the heroine or hero. God meant love to be a holy flame, a purifying flame. He never meant love to be the cause of sin, for love was created to bring us to heaven where for all eternity we are to worship at the very throne of Love---God.

## October---Autumn and the Rosary

October—the month when mother nature dresses the trees, shrubs, and grasses in myriad colors—is here.

The various shades of brown, yellow, red, green, molten, and burnished gold of the leaves makes one stand in wonder and awe. God indeed speaks to us through the beauties of nature.

However, to the true client of Our Lady, October recalls another greater beauty—The Rosary.

So much happiness can be derived from its devotional recitation.

In dwelling prayerfully upon the Joyful Mysteries, one can fashion a garland of white roses for Mother Mary.

The Sorrowful Mysteries gives one the occasion to accompany the Mater Dolorosa to Calvary's height. There, one can lay at her feet a wreath fashioned from blood red roses.

Finally, a most beautiful bouquet of golden roses can be gathered during one's meditation on the Glorious Mysteries.

The Rosary Month affords a wonderful opportunity to get in line with the devotees of Mary. Tell your beads devoutly each day of October; each day of the year; each day of your life.  
M.C.H.

## Inquiring Reporters Report Inquiries

Some frosh seem to enjoy high school, while others—well, read their comments.

Betty W. I was too scared to think!

Phyllis D. I thought the first day was exciting.

Daniel S. I felt like taking a slow boat to China the first day.

Dwayne J. I thought it would be dull, but OH, Brother!

Margaret M. Very interesting, but complicated.

Janet M. By the time I reach homeroom, I need another breakfast.

Robert S. I'm still bewitched, perplexed and puzzled.

Rose Marie K. Oh! Is this high school?

Virginia M. It happens to be the best of us!

Bob C. Fun, except for Latin—ugh!

Phillip Z. I was a scared rabbit! (Oh, well, Phil, we all went through that.)

Gary H. It was heartbreaking, but fun.

Jack J. I never gave it much thought. (School or your studies, Jack???)

Lavera B. It's all right and lots of fun.

Charles M. I was ready to be jumped by the seniors. (Your time will come, Charlie!)

Ralph H. I LIKE IT!

Robert P. Live and learn—at least live!

Ted P. It hurt. (I stubbed my toe on a desk.)

Virginia L. I thought it would be easy. I found out fast!!

Jo Ann W. It is almost interesting! (What do you mean "almost.")

Nancy B. (Who was the wise one that told me it was easy?)

Shirley S. At last! Out of Grade school!

Rosemary S. Big mighty SENIORS \*\* little Freshies!

Joan B. I think it's great!

Yvonne M. Anyone have a map of the location of the rooms?

Elaine B. Wow! Those steps! They're good reducers!

Richard P. First week went fine. (And the rest, Dick???) !!!)

Joseph W. Oh, well, we can't all be talented!

Dennis S. It will do in a pinch.

Larry D. Things are tough all over.

Carolyn C. I feel grown up.

Elaine W. I got so confused. (Don't we all?)

Michael M. Shall I tell the truth or shall I fib and say I enjoy it?

Eugenia P. I am learning to like it.

Patricia W. There are advantages and disadvantages.

## Bus Driver Befriends Wary Airdale, Poodle

A cold rain was falling steadily and an early darkness fell over the city. Traffic was moving along at a snail's pace. All of the occupants of the school bus had been returned home in safety.

With a sigh of relief the bus driver began his homeward trip. Just as he was about to turn off the main highway, his attention was arrested by a strange spectacle. A large Airdale was shielding a little white French poodle from the onslaughts of the rain, and from the impending dangers of traffic.

At the stop light, the bus driver opened the door of the vehicle. The large dog guided or rather pushed the little animal towards the open door. Upon entering the bus, the little dog looked about somewhat bewildered. Finally he spied a piece of blanket on the floor, curled up on it, shivered a few moments, and finally relaxed in perfect comfort. The companion, seeing his little friend in safety, trotted away and was lost to sight in the gathering gloom.

## Peering Faces View Impossible Situation

Over a hundred pensive little faces peered upward towards the roof of the Sisters' convent. Wouldn't someone big come to their help? Couldn't anyone possibly see they were too little to climb to such a height? Oh, if someone would realize the importance of help at the moment. Finally, one of the eighth grade boys saw their plight. He came with a big ladder, climbed to the room and rescued the poor little kitten that had sought refuge there.

## Hidden Voice Frightens Bewildered Students

Whilst studying religion, as our class does every morning, a voice boomed through the air. "Good morning people, this is Mr. Van Ackeren." The rest of the students and I jumped at the sound of his voice. We began to wonder from whence it came. Mr. Van Ackeren's voice continued to come to us in clear tones. Now he was telling us of the changes in the music schedule, still no Mr. Van Ackeren in sight! Finally it dawned upon me that this was the new Public Address system being put to use. The system had been installed during our vacation days.



# Grid Roster — 1953 —

TACKLES	
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Betty Gregorius, Stacia Bolin, Pat Vruble, Sharon Bowe, Phyllis Higgins.

## Student Body Elects 1953-54 Cheerleaders

Three senior and two junior girls were elected as Varsity Cheerleaders for the 1953-1954 year. Those chosen were Patty Vruble, Sharon Bowe, Stacia Bolin, Phyllis Higgins, and Betty Gregorius. The girls were chosen by secret ballot of the student body.

Patty, a senior, was elected as head cheerleader. She was also Varsity yell-leader last year.

Stacia, a senior, had previously lettered two years in cheerleading, being Varsity and Junior Varsity leader in her junior and sophomore years, respectively.

Phyllis, also a senior, was a Junior Varsity letterman in cheering during her sophomore year.

Sharon and Betty, both juniors, were Junior Varsity cheerleaders in their Freshman year.

The group, for its uniform, has chosen green wool sweaters, white corduroy kullotts, green Angora anklets, and white suede kilts. The girls will wear white cheerleader's emblems on their sweaters.

## Shamrocks Defeat Fullerton Warriors

Coach Cletus Fischer's Shamrocks defeated a struggling Fullerton team September 11 on the Warrior field.

All the scoring came in the first half of the game with Tom Bonk tallying both times.

The first scare came when Tom drove through the Fullerton line to pay dirt to climax a drive that started on the St. Bon's 35 yard line. The extra point was run across.

From then until after four minutes had passed in the second quarter the game was a see-saw battle for the team when Dean Soulliere pitched a 30 yard pass to Bonk in the end zone. The extra point was stopped short of the goal.

Fullerton threatened twice in the second half by advancing within five yards of the Irish goal line. The green clad boys stood ground and stopped the hefty Fullerton team both times, in view of the fact that the Irish were out-weighted.

A pass interception in the third stanza by Soulliere and a run back of 40 yards put the Shamrocks in good position for another tally, but they were stopped short of the goal line.

Joe Tooley proved to be the most threatening player to the Warrior passing attack when he intercepted three of their passes.

## The Rambling Irish Take Four Straight

Coach Cletus Fischer's undefeated Shamrocks made it four in a row by shellacking Lincoln Cathedral 31-6.

Stan Peters kept Cathedral's hopes alive by scoring from 14 yards out soon after the opening kickoff making it 6-13. But, Jim Hosher, speedy halfback, turned the tide by scoring twice on some nifty broken field running and setting up another with a lengthy gallop.

A 71 yard march paced by Hosher and Tom Bonk sparked the first touchdown with Ken Cielocha collecting the final 11 yards and a touchdown. Soulliere tossed to Kavanaugh for the point. Another 70 yard drive led by Bonk and Cielocha was climaxed with a spectacular catch of a Soulliere pass by Kavanaugh for the second score.

A feeble Lincoln punt set up the next Bonnie touchdown. Hosher countered from the right side on a 27 yard scamper.

Early in the fourth period Holys tossed to Bonk for another touchdown. Hosher set up the last touchdown with a nifty 40 yard run and later climaxed the scoring with a score from 14 yards out.

Bob Wemhoff was the Bonnies defensive standout, and the Cathedral standout was Stan Peters.

## High Spirit, Hard Work Overcomes Gridsters Continuing Weight Problem

The St. Bonaventure High School has better than 50% of its boys out for football this fall. Thus far in the season, we have also had fewer boys check in their equipment after deciding to participate in the sport. This has been very gratifying to the coaching Staff and also to the boys out for football.

Our varsity is one of the smallest teams that we have had in the past three years. This is in weight only—pound for pound and tiger for tiger, they are as good as we have had. The boys' aims are high and with continued hard work and high spirit, the boys may be able to establish the best football season record ever recorded at St. Bonaventure High School. In order to do this we must continue to improve in each department (mental, physical and sound, hard football, for our schedule becomes harder and harder as the young season moves on.

Our starting lineup for our first games has been composed of upper classmen, with the exception of one sophomore end, Ed Kavanaugh; junior guard, Clinton Gates, and tackle, Joe Bonk. The other starters have been John Tooley, guard; Vincent Galley, tackle; Bob Wemhoff, center, Leo Stavas, end; backfield, Dean Soulliere, Tom Bonk, Kenneth Cielocha and Jim Hosher. In this starting lineup, we feel that we have as much speed as any team in the state. We have seen some of the assets of this speed but should enjoy it more during the remainder of the season. Other capable starters are: Joe Tooley, back; Mike Tooley, tackle; Bob Zoucha, guard; Donald Warholoski, center; John Holys, quarterback; Leo Moschenross, Clarence and Gene Nosal, ends, Joe Tooley, Leo Moschenross, Clarence and Gene Nosal are starters on our defensive unit. These other boys fit in very well with the rest of our unit.

Others trying out for the positions on the Varsity squad were: Helen Gahan, Dorothy Gladfelter, Lorraine Herink, Joan Matya, Sheila McGowan, and Joan Syslo. Junior Varsity Cheerleaders were chosen on the same basis as the Senior Varsity group. They are Barbara Cielocha, Esther Liss, Janet Melcher, Sharon Hoshor, and Mariann Skorupa. Barbara, Esther, and Janet, all sophomores, were Junior Varsity leaders last year. This is the first year of cheerleading experience for Sharon, a sophomore, and Mariann, a freshman. Others trying out for Junior Varsity positions were: Betty Dinene, Virginia Mimick, and Joyce Schaefer.

## Gridsters Avenge Hustling Decatur

St. Bonaventure's Irish eleven whipped a struggling Decatur team 52-0 before a fine crowd on September 18. The team was out to revenge last year's only upset of a 13-12 score. They showed fine spirit during the entire game.

The Irish kicked off and on the first play from scrimmage Wemhoff recovered a Decatur fumble to set up the first St. Bon's touchdown. On the second play, Bonk rambled for the touchdown. A drive through-center scored the extra point.

On the second Shamrock kick off, the Warriors took the ball on a first down and Sears attempted a pass to Bruer to invade Irish territory on the 21 yard line. But sparkling Leo Moschenross intercepted the pass to threaten the rally. On the second play Hosher rambled for a 84 yard touchdown. Extra point was good.

After the kickoff Cielocha intercepted a Decatur pass. On the second play, Bonk marched for his second touchdown. Extra point was good. Several downs later found St. Bon's called back from a 94 yard run by Hosher because of clipping. End of first quarter—21-0.

In the second stanza Bonnie's scored three times; twice on a Holys-to-Soulliere pass and once on a sneak across the line from the one yard stand by Siemek. Extra point counted on the first touchdown.

Decatur threatened once on some excellent passes by Sears. They started their march toward Irish territory but stopped on the 21 yard line at halftime with a score of 40-0.

The Irish rallied twice in the last half. Once in the third quarter, after some fine passing by Sears for Decatur and Holys for the Irish; Cielocha scored.

On the second play after the fourth quarter kickoff Holys passed to Joe Tooley for 24 yard run plus a touchdown. Game ended with a final score of 52-0.

Irish offensive standouts were Holys, Hosher and Bonk. The Warrior standouts were Sears' passing and the fine catching of Bruer.

## Underclassmen Making Great Progress

We have other boys, juniors, sophomores and freshmen, that are less experienced, but have been making great progress and many of them will be seeing lots of action before the season is ended. Some of these boys are: Novicki, Woerth, Bartholomew, Micck, Arasmith, Snell, Herink, Lakers, Michaelson and Dischner. These boys and others we hope to hear of and see play more as the season progresses. We feel that we have one of the finest groups of underclassmen that we have ever had. They are enthusiastic and good workers and are all much improved, since the beginning of the year.

There is one important thing that we have found and that is, that this is not an individual's success or progress, but that we go ahead and become better as a team—we are all on the same team, faculty, students, and the boys who are out on the field playing the games. Let us all stick together to make our SCHOOL, our ACTIVITIES the best. Let us be proud of it all.

## Irish "11" Trample Eager Blue Hawks

The Shamrock gridsters chalked up their third successive win with a 26-6 victory over St. Cecilia's of Hastings on September 24.

The St. Bonaventure offense was ragged in spots during the first half, but the boys settled down to mark up three touchdowns in the last two quarters.

The defensive standouts for the Irish were Bob Wemhoff and John Tooley. The Blue Hawks only offered their star player, Jerry Buttel. Offensive standouts were in the backfield playing of Tom Bonk, Jim Hosher, Ken Cielocha, and the outstanding passing of Johnny Holys.

St. Bon's, after taking the kickoff, marched to about the goal line where Soulliere attempted a pass only to be interrupted. Ken Cielocha, on the fourth play from scrimmage, rambled to the five yard line. Hastings held the next four plays, then the Irish forced the Blue Hawks to kick. Several plays later found St. Bon's pushed back to the goal line on a penalty. Cielocha, from behind the goal line, started a 97 yard march for the first touchdown of the game.

Later in the second stanza St. Bon's fumbled on the goal line. The determined Hastings team recovered and tied the score 5-6 at halftime.

The third quarter, after many fumbles, punts and passes, found Holys passing to Soulliere, who raced to the 20 yard line. On the fourth down, Holys again passed to Soulliere to score the second Irish touchdown. A Holys-to-Soulliere pass made the extra point good. Score at the end of the third stanza was 13-6.

In the last half Hosher began to roll and picked up both final touchdowns. Three downs later, Hosher traveled 70 yards. Extra point failed to count. On Hastings' third down, Buttel attempted a pass, only to be interrupted by Moschenross who ran to the 20 yard line. Hosher took over and ran 20 yards for the final St. Bon's touchdown. Soulliere ran for the extra point to end the game 26-6.

Jim Hosher and the excellent passing of Johnny Holys sparked the offense. Ken Cielocha turned in a good all around game. Jerry Buttel showed the most punch for the Blue Hawks.

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# Graduates Choose Various Vocations

The graduates of St. Bonaventure's have chosen many fields of endeavor. According to a recent survey, fourteen are continuing their education. The remaining number of the class are working at the various business establishments in Columbus and surrounding areas.

Students at the various universities are: Mary Ann Micek, Quincy College, Quincy, Illinois; Jon Robb, Doane College, Crete, Nebr.; Shirley Sokol, Jack Gladfelter, and Don Schmid, University of Nebraska; Joe Dineen, Creighton University, Omaha; Tony Pensick, Norfolk Junior College, Norfolk, Nebr.; Arlene Pickhinke, St. Mary's College, Omaha.

Elaine Buechter, Marilyn Johnson and Mary Ann Schuele are enrolled in nurses' training at St. Joseph Hospital, Omaha.

John Stevens, Bill Sus and Charles Wiedel are studying at Commercial Extension in Omaha.

Graduates working in Columbus and their place of business are as follows: Tony Augustine, J. C. Penney store; Julene Pfeifer, receptionist at Dr. Johnson's office; Betty Kretz, Woolworth store; Rosemary Irwin, Doris Melliger, and Frances Paprocki, Northwestern Bell Telephone Company; Sophie Moritz, Lawrence Miller, Mary Lou Kudron, La Vern Thraen, and Jo Ann Siemek, Becton-Dickinson; Dorothy Mielak, Gary's Radio Service; Martha Laska, General Products; Dave Bowe, Larry Sanders, Keith Speicher, and Jim Jaworski, Union Pacific Railroad; Max Woerth, Leo Woerth Construction Co.; Eugene Wennekamp, Scott's Store, Walter Gregorius, Tags Texico Service; Martin Dunn, Hinky Dinky Store; Elizabeth Kaminski, Consumer's Public Power District; Arthur Roddy, Thomson's Feed and Seed Company; Eugene Savage, Rogers Motor Company; Rita Roman, Billie's Cafe; Elaine Romanek, Miessler's Drug Store.

Adolphine Euteneuer and Louis Kosiba are working at home. Eleanor Syslo is employed at the First National Bank, Lincoln, Nebraska. Virginia Micek is working in Omaha, Nebraska. Lucille Pensick has gone to California.

Sylvia Nosal is now Mrs. Virgil Mostek. She is employed at Roger Hill Photo Service.

# Bookkeeping Class Takes First Hurdle

Judging from the busy hum that emanates daily from room five, during the fifth period, the bookkeeping class must be enjoying keeping records for Mr. John Doe.

The big hurdle was to decide, once and for all, when assets, liabilities, and proprietorship increased or decreased. When does one debit, and when does one credit?

Now it is a known fact, that each day the new item stressed must be mastered or else the morrow will bring another head ache.

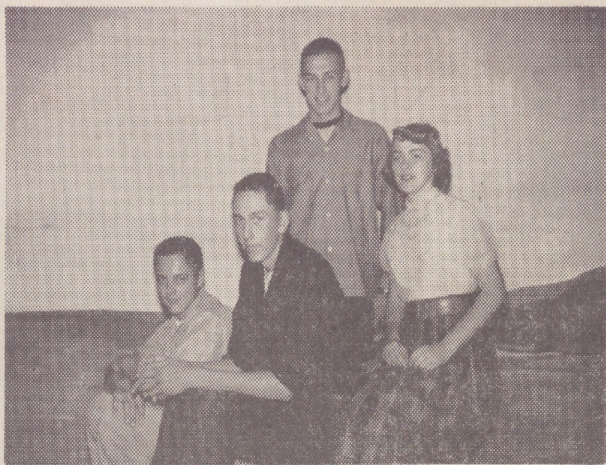
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Michael Micek, Ed Kavanaugh, Leo Stavas, and Barbara Mitera

The sophomores, under Sr. Emma's sponsorship, chose the following to head their class: president—Ed Kavanaugh; vice-president—Floyd Arasmith; secretary-treasurer—Sharon Hoshor. Motto—"Climb, Though the Rocks Be Rugged." Colors—Blue and White. Flower—Crimson rambler. Patron—Blessed Mother.

The freshmen of which Sr. Laurentine is sponsor, have elected as their officers: president—Michael Micek; vice-president—Margaret Mielak; secretary—Elaine Boetcher. Motto—"Thy Kingdom Come." Colors—Blue and Gold. Flower—Tea rose. Patron—Our Lady of Lourdes.

# Back Cielocha Sparkles Omaha Johawk Defeat

St. Bonaventure's fifth straight victory was chalked up by defeating St. Joe's of Omaha, 38-0.

The Shamrocks were ahead all the way and were threatened twice, once on a recovered fumble and the other on a sustained drive. Both times they were pushed back, scoreless.

Half-back Ken Cielocha highlighted the game with four touchdowns. Twice in the first half he rambled to pay-dirt, both times covering 70 yards from the line of scrimmage. In the final stanza he scored twice, one being a three yard plunge and the other, a 14-yard aerial catch delivered by John Holys.

Co-captain John Tooley, guard, scraped a Johawk fumble and ran 45 yards to pay-dirt. The final touchdown was annexed by Duane Clark.

Irish standouts were: End Ed Kavanaugh, back Leo Moschenross and, of course, back Ken Cielocha.

Tom Wehner, Johawk standout, offered the best defensive work. The host team, due to previous injuries, couldn't match the Irish speed.

# Students Welcome City-Wide B-E Day

The students did not feel too sad when Business-Education Day loomed on the horizon.

For the classmen it meant a free day. For the teachers it meant a delightful day with the various business firms in the city.

The faculty members at St. Bon's were guests at one of the following firms: J. C. Penney Co., Montgomery Wards, Swift Packing Co., The Telephone Company, Sears, and Dale Products. Other business firms were hosts to teachers from the city and county schools.

At the end of the day, the teachers returned home with a better knowledge of the many problems confronting the businessmen. They also appreciated more fully the integrity of our businessmen in the conduct of their business.

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# Various Homerooms Elect Class Officers

One of the more important events in the homerooms, the election of class officers, climaxed the third week of school.

The boys dominated in the election, but not by a very large margin.

The seniors, under the supervision of Sr. Bronisla, elected the following officers: president—Leo Stavas; vice-president—Jim Hoshor; secretary—Bob Wemhoff; treasurer—Ken Cielocha. Motto—"To Jesus Through Mary With a Smile." Colors—Opal blue and silver. Flower—White rose; Patron—Our Lady of Snows.

The juniors, whose sponsor is Sr. Cunegundis, elected as their officers, the following: president—Barbara Mitera; vice-president—Joseph Bonk; secretary-treasurer—Nancy Boettcher. Motto—"Our Goal is Heaven." Colors—Coral Pink and Nile Green. Flower—Starlight rose. Patron—The Little Flower.

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# Here and There at St. Bon's

The student body welcomed a football hero back to the campus and classes. Clarence Nosal sustained a painful injury during the Lincoln Cathedral - St. Bon's game here. He now carries about his person a memento of the game—a little piece of bone in alcohol. This piece of bone was removed from his knee at St. Mary's Hospital. His crutches are a constant reminder that he still can not participate in his favorite sport.

Word from St. Anthony's Hospital, Denver, Colorado, brings the good news that Sister Esther is improving day by day. Sister Ursulita from Lumberton, New Mexico, is filling the vacancy made by Sister Esther's illness.

The present editor of "The Venture," Helen Gahan, will long remember this, her first issue. She could tell you a very interesting story about working overtime in order to make this her dream, a reality.

At press time, the juniors are the only class that can boast 100% subscription to "The Venture". Let us give them and their sponsor 15 RAHS and a YEAH BO for their splendid school spirit. Keep up the good work, juniors!

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# Servite Priests Hold Mission

On September 20th, St. Bonaventure Church, had the privilege of having a mission conducted by two Servite Fathers from Chicago, the Reverend Fathers Edward Calkens and Patrick McNamara.

The first week was for the ladies of the parish; the second for the men. The High School students had their mission sermons after the eight o'clock Mass each morning during the first week of the Mission. Fr. Calkens began the high school mission by speaking about our purpose in life. The following day was about sin which is the worst cause of hatred in this world. Thursday the missionaries heard confessions for the whole high school during and after mass. Friday morning the high school received Holy Communion in a body.

Judging from the large attendance at each of the devotions and by the large numbers that received the Sacraments, the Mission was a spiritual success.

# Laboratory Installs Scientific Filmstrips

A filmstrip library has recently been added to the science lab equipment. Sister Bronisla, science instructor, procured these slides for the science classes.

The physics department has a complete set of slides. The chemistry and biology departments can boast of having three films. Others will be added during the year.

The students anticipate a break in their regular class schedule now and then.

# Rhythmic Typing Students Simulate Marching Cadets

On Wednesday of this week the typing class was pleasantly surprised by a visitor. The Rev. Martin Wolter, O.F.M., was the guest. Father explained that the perfect rhythm issuing from the typing room attracted his attention as he entered the building. From down stairs, he said, it sounded as if soldiers were on the march.

The members of the typing class were happy to have such a nice caller. They also were glad to know their rhythmic typing was agreeable to a listener.

# Curious Actions Perplex Students

"How does my hair look?" "I can't do a thing with it." "Is my tie straight?" "Is my shirt a good shade?" "Too much lipstick isn't good, or is it?"

These are several of the remarks I overheard in the halls on the morning of Sept. 15. But why?????

More perplexing, we were told to go to the auditorium. Yet nobody mentioned why. Everyone stood in line combing hair, straightening collars, and practicing posing. One by one they came out laughing. Oh, oh, my turn's coming up—I was told to sit on a little bench and—just like that—click—. Now I get it—today is the day pictures are being taken for the annual.

Come one, come all to the Homecoming Dance, which will be held in St. Bon's Social Hall on October 22. Bobby Mills' Orchestra will furnish the music. The swing time will be from 10:00-1:00. Admission 50c.

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## Select Group Highlights Unique Midnight Mass

An inspiring feature of the Christmas musical program at St. Bonaventure Church will be the robed choir. This Noel Choir of twenty-four voices, chosen from the St. Bon's Glee Club, will present a half hour of Christmas carols before the Midnight Mass. The choir will be stationed in the sanctuary.

They will render the well-known carols—"Silent Night," "O Come All Ye Faithful," "The First Noel," "Joy To The World," "O Holy Night," and "Nativity Carol." **Adult Choir Sings Mass**

At the Midnight Mass the adult choir will sing Regina Pacis Mass by Pietro Yon. For the Offertory, the motet, Laetentur Coeli by Wiegand will be sung.

During the distribution of Holy Communion, organ selections will be played by Mrs. C. L. Stone.

Christmas carols will be sung by the children's choir during their Mass. Billy Jean Coles will be the accompanist.

Mr. J. J. Van Ackeren, accompanied by Delores Rupprecht at the organ, will play the violin at the last Mass on Christmas Day.

## Eighteen Students Attend Catholic Oratorion Contest

On Tuesday, December 8, eighteen students from the senior, and sophomore classes attended the annual Catholic Declamatory contest at Omaha's Creighton Prep. The contest was sponsored by the Jesuit Fathers of Creighton Prep.

The students left Columbus early in the morning and upon arrival in Omaha registered at Creighton Prep, and were instructed as to the time and room where the individual speeches were to be given.

At 9:30 the first round of speeches were given. All participants gave their speeches and were judged accordingly. At 11:00 the second round of speakers, in which all again participated, began. Again all the speakers were judged and rated. The best speakers of the first two rounds were ushered in to the final third round which commenced at 1:30. At 3:00 the winners were announced.

St. Bonaventure, whose preparation was but a scant week and a half, placed two into the finals. Leo Stavos in prepared oratory, and Janet Melcher in newscasting. Both entered the finals supporting Bonnies laurels green and white.

At 3:00, it was announced that Janet Melcher placed third in newscasting. The judges commented on her clear diction and precise manner of speaking. Janet gave her speech into a microphone and was judged in the next room for her performance over the loud-speaker. Janet's third place ribbon was the sole award brought home by our students.

Leo's fine prepared oration placed fourth and his good work was commented on by all the judges.

The students that attended were: seniors; Joyce Melcher, Stacia Bolin, Sheila McGowan, Sally Ragatz, Donna Jarecki, Helen Gahan, Shirley Jiranek, Delores Rupprecht, Jane Luetkenhaus, Patty Vruble, Janet Placzek, Joan Gregorius, Lorraine Herink, Phyllis Higgins, Dorothy Gladfelter, Leo Stavos and Ronald Warholoski.

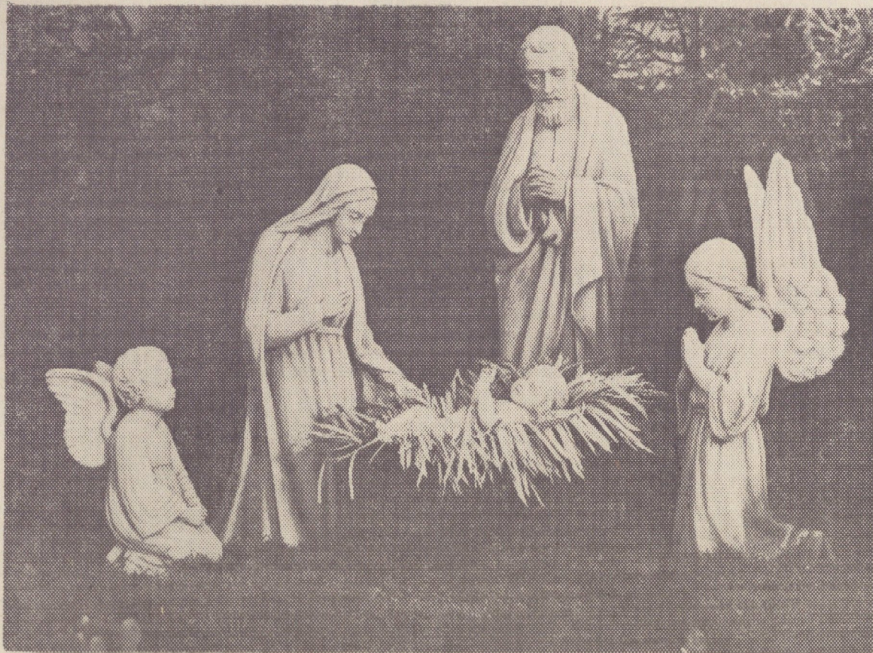
From the sophomore class: Janet Melcher, Betty Dinsen and Lorus Luetkenhaus were the representatives.

## Youth Center Sponsors Olympic Games Party

An "Olympic Games Party" was recently held in the Youth Center.

Flags, representing the many nations who participate in the Olympics, were hung around the walls of the Youth Center "Stadium." Various olympic games were enjoyed by a crowd of approximately one hundred. Prizes were awarded to the winners. Door prizes were awarded to Johnny Holys and Rose Mary Kellman. Dancing was enjoyed by all after the refreshments were served by the chaperons.

## Christmas Greetings



## Various Class Rooms Make Rapid Progress

Schooldays come and go so fast that it is hard to realize the progress we are making. Yet we do progress! As we take a trip to the various class rooms we find: Stacia Bolin, Shirley Raemakers, Bob Fyfe, Delores Rupprecht, Elaine Kneifel, Vincent Galley, Joyce Bures, Jane Luetkenhaus, Mary Micek, and Janet Placzek on the Bookkeeping Honor Roll.

Shorthand students are a little amazed, as well as proud, to know that they have achieved the ability to read and transcribe notes. Sharon Bowe leads the class in reading with 395 words a minute. Mary Catherine Bothe and Nancy Boettcher follow with 370 and 315 respectively.

Mailable letters, typed from dictation, have been submitted by Nancy Boettcher, Mary Catherine Bothe, Sharon Bowe, Janet Czuba, Lorraine Pickhinke, Sharon Robb, and Mary Ann Simpson. The other members of the class are up and coming, but this new phase of shorthand—transcribing one's own notes—is just a bit different.

The keys of the typewriters are moving faster each day as the typing class strives earnestly to reach their goals. Tests show that Delores Rupprecht types forty-nine words a minute with five errors; Mary Catherine Bothe, thirty-eight with five errors; Joan Gregorius, thirty-four with four errors; Lawrence Mielak, and Janet Czuba, thirty-four with three errors.

Our tour ends as we enter a Modern Problems class conducted by Mr. Costello. Many problems are discussed, problems that have been solved in years gone by and problems that face us as we live our everyday lives.

## Eight Seniors Complete Home Nursing Course

Eight senior girls have completed their Red Cross home nursing classes.

The class, covering a period of fourteen hours within a seven week period, entitled each girl to a Red Cross home nursing pin and certificate.

Instructor Mrs. Ed Schmidt of Monroe taught the girls the important points of private home nursing. Following an informal tea on the final night, each girl was the recipient of a home nursing pin and certificate.

Those completing the course were: Marilyn Borowiak, Joan DeLarme, Dorothy Gladfelter, Joan Gregorius, Shirley Jiranek, Pat Johnson, Rosie Paprocki and Pat Vruble.



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## War-Torn Countries Receive Gift Boxes

Children in war-torn countries will be grateful to many U.S. students for donating to the American Red Cross Fund.

Students of St. Bonaventure were generous in donating cash and other articles. The articles such as pencils, erasers, rulers, tablets, crayons, soap, combs, wash-cloths, tooth brushes, etc., were used to fill American Red Cross boxes.

These boxes will be sent to children who have seen the terrors and destruction of war; to children who have lost their parents and homes; to children who know little or nothing about what freedom, equality, and liberty mean.

The filling of these boxes and the donations, is an annual affair in all the schools throughout the United States.

## Youth Center Acquires Latest Platter Player

The latest acquisition for the Youth Center is a juke box. It was donated to our Center by the distributors of these machines in this area.

The machine was presented to Father Roch, Father Reinhard, and the officers of the Youth Center, as a contribution to youth.

The juke box was on display—throughout the Convention of the machine distributors— at the Evans Hotel.

It contains all hit-tune records and the latest records of the day will be added each month by the company.

## PTA Book Discloses Dec.-Jan. Schedule

From the official booklet of the P.T.A. the following December and January schedules are noted.

For December the members were urged to make an Advent Wreath for their home. January, being dedicated to the Holy Family, stresses the spiritual theme: "Unity of Family Through Prayer." The virtues to be practiced in the home are love and fidelity.

In order to bring back to the world the real meaning of Christmas, the monthly theme outlined for December is to keep Christ in Christmas. This can be done in a special manner by purchasing and sending Catholic Christmas cards. Talks on Family Life will be the theme for January.

The program this month will center about the real Catholic spirit of Christmas, sans too much Santa Claus. January's program will consist of a skit on safety measures in the home.

Mrs. John Koci will act as chairman for the lunch committee. Mrs. Clarence Knight will be the co-chairman. For January, Mrs. Robert Crisp and Mrs. Leo Moschenross will be on the agenda in the same capacity as the ladies mentioned above.

## Cafeteria Increases Business, Popularity

"Thanks for the good lunch," is the usual phrase uttered by the youngsters when returning their dinner plates. This year the cafeteria has made rapid strides in serving a greater number of the student body. With the coming of inclement weather, still more will take advantage of the hot lunch program.

Mrs. Ed German, Mrs. Victor German, and Mrs. John Dickey are kept busy. Soon a fourth helper will have to be added to their ranks.

With the help of Uncle Sam, the cafeteria was able to change its rates this year. For single meals, 30 cents is charged; for those taking meals daily \$1.00 is charged per week; where there are three or more children of one family participating, a flat rate of \$3.00 per week for the group is charged.

The kindergarten children have half-day sessions only. However, even they deem it a special privilege if mother permits them to take hot lunch at school before they return home.

## Music Department Presents Festive Christmas Concert

St. Bonaventure's Band, Glee Club and Triple Trio under J. J. Van Ackeren's directorship united together to present a unique Christmas concert. The joint program was held on December 17 and 20 in the Social Hall.

The program included a variety of Christmas selections—serious and humorous, sacred and secular, all in connection with the holiday spirit.

The program, divided into five sections, offered many Yuletide favorites.

In division I, the band was heard in the beautiful melody "Children's Prayer" from Hansel and Gretel; "The Messiah," and "Frosty the Snow Man", by Nelson-Rollins.

Division II, by the glee club, offered: the Ukrainian carol "Carol of the Bells;" and numbers from Fred Waring's series such as "Sleep, Baby, Sleep," "Our Sweet Savior Dear" and "The Coventry Carol." Barbara Mitera accompanied the club.

The Triple Trio highlighted Division III with lovable Christmas selections as "Winter Wonderland," "Gesu Bambino" and "Jingle Bells."

In Division IV, Mariann Shonka rendered a soprano solo—"The Holy City." Delores Rupprecht was the accompanist for the Triple Trio and for Mariann Shonka.

The band again appeared in Division V with excerpts from "Souvenir de Tchaikowsky," "Christmastide Overture" arranged by DeLamater and the ever appropriate "Jingle Bells" brought the Christmas concert to a grand finale.

Both performances were hailed with delight by a large audience.

## Freshmen Girls Join Senior Scout Troop

Girl Scouting has continued to be one of the main interests of ten freshmen girls. They have recently become members of the Senior Girl Scout-Troop 30, which is the first Senior Girl Scout Troop organized at St. Bon's.

At a recent meeting, election of officers was held. Virginia Mimick was elected president; Jo Ann Woodworth, vice-president; and Rose Mary Kellman, secretary-treasurer.

Others included in the troop are Joan Badstieber, Elaine Boettcher, Janet Markytan, Mary Ann Pickhinke, Margaret Mielak, Marian Skorupa, and Pat Wiedel.

One of their "Service to Community" projects is civil defense. The senior scouts served as ground observers for the city.

At present, they are busy preparing a Christmas play with the Senior Scout Troop 20 from Kramer High.

## Nursing Representatives Address St. Bon's Girls

Sister M. Louis, Superintendent of Nurses, St. Joseph Memorial Hospital, Omaha, Nebraska, has sent word that representatives from their school of nursing would visit St. Bon's in the near future.

The faculty member and student nurse will address the senior and junior girls. The topic will be: "Nursing as a Profession."

Since a number of St. Bon's girls are very much interested in taking up nurses' training as a profession, they will be glad to have the opportunity to learn more about their cherished vocation.

"The Venture" staff wishes its Advertisers, Patrons, Loyal Friends, Subscribers, and Exchanges a very Merry, Mary Christmas and a joyous, happy Marian New Year!



Guest Editorial by Rev. Martin Wolters, O.F.M.

### The Love of Christ

"Sanctity is attained, not by self-contemplation, but by contemplating God," says an eminent Catholic philosopher. This means that a Christian becomes more perfect and more holy, not merely by scrutinizing his soul to discover how many sins and vices he is guilty of, but even more so by looking to Almighty God's wonderful perfections and striving to imitate them. "You therefore are to be perfect, even as your heavenly Father is perfect," declared the Master (St. Mathew 5, 48).

But Almighty God, being an infinite, spiritual Being, is not easy to contemplate and imitate. But when God became Man in the person of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, the problem was solved. At the Last Supper the Apostle Philip said to Jesus, "Lord show us the Father and it is enough for us." Jesus said to him, "Have I been so long a time with you, and you have not known me? Philip, he who sees me sees also the Father." (St. John 14, 8, 9). Yes, it is so much easier to know and love God in the person of Christ. That is why during the Christmas season Holy Mother Church sings with joy in the Preface of the Mass: "By the Mystery of the Word made Flesh the light of Thy glory has shone anew upon the eyes of our mind; so that while we recognize God made visible, we may be drawn by Him to the love of the invisible."

The Saints of all ages have found their joy and inspiration in contemplating the life and person of Jesus Christ, beginning from His birth in the stable at Bethlehem until His glorious ascension into heaven. If we do this also we will soon know Christ better. To know Him is to love Him. To love Him is to become like Him. And surely this is the road to heaven.

### Make Good Resolutions---Keep Them

During the time when all thoughts and bustle of the holidays reaches a climax, the old year is ushered out.

The New Year is suddenly upon us bringing with it all intentions of making good resolutions.

Do you belong to that category of people who make many resolutions—and keep none? Try to change that attitude this year. Make one or two worth-while resolutions and keep them faithfully throughout 1954.

One of the most wonderful resolutions, that you as a Catholic student could make, would be to attend Mass daily and receive Holy Communion frequently—that daily too, if at all possible. From here on it's up to you. Talk to God about it.

Sheila McGown

### Inquiring Reporters Report Inquiries

Curiosity aroused the reporter to investigate what some of the sophies are going to make as New Year's resolutions.

After mingling with the crowd a bit, this is what was discovered:

Jack J.—"I'm just going to sit and think about it."

Bob P.—"I'm going to work less and sleep more."

Virgil L.—"Spend less money on girls."

Jackie M.—"To get more sleep." (Oh those P. Z dances.)

Jerry M.—"Try and behave in school and get to church on time."

Frances M.—"Just to be a good girl."

Esther L. — "Give up chaw!" (Price Albert or otherwise?)

Barbara C.—"To grow up! (Or older?)"

Sharon H.—"To (yawn) get some sound Z Z Z z z z z z!"

Betty D.—"To repair the coupes right side." (Whose, Brucies?)

Janet M.—"No more corny jokes in school." (It's about time.)

Joyce S.—"Get better grades."

Judy O. — "Ignore people who like to tease." (Ahem!)

Marian S.—"Improve my vocal chords." (Is that possible Marian?)

Madge T.—"I resolve to get back row in glee, so I won't have to turn around all the time."

Pat T.—"To rem. the customer is ALWAYS RIGHT." (Right)

Joan M.—"I resolve not to make any more resolutions."

Floyd B.—"Get a brown ring with anyone before school is out." (Anyone?)

Milo H.—"To quit thinking about Barbara Cielocha."

Leonard N.—"Grow to 6 ft. before I graduate!" (Isn't 2 enough?)

Carol N.—"Quit playing pool with Bob Zoucha."

Bob S. — "To quit believing Fischer." (Eddie or Clete?)

Larry S.—"Stop getting F on my report card." (What do you want for nothing, Larry?)

Allen P.—"Quit being a menace to the clarinet section."

Mr. J. V. A. — "To get a metronome to save my fingers." (Callouses getting too hard, eh?)

### New Assignment Permits Reliving Novitiate Days

"Your assignment for this year, is to remain at Home." Thus, with joy, read Sister Mary. At last her heart's desire was to be realized. Many years had passed since she had been at the Motherhouse for a long stay—not since her novitiate days. This indeed was a privilege—teaching in surroundings that were filled with such sweet memories.

Each festive celebration vividly recalled those of her early days in Religious life. All were still so beautiful and soul-stirring as they had been then.

Now the days of advent were being relived. Those days of great expectation! At recreation, the Sisters began to speak of the beautiful Babe in the Manger that had been a gift to the Convent just the preceding Christmas. How anxious they were to see Him again. "When you see Him once, you can never forget Him." Thus they spoke.

Soon Sister Mary was impressed by the enthusiasm of the others, and she too ardently longed to see this wondrous Infant.

On Christmas Eve, Sister Mary having finished her last duties of the day, prepared for the Midnight Mass.

At eleven o'clock she took her place in the choir, and fixed her eyes intently on the Crib. "No wonder the sisters have spoken so lovingly and frequently of this exquisite Child. This Babe is indeed the most beautiful among the sons of men." Sister was enraptured, and her prayers were heartfelt and undistracted.

As the convent clock chimed forth the hour of midnight, Sister began to sing, but kept her eyes still fixed on the Crib. What was she seeing? No, it can't be! But there it was. Sister John approached the Stable with an Infant, and placed It in the Crib.

Sister Mary's eyes filled with tears of joy, and with heart too full for lips to continue to put into words: "Silent Night, Holy Night, all is calm all is bright. . ."



### Shamrock Shenanigans

Good luck, boys, on your basketball season. May you be as successful in it as in your football season.

The highlight of the Triple Trio's engagement to sing for the Doctor's Banquet, was Dr. Neumarcker's complimentary remarks. The girls were so overjoyed that they laughed all through the first song!

Get your orders in now for your yearbooks, kids! From hearsay they're bigger and better.

The shorthand character for 100 is n written beneath the figure; for a million, an m written beside the figure; and for a billion a b written beside the figure. When Mary Catherine Bothe looked at the next character in her book, which was a p beside the figure, her numeral was "pillion". She didn't know how "pounds" should be written in shorthand. Now she does!!!

If anyone needs an illustrated demonstration see Sr. Cyrill. She gave the bookkeeping class a very fine demonstration of various mechanical machines. Sound effects, too, no less.

If ten minutes seems like a short time to you, enter the Declamatory Contest!! Trying to memorize a ten-minute speech would be a cinch for you.

Congratulations on your brilliant choice of class rings, juniors!

"Herlite" just doesn't have the pull that "Herkie" had. "Herlite" may not grind as much as "Herkie", but "Herlite" really can "pull" through the snow and ice.

Have you all seen the twenty junior angels in room 7? If not, stop by and hear them sing; "Gloria in Excelsis Deo!"

Page the U.N! — A figure of speech is an international deviation according to David Miller. (He really meant to say, intentional deviation).

Phyll Higgins, brilliant scholar of St. Bon's has recently announced her ambition to be a great lady wrestler. Instead of "Gorgeous George," she will be known as "Faultless Phyll!"

Shades of the Three Blind Mice! Hawthorne gained distinction through his "two-tall stories" (Paul Siemek gives us this information on a test. In the future, Paul, remember to say: "Twice-Told Tales").

Mr. Van Ackeren, after finally correcting an off-tone chord, exclaimed, "Thank God". To that, Lorraine Herink replied, "Thank us, we're the ones who sang it."

When the students were asked what they profited by their trip to Omaha for the Declamatory Contest, the following replies were given:

Delores R.—"To be or not to be." (A speech contestant?)

Janet P.—I got the cutest hat!

Shirley J.—I'm turning into a marvelous cook!!

Dot G.—I got dot! (I didn't think you'd do it, Dot.)

Leo S.—An interesting time.

Joyce M. — More fun playing ditch. ((Pretty good show, huh, Joyce?))

Stacia B.—I gained four pounds!

Sal R.—After all that work and still no speech!

Ronnie W.—Oh, well, I got my Christmas shopping done.

Patty V.—Next time, I'll leave my heels at home.

Joan G.—I came home empty handed!

Sheila—"Such a pleasant time". (Who with, Ish?)

Helen G.—More articles for the paper.

Jane L.—I enjoyed the long walk home!

Phyll H.—An opportune time to lose one's voice.

Janet M.—A third place ribbon! (Nice going, Janet.)

Betty D.—I got to see my sister.

Lorus L.—I enjoyed the bus ride down. (?????)

Lorraine H.—I didn't want to go in the first place!

Donna J.—It was very educational! I am glad to have the chance to transform myself into a public speaker. (Is this OUR Donna?)



### "Peace On Earth . . ."

The greatest event of all history, an event so wholly spiritual in its planning, essence and glory, the birthday of the divine Babe, is prepared for by the observance of Advent.

An incident provided directly by Heaven is being secularized, materialized and widely commercialized in the world today. To our complete shame, thousands commemorating Christmas outwardly, need to be told who Christ is. How could they observe the day itself without relating it to Christ Himself?

Some merely present gifts and send greeting cards to their friends to conventionalize themselves in the orbit of the Christmas spirit. It is strange that they can not trace the origin of this exchange to the gifts of the Magi and shepherds; the greetings from the numerous voices of angels who untiringly chanted "Gloria in Excelsis."

Those revealing a joyous exterior, are not justified, unless it is an overflow of a genuine interior inherited by gratitude for the immeasurable love which gave us Christmas.

Let us imitate the poor shepherds; visit the crib enthusiastically with an open heart and an immaculately clean soul.

Bring peace and joy to your hearts; raise your voices in jubilation lauding clearly "Gloria in Excelsis Deo" and "Peace on earth to men of good will."

Helen Gahan

### The Students Speak . . .

The topic this month is the "Venture". What do you, as a student of St. Bonaventure and a supporter of the "Venture", think of the paper? The following answers show the general opinion of the student body!

Pat Wiedel: "Bring the priests in more!"

Elaine Boettcher: "It is very interesting, but should have more jokes. I'd like to be on the staff!"

Jo Ann Woodworth: "I like it!!!"

Ted Pfeifer: "Add comics!"

Babara Mitera: "I think the "Venture" has reached the state of perfection."

Rita Simons: "Add more Shenanigans!"

Pat Wozny: "I liked the arrangement of the second issue. Keep it up!"

Joyce Soulliere and Joan Minette: "It's fun to read, but I don't have a subscription."

Joan Gregorius: "Very newsy!!!"

Kenny Roddy: "There aren't enough pictures! Shenanigans should be better."

Ron Warholoski: "More Shenanigans!"

Mary Katherine Liss: "Not funny enough!"

Leo Stavas: "It's okay, only they should publish recent news."

(What do you mean—recent news?)

Tom Bonk: "I read it ALL!!!" (That speaks for itself.)

Joan DeLarme: "It is a wonderful example of the scholastic ability of St. Bon's students."

Yvonne Mitera: "I think it is a paper which should be read and praised by more students!"

Allen Pensick: "The 'Venture' is a pretty good paper to read during study periods!"

Lawrence Mielak: "I like the Students Speak Column!" (Thanks Lawrence.)

Janet Melcher: "I like it, but I don't think the students realize all the work it entails."

Lively, merry, full of spirit Sports, editorials, and news, Leprechaun's Listings, and Shenanigans, and book reviews.

When our school days are over The days of fun are past, But in our memory, "The Venture" Will last, and last, and last.

Jane Luetkenhaus

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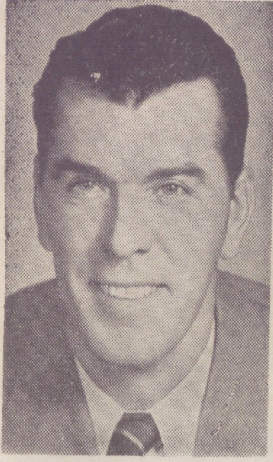


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# Shamrocks! Defeat Lincoln Cathedral Blue Jays



BOB DAVIS

## Annual Dinner Fetes Gridsters, Coaches

The annual football banquet, honoring the athletes and coaches of both local high schools, was held December 8.

The event, sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce, Lions Club, Rotary Club and Optimist Club, was held in the new St. Anthony's Social hall.

Bob Davis, University of Nebraska backfield coach, was guest speaker for the event. He stressed the importance of influencing boys of Nebraska to attend the University to play football.

The Triple Trio, under J. J. Van Ackeren's direction, provided entertainment for the group. They rendered four musical selections, the last being a new version of "Mr. Touchdown, U.S.A."

Following the music interlude, Coach Rex Johnson of Kramer High introduced the 1953 co-captains and lettermen.

In turn Coach Cletus Fischer took the stand and presented the twenty-seven Shamrock lettermen. The Irish mentor commented on each individual player's abilities. The cooperation and willingness of the team was pointed out. Fischer also mentioned his plans for another victorious season next year.

One of the banquet highlights was the showing of the Nebraska-Illinois football game. This game, ending in a 21-21 deadlock, proved to be the best game played by the Nebraska boys.

The St. Bonaventure team and coaches were then congratulated on their undefeated season.

## Bonnie's Santa Portrays Old-Time St. Nickolas

Ordinarily, Santa Claus comes once a year—on Christmas. But here at St. Bon's things are different. Every day we have another little Christmas.

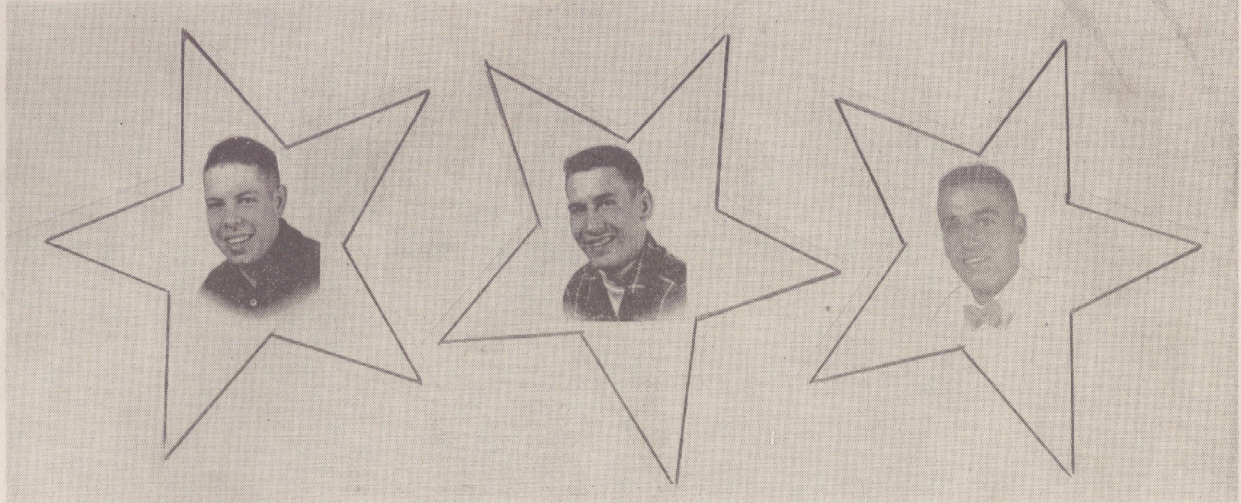
When classes change, and we pass through the hall, a hand reaches out to us from the shadows. It only takes a moment, but the inevitable piece of cellophane-wrapped candy has passed from that green-clad figure to the passing student.

This has become, more or less, our "in-between snack," and also our "pause that refreshes."

Sometimes the wrappings are dropped along the way, however, our Santa never has been heard to complain about our seeming carelessness. He is often seen picking up these bits of paper, and also, throughout the day, busily engaged in emptying waste baskets, mopping floors, or dusting ledges along the corridors.

Have you guessed the name of our modern Santa? Sure enough! 'Tis none other than Mr. Speicher.

- Angels singing
- Shepherds bringing Gifts of the poor.
- Silent crying
- Prophets sighing
- Praised be the Lord.
- Wisemen winging
- With them bringing Gold, incense, and myrrh.
- Mother singing
- Praises ringing
- Hymnal to the Babe.
- Lawrence Mielak



## Seniors Hoshor, Cielocha, Wemhoff Gain Class B "All-State" Honors

### Halfback Jim Hoshor Receives Class 'B' Selections

Jim Hoshor, senior halfback selection of the Lincoln Journal and Star Class "B" All State team narrowly missed a World Herald No. 1 backfield position.

The Senior scoring leader added 12 touchdowns to the Bonnies total points, being the other half of the Touchdown Twins.

Jim was also an excellent decoy for his fine running mates. As a member of the defensive backfield which has not been scored on via the air in three years, Jim showed fierce tackling ability. An all around athlete, Jim participates in basketball, track and baseball. He was also a member of the "52" relay team which went to the state meet. As a Senior student, Jim was chosen vice-president of the class.

### Kenneth Cielocha Merits Backfield Grid Position

Ken Cielocha, outstanding senior halfback was named in the Class B All-State selections.

Cielocha is the second St. Bonaventure gridster to land a berth on the World-Herald team. John Blahak, a 1952 graduate, being the first since St. Bon's switched to eleven man football.

As one of the "Touchdown Twins," Ken racked up twelve touchdowns, a total of seventy-two points. With his swift starting ability, Ken was an excellent popper. Many an opponent was dismantled by his explosive tackling.

Ken was an outstanding all-around athlete. He lettered all four years on the grid-iron. A member of the crack 1952 track relay team, he entered the state meet to place fourth. A persevering student, he is a friend of all.

### Bob Wemhoff Centers Journal-Star All-Staters

Bob Wemhoff, the hustling senior center of the undefeated Bonnies eleven, landed a first team berth on the Lincoln Journal and Star All-State Honor Roll. He also placed a spot on the third team of the over all selections.

Bob, who took a backseat to no one, was a continuous threat on defense as a highspirited line backer. As a center linebacker, he was an excellent pass interceptor which quenched many a foe uprising. A two-year monogram winner at the center post, Bob was a 60 minute man the last two seasons. As well as athletic ability, Bob is also a fine student.

We wish to apologize to Jim Hoshor for the erroneous mix-up in omitting his picture in the class B All-State line-up.

Maiden Mother, young and loving,  
Smiling to the Babe so small,  
How your heart must fill with wonder  
Of the love He holds for all.

Maiden Mother, young and loving,  
Crooning melodies so sweet,  
How your heart must thank the Father  
Making all your dreams complete.

Maiden Mother, young and loving,  
Softly steals away the night  
As the shepherds kneel in reverence  
Lo! Behold this glorious sight!!  
Sharon Bowe

## Twelve Seniors Vacate Key Varsity Positions

Twelve senior gridsters have played their last high school football, finishing an all-victorious season. Included in the group are:

Dean Soulliere's quarterbacking lead the Irish to a undefeated season.

John Tooley proved to be a key guard on both the offensive and defense.

Leo Stavas, although his first year of football, proved to be a key man on offense.

Mike Tooley, capable and playing as either guard or tackle, won himself a varsity monogram.

Vincent Galley a reliable tackle on the Irish eleven.

Gene Nosal, small but mighty, proved to be a rugged defensive end.

Jim Hoshor, a fleet-footed halfback, lead the Irish in scoring by chalking-up twelve goals.

Ken Cielocha, a very smooth runner was a standout on both defense and offense.

Tom Bonk a hard running fullback gained many yards for the Irish eleven.

Bob Wemhoff's brilliant line backing earned himself a berth on the "All State" team.

Pat Michaelson, a reliable tackle saw much action on the Irish team.

Ron Warholoski displayed his ability as defensive line backer with intercepting two of powerful Sidney's passes.

Other Monogram winners were: Juniors—Joe Tooley, John Holys, Leo Moschenross, Clarence Nosal, Joe Bonk, Clinton Gates, John Worth, Duane Clark;

Sophomores — Ed Kavanaugh, Carroll Novicki, Floyd Arasmith, Jerry Micek, Milo Herrink, Bob Zoucha.

## Movie Review

This year, as in previous years, Father Martin has presented the student body with various movies

The first one, shown at the beginning of the school year, was "The Jackie Robinson Story." It was the life story of one of America's great baseball players. It portrayed the hardships of a colored boy trying to enter professional baseball.

The second of the series, held in November, was "Blue Grass of Kentucky." It was a story centered around the breeding and caring of horses in preparation for racing.

Cartoons were shown along with these two movies.

The seniors have been viewing slide films in connection with Religion class. They are based on the commandments, various prayers, etc.

The sophomore biology class, under the supervision of Sr. Bronisla, has viewed some slides on the various phases of biology.

The freshman, also, in their geography class have had some movies. Mr. Costello has shown them one on the "Meat Packing Industry" and another about the "Forest Industry" (the growing, planting, and use of trees.)

A carpet of snow covers the ground While bright stars shine in velvet skies

The angel chorus sings joyously In this proud court, the Christ Child lies.

His Virgin Mother kneels smiling by; The Wise Men and shepherds stand in awe

While St. Joseph humbly adores The little Prince on a throne of straw.

Sharon Robb

## Over-All Speed, Precision Dominates Shamrock Cage Quintet Prospects

The competition that the quintet will run up against will have a definite height advantage. The lack of height on the Bonnies team will be made up by the over-all team speed. The boys have shown a great deal of improvement over the first weeks of practice; team spirit has increased during this period. Due to this spirit, keen competition has developed for starting positions.

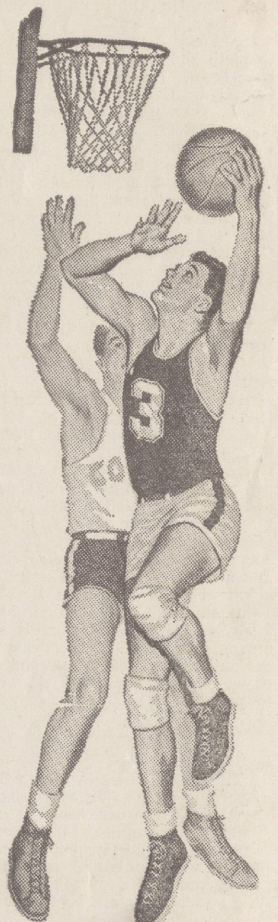
**Six Lettermen Shoulder Load**  
The six returning lettermen will carry most of the burden during the season. Of current showing, the probable starting five for the curtain raiser will be John Tooley and Jim Hoshor at the forward posts; Dean Soulliere and Mick Tooley, guards; big Ed. Kavanaugh, the postman.

Soulliere, a two-year letterman, will probably carry the burden and dominate scoring as he is an aggressive defensive man. He is also an expert in the shooting department.

The team is in perfect shape, and is looking forward to a good season under the new management of basketball mentor, Bob Costello.

The squad is as follows:

- Starting lineup Prospects**
- G. Dean Soullier\*\* Joe Tooley
  - G. Mike Tooley\*
  - C. Ed Kavanaugh\* Tom Bonk\*
  - F. John Tooley\* Eugene Nosal
  - F. Jim Hoshor\* Leo Moschenross, Jerry Micek
- Don Noonan, Floyd Arasmith  
\* Lettermen.



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## Alumni News

Serving one's country is the duty of every citizen. Many of St. Bon's Alumni are defending their nation by serving in the Army, Navy, Marines, or Air Force.

Three of the 1953 graduates are training at San Diego. They are: Pvt. Marlin D. Bowe, 1443465, Pvt. Larry Sanders, 1443464, Plt. 411 and Pvt. Keith L. Speicher, 1443466, Plt. 411. All three are in Bn. 2, M.C.R.D. San Diego 40, Calif.

In the Armed Forces are the following alumni: Sgt. Riched Keefe, U.S. 55-250-988, Hg. Btry., 547th AFA Bn., Camp Carson, Colorado; Pvt. John D. Pensick, U.S. 55-326-034, 9467TSU, Fort Monmouth, New Jersey; Cpl. Vincent J. Feik, E.R. 17332962, Co. D, 87 Inf. Regt. 10th Inf. Div., Fort Riley, Kansas; Pfc. Kenneth Schaeffer, R.A. 17355013, Hd. Co. 43 Inf. Div. Military Guard Section, APO 112, in care of P.M. New York, N.Y.; Pvt. Jerald P. Melcher, U.S. 55407349, Hg. & Hg. Co. 5th, 6th Armored Div., Fort Leonard Wood, Mo.; Sgt. James L. Soulliere, 1122499, H2. Motor Transport, Camp Lejeune, N.C.; Cpl. B.L. Soulliere, U.S. 55-250-991, 790th Q.M.R. and M.C., APO 971, in care of P.M. San Francisco, Calif. Cpl. Rex Rupprecht, U.S. 55251492, Co. C, 65 Engr. Co. Bn. APO 25, in care of P.M. San Francisco, Calif. Bob Tooley has been transferred to Fort Belvoir, Va. There has been no address assigned to him as yet. Pvt. Raphael Gladfelter, U.S. 55374124, 687th Engr. Co. W.S. APO 219, in care of P.M. New York, N.Y.; Pvt. Eugene R. Gates, U.S. 55375456, B. Btry., 46th A.A.A. (AW) (SP) APO 39 in care of P.M. New York, N.Y.

Graduates that are in the Navy are: William J. Messing, A.A. 319-2634, NATTC, TBA School, Barracks F 21, Memphis 15, Tenn.; Gerald Speicher F.A., 319-16-35 USN, MM School, Barracks No. 408, Section No. 1, Great Lakes, Ill.; Ambrose J. Speicher B.M.S.K. 318-60-36 U.S.N. 1st. Division, USS Ingsall, DD 652, in care of FPO, San Francisco, Calif.; N/C Paul F. Melcher 437-10-95, U.S.N.-R Bldg. 1405, Rm. 108, NAAS Whiting Field, Milton, Florida; Myron Mayberger AN, 318-97-12, NAS, O and R Div. 300, Corpus Christi, Texas; Marvin Mayberger AA, 318-97-13 NAS, Central Fire House, Corpus Christi, Texas; Dale E. Hitner, ET3, USS, LFT 391, USNAB, Little Peak, Va.; Sn. Robert DeLarme, 319-03-20 CV.45, USS Valley Forge, Div. OS, in care of TFO, New York, N.Y.

Air Force men are: Cpl. A-2c Kenneth D. O'Kane, A F 17355537, Hd. Sqdn. 7th Bomb Wing H, Ex 1276, Carswell AFB, Fort Worth, Texas; A-3c Donald Sokol, A S 17367368, S.L.T.C. 11th Air Postal Service, APO 334, in care of A-2c James Lippstreu, U.S.A., FSS, AF 2513, 6926 Supply Sqdn. San Antonio, Texas; S-Sgt. LaVern B. O'Kane, A F 27699271, 3345 Mants. Sq. 3345 M and S. Gp., Box 2293, Chanute AFB, Ill.; and A-1c Divk Kennitz, AF 17309417, 5th Medical Division, Travis AFB, Calif.

PFC John Euteneuer, 1317123, 1st Prov. Cas. Center FMF, in care of P.M. San Francisco, Calif.; PFC Ronald T. Melcher, 1344252, C Co. 1st Plt., 1st Bn. 1st Mar. 1st Marine Div. F.M.F., in care of FPO, San Francisco, Calif.; and P.F.C. Paul J. Gutzmer, 1293589, Marine Barracks NOP, Pocatello, Idaho, are serving in the marine Division.

A-3c Ralph Pfeifer, 311 West Clark, Champaign Ill.; and Donald Korgor, 4212 S. Tressa St. San Antonio, Texas are also serving. These are their home addresses.

John Hentges, Herman Blahak, Tom Zuroski, Lester Savage, John Syslo, and Charles Jaworski are among other graduates serving in the nation's defense. Their addresses were not available as we went to press.

## Yuletide Bustle Rends Santa's Natural Calm

Conversation overheard, on Christmas Eve, by a nosy St. Bonnies reporter, at the North Pole. (Home of Santa Claus, wife, Mary Christmas, and Rudolph, Inc.)

Santa enters and bellows; "Mary! Where's that Rudolph?" Mary, "Why Santa, what's wrong? You needn't get so excited! Rudolph is in the next room, so lower your voice, or he'll hear you."

Santa, getting still louder and more flustered, "Don't get excited? I have good reason to be excited! Rudolph, the blundering idiot, was supposed to load my sleigh with the bag of toys for the children in Europe. He didn't, so now when they wake up tomorrow morning there won't be a single toy under their trees."

Mary, breathing a sigh of relief; Is that all? Didn't you know that the kids at St. Bonaventure, that's in Columbus . . . Columbus, Nebraska, are sending Red Cross boxes to the children in foreign countries?"

Santa: "What a relief; it's really wonderful to know there's someone interested in easing our work." Santa, affectionately; "Forgive my ill temper, Mary dear, but I get so nervous this time of the year."

## Just the Facts---

I am an average modern problems student in an average modern problems class. We have an average room, complete with two doors, seven windows, eight pictures, one crucifix, three small American flags, one loudspeaker, one calendar, one bookcase, one large dictionary, (small ones in the students' desks) five blackboards, and one bulletin board.

There are forty-eight desks, and today, an average day, forty-seven of the desks are occupied by students, twenty-eight girls and nineteen boys, of which six are blondes, (natural???) no redheads, and forty-one brunettes.

Sweaters appear to be the average fashion, because twenty-five of the twenty-eight girls are wearing sweaters.

Forty-two of these average students are right handed, and five are left handed. Eight wear glasses.

Now an average bell is ringing which ends an average modern problems class in an average morning of an average day.

Jesus—Mite and Might  
Jesus, the Babe, so helpless and weak  
Jesus, our God, Whom angelic choirs do greet.

Jesus, the Child, asking for daily bread  
Jesus, our God, by Whom birds are fed.

Jesus, the Man, toiling with hammer and saw  
Jesus, our God, Creator of all.

Jesus, the Outcast, mocked by impious men  
Jesus, our God, before Whom knees do bend.

Jesus, the Sufferer, stepped in anguish and pain  
Jesus, our God, opening Heaven again.

Jesus, the Crucified, scorned, derided by all  
Jesus, our God, Whom angels worship in awe.

Jesus, the Victim, cold in the tomb  
Jesus, our God, from Whom life doth come.

Jesus, our Savior, be merciful we pray  
Send peace to the world, this glad Christmas Day.

M.C.H.

The toy soldiers which will figure in a number of Christmas stockings can boast of a long and distinguished pedigree. The children of ancient Rome played with miniature warriors, and some of the toy soldiers of the middle ages are real works of art.

A number of them are still preserved in British museums, and are elaborate models of knights in armor of real artistic value. But they were originally made as children's toys.

Later, in the seventeenth century, miniature soldiers were made which were really pioneers of the modern mechanical toy.

Holly, with its brilliant red berries and rich green leaves, is an accepted Christmas decoration, not just because it is an attractive and cheerful plant, but because in the early days it was thought to be "hateful to witches" and therefore offered protection against them, says an article in the Washington Post. Later it was used as a reminder of the crown of thorns Christ wore, the scarlet berries representing the blood He shed. The superstition then grew that if one could obtain a piece of holly which had been used in a church it would bring good luck all year and would protect against lightning.



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Santa Claus  
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Dear Santa:

Being the snoopy reporter that I am, with a "Nose for news" I was industriously taking inventory of the contents of the wastebasket in the senior home room.

Seeing all the beautiful stationery crumpled up, my curiosity overcame me. These are some of the letters I read and being the good-natured soul that I am, I am forwarding them to you:

Donna Jarecki—Wants a scholarship to Doane college.

Phyllis Higgins—In a local department store I saw a red-headed doll!!! I like it!!! I want it!!!

Ronnie Warholoski—My name in Shamrock Shenanigans.

Dean Soulliere—My front tooth.

Lorraine Herink—A bottle of "light and bright" for Magel.

Dorothy Gladfelter—Something to "Le(AN) on.

Delores Rupprecht—Ice skates that skates by themselves.

Joyce Melcher—I want a deer. (two-legged).

Shirley Jiranek—I want an experienced instructor to teach me how to bowl a score of 150.

Stacia Bolin—I want Jerry Lewis so I would have a reason to sit and laugh all day.

Joan Syslo—A '49 light green Chevie.

Bill Murphy—Want's 4 A's on his report card.

Clarence Pensick—That which I have in my mind's eye. (censored).  
John Tooley—A girl friend—especially one in particular.

These are the facts, Santa. The rest is up to you, but please make it a happy Christmas for the gang by fulfilling their wishes.

Yours truly  
A wondering optimist  
P.S. I forgot myself. Since you were so good to me last year, I'd like another Dickey Bird.

## ADD ANOTHER CANDLE HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

- December
- Ralph Haddock
  - Lawrence Mielak
  - Kathryn Zelasney
  - Imelda Euteneuer
  - Bill Markhofer
  - Mary Ann Simpson
  - Rose Blahak
  - Lorraine Pickhinke
  - Joe Obal
  - Betty Ann Dohmen
  - Carole Thraen
  - John Holys

- January
- Joan Delarme
  - Jim Hoshor
  - Marilyn Borowiak
  - Charles Micek
  - Ken Cielocha
  - Evelyn Pensick
  - Barbara Cielocha
  - Marion Skorupa
  - Shirley Slade
  - Phyllis Dohmen
  - Kenneth Stracke
  - Jackie Michaelson
  - Rosie Paprocki
  - Ken Roddy
  - Floyd Arasmith
  - Dean Soulliere
  - Dennis Schefeyk
  - Vincent Galley
  - Stacia Bolin
  - Virgil Liss

Blue skies, bright stars,  
—Baby Jesus—  
Virgin Mother,  
Saints and Angels  
Join in praise  
Of the Infant  
Of the manger—  
Our Redeemer  
Blessed Jesus  
Son of God

Joe Tooley

How many of you have heard about that million dollar drag of Betty Tracy's? By this time she knows the tune: Da, da da, da— "She's got the brownring around her nose, and every day it grows and grows, etc."

## Here and There

Mary Ann Pickhinke, freshmen, won top honors on the T.V. program, "Talent Sprouts" on Dec. 7. She won over four other contestants with her accordion selection of "Lady of Spain". By winning the preliminaries she was entitled to participate in the finals held every Friday. At this time she, narrowly missed top honors.

Word from San Diego brings the news that Dave Bowe rated high honors in a recent examination. One hundred fifty men participated. Dave merited the highest score—154 points out of a possible 160. Congratulations, Butch!

Several weeks ago, Ronald Warholoski took an application test to the Annapolis Naval Academy. The test was divided into three sections—Grammatical, phases, and math—taking a total of 3½ hours. Doubts are in the participants mind as to the success of his venture.

One of the best scrimmage gains reported was that of Kenny Cielocha, World-Herald All-State Class B back, who drew credit for a 97 yard gain. Kenny ran this distance against Hastings St. Cecilia; also a 75 yard gain against Omaha St. Joseph's.

Other leading scrimmage plays were recorded by Jim Hoshor. His runs included: 92 yards against Omaha Holy Name; 84 yard gain against Decatur; and runs of 74 and 73 yards against Hastings St. Cecilia.

Copies of "The Venture," November issue, went to 37 states in the Union and to Hawaii and Puerto Rico.

There are two Christmas islands, one in the Pacific and one in the Indian ocean.

## Winky's Joyous Spirit Pervades Happy Home

Everything Winky did that day was a source of wonder. Several times during the day we remarked how much he was enjoying the great out of doors.

How he loved to watch the spinning wheels of a car, and simply could not resist racing the cars, and that fateful day was no exception.

On the way home from band practice, we found him lying so still by the side of the road. We carried him into the house, hoping that there was some life left in him. But there was none.

Somehow we went through the routine of burying him. Sleep was farthest from our minds that night. Our thoughts went back to the many happy days he was with us. To all those who knew and loved Winky as we did, they all agreed that there never will be another Winky.



## HONOR ROLL Seniors

Stacia Bolin Bob Fyfe Helen Gahan  
Vincent Galley Joan Gregorius  
Elaine Kneifel Sheila McGowan Janet Placzek  
Shirley Ramaekers Delores Rupprecht  
Raphael Schilz Mike Tooley Ronald Warholoski

## Juniors

Janet Czuba Lawrence Pensick Barbara Mitera  
Evelyn Pensick Lorraine Wozny

## Sophomores

Anita Augustine Ann Schilz Sharon Hoshor

## Freshmen

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## Cast of Sixteen Seniors Stage Play 'It Won't Be Long Now'

"It Won't Be Long Now. . . .!" This is a familiar saying, but it is also the title of the senior play. The three act comedy by Milton Herbert Gropper is scheduled to be staged the latter part of March. The cast of sixteen characters includes eleven men and five women.

Parts for girls are: Miss Wilkes, a stenographer; attractive 20 year old Ann Winston; Vivian Darrell, a lispng flapper; Oglia, a Swedish cook; and Frances, a maid.

Boys parts are: Robert Preston, a successful young business man; William Meek, a clerk; Thomas, a butler; "Beansy" Blake, an office boy; Charles Dobsen, a political ward-healer; Dr. Walter Talley, a physician; Frank Cullen of the People's Party; Rev. Dr. Laring of the Play-ground Center; and

Irish policeman; and two photographers.

The plot revolves around young Robert Preston whose impending death causes a conversion of heart.

Those desiring to take part and tryout for the play are asked to contact Sr. M. Bronisla, senior sponsor and play advisor.

## Parish Undertakes Building Campaign

St. Bonaventure's new monastery, a modern one-story building, will be under construction very soon. The building will stand directly in front of the present monastery and the main entrance will remain in the same location as the present one.

The building, 138 feet long, will stand 16 feet from the church and continue south to 15 Street to the building line of the grade school.

Included in the rectory will be a kitchen, receiving room, dining room, recreation room, three consultation rooms, two work rooms, cook's room, nine bed rooms, lobby, utility room, and two linen closets.

The sacristy and present offices of the old building will remain.

With the campaign now in full swing, hopes for a new high school are great!!!

## Leading Colleges, Universities, Offer Student Scholarships

Scholarships to leading colleges and universities are again being offered to senior students this year.

It is too early to determine just who will get the scholarships, but at the close of school, the names will be revealed.

The scholarships are being offered for various purposes, such as teaching, nursing, engineering, and also for general courses.

Among the colleges offering scholarships to St. Bonaventure students are: Briar Cliff College, Sioux City, Iowa; Marycrest College, Davenport, Iowa; Marymount College, Salina, Kansas; St. Benedict College, Atchinson, Kansas; College of St. Joseph, Albuquerque, New Mexico; St. Louis University, St. Louis, Missouri; Loretto Heights College, Loretto, Colorado; University of Nebraska, Lincoln Nebraska; College of St. Mary, Omaha, Nebraska; Kearney State Teachers College, Kearney, Nebraska; Wayne State Teachers College, Wayne Nebraska; Norfolk Junior College, Norfolk, Nebraska; Denver University, Denver, Colorado; Purdue University, Lafayette, Indiana.

## Senior Girls Learn Office Procedure

Graduation time always presents a problem. It confronts one with the hope and worry of obtaining a good position.

A number of young women from St. Bonaventure should be capable of handling secretarial positions when they graduate this spring.

Secretarial training is often thought of by others, as a class of only shorthand and typing. It is primarily that, but other things are also involved. Such things include filing, how to use office equipment, how to care for it, the proper dress for secretarial work, how to put out acceptable work, etc.

## John Whaley Directs Annual Choral Clinic

John C. Whaley, vocal instructor at the University of Nebraska, was director of the annual Choral Clinic held here, February 10.

### Five Schools Participate

Participants in this year's clinic came from five different high schools — Columbus, North Bend, Schuyler, York, and St. Bonaventure.

After registration, the remainder of the day was spent in preparing for the evening's public performance.

The chosen chorus presented—"Our God Is a Rock" by K. K. Davis; "The Lord My Pasture Shall Prepare" by G. Shaw; "Lift High the Cross" by S. H. Nicholas; "Oklahoma" by Rodgers and Hammerstein; "The Deaf Old Woman" by K. K. Davis; "Once in Love With Amy" by F. Loesser.

Each school presented a specialty number. The triple trio represented St. Bonaventure with "My Hero" taken from *The Chocolate Soldier*, and "The Old Master Painter."

## Fr. Martin Inaugurates Weekly Movie Project

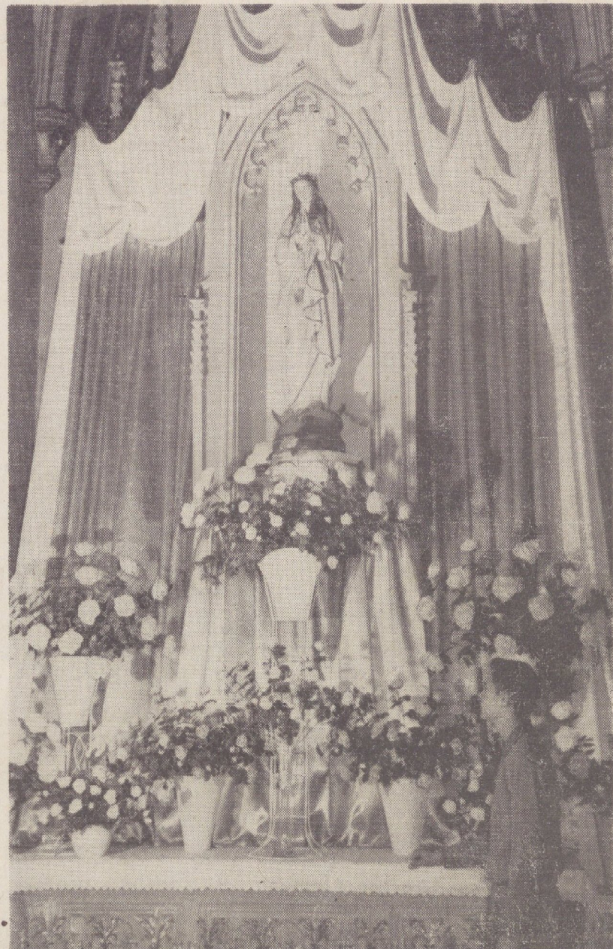
Movies suitable for any audience are being featured every Sunday afternoon and evening. Father Martin inaugurated this weekly project.

"Born to Speed," the first in this series, was presented on December 27, 1953. An interesting musical film entitled, "Melody for Three," was shown on the first Sunday during January. The second movie during January featured "A Boy, a Girl, and a Dog," plus a cartoon. The fourth movie, "Little Abner" was shown on January 17. "Spooks Run Wild," the most recent feature, starred Bela Lugasi and the East Side Kids.

These movies are being presented every Sunday until Lent. Although they are primarily designed for children of both the grade and high school, adults are invited to attend.

Thus far, approximately 100-150 people attend these weekly movies.

There is no admission charge, but a small donation from all in attendance is welcomed.



## Parishioners Fashion Marian Year Altar

During the Marian Year, the Blessed Mother's altar has been converted into a shrine.

Blue and white satin drapes cover the entire background of the altar, thus bringing out the statue of Our Lady in relief. The foreground of the altar is massed with huge baskets of roses—yellow and

white. The votive stand contains blue lights only.

Each Saturday evening a special Marian devotion is held. The Litany of Loretto is sung, the Marian Year prayer is recited, and Benediction with Blessed Sacrament is given.

## R. Warholoski Receives District Contest Honors

In a letter sent to Ronald Warholoski, St. Bonaventure's winner of the local "Voice of Democracy" contest, it was stated that Ronnie's speech gained second place honors in the District contest.

At first, a tie existed between the Columbus entry and an entry from Scottsbluff. Six playoffs followed; a decision by judges merited the award to the Scottsbluff entry.

In the primary contest held at Kramer auditorium, students from the local high schools vied with each other for the city championship award. A tie for the first place honors developed between Sally Schwantje of Kramer High, and Ronald of St. Bon's. A duo contest was held with Ronnie's entry winning.

After a practice session with a radio commentator from the local radio station, the speech, recorded on a tape, was sent to the District contest.

## Sr. Mary Alice, R.S.M. Addresses Senior Girls

"A college education is being stressed now more than ever before."

These were the opening words of Sr. Mary Alice, R.S.M., in her recent address to the senior girls.

Sr. Mary Alice, accompanied by Sr. Mary Mercedes, is a representative of Sr. Mary's College in Omaha. She spoke briefly on each course offered in the college. Courses in liberal arts, home economics, stenography, nursing, x-ray, lab technology, dietetics, medical record librarians, journalism, and art are provided.

In her talk, Sr. Mary Alice also pointed out that a sound education is a good background for any career and phase of life. She concluded by reminding us that the girl students of today are the mothers and leading women of tomorrow.

## Student Body Bestows Marian Year Crown

"... And they crowned her for a Queen—" This phrase is echoing again and again in every classroom. Each student is doing his part in contributing toward a crown for the Blessed Mother. The money is generously pouring in from all the classrooms, elevating the sum considerably each day. This is indeed an excellent method of showing gratitude for all Our Lady has done for the students during this Marian school year.

## Ambitious Junior Class Illustrates Press Month

"Hand me the glue, please." "This thing needs more color." "How about some more blue in this corner." "Oh, no, we ran out of scotch tape!!!"

No, these ambitious juniors aren't preparing decorations for the prom as it may sound. They are busy making posters symbolizing Catholic Book Week and Catholic Press Month.



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### Are You Too Proud to Pray?

Out of me place from the ole' files of St. Bon's staff room, I jumped at the tinkling sound o' money fallin'. I discovered someone had dropped a shiny coin while passing through the halls. What should I find but a "penny". Seems the Irish lads and lassies are diggin' down deep after the tournament in Stanton. Poor as I, O'Leary, am, I decided to give it to the lad or lassie with the best offer to my inquisitive question: "A penny for your thoughts—"

Barbara M.—He's worth more than a penny.

Madge T.—Isn't it wonderful to be so popular!

Ted P.—Wonder what I'll buy for a penny?

Pat J. & Joan D.—Just counting the days till school is out so we can make our debut in Hollywood.

Janet M.—What a nice day to be playing hookey!

Milo H.—How nice it would be to become president. (Our club, that is).

Carole T.—How funny it would be if Mr. V. A. didn't say "people" any more.

Tom E.—Make it two cents and I'll tell you.

Sharon R.—To remember that Father Roch said, "No talking in the halls".

Marian S.—Wish I could tell you but it's a secret between me and myself.

Dot G.—How nice it would be to graduate with at least one A on my report card.

Lorraine W.—Thinking what snow looks like any more.

Joyce S.—Wondering how it will feel to a junior. (Be patient; it won't be long, now.)

Mike M.—Wish I were rich instead of good looking!

Paul S.—Wouldn't buy enough gas.

Vince G.—Just ten more weeks before I can enlist.

Clarence N.—Wish I had a pillow: this desk is sure hard.

Carroll F.—Don't bother me, I'm so-o-o-o sleepy. (Couldn't possibly be spring fever!)

Sharon B.—A certain Sunday night. (Now what could have happened?)

Sure 'n after hearin' all these thoughts, I think me own is best! 'That penny will buy a mite o' plug o' terbaccer one o' these foine mornin's.'

February always brings to mind our two greatest presidents—Abraham Lincoln and George Washington. Thoughts of these men naturally center about honesty. Although most people think of honesty as their greatest characteristic, they both had another attribute which is seldom spoken of, but is perhaps even more important than honesty. They both prayed often! They never considered themselves too important or too busy to pray.

We know that George Washington prayed for his men at Valley Forge, and that he prayed frequently in times of indecision.

Lincoln prayed often. Not only that, but he asked others in his political speeches, to pray for him. He was not too proud to ask others to pray for him; nor too proud to admit his dependence on God.

There are many lessons we can learn from these two men—to be honest, to love our country, the need for good leaders, and to have a deep respect for all mankind. But the greatest lesson we can learn from them is that all of us, no matter how great or small, needs PRAYER!

Sharon Robb

### Our Privilege---Love of Country

When we think of "Love of Country" we ordinarily call to mind our men, our former upperclassmen, our relatives, maybe our own fathers, going off to war. They all have one goal—to protect us, their loved ones.

Perhaps we recall vivid scenes from the latest newsreel at the local theater. Or delve deep into history to such era-marked events as Washington's army during the harsh winter at Valley Forge.

Whatever incident that is brought to mind, we invariably think of suffering, bloodshed, casualties, battlegrounds and an uncalm mixed emotion in the pulse of the war-torn countries involved. American blood has been shed many times on battlefields but not in vain. America has given its citizens the Four Freedoms, each—freedom of speech, assembly, press and religion—being a treasure in itself and can only be protected by a country as great as ours.

Have you ever stopped long enough to realize how closely our laws resemble the Commandments of God? "Thou shalt not kill; thou shalt not steal; bear false witness, covet thy neighbor's goods or wife . . ." Our lawmakers were God-fearing, loyal and patriotic. They fought to keep their ideals, just as we, right now, are striving so hard to maintain.

We love our country and therefore we must pray that America will always keep its Divine trust. That it will continue to be abundant in wealth from the farms, forests, mines, cities, laboratories, lakes and plains. We are fortunate to belong to such a great nation as this—our America.

Helen Gahan

## The Students Speak . . .

With the world in such a complex state of affairs, the question arises: "What is going on in the minds of teen-agers." Do they have problems? For information, we approached some typical teen-agers at St. Bon's and asked,—"What is YOUR modern problem? Here are some of the replies:

Dennis Minette: "My modern problem is that I don't get enough time for study in school (but I don't complain too much!!)"

Marion Skorupa: "That I should always get hoarse on the days I'm supposed to cheer."

Robert Messersmith: "Modern Schools!!!"

Margie Kretz: "Enough time to get all my studies finished in school so I could get other tasks done and get to bed early at night."

Dave Vanek: "Trying to catch the Dog."

Jack Johnson: "Women!! It's contagious!!"

Imelda Euteneurer: "I can't skate on ice!!"

Mary Kay Liss: "Getting my folks to let me go 'wherever' I want and going places and dances 'whenever' I want."

David Miller: "Tests everyday in English."

Pat Wiedel: "Trying to start a chicken farm!!!" (Now what's so hard about that?)

Jerome Staroseik: "The action in the junior homeroom!"

Allen Pensick: "Finding enough periods to take all my subjects." (Or do you mean, study them?)

Mick Tooley: "Basketball!!!!" (Why Mick?)

Rosie Paprocki: "Starting the car on these COLD winter mornings."

Rita Simons: "To keep my grades on my report card up to a good standing."

Janet Czuba: "Trying to write readable shorthand!"

Dean Soulliere: "High marks on tests—low grades on report card!"

Pat Michaelson and Don Zarek: "Cliff Fox!"

Pat Tworek: "Getting up in the mornings."

Joe Bonk: "Trouble with my car at night."

Sharon Hoshor: "Cheering 'Yea Green.'"

Ted Pfeifer: "Money!" (He's typical!)

Margaret Mielak: "Boys!"

Nancy Beck: "Growing up normally."

Delores Rupprecht: "Understanding referees!"

Merlin Keefer: "No problems!!" (Lucky, boy.)

Bill Markhofer: "Cold weather and a thin jacket."

## Shamrock Shenanigans

### Student Body Displays Enthusiastic School Spirit

Music! yelling! cheering! and clapping can be heard quite often these days. The sounds, coming from the auditorium, are heard on the days on which a basketball game is scheduled.

Enthusiastic students, cheerleaders and teachers assemble to encourage the Shamrock team to an anticipated victory. The pep band provides snappy tunes while the cheerleaders and student body keeps in swing with rhythmic clapping.

New cheers are being brought forth by the varsity and junior cheerleaders. Following the introduction of game captains by Coach Costello, and several more cheers, the hilarious pep rallies are once more concluded.

What's this we hear about Fr. Reinhard catching some certain people in the act at the C.D.A. Banquet. The crucial curtain accidentally got pulled back while the girls were eating on the stage. Kind of embarrassing to eat with 200 pairs of eyes on you, isn't it girls?????

Back to school, and a brand new year  
Promises health, and, let's hope cheer  
With that in mind, here's what we'll do  
Bring this column up to par for you!!!  
Well, we may not be poets, but we'll try!

Quite a silent era took place in this building on the 18th and 19th of January. Such weary faces! Such worried expressions!!! Oh my, is this due to the fact that semester tests were taken?  
Good Luck to you all.

RONNIE WARHOLOSKI  
(Merry Christmas, Ronnie)

It may not be duck season but, around the class rooms it seems to be the fad. Fads usually are being blamed on the girls, but this time it's the boys who are to blame. The boys have taken a liking to the long hair style. Quite a switch from the "crew cuts", huh girls? ?

Have you been hearing any strange cries around St. Bonaventure lately? Don't be alarmed, it is only Fr. Reinhard and Cletus Fischer's new proteges, Weiner and Bullet. These puppies are readily becoming one of us!!!

Debatable topics were being discussed in Speech Class. The subject of going steady was brought up. Some thought students should not be allowed to go steady.

Bob Wemhoff replied, "Sure they can! In the United States, man is given life, liberty and the PURSUIT of happiness!" (Maybe the happiness of Pursuit).

Congratulations Dean, on setting a new school record. Larry Sanders, '53 graduate set a record of 32 points in the Seward game. Dean made 34 points in the Leigh game. Good work, Dean.

Woe is Pudge! Or should we say "Woe is Mick?" It was HE who paid the \$5.00 fine to get Pudge, his dog, out of jail!!!

Mrs. H. (In speech class)—I saw you laughing.

Dot G. You couldn't have, because I wasn't laughing.

Mrs. H. Well then it was a big smile that made a lot of noise!!!

TIP FOR TODAY  
Don't be a parish dope,  
Use your Sunday envelope.  
—Novena Notes



### Ice Skating Beckons Mid-Winter Sportsters

Although skating in itself is a popular sport, and seems to be enjoyed by a great number of the younger people, not much publicity is given to it.

Skating as a sport dates back to the earliest days. The early skater bound a bone to his foot and used a staff to help him slide over the ice. The modern skate is a steel blade usually fastened to a specially built skating shoe. A blade may be made for special purposes.

Skating has been popular for hundreds of years among the people of northern countries. It was first developed by the Scandinavians, Finns and Dutch. During the past century races and matches have become common in Europe and North America.

Our skating pond in Columbus is situated in Pawnee Park. On an average skating day, approximately 50 skaters can be seen on the ice. This number varies when the number of other activities is greater.

A few of the skaters can skate almost as well as professionals. The others are just average—and as average skaters, they hit the ice quite hard.

As one of the most healthful and invigorating of sports, skating is attracting more enthusiasts every year.

### Here and There

A recent comment was worded in this manner: ". . . Your school paper is wonderful! It's hard to believe that it is from a high school and not a first-rate university." Thank you, Jerry!!!

According to the latest issue of the "Clarion" we observed that Humphrey likes us! Well, we like them, too!!!

Three former St. Bonaventure students, Mary Ann Schuele, Marilyn Johnson and Elaine Buechter, were capped at St. Joseph's Hospital, in Omaha on Sunday, February 7th.

The capping takes place after completing five months training. The girls, all '53 graduates, entered in September.

"Offer to Jesus all your little aches and pains for the conversion of pagans." Father Roch addressed these words to the members of the Pontical Association of the Holy Childhood.

Their annual reception of new members was held last Sunday. The children, belonging to the Association, turned out almost 100% for the devotional procession, sermon, and Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament.

Virginia Micek, '53 graduate, is in critical condition at St. Mary's Hospital. Virginia's car went out of control when she hit loose gravel on the Monastery Road.

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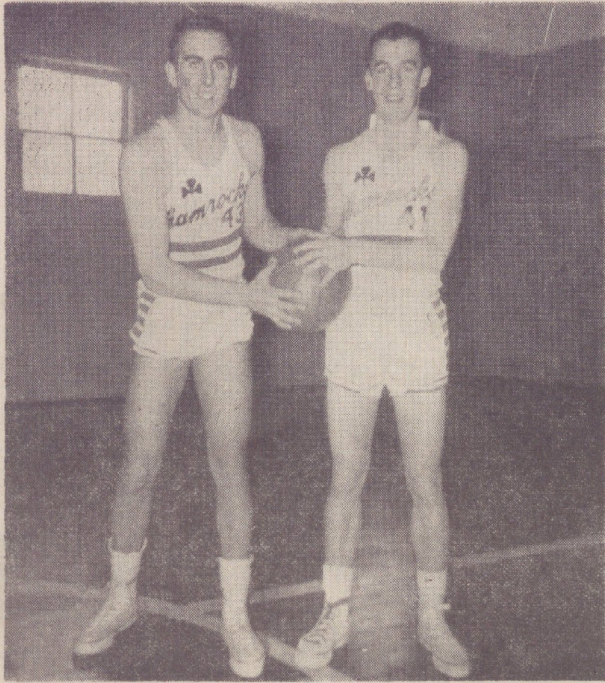
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FORWARDS — JIM HOSHOR and MICK TOOLEY

### Shamrocks Trounce St. Edward Beavers

The St. Bonaventure Shamrocks made it four in a row by thumping the St. Edward Beavers by a 65 to 53 edge. Sharpshooting Dean Soulliere and rebounding expert Ed Kavanaugh along with the hustler, John Tooley, were the features in the victory.

Soulliere crashed the hoop for 31 points with 9 in each of the first 3 periods. The "little" sophomore Ed Kavanaugh notched 14 points while also rebounding with great strength. John Tooley hit for nine.

Tony Weed paced the Beavers with 16, while Sam Case and Terry Saunders each swept for 13.

The invaders grabbed an early 4-2 lead with buckets by Case and Saunders, Kavanaugh's 3 points and Soulliere's two fielders moved the count to 9-4. The Beavers were out front only one more time early in the second canto by a 19-18 margin. From then on the Bonnies controlled the red-hot game. The Shamrocks took to a 46-38 lead in the third quarter. Baskets by Dean Soulliere and John Tooley sewed it up in the final minutes for the hustling Irish hoopers.

Floyd Arasmith and Jerry Micek paced the reserve winners with 12 and 9 points respectively. The fracas ended with a 36-26 thriller.

### Shamrock Five Invades Lincoln Cathedral, 46-43

The hustling Irish rallied in the final canto to defeat Lincoln Cathedral 46-43. The Bluebird club, having a slow start, trailed throughout the first three stanzas by several points. While entering the final period 29-32 the Green and White pressed the Bluebirds hard defensively and hit offensively after a long drought.

As the game was the first for the Irish this season, they were tremendously cold, because of shake-itis.

Soulliere topped the winners with 17 points. Leo Stavas, John Tooley and Jim Hoshor got in some timely counters for the Bonnies with Tom Bonk doing fine work under the boards when Ed Kavanaugh fouled out midway in the third quarter.

The Bluebirds hit 17 for 19 in the gift toss department with Frappice and Jemming bagging 4 for 4 and Fred Schneider hitting 6 for 7.

The win marked Coach Bob Costello's debut as head basket ball mentor. The Irish seconds also produced by bringing in a 35-30 victory.

### Undefeated Brainard Edges Irish Quint 64-62

St. Bon's cagers were edged by undefeated Brainard in an exciting 64-62 thriller on the Brainard court.

The Irish quintet was outdistanced in the field goal division 24-16 but remained in the contest relying upon hustle and the accuracy from the free throw line.

Dean Soulliere led the Irish scoring pace with 13 gift shots, out of a possible 18, and 4 field goals, making a 21-point night.

Lanky Roman Kubelka, the tall Tiger center, sifted through the Irish defense to account a 29 point game.

Jim Hoshor and John Tooley provided Soulliere the main backing while Dvorak was runner-up for the host team.

The first quarter ended with the Bonnies at a 20-17 advantage and the half-time found the Irish team again in the lead 34-27. The host team took a slight marginal lead at the close of the third canto 47-44 with Kuzelka and Dvorak spelling the 20 point increase.

Soulliere and Kavanaugh started connecting and maneuvered the Shamrocks into a 6 point lead with four minutes remaining. With a minute of play left, the Brainard team fought a 61-61 tie. In the forty-five seconds remaining, Dvorak sunk a basket; Soulliere was fouled, making good one free throw; Jelinek was fouled and closed the scoring with the Brainard team on top 64-62.

During the course of the game five boys left the contest via five foul route.

### Newman Grove Yields Fourth Irish Victory

The St. Bonaventure Shamrocks took its fourth victory at the expense of the Newman Grove Cager, 59-43.

The close first half, was climaxed with a strong second half for the Irish. The improving Irish defense, sparked by good rebounding was the main factor in the win.

Soulliere led the Irish with 21 counters with 15 coming in the second half. Kavanaugh, Stavas, and Bonk turned in timely shooting for the offensive force.

The crouching Bluejays, led by Don Mousel, were never in the lead. Mousel's 11 points and Eugene Anderson's 10, kept the count at a close edge.

Two buckets by Soulliere, one each by Stavas and Jim Hoshor and a free throw by Bonk proved to be the settling factor.

The Irish reserves made it a clean sweep with an easy 48-23 victory.

## Irish Quintet Cops Third Place Trophy In M-B-N Conference

### Irish Capture First Round Victory

Newman Grove and St. Bonaventure came through with first round victories in the M-B-N conference tournament at Albion.

The Bluejays nipped Genoa by 54-50 and Bonnie outfit rallied to edge the St. Edward Beavers 56-51.

The small Green and White outfit trailed by 15 points at the half—19 to 34—but came back strong in the final half and finally won out.

The Irish took the lead for the first time early in the fourth quarter on a drive by Mick Tooley for a 44-43 count. But the Beavers went right back into the lead with for free shots, when Soulliere dropped in 5 quick points for a 49-47 lead. Case tied it up with a bucket followed by a free throw, but Kavanaugh put the Irish ahead by one only to have Case tie it again with another free toss. Jim Hoshor hit a jumper and Soulliere hit for 3 more points to climax the scoring. Soulliere collected 19 for the winners, with Case hitting for 27.

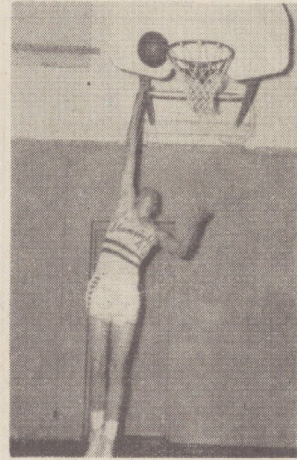
### Albion Cardinals Whip Fighting Irish

Fullerton trimmed Newman Grove 63-47 while Albion spanked St. Bonaventure 61-43 in final clause of the tournament January 7.

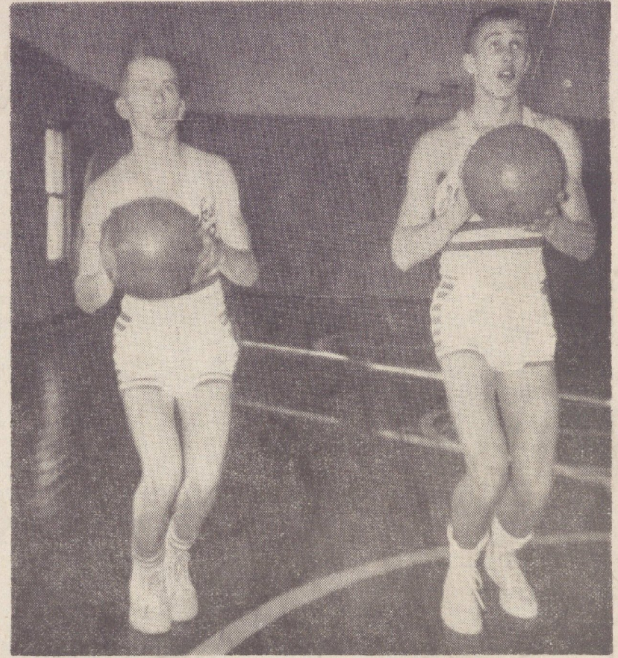
The Fullerton Warriors, winners of district B tournament at Central City last year and runner-up in the 1953 State Meet, showed fine team power.

St. Bonaventure's Shamrocks were in the lead only once against the sharp Cardinal Club. Kavanaugh hit the first fielder for a 2-0 lead, but the quarter ended with an 18-10 Albion lead. The Bonnies were only able to hit for 9 the next period and left the second canto behind at a 31-19 count.

The favored Cardinals controlled the boards throughout the game and put up a strong defense which kept the Irish shooting from far out. Dean Soulliere sparkled with his fine floor game and chalked up 20 points in carrying the load for the Irish.



CENTER—ED KAVANAUGH



GUARDS — DEAN SOULLIERE and LEO STAVAS

### Irish Hoopsters Incur Two New Cage Records

Two new school records were established as the Green and White hit high gear at Leigh with a 78-66 showing.

Dean Soulliere dropped an old record of 32 points set by last year's sparkling ace Larry Sanders in dunking 34 counters.

The 78 point total also eclipsed the last year team total by 5 points. Soulliere after being held to 6 points in the opening half connected for 28 in the sizzling last half.

Leo Stavas showing his best effort of the season, poured in 14 counters. Tom Bonk and Eddie Kavanaugh led in the rebounding department. Kavanaugh and Stavas paced the Irish in the first half with the Irish owning a 30-29 edge.

Soulliere led the second half by hitting from every spot on the floor. Tom Kumpf, Leigh's high scorer put a 25 point effort in trying to down the hustling Irish.

Joe Tooley had 9 points and Floyd Arasmith 8 points while dropping their second game, 28-42.

### Lanky Lincoln Teachers Spank St. Bon's Cagers

A tall and potent Lincoln Teachers team spoiled Coach Bob Costello's cagers' home debut by a 59-46 count.

Jim Thom, a lofty 6-8 center, paced the Teachers with 26 points. His deadly accuracy under the boards proved to be the deciding factor against the small, rebounder was backed by an able supporting cast led by 6-1 Hal Rowe who ended with a total of ten counters.

Scoring ace of the Bonnies, Dean Soulliere, tremendously cold the first half, fired a total of 15 points throughout the fracas.

The Lincoln team pulled to a 46-16 lead early in the third quarter, but the appearance of the Tooley's, John and Mick, was too much for the tall Teachers organization. John clicked for 6 points and Mick garnered 11.

The Irish swept off to a good start with Tom Bonk and Jim Hoshor hitting a 6-5 lead only to have the giant Thom pour in a set-up to have the Teachers stay ahead.

In the preliminary, Bartholomew was the hero by pouring in a free throw with 1 second left to win a 40-39 thriller.

### Shamrocks Upset St. Francis Five

A sparkling fourth quarter enabled St. Bonaventure's to defeat invading St. Francis 48 to 40.

Eddie Kavanaugh cool sophomore center and guard Mick Tooley sparkled the late surge for the fifth Irish victory in nine outings.

The third quarter ended in a 32-32 tie, but a fielder by Mick Tooley and a free throw by John Tooley made it 35-32. Followed by a St. Francis free throw, Kavanaugh and Mick Tooley made it a 39-33 count.

Gene Torczon's gift toss made it 39-34, but 3 points by Kavanaugh and Jim Hoshor's jump shot widened the margin to a 44-34 advantage.

The see-sawed battle started with free throws by Stavas and Bonk and a fielder by Kavanaugh for 4 to 0 charge. Mansfield broke the 4-0 jinx for St. Francis when he hit a two-pointer. The Irish outscored the Humphrey parochials in the last quarter by 16 to 8.

Ed Kavanaugh paced the winners with 18 points while Mick Tooley accounted for 10. Torczon and Mansfield had 14 and 13 respectively for the losers.

The Shamrock seconds took a 51-41 preliminary.

### Leaky Final Canto Cededs St. Pat Win

A leaky last quarter Shamrock defense enabled the St. Patrick's quintet to a 64-56 battle on the Fremont court. The Fremont Knight's edge in rebounding led the host team out of the alternating contest.

The sharpshooting of guard Dean Soulliere fired the Irish offense with 29 points. Jim Hoshor, runnerup in scoring with 11 points played an excellent floor game.

Both Dick Stewart and B. D. Cottrell contributed 16 points for the host team. The timely shooting of the latters' in the final canto allowed St. Pat's to hold the edge over the invading Bonnies. The teams had duelled on even terms the first three quarters.

The Irish held a one-point lead at the end of the first stanza and kept a one-point edge at half-time. The third quarter termination found the Knights with a 43-41 advantage and retained that position during the final eight minutes ending the contest with a 64-56 score.

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Elaine Kneifel Judy Olivetti Sally Ragatz Stacia Bolin Jim Hoshor	News Editor News Editor Feature Editor Feature Editor Sports Editor	Lanie George Sal Stach Hish	"Make Love to Me" "Secret Love" "Take Me Back" "You're the Right One" "Moulin Rouge"	Boredom Bad grades People who gripe Blue Tango Mike T.	Grow up and get taller Be an artist Meet Magoo To be a cheerleader for Notre Dame Get a job	Whoops a minute! Creepers! You crumb! Da Voom! Don't call me coach, call me George!
Dean Soulliere Sharon Bowe Sharon Robb Patricia Wozny	Sports Editor Headline Editor Headline Editor Typist	Dinker Sherry Shazzy Pat	"Tennessee Wig Walk" "Secret Love" "Moulin Rouge" "Changing Partners"	Brown Rings Brown Rings Algebra Those who think they know everything	To invent a secret weapon for Mick T. Sing with Spike Jones' band Go to West Point Academy Secretary	Gee whiz! Bleek! Get off my back! Secretary
Dorothy Jarecki Dorothy Gladfelder	Typist Typist	Dort Dot	"Just Another Polka" "Ebb Tide"	Silence People who comb hair all the time Gossipers Put-on smile People who ask dumb questions	Lead a polka band Fly to Mars	Just for kicks! Gracious! We'll all be killed! Oh, Mercy! Scat! Julius! That's dumb! You better believe it! Catch the dog!
Janet Placzek Joyce Melcher Donna Jarecki Shirley Ramaekers Jo Ann Cielocha Jack Johnson	Typist Make-Up Editor Advertising Mgr. Business Mgr. Business Mgr. Photographer	Pee Wee Chris Jarets Rae Jo Judson	"Secret Love" "Secret Love" "My Buddy" "Secret Love" "Oh, My Papa" "Home On the Range"	Glamour girls Cliques People	Be a dancer Singer Air hostess Be a soldier Cow-poke To photograph Betty Grable	

**TO A FRIEND**  
 You entered my life in a casual way,  
 And saw at a glance what I needed;  
 There were others who passed me or met me each day,  
 But never a one of them heeded.  
 Perhaps you were thinking of other folks more,  
 Or chance simply seemed to decree it;  
 I know there were many such chances before,  
 But the others---well, they didn't see it.  
 You said just the thing that I wished you would say,  
 And you made me believe that you meant it;  
 I held up my head in the old gallant way,  
 And resolved you should never repent it.  
 There are times when encouragement means such a lot,  
 And a word is enough to convey it;  
 There were others who could have, as easy as not---  
 But, just the same, they didn't say it.  
 There may have been some who could've done more  
 To help me along, though I I doubt it;  
 What I needed was cheering, and always before  
 They had let me plod onward without it.  
 You helped to refashion the dream of my heart,  
 And made me turn eagerly to it;  
 There were others who might have (I question the part)---  
 But after all, they didn't do it!!  
 ---Adapted.

The faculty and students extend sympathy to Sister M. Rega on the death of her dear Mother, Mrs. Theresa Hashke, R.I.P. Prayers are also being said for the recovery of her sister, Sister M. Helen, O.S.F.

**MARY, OUR HELP**  
 Mary, our Mother in Heaven above,  
 Help us to honor thy Son by our love.  
 Help us to serve and worship Him,  
 Help us to overcome temptation and sin.  
 Help us to lead a good, holy life,  
 Help us to win our battles in strife.  
 Help us in every desire and need,  
 Help us Thy warnings ever to heed.  
 Help us, O Mary, when all things seem lost,  
 Help us remember thy Son on the Cross.  
 Help us to trust in the good Lord above,  
 Next to Him ever to show you our Love.  
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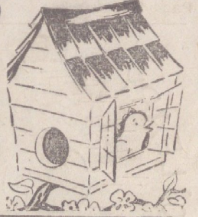
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## Spectators Experience Heavenly-Earthly Joys By Attending PTA Meet

Experiencing the joys of heaven was vouchsafed those in attendance at P.T.A., Monday evening, April 15.

The playlet, "This Is Heaven" was presented by pupils of grade one. The blessed Mother, St. Joseph, St. Francis, St. Anthony, Saints Peter and Paul, Blessed Martin, Angels, Heavenly Guards, and even Bl. Martin's little mice were there. The spectators were happy to note that angels dance in heaven to entertain Our Lady.

Miss Hogendorn's class, grades one and two, brought everyone back to earth. Their recitation, "Smiles," their song, "Susy Little Susy," and their Folk Dance, "Ach Ja," were well rendered.

Finally grade two brought merriment to the audience by presenting, "Old King Cole." The merry King almost lost his merriment in trying to keep the Klaus Twins apart. This problem was solved by writing the names Janice and Judith on placards and affixing them to the right girl. "The Dolls Hospital" was portrayed by the girls of grade two. A goodly number of nurses, mothers, and dolls told in action, only too well, how perturbed and anxious all became when the baby is sick.

Billy Jean Coles, Richard Lux, and Marilyn Rupprecht were the accompanists for grades one, one and two, and two respectively.

After the entertainment, the business meeting was held. During this time a nominating committee was appointed to select officers for the coming year.

Mr. Pete Lakers introduced the Girl Scout Mothers active at St. Bonaventure. Mrs. William Boeltcher has served the longest as leader of the girls. Her record is ten years of service.

## D. Rupprecht Merits High Typing Honors

"To the victor belong the spoils." How true this saying. Delores Rupprecht, by her untiring efforts, does receive many honors.

In typing, Delores, is the first one to achieve the 50 wpm, ten-minute test with less than five errors. Her accomplishment — 60 wpm with 4 errors—or 56 words per minute!

Others gaining speed are: Sharon Bowe, 49-2; Lorraine Pickhinke, 47-5; Evelyn Pensick, 46-4; Lawrence Mielak, 43-1; Janet Czuba 47-15; Evelyn Pensick, 46-4; Law-Barbara Mitera, 45-5.

## Bookkeeping Class Find Trial Balance Delightful

"Here is a little problem to test your ability to follow directions, and review your knowledge of the fundamentals of bookkeeping." With these words, the class was given a list of account titles and balances. All smiled with delight because taking a Trial Balance was easy!

The surprise came the following Monday. Sister gave each student a piece of journal paper with the following injunction: "Put your Trial Balance of last Friday on this piece of journal paper. That was the annual bookkeeping contest problem which you did last Friday."

What a pleasant surprise! The contest problem solved without the anxiety of the thought: "I wonder if I'm doing it right."

Forty-four papers were sent to New York—all members of both bookkeeping classes submitted their try.

Sometime in April, Certificates of Achievement will be awarded to the fortunate ones. The class anticipates a number of "Superior" ratings also. Time will tell!

## Unusual Activity Attracts Second Floor Classmen

The unusual activity in the usual active junior room was something to attract attention. It brought the second floor classmen to their room. This stirring procedure was, of course, the program given by the class in connection with Catholic Book Week. This presentation was under the general chairmanship of Lawrence Mielak and was given in two parts.

The first part presented ideas on Catholic literature and life suggested by each letter in the words: "Catholic Book Week."

The second part gave the history and the future of the Gallery of Living Catholic Authors. The Gallery was founded by Sister Mary Joseph for the purpose of recognizing Catholic authors while they are still living. The Gallery, located in Gallery Hall at Webster College, Webster Groves, Missouri, contains a collection of letters, photographs, records, manuscripts, and books from contemporary Catholic authors.

The purpose of the Gallery is to foster Catholicism in literature, and this endeavor is being carried out by fine men and women. Among them are two well-known Franciscans: Rev. Angelico Chavez, and Rev. Francis B. Steck.

Plans are now being carried out to erect a new building in which to house the treasure of the Gallery.



The most joyous season of all is here again. We stand on the threshold and watch the dewy freshness of the landscape and hear the first chorus of birds and find the answering happiness for this rebirth in our hearts.

## Struggling Frosh Merit Easy Street Travel Award

After struggling through the first semester, the Latin class now feel they are on easy street.

From the busy hum coming from Room Three during the second period each morning, indications are the Latin students are hard at work again mastering the second semester work.

The class proves to be exceedingly interesting, even to a little mouse, who apparently was listening intently from his waste-basket hideout, but this unwelcome pupil was soon eliminated!

Although our teacher knows the Latin text from cover to cover, nevertheless, she does have some difficulty in keeping up with the new words coined by some members of the class. But, by and by we'll learn!

## Here and There

Mary Ann Pickhinke is certainly going places. Her fine piano accordion talent has brought her engagements at the Omaha Elks Club and the Veterans Hospital.

In April, Mary Ann expects to entertain the patients at Creighton Memorial.

We are happy to know that Mary Ann won second place over thirteen other talents while in Omaha.

Our sincerest congratulations to THE MONOCLE staff of John Marshall High, Richmond, Virginia, on the occasion of their Silver Jubilee. God bless your work always.

Mr. Joseph J. Van Ackeren, music director at St. Bona, was honored at the annual Chamber of Commerce Banquet. He was the recipient of a gold key, a Civic Award for outstanding work in the community during the past year. CONGRATULATIONS!

Word has been received from the Commercial Extension in Omaha, that Charles Wiedel, '53 graduate, has completed his accounting course successfully. Charles has been placed with the Fairmont Company in Omaha. Every good wish for success, Charles!

Monday, March 15, (The Ides of March) will be remembered for a long time by the Sisters of St. Francis. On this day, their new Motherhouse at Mount St. Francis, Colorado Springs, Colorado, was dedicated.

Since the inauguration of the Province of St. Joseph, in 1932, the Sisters have had three different places as their headquarters. The first was St. Anthony Hospital, Denver, Colorado. The second, The Oaks Home, 2825 West 32nd Avenue, Denver, Colorado.

Now they hope this third move will be IT. "All good things are THREE."

Sisters from the various missions were in attendance at the ceremonies. However, no one from St. Bonaventure could go because of teaching duties. Columbus was represented by Sisters Priscilla and Vitalis from St. Mary Hospital.

## St. Bon's High Inaugurates First Industrial Arts Program

For the first time, the Industrial Arts program is being offered to boys in each class in the high school. There are about 35 boys now enrolled in this course.

Industrial Arts has gained in enthusiasm and momentum here at St. Bonaventure in the short time that it has been introduced. The school officials are happy to learn of the great interest in this program. They are very anxious also to meet the needs and interests of every individual student here at the school.

### Boys Fashion Household Articles

The boys have been very busy making chairs, wall shelves, tables, book cases, feed bunks, and other useful articles for the home. One of the larger projects this year was the confessional made for St. Bonaventure Church. This was not only good experience for the boys, but it also saved the parish many dollars.

Plans are being made to enrich the program by adding some metal work and more mechanical drawing. Some electricity, cement work, and carpentry is on the agenda for the next school year.

### Course Develops Desirable Traits

Each course, in the school, has its own specific objectives that will function in that course. Briefly summarized, the general objectives of Industrial Arts are to develop in each pupil the following traits and abilities:

1. Active interest in industrial life, production, and distribution.
2. Ability to select, care for, and properly use commodities he will buy or use.

## X-ray Machine Bewilders Staunch Health Students

"Don't tell me that's in my blood!" "Is that what they sew one up with?" Such remarks, and many others were heard from the freshmen members of the health class as they toured St. Mary's Hospital.

The first stop was at the office where x-ray films and the files of patients are kept. The x-ray machines were explained to the students by the x-ray technician and one willing student offered his services and had his hand x-rayed.

The laboratory was the next place visited. This place proved to be the most interesting of the entire trip. Here the girls and boys watched as a few brave ones had their fingers pricked and their blood typed. Under the microscope they saw the red corpuscles and white blood cells—"Just like the picture in the book" — they exclaimed!

The last stop was made in the surgical department. After seeing the many instruments used in surgery, many of the students decided they were never going to be a victim if such horrible instruments were used! However, no one got sick after taking a good smell of the ether, and everyone was glad of the opportunity offered in touring the hospital.

All returned to their classwork with a greater insight into the wonderful work done by the nurses. They were also grateful to the nurses who so kindly showed them all the items of interest in the various departments.

## Bare Facts Reveal Geometricians Ability

After "going around in circles" for a month, the geometry class has settled down to the bare facts of ratio and proportion. If application is to ability as one is to two, we prophesy success.

"It won't be long now" until Pythagoras will be forced from the limelight.

Grateful thanks is rendered to all the kind benefactors who have donated books to the library during the past month.

3. Appreciation of good workmanship and design.

4. Pride and interest in an ability to do useful things.

5. Habits of orderly methods and procedure.

6. Habits of self discipline and promptness.

7. Careful, thoughtful work.

8. Cooperation — readiness to assist others.

9. Desirable attitudes and habits in respect to safety.

10. A knowledge and understanding of mechanical and architectural drawings.

11. Elementary skills in the use of common tools and machines, and knowledge of characteristics of common materials.

It is hoped that the boys taking this course gain a knowledge of these aims and objectives; also that other boys, with interests in this field, will have the opportunity to take part.

If the aims and objectives are realized, the many dollars which have been spent for this program can be put down as an asset and not as a liability.

The students must always remember: "As students we get out of a course just what we put into it!"

## Upper Classmen Display Poem Writing Adeptness

Some ambitious students have laboriously written and rewritten poems, of their own personal efforts, as contributions for two different poetry contests.

The first contest is sponsored by the Catholic Daughters of America, and is divided into three groups for judgment. The first group comprises grades 4, 5, and 6. In the second group, grades 7, 8, and 9 vie for honors. The third or senior group calls for the efforts of grades 10, 11, and 12. The poems written for this contest were of a religious theme, and will be judged by the Court of the Little Flower.

The other contest poems vary in subject matter from nature to bank robbers. These will be sent to Los Angeles, where the best poems will be entered in the National High School Anthology.

## Outstanding Senior Gains American Legion Award

Delores Rupprecht was named the winner of the American Legion oratorical contest, held on Tuesday in the high school auditorium.

Delores spoke on "The Constitution in Operation," pointing out the duties of the three branches in our United States Government as set forth in the Constitution.

The other contestant was Ronald Warholoski, whose topic was, "The Constitution — A Barrier Against Tyranny."

The judges were: P. W. Lakers, Louis Rambour, Cleo Robak, Thomas White, and Rev. Roch Hettinger, O.F.M. Fred Biggs, representative of the American Legion, presided.

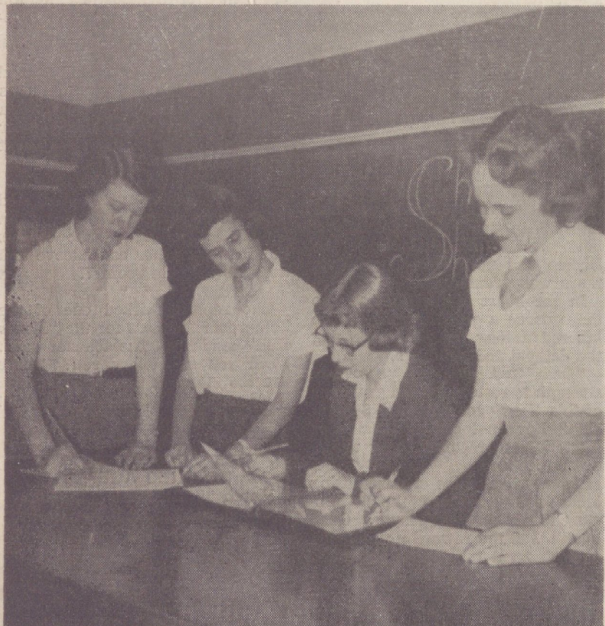
Delores will now take part in the district contest to be announced later.

## Sister Euphrasia Presents Girls' College Program

"To remember my name, just recall the Tigris and Euphrates Rivers." Thus Sister Euphrasia of the Sisters of St. Joseph, introduced herself to the senior girls on Thursday morning. Sister represented Marymount College of Salina, Kansas.

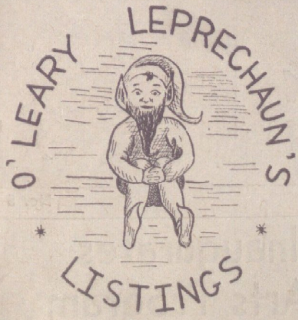
The object of her visit and address was to acquaint the seniors with the courses offered by the college; namely: teaching, nursing, and business. The school also offers a four-year scholarship to any eligible senior girl.

Colored slides of the school, the girls, and the activities of the girls were shown by Sister Euphrasia at the conclusion of her address.



Sharon Robb, Sharon Bowe, Mary Catherine Bothe, and Nancy Boettcher busily engaged in making headlines for the March issue of THE VENTURE.





Agin in me meanderin' down the halls the other day, I heard a funny poppin' sound akin to the duals on a souped-up hotrod.

A wet mop served as me refuge. As me courage gathered, I peeped out of the keyhole and there, lo and behold, before me very eyes, a green freshie was skippin' down the hall.

Anita A.—John Holys (Could it be!)

Sharon H.—Roller skating rink at David City.

Marian S.—Some boys. (Not a sartin' one?)

Virginia M.—Gossipers. (O'Leary has his doubts.)

Mary Ann P.—People that stare. (Sure 'n they can't help it when you're makin' music on the squeeze box.)

Shirley J.—Waiting for people. Mary Ann F.—Dead beats.

Betty H.—Marilyn Adamy. (Sure 'n true love never does run smooth.)

Pat W.—People. (That covers a lot of territory.)

Judy O.—People that use the expression: "Oh, what a mess!"

Joan M.—Calories. (Do they bother your waist line?)

Barb C.—Work. (A good Irishman always likes to work!)

Lloyd B.—Sam and Gus. (Who be they? Any relation to Sam and Janet?)

Frances M.—Joan M's claws. (Ask Santa to send her a file.)

Joyce S.—Characters that fight in the show.

Lillian M.—Talkative people. (Now O'Leary knows why you are so quiet.)

Carrol S.—Algebra. (No math mind?)

Barbara M.—Mumps. (Sure, but you had 'em hard!)

Clarence N.—Lent. (But man, you're not 21 summers old yet.)

Mary Ann S.—Policemen. (Has your dad given you a little ride in the blue wagon?)

Theresa K.—Typewriters that make mistakes. (Put your inventive powers to work.)

Virginia M.—Sarcastic people. (O'Leary thinks they're bad 'uns too.)

Janet F.—People who always think they are right. (Wouldn't you rather be right than President?)

Mr. C. F.—Joe for the mile. (That's a deep one.)

Fr. R.—Taking pictures for The Venture at the last minute. (O'Leary seconds that one.)

### All Seeing Eyes Bore Fearful Sin Stained Soul

There I stood. The sad, all-seeing eyes of the Judge bored deeply into my soul. His sonorous voice broke the awful stillness with: "The Book of Life shows nothing good done by you."

I raised pleading eyes, and beheld the Blessed Mother with saddened mein. "No," she echoed, "nothing good!" St. Joseph stood in the background shaking his head. From St. Francis came the condemning words: "She called herself a Tertiary of St. Francis."

Tremblingly I awaited to hear those terrible condemnatory words: "Depart from Me. . . ." Out of the quiet came the plaintive plea of Mother Mary—"Come, let us go, and see if we can find SOMETHING good that she has done."

With that all turned to depart. In great anguish of soul, I fell on my knees, and with arms uplifted cried: "Lord, Jesus Crucified, be merciful to me a poor sinner."

A cold wind aroused me from my torpor and dream.



### Use Your Lenten Weapons

Lent is a time for honest fighting; for carrying on a warfare with Christ, whereby we fight against our three great enemies; the world, the flesh, and Satan.

We need not fear to be on the losing side if we do our share, because Christ does the heavier fighting. The Church gives us the efficacious weapons of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving.

To be victorious in our battle, our attack must be well planned and carefully executed at home and in church.

At home, we can gather around the family altar for our Lenten devotions on evenings when there are no church services. These devotions may consist of the recitation of the rosary and Litany of Loretto; also of a short reading from Sacred Scripture or any other spiritual book.

In church, the devout attendance at Holy Mass and the reception of Holy Communion by each member of the family is a very good practice. If this cannot be a daily gift, then let it be done as frequently as possible. The attendance of the Lenten services in church should be a MUST!

Finally, unite your Lenten sacrifices with the sacrifice of Christ, and beg Him to awaken in your soul a spirit of generosity and love commensurate with His.

Sharon Robb

### St. Joseph---Heed Our Prayer

"Jesus, Mary, Joseph, may I die in peace in your holy company." This is a prayer often said by all of us. Let us for awhile meditate on the third member of the Holy Family—St. Joseph. God's extreme love for St. Joseph is evident by the fact that God made St. Joseph lord over his house and ruler of His possessions.

The affection and understanding that united St. Joseph to the Immaculate Virgin Mary, Mother of God, and the fatherly love with which he surrounded the Infant Jesus, are indications of the power St. Joseph has in heaven to intercede for us sinners on earth.

We pray to St. Joseph every month of the year. In 1909, Pope Pius X, declared March the month dedicated to St. Joseph, therefore; during this month he deserves our special attention and devotion.

During this month of March, and throughout the years to come, may we often pray, "St. Joseph, patron of carpenters, protector of virgins, model of husbands, blessed spouse of Mary, patron of the sick and dying, pray for us."

Judy Olivetti

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Mary Ann Pickhinke Elaine Boettcher  
Phyllis Dohmen Kathleen Briggs Michael Micek

#### SOPHOMORES

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Jackie Michaelson  
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### Organ's Mellow Tones Greet Early Worshipers

Each Sunday morning, upon entering St. Bonaventure's Church, one is greeted with the soft, mellow tones of the organ.

Throughout the Mass, the sweet strains of music continue. In meditation, one first visits with Mother Mary by means of the various melodies composed in her honor. Then one's heart exults in "Holy, Holy, Holy" with the angels as He comes to dwell in our midst on the altar. As the time for Holy Communion draws near—"Jesus, my Lord, my God my All" becomes the hymn of preparation.

Finally, the triumphant cords of the "Ite Missa Est" resound through the church, bringing one to the realization that another Holy Sacrifice has come to an end.

Little does our faithful organist, Mr. Louis Rambour, know of the varied melodies of prayer his music awakens in the hearts of his fellow worshippers, but in Heaven, he will understand.

### Tears Tell Various Heart-Felt Emotions

When a baby cries, the mother, or any member of the family, rushes in to see what has caused the sudden flow of tears. Baby tears are soon dried, and just as soon forgotten.

When a child cries, the reason may be a little hurt, or a fit of childish temper. The cause of these tears is soon allayed.

When a woman cries, her grief may cause concern, or perhaps 'tis only a passing burst of sentimentality. The tears of a woman are frequently her inveigling charm. These tears seldom make a lasting impression. Tears are a woman's forte.

When a man cries, more attention is given. Tears are not common to a man. Some very great calamity must have befallen him to wrest such a manifestation of sorrow from a stalwart soul. A man's tears are long remembered.

But, when Jesus cries! His grief, evinced by tears, is sufficient to stop the movement of the entire universe. A God sheds tears! Oh, the poignancy of the tears of the God-Man! In His deep-seated sorrow, amid His tears, we hear Him cry: "Jerusalem, Jerusalem, how often would I have gathered thee as the hen doth gather her chicks, but Thou would'st not."

### Doomed Patient Fulfills Early Life-Time Ambition

"If there is anything you would especially like to do, begin now, for you have just six months to live." With these words, the doctor dismissed, from the Arizona sanatorium, the young TB patient.

Yes, there was something he wished to do before death overtook him. By slow stages, the destination was reached—the land of promise—California.

The ruins of one of Fra Junipero Serra's Missions was his first stopping place. This Mission appealed to the sick man because it was like himself—in the last stages of existence. He had recourse to the Bishop and permission to remain there was granted.

In the heart of the doomed one there arose a great longing, as he labored among the poor adjoining the dilapidated buildings.

"Dear God, give my poor body strength to restore the old grandeur of this Your once beautiful Sanctuary." Love not only makes labor light; it also restores vigor to the one so imbued.

Twenty-five years of unremitting labor for love, restored the old Mission to its former beauty. Good health was the reward granted the once doomed tubercular patient.

Father St. John O'Sullivan, not only brought new beauty to the Mission of San Juan Capistrano, but his love for God's little creatures prompted him to let stand an old wall where, each year, on the Feast of St. Joseph, the swallows return to their old haunts.

### Shamrock Shenanigans

The sophie boys have been heard to pray: "May the fine sisters remain always with us." (The correct wording is: "May the Divine Assistance remain always with us.")

Sister L.—"Boys, be quiet on the way down stairs."

Boys—"Never mind, Sister Laurentine, Sister Cunegundis will take care of us at the bottom of the stairs."

Juniors discussing Prom themes:— John P.—"Let's use the song title: 'Three Little Words,'" and say: "Class of 54."

Paul S.—"But Peck, that's four words."

The Green Hornet has seen her best days—at least for awhile. At Valley all the girls gave up their cherished places in the cars to the boys who had vacated the wounded bus. However, the girls went sight-seeing in the metropolis of Valley.

"What's the matter with St. Joe's?" was the cry of all St. Bon's students on the evening of February 23. Everyone was wondering why it was so quiet until Father finally informed them of the mix-up in schedules. St. Joe's was in Blair playing. Our game was then played Friday night. Nice try, anyway!

Congratulations to Delores Rupprecht on winning the Constitution contest.

"Rags to Riches" might be symbolic of Eddie Kavanaugh. "Riches to Rags" might better define Paul Siemek and Duane Clark. You boys really play for the high stakes, huh?

Lost — one shoe belonging to Dorothy Gladfelter. We know the snow was deep, Dot, but, how did you manage to lose your shoe for a week?

Discussion during bookkeeping— Bob F. "My grandfather had a hard time getting his old age pension. Finally when everything was settled he 'kicked off'."

Lorraine H. "I didn't know your grandfather was a football player, Bob."

The Sweetheart Dance was a howling success. Congratulations to the King and Queen. According to looks, EVERYONE had a good time!

In speech class everyone was to make a telephone call to another class member.

Don S. (While waiting for an answer from Bob Fyfe) "Com'on Bob, answer!"

Bob F. "I can't, nobody's at home!"

The Venture isn't the only paper being edited in school. The girls have come up with their own scandal sheet. Included in this paper are such features as: Joanie's jingles, Phill's follies, Dottie's ditties, Sheila's shenanigans, Stacia's salutations, Joyce's chatter of little teeth, Hustle's helpful hints. Anyone wanting to subscribe, contact Sheila McGowan.

Bob Wemhoff is seen around school driving a different car. His other is moaning in a lot with a bruised fender. (Try to keep your mind on your driving the next time, Bob.)

Beware! Keep your crocheted chair pieces securely fastened when Phyllis is visiting — she carries them away on her coat sleeve and deposits them in room 7.

The reporter asked one of the homeroom teachers for the "Honor Roll" students. The teacher said: "Did you say onery roll? There are too many in this class to have their names published!" (Oh, oh! Where is that class?)

#### BONNIES AGENDA

March 18 .....Girls' Assembly  
March 20 .....University of Nebraska Examination  
March 24 .....Yessir Tribe  
April 1 .....Track Meet—Albion, Schuyler, St. Bon's  
April 7 .....Ord Invitational  
April 9 .....Columbus Invitational  
April 13 .....St. Bon's Invitational  
April 16 .....Governor's First Safety Congress



# Shamrock Quintet Enters Stanton Invitational; Dean Soulliere Leads Irish Scoring Attack

## Irish Cagers Take First Round Victory

St. Bonaventure blitzed Wayne with a terrific first canto offensive, and went on to roll up a 61-53 victory in the first round of the Stanton Invitational tournament.

Coach Bob Costello's quint wasted no time in dropping Wayne. With fancy sharpshooting coupled with strong rebounding and defensive play, the first quarter was climaxed with a 21-3 favor.

The Bonnies led at the half by a 34-17. Sharpshooting by Dean Soulliere paced the Irish with 29 counters, while Ed Kavanaugh added 11. Tom Bonk, John Tooley, and Jim Hoshor did some good rebounding and floor work.

Larry Hofeldt, a husky 6-4 sophomore center, sparked the Wayne club with 26 points with 20-11 from the charity line.

## Stanton Edges Irish Tourney Favorite Trounces Irish '5'

Stanton nipped St. Bonaventure last night, 47-45, in the semifinals of the Stanton Invitational. It was nip and tuck all the way, with the host team having the height advantage in 6-5 Clair Prokupek and 6-3 Dave Steele.

The Bonnies playing their 3rd game in as many starts took a 13-12 first quarter lead. But it was deadlocked at the half, 21-21. Entering the stretch the Green and White led 35-34, but Stanton moved ahead 46-45 a while later on the tip-in shooting of big Clair Prokupek. He then added a free throw to end the scoring.

Prokupek added 22 points for the winners and Soulliere led the losers with 20. The loss snapped a six game winning streak for the Shamrocks.

Wisner, the tourney favorite, took third place in the Invitational by trouncing the Shamrocks 67-49.

Playing their fourth consecutive game, the weary Shamrocks trailed throughout the contest. St. Bonaventure made its best bid in the opening minutes of the second half, rolling in 11 straight points and pulling close to Wisner by a 30-32 count.

Soulliere had 21, with Jim Hoshor collecting 8 for the losers.

## Shamrock Cagers Break Single Game Point Record

St. Bonaventure's cagers posted the highest point total ever recorded by a Shamrock team, while besting Osceola by a 82-42 count. This erased the former record of 78 stacked up this season at the expense of the Leigh five.

### Kavanaugh Leads Scoring Attack

The well-balanced scoring attack displayed by the Irish teamsters was led by sophomore Ed Kavanaugh with 22 counters. Dean Soulliere and Jim Hoshor each garnered 16 with Leo Stavas adding 13.

### Grossnicklaus Heads Bulldogs

Grossnicklaus and Dinges hit for 15 and 13 respectively for the Bulldogs. Kavanaugh and Hoshor each hit three buckets in the second quarter, and Soulliere dropped a pair.

St. Bonaventure came back with a 21 point third quarter and a 24 point barrage in the fourth.

### Arasmith Collects Fifteen

In the preliminary game, Floyd Arasmith collected 15 points in a 33-40 setback.

## Irish Loopsters Nab Warrior Breath-Taker

John Tooley's side looper with 40 seconds to go, posted the St. Bonaventure Irish with a 45-44 breath taker on the Schuyler court. The red hot contest didn't really catch fire until late in the last canto.

### Just Six Minutes Left

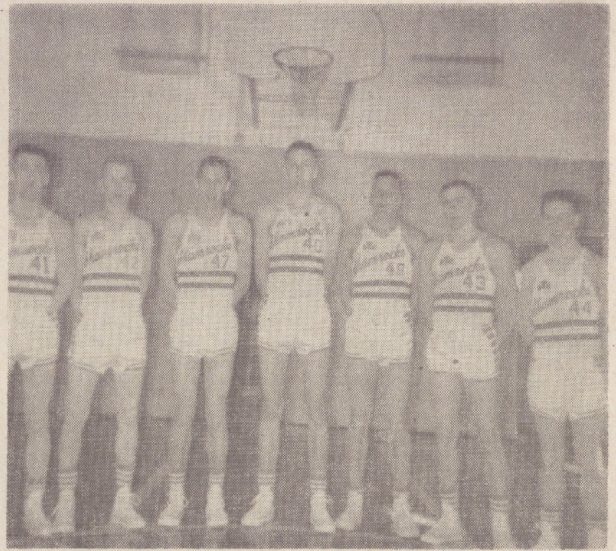
With six minutes remaining, Schuyler led by 39-28, but the Bonnies started to roll when John Tooley tossed in five and Dean Soulliere hit for four, thus cutting the lead to 41-37.

The count tied when Kavanaugh hit a fielder and Soulliere flopped in a one hander. Kavanaugh followed up with another to make it 43-41. Schuyler tied it on a dive-in and went ahead 44-43 on a free toss. Fifteen seconds later John Tooley notched his climaxer.

### Heart-breaking Loss

The Schuyler club led all the way until late in the fourth quarter making it a heart-breaking loss.

The Shamrock reserves also copped a thriller with a 57-54 verdict. Noonan had 18 and Jerry Micek 14 for the victors.



Left to right—Mike Tooley, Dean Soulliere, Leo Stavas, Ed Kavanaugh, Tom Bonk, Jim Hoshor, John Tooley.

## Irish Cagers Drop 60-56 Overtime Tilt

Concordia of Seward surprised St. Bonaventure with a 60-56 overtime victory. With the count tied at 54-54 at the end of regulation time, Seward went on to outscore the Irish 6-2.

### Gift Tosses Matched

In the first minute of the extra period, two free throws by Jim Hoshor were matched with gift tosses by Jerry Marty and Ted Maas of the invaders. Peterson's drive-in put Seward on top with Arlyn Franzen icing the contest with a short looper after 2 minutes were exhausted from the overtime period.

### Free-for-all Scoring

The game was a scoring free-for-all with Concordia entering the stretch at 44-36. Concordia slowly gnawed away the edge with scoring flurries by Marty, thus putting them ahead 52-50.

Shots were matched until the final gun ended regulation. The Irish were hurt tremendously by the loss of Tom Bonk and Eddie Kavanaugh on fouls. Soulliere collected 17 and Kavanaugh 15 points.

### Hefty Preliminary Contest

The preliminary was a hefty contest with the Irish seconds gaining a 51-40 verdict.

## Match 'Em

Do you know what people think of you? If not, take the initial of your first name and match it to the first column, the initial of the surname to the last column, and find out.

- |              |               |
|--------------|---------------|
| A-wkward     | A-pe          |
| B-oastful    | B-eeble brain |
| C-harming    | C-lown        |
| D-ignified   | D-er          |
| E-nergetic   | E-gg          |
| F-risky      | F-ish         |
| G-lamorous   | G-angster     |
| H-aughty     | H-ero         |
| I-gnorant    | I-diot        |
| J-ealous     | J-umping bean |
| K-ind        | K-angaroo     |
| L-azy        | L-emon        |
| M-elancholy  | M-oron        |
| N-aughty     | N-itwit       |
| O-nnoxious   | O-wl          |
| P-ert        | P-retzel      |
| Q-quick      | Q-uack        |
| R-efined     | R-obber       |
| S-entimental | S-nail        |
| T-alkative   | T-oad         |
| U-right      | U-ndertaker   |
| V-ain        | V-aeuum       |
| W-himsical   | W-izard       |
| X-erotic     | X-ylogen      |
| Y-outhful    | Y-aboo        |
| Z-ealous     | Z-ealot       |

## Cursory Glance Shows Outstanding Quint Record

Records are made! Each year the aim of the team is to chalk up a higher record!

Gleanings from the score book show that the Shamrock Cagers have, this season, set an all-time scoring record.

During this season 1110 points were garnered, thus giving the Irish a 55.5 point average for each game.

### Soulliere Carries Load

Dean Soulliere, corralling 422 points, carried the scoring load—38 per cent of it. His average—21 points per game.

The next highest scoring man, Ed Kavanaugh, claims 189 points with a 9.9 average.

Two other players, Jim Hoshor and John Tooley, plunked in over 100 markers; while Tom Bonk and Leo Stavas came near the 75 point bracket.

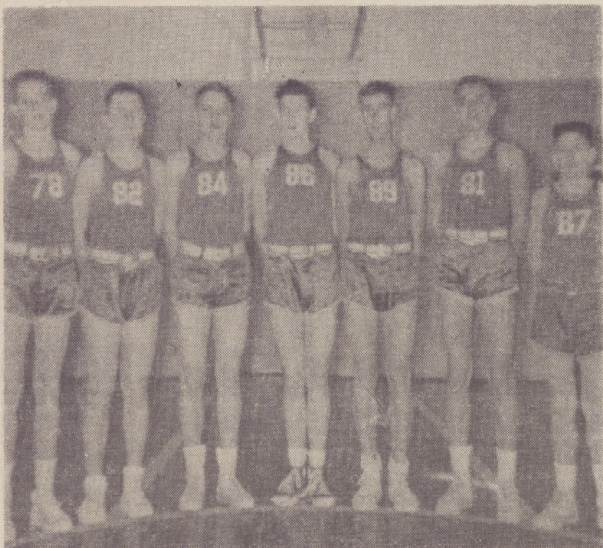
All in all, this was a high scoring season—a record year for future Bonnie cagers to break.

### Team Scoring

Dean Soulliere	422
Ed Kavanaugh	189
Jim Hoshor	146
John Tooley	127
Tom Bonk	74
Leo Stavas	73
Mike Tooley	63
Leo Moschenross	7
Joe Tooley	5
Floyd Arasmith	2
Don Noonan	1
Eugene Nosal	1

## ADD ANOTHER CANDLE—HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

March	
2	Bob Wemhoff
3	Mary Ellen Egger
15	Marilyn Adamy
15	Mary Catherine Bothe
19	Bob Messersmith
24	Nancy Boettcher
25	Dave Vanek
26	Ed Kavanaugh
29	Don Noonan
April	
1	Bill Murphy
5	Dwayne Johnson
9	Bob Snell
10	Clarence Pensick
13	Cliff Roddy
14	Dominic Zarek
16	Joyce Soulliere
17	Sharon Hoshor
18	Lillian Miller
19	John Tooley



Left to right—Don Noonan, Jerry Micek, Mike Micek, Ambrose Placzek, Floyd Arasmith, Dennis Schefczek, Tom Stevens.



## Browsing Through the Years...

With nothing more to spend than time, we decided it would be fun to see if things were a bit different at St. Bonnies ten and fifteen years ago. Here's the result of our browsing through the old "Ventures."

### Ten Years Ago

The Shamrocks won the District Class "C" basketball tournament. The team was rated eighth in the State. The school was rated successful in all three major sports because of an unbeaten season in football and basketball. The Irish copped the traveling trophy in Platte County track meet.

The Rev. Arno Hartman organized the first Booster Club.

Miss Winifred Moersen, senior, was elected Sodality Prefect.

The seniors took the lead in selling the most football tickets.

The juniors boast the largest attendance at the first school dance.

The sophomores set an all-time high record for the candy sale.

The freshmen have the highest daily Mass and school attendance.

Catherine Hauser was the "Service" column editor. She was kept busy writing letters to the boys across the sea.

Albert Tucek was elected president of the Holy Name Society.

Mr. Louis Rambour spoke in assembly on "Lawyers and Governments." Mr. Otto F. Walter en-

tertained the young people with his antics on the piano.

Jack Miller was awarded the Eagle Scout Badge. Mr. Leo N. Weidner, has been his Scoutmaster through his various ranks on the way to Eagle rating.

### Fifteen Years Ago

Six-man football was added to the high school athletics.

The old barn was converted into a gym. One end of the "chicken-orium" was turned into a kitchen.

The seniors and juniors decided to form a St. Bonaventure student forum for the purpose of encouraging the more interested students to discuss important problems of citizenship.

A statue of St. Joseph was erected on the school grounds facing 18th Avenue.

Coach Paul Ernst was married at 6 o'clock Mass to Miss Dorothy Clements.

Parka hoods and snow shoes are the fad around St. Bon's.

This year the seniors were all right—the only class in the school without a left-handed student.

"The Venture" staff—Ben Nosal, Margaret Morgan, Bob Frischholz, Alice Johnson, Ellen McNair, Rose Gonka, Marie Woerth, Orpha Deitering, Vernetta Schroeder.

This is it! We had fun looking over the olden times and, of course, we hope you did also!

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## Oratorical Contest Winning Essay

### The Constitution In Operation

"We the People"—The first three words of the constitution declare by what authority the United States of America is ruled. The Constitution is a direct emanation from the people. Having won their liberty and independence by force of arms and having experienced distress and danger, the people finally succeeded in forming a perfect Union and establishing its rule — **THE CONSTITUTION OF THE UNITED STATES**. The government of the United States is the creation and creature of the people themselves—as absolute sovereigns.

The objects sought by the American people in their aspirations for the preservation of liberties are found in the Preamble to the Constitution. To form a more perfect union, to establish justice, to insure domestic tranquility, to provide for the common defense, to promote the general welfare and to secure the Blessings of Liberty and Prosperity and to establish the rules of the nation: these were the aims of the colonists. Our forefathers in their understanding foresight divided the government into three branches—the legislative, the executive, and the judicial.

Congress is the legislative power of the United States. Consisting of two houses—the Senate and the House of Representatives—it plays a very important role in the work of the government. Neither branch of Congress can enact a law separately. Both houses must enact a law. Congress cannot delegate its power to make laws to an executive department or an administrative officer, nor can any department or officer repeal, extend, or modify an act of Congress. Congress may, however, vest in executive officers the power to make necessary rules and regulations to enforce a law.

The general process of making laws is set forth in the Constitution. Every bill must have the approval of the President or it cannot be passed without a two-thirds revote of both houses.

The chief power conferred upon the government is that of taxation. It's power to tax is unlimited. Next to taxation comes the power to regulate interstate and foreign commerce. This important function has to do with traffic, intercourse, navigation, trade, and shipping.

Congress also holds exclusive power to coin money and regulate its value. To declare war is another exclusive power of the government.

Several prohibitions are imposed upon Congress in the body of the Constitution. The privilege of habeas corpus may not be suspended unless the public safety shall require it; no bill of attainder may be enacted; no ex post facto law may be passed; no export tax may be imposed; no preference may be given to any particular state; no money may be drawn from the Treasury except appropriations made by law; and no title of nobility may be granted.

The Executive power of the United States is vested in the President. He must be a native born citizen for his job is one of the most important and powerful in the world. His duties are to have command of the military and naval forces, grant reprieves and pardons, make treaties, appoint and commission officers, give information to Congress, receive foreign ministers, and take care that the laws be faithfully executed. In addition he has veto power. It is evident that while the President is head of the executive department, his duties are not confined to the execution of laws. The power of veto is distinctively legislative as is also the treaty making power and the right to advise Congress. The pardon power is judicial.

The President himself does not execute the laws. He is responsible for seeing that they are executed, the actual tasks being performed by a host of officials under him. The Constitution directs that the President should appoint diplomatic and consular officers, judges of the Supreme Court and all other Officers of the United States.

As commander-in-chief of the army and navy the President may make rules and regulations for the government of these forces. These regulations have the force of laws.

The President's power to pardon is not subject to regulation by Congress. Congress cannot limit the

effect of his pardons nor exclude any class of offenders from the exercise of a pardon.

Under the treaty making power, the President, with the advice and consent of the Senate, may make contracts with foreign nations of the most far-reaching character, and treaties are the supreme law of the land. During war, treaties with the enemy are usually suspended or terminated automatically, and peace is usually made by treaty.

One of the most striking and novel features of the Constitution is the establishment of the Judicial branch as an independent and co-equal department of the government.

The Constitution provides for "one supreme Court, and . . . such inferior Courts as the Congress may from time to time ordain and establish. The judicial power of the United States is vested in these courts.

The Supreme Court hears very few cases that have not been heard before in inferior courts, as the Constitution gives it original jurisdiction only in cases affecting ambassadors, ministers, and consuls, and those in which a State itself is a party.

So we find that in the three branches—the legislative, the executive and the judicial, the work of ruling a nation is carried on successfully. And in the Constitution we find the ideals of all those colonists fulfilled. Everyone, whether young or old, rich or poor, white or dark, a native or a naturalized citizen is equal in a Democracy such as that proposed, lived, and fulfilled by **THE CONSTITUTION OF THE UNITED STATES**.

By Delores Rupprecht

### Science Classes Tour B-D Manufacturing Plant

Mr. Kenneth Kingston welcomed the physics and chemistry classes in a recent tour of the B-D Manufacturing Plant. The classes were shown the different processes of making thermometers.

They then were taken to the bacteriology department where Mr. Hamilton explained the Vacu-tainer and the sterilizer.

The Vacu-tainer itself was demonstrated in another department by Mr. Podraza. He talked about and gave the students for inspection, hypodermic needles being used by the Red Cross for blood donors.



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### Venture Solves Irish Mystery

Sports were connected with St. Bonaventure's for the first time in 1931. Five high school boys and two grade school boys made up the first basketball team. These players were: Francis and Clarence Morgan, Raymond Efting, Joe Bowe, Jack Burnes, Larry Burnes, and Charles Curl.

Since these first boys were Irish, that name stuck. Being Irish—Shamrocks as their nickname was next in order, Green and White became the identifying colors because some good Irishmen—Tooley Drug Company—furnished the first basketball suits in green and white.

Early coaching was done by such notables as: Pete Lakers, Walt Philips, Crawford Snell, Mr. Shank, and Mr. Shadowick.

In 1936, Paul Ernst became basketball mentor. Faithful service for fourteen years was rendered by him. He is called: "The pioneer of St. Bon's athletics."

### Attention!

Word has gotten to the VENTURE staff members that our paper has become a senior paper! Has it occurred to these "students" that we cannot write anything we know nothing about? If we are not present in your classes, we cannot possibly know what occurs therein. A paper is only successful when "everyone" helps, and not only a few doing what the other kids don't have time to do. How many times have you handed your articles in on time?

The students also should realize that if any little thing that you do is newspaper material, then kindly hand said articles to one of the Feature Editors or News Editors. Your contribution will appear in print.

Please, when you decide to condemn the Staff, ask yourself first if you've done anything to help us out. We cannot put out a paper without news and the news must come from YOU!!!

This is your paper, remember—Why not hand in your articles first—then your criticisms.

The Staff

### General Motors Presents Many Scientific Miracles

"The General Motors Corporation has for many years pioneered in the field of educational science shows. Their presentations have been seen and enjoyed by millions all over the country!"

These words of welcome, from Sister M. Bronisla, brought to the student body an educational and humorous demonstration of scientific miracles from the Research Laboratories of America.

Ron Stacker and his partner, Dave Smith of G.M. Public Relations, showed how science is and can improve our everyday living.

Some of the demonstrations were the making of synthetic rubber, radar and radio beam transmitters, a compact glass flask, and vari-colored potions.

The final demonstration was a very capable showing of toy model jets ranging in speed from 65 to 75 M.P.H.

### 'Strange Happenings' Recall Woods Episode

But Birnam Woods to Dunsinane did come! Shades of the immortal Bard, how you must gaze astounded at the feat which took place as of Monday, February 22, 1954—three hundred forty-eight years after the witches in their infernal cavern promised safety to Macbeth, who, driven by a "vaulting ambition" to gain the heights of power, fell to the very depths because his free will was not strong enough to say "No" to the promptings of his satanic foe.

On said Monday morning, by the united powers of: man's intelligence, a diesel engine's endurance, and a bulldozer's undeniable brawn, the blue spruces, junipers, and lindens were moved from the monastery lawn to that of the Sisters' convent yard.

### Archdiocesan Teenagers Enter True Voice Contest

Teenagers in the Archdiocese of Omaha had the opportunity to express their point of view on the subject: "Why the True Voice Should Be in Every Catholic Home in the Archdiocese."

The True Voice editors sponsored this contest in regard to the above statement.

Any high school student, living in the Archdiocese of Omaha could enter. All that was required was a written essay of not more than 500 words on the above topic.

The deadline for this contest was March 1. Three cash prizes will be awarded the winners. The first prize will be \$25, the second \$10, and the third \$5.

### To Be Sure---The Old Huntin' Grounds





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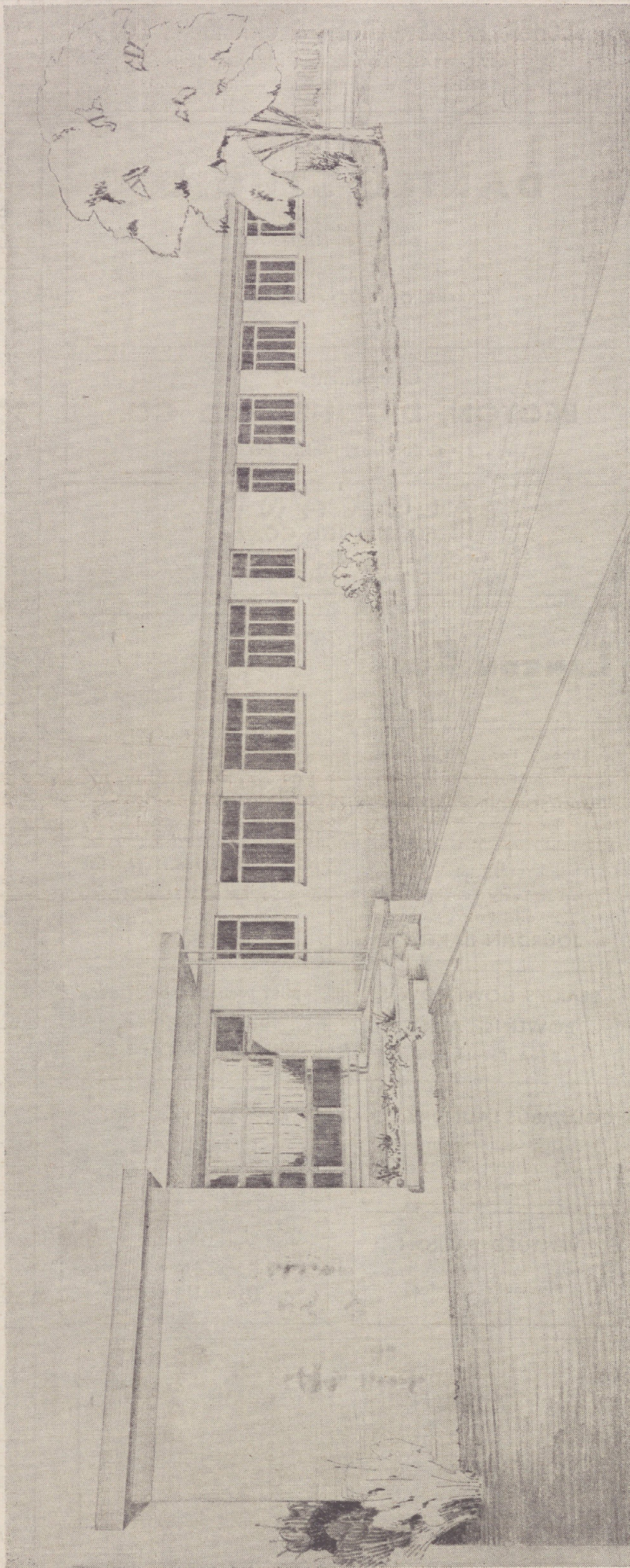
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Attention, Boys!  
Have Your  
Prom Dates  
Been  
Purchased? ?!!

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## Six 'Venture' Journalists Join International Honor Society

Six "Venture" journalists have been enrolled in Quill and Scroll, an honorary society for capable journalists.

Sister M. Cryill, publication advisor, announced last week that Editor-in-Chief, Helen Gahan, Feature editor, Sally Ragatz, News and headline co-editors, Sharon Bove, Nancy Boettcher, and Mary Catherine Bothe, and Editorialist, Sharon Robb, were all candidates for the Quill and Scroll membership. They have been accepted and approved by the Quill and Scroll Executive Secretary.

**Advisor Recommends Candidates**  
Candidates are recommended by the advisor after they have met the necessary requirements. These requirements are that the prospective member be: 1. on the high

school newspaper staff; 2. of senior or junior classification; 3. in the upper third of his class; 4. recommended by the publication advisor; 5. be approved by the Society's Executive Secretary; 6. have done superior work in writing, editing, or business management.

The new members will receive the Quill and Scroll society pin. "The Venture" also received a good and blue felt re-instatement pennant from the chapter.

## Senior Class Stages Three-Act Comedy

"It Won't Be Long Now", a comedy in three acts by Milton Herbert Gropper, will be staged by the senior class on April 25 and 26 in the Social Hall.

The story centers around a millionaire who is faced with the problems of money, love, and health. The development of these problems and the consequences resulting make an interesting and comical story.

In the cast are the following seniors: Dean Soulliere, as Thomas, the butler; Mick Tooley, William Meek, a clerk; Jim Hoshor, "Beansy" Blake, an office boy; Leo Stavas, Robert Preston, a successful young businessman; Shirley Ramaekers, Miss Wilkes, his stenographer; Tom Bonk, Charles Dobson, a political word healer; Ron Warholoski, Dr. Walter Talley, a physician of 45; Joan Syslo, 20; Pat Michaelson, a policeman, Irish, of course; Ken Roddy, Frank Cullen of the People's Party; Elaine Kneifel, Olga, a Swedish cook; Dorothy Jarecki, Frances, a maid; Donald Sullivan and Dom Zarek as two photographers.

The Production Committees for the play are as follows: Stage Electrician, Bernard Petermann; Stage Managers, Bill Murphy and Raphael Schilz; Student Directors, Patricia Wozny and Betty Sleddens; Prompters, Daviane Powell and Rose Blahak; Program Committee, Rosie Paprocki, Marilyn Boroviak, Jane Luetkenhaus, and Mary Micek; Make-up Committee, Stacia Bolin, Sally Ragatz, Ken Cielocha, and John Tooley.

The entire direction and production is under the senior class sponsor, Sister M. Bronisla.

## Nancy Boettcher To Girls' State; Lakers Tends Cornhusker Boys' State



Nancy Boettcher has been chosen by the Catholic Daughters of America to represent St. Bonaventure at the Cornhusker Girls' State. The 1954 session will be held on the University of Nebraska Campus in Lincoln during the week of June 8-14.

Barbara Mitera, a junior, is Nancy's alternate.

Nancy, also a junior, is included in a variety of extra-curricular functions. She is secretary-treasurer of the junior class. She is headline co-editor of THE VENTURE, and is currently a member of the band, glee club, and youth center and has been a member of the symphonette, Noel choir, pep band, flute trio and Sodality.

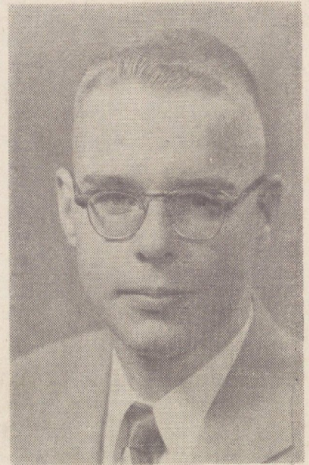
Nancy attended Camp Sheldon with the Girl Scouts and served as a counselor-in-training.

Barbara, having a high scholastic

standing, is president of her junior class, had served as class secretary during her freshman year, and was a member of the Sodality, cornet trio, symphonette and pep band. At present, she belongs to the 4-H, Pi Mu, glee club, and youth center. She was elected as County Treasurer in the Cornhusker County Government.

Girls State, sponsored by the Nebraska American Legion Auxiliary, is an important project in Americanism and citizenship.

The project is designated to observe the elements of state and city government. The citizens of Girl's State elect their own city, county and state officials, introduce and argue their own bills in their legislation, and learn regular election procedures. Outstanding Nebraskans will lecture during the course of the event. The girls will also participate in planned entertainment and recreation.



Tom Lakers has recently been selected St. Bonaventure's delegate to attend Cornhusker Boys' State in Lincoln this summer.

The Lions Club, which is sponsoring his trip, chose Tom on the basis of scholastic ability, leadership, qualities of citizenship and general good health.

Tom, a junior, entered St. Bon's High this year after having attended St. Joseph's seminary the past three years and has taken part in numerous extra-curricular activities. He's currently serving as co-chairman on the prom committee. Tom is also a member of the Legion of Mary, Third Order of St. Francis, and the Columbus Civil Air Patrol. He was a member of the crack undefeated Shamrock grid team. He won first honor in the recent C. D. A. poetry writing contest.

The fourteenth annual session of Boys' State will be held on the University of Nebraska Campus during the week of June 4-8. Boys' State is sponsored by the Nebraska American Legion.

## Seven Juniors Capture National Poem Awards

In November, the junior class began writing poems. After polishing and rewriting them they laid aside their poems for a length of time. Later, they were given out to the students who went over them, polished them some more, and rewrote them again. This happened four different times.

The poems were then typed according to the rules of the contest. These poems were sent to the National High School Poetry Association in Los Angeles, California. There they were judged.

The winners were announced last week. They are: Sharon Robb, Lawrence Mielak, Imelda Euteneuer, Mary Ann Simpson, Evelyn Pensick, Barbara Mitera, and Lorraine Pickchinke. The winning poems will be published in the Annual Anthology of High School Poetry.

Each student who pays \$1.00, receives a copy of the book and our school library will receive a free one.

This is the first time that St. Bonaventure High School students have entered this contest. And to come out with seven winners is really a poetic feat.

## Leo Stavas Represents St. Bon's At Governor's First Safety Congress

Leo Stavas, senior class president, will represent St. Bon's at the Governor's First Youth Safety Congress to be held on April 16 and 17.

The Congress, sponsored by the Lincoln Junior Chamber of Commerce, will be held on the State Capitol premises, with the majority of the meetings being held in the Capitol Building.

### Drivers Voice Opinions

The purpose of the Congress is to give the youthful drivers of Nebraska an opportunity to voice their opinions and to offer suggestions as to reducing the number of traffic accidents.

The local Knights of Columbus, Council 938, are sponsoring Leo's trip. Cletus Fischer, football and track coach, will accompany Leo to the congress.

In the course of the meeting, many noted speakers, including Governor Robert Crosby, will be heard.

## Diligent Juniors Cop CDA Poetry Contest

C. D. A. Vice-regent Mrs. Paul Pfeifer, addressing the senior and junior classes in a joint assembly announced the winners of the recent C. D. A. poetry writing contest.

The juniors walked away carrying the top honors of the event.

### Lakers Takes First

Tom Lakers took the first place award, while Sharon Robb and Imelda Euteneuer received second and third place honors, respectively.

A grand total of ninety poems were entered by the juniors. The three winning poems are now placed in the state contest. State winners go to the national contest with those poem winners being announced later.

### ADD ANOTHER CANDLE--- HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

April  
29 .....Beatrice Euteneuer  
22 .....Pat Michaelsen

May  
1 .....Dick Chollar  
6 .....Mark Kobus  
8 .....Joyce Bures  
13 .....Daviane Powell  
18 .....Dennis Minnette  
21 .....Jane Luetkenhaus  
26 .....Eugenia Podraza  
21 .....Joe Tooley  
29 .....Elaine Kneifel

## Characters Confuse Algebraic Students

Characteristic, mantissa, logarithm, tabular difference, fractional logarithm! How are the students ever going to keep each one in its proper place?

What at first seemed to be such a welter of confusion, soon cleared up once the applications were made in working out a number of problems. Now, the class in advanced algebra is handling logarithmic procedure in a way that is heart-warming to see. Even the negative characteristic no longer causes trouble.

Oh, Oh! There is an antilogarithm coming up over the horizon! We hope it will not be any worse than the logarithm.

## Music Departments to Present Their Spring Concert, May 14

The music departments will present their annual spring concert in the Columbus City Auditorium on May 14. Curtain time is scheduled for 8:00 p.m.

The band will render a varied program consisting of overtures, novelties, and marches. Highlighting the popular and overture division will be the "Gypsy Baron," "Moonlight Madonna," Raymond, "Chinese Temple Garden," "Comedian's Gallup," "Song of the Bayou," and the ever-popular "Ave Maria," by Schubert.

Novelties included will be "Toy Trumpet," and "Rocked in the Cradle of the Deep," the latter being a sousaphone solo.

"E Pluribus Unum," "Klaxon," "Skywriter," and "Colonel Bogey" will be among the marches to be played.

The Triple Trio will also be

featured. The Glee Club will present "Deep River" and "No Man Is An Island," the former being a Negro spiritual.

Bidding farewell in their final concert will be ten graduating senior band members, twenty-four choristers of the glee club, and seven Triple Trio girls and their accompanist, Delores Rupprecht.

## News Flash!!

Today's mail brought 41 Certificates of Achievement to the members of the bookkeeping classes. Thirty of the contest papers submitted, received a superior rating.

This International Bookkeeping Contest was sponsored by The Business Education World of New York.



Left to right, back row—Lorraine Herink, Joyce Melcher, Delores Rupprecht, Donna Jarecki, Joan Gregorius, Betty Gregorius. Front row—Stacia Bolin, Mary Ann Feik, Sheila McGowan, Sharon Bove.

## Triple Trio Guests Television Program

The St. Bon's Triple Trio traveled to Omaha April 2, to appear on "Kay's Karousel," a television program. After a brief interview with Mr. Van Ackeren, the girls sang three numbers. The theme song, "Blue Moon," opened the program, followed by—"In the Still of the Night," "The Old Master Painter," "Whiffenpoof Song," and closing with the theme.

After completing the T.V. show, the girls made a tape recording to be used on a radio show the following day. The recorded songs were: "The Old Master Painter," "Whiffenpoof Song," and "I Got Plenty of Nuttin'."

The personnel of the Triple Trio is as follows: Sopranos, Shiela McGowan, Joyce Melcher, Mary Ann Feik; Second sopranos, Joan Gregorius, Stacia Bolin, Lorraine Herink; Altos, Donn Jarecki, Betty Gregorius, Sharon Bove; the accompanist is Delores Rupprecht.



# Students Speak . . .

As the school year draws to a close, the gallant seniors face THE PROBLEM of this big, wide world. "What will you do when you graduate?" This baffling question asked all the seniors brought these results:

- Lorraine Herink: "Nurse's training at St. Joe's."
- Shirley Sullivan: "I'm going West and rest!"
- Eugene Nosal: "Go into Service."
- Jo Ann Cielocha: "Work in Omaha."
- Mick Tooley: "Study Medicine."
- Pat Wozny: "Work!!!"
- Joan Gregorius: "Nurse's Training."
- Shirley Ramaekers: "Take an accounting course."
- John Tooley: "Go to school."
- Elaine Kneifel: "Going to Kearney State Teachers."
- Bob Wemhoff: "Drive with BOTH hands!!!"
- Virginia Miller: "I'm going to work and save my money."
- Lillian Miller: "Follow Virginia!!!"
- Bill Murphy: "Going to have a girl in every port."
- Frances Buzynski: "Take a vacation."
- Joyce Melcher: "Beauty school."
- Stacia Bolin: "Going to Loretto Heights."
- Clarence Pensick: "Visit Uncle Sam!"
- Joan DeLarme: "My ambition is to travel and meet new people and acquire new friends."
- Bob Fyfe: "Be a grease monkey!"
- Joe Noonan: "I've got the 'Belle Bottom Blues'."
- Mary Ann Placzek: "At present—No Comment."
- Leo Stavas: "Study radio and television."
- Joyce Bures: "Leave Columbus."
- Betty Sladdens: "Work in Columbus."
- Ken Roddy: "Don't know, do you???"
- Davianne Powell: "Either college or work."
- Rosie Paprocki: "Undecided!!!"
- Marilyn Boroviak: "Acquire new friends."
- Pat Johnson: "Be a farmer!!!"
- Bernard Peterman: "Join the Navy and ride the waves."
- Joan Syslo: "Be a bookkeeper."
- Sheila McGowan: "I plan on going into Nurse's Training."
- Tom Bonk: "Let you know when that time comes."
- Janet Placzek: "Work in Columbus."
- Dean Soulliere: "Try to go to college."
- Ronnie Warholoski: "Find a college or go to the Army."
- Pat Michaelson: "This summer I'm going to be a 'Professional Bum'."
- Jane Luetkenhaus: "Fulfill my life's ambition—be an elementary grade teacher."
- Don Sullivan: "Join the Navy."
- Donna Jarecki: "Teacher or work."
- Dom Zarek: "I don't know!!!"
- Rosalie Burzynski: "Work for the Union Pacific."

- Helen Gahan: "Nurse's Training at St. Elizabeth's."
- Dot Gladfelder: "Nurse's Training in Omaha."
- Sally Ragatz: "Be a nurse."
- Shirley Jiranek: "Work and then go to Denver."
- Patty Vruble: "Nurse's Training at St. Elizabeth's."
- Dorothy Jarecki: "Work in Columbus."
- Delores Rupprecht: "Work awhile and then go to school."
- Rosie Blahak: "Work in Columbus."
- Ken Cielocha: "Join the Navy."
- Mary Ann Feik: "Go to Barnes Business School in Denver."
- Janette Fyfe: "Work in Columbus."
- Vince Galley: "Go to school or join the Marines."
- Phyllis Higgins: "A street cleaner."
- Mary Micek: "Work a year and then go to school."
- Raphael Schilz: "Attend Tri State College in Indiana."

## Sherlock Tracks Watergun Culprit

One day while I was working algebra, I discovered there was a member of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (F.B.I.) in our school. Her name is Sister Gunegundis. Something happened in the hall and she stepped out of the room for a minute. When she came back, she told Ed Kavanaugh to hold his hands high and to walk to the front of the room. She searched for a water gun, but she failed to come through with the right hunch. He did not have one. Then she had a bright idea. She walked to the desk where Ed sits, and sure enough, there was a yellow watergun. He then asked her how she knew that it was he who had a water gun. Her reply was something like this, "When I walked out of the room you shot the water at someone in the front of the room. Some drops landed on my desk. When the water hit the desk, it splashed in an extended line with the point where it came from. It came from your direction. I always say all one has to use is a little 'every day science'."



## Easter Parade Yourself to God

What does Easter mean to you? Is its true meaning really important to you, or is it just an excuse for getting a new outfit? You know what Easter is, of course, but do you ever stop to realize its meaning for you?

Easter is the Resurrection of Christ and it is the guarantee of your own resurrection. This, therefore, should be the most important day of the year for you.

During the Easter season it is our duty to receive Holy Communion, but we should not think of it as a duty. Think of the true joy and happiness you can achieve by joining yourself to Christ in His most glorious day!

We should meditate on the Passion and death of Christ. We should endeavor to prepare ourselves for the wonderful joy of Easter. This we can do only if thoughts of Christ and His death and Resurrection are uppermost in our minds.

Easter gives us such a wonderful opportunity for becoming close to Christ. Won't you take advantage of it? Remember, the most important Easter parade is the walk to Church and to the Communion rail on Easter morning!

Sharon Robb

## Easter Blessings



## Knowledge: Worth Defending

Our educational system IS helping the individual meet his problems through one of the most commonest, everyday occurrences: that of attending school. Through this means, we, as students, and the future leaders of tomorrow's world, are learning the necessary knowledge to defend ourselves, our country and our democracy. We are taught the uses of freedom and, "man's right to knowledge and the free use thereof," is put into effect.

We use the privileges of intellectual and academic freedom, scholarly inquiry and expression, freedom of opportunity, association, speech and mind. Everyone of these freedoms is used by us daily. With the use of our education and knowledge, we can break the dark barriers of communism, racial and religious prejudices; and will arise at the top—with free minds in a free society.

In regard to the above, how can we, here at St. Bon's, afford to miss out on any part of our education? Take this seriously, because our education and the right to knowledge are among the first lines of defense and are certainly worth using and guarding.

Helen Gahan

We're Still Waiting—  
Only A Month to Go!  
Signed,  
The Girls.

## Strange Things Are Happening—

The fact that spring is here is very evident on the faces of the students of St. Bons. There appears to be a heavy drowsiness in the air.

The biology students look longingly out the windows; the windows, by the way, are exceptionally clean, due to the courtesy of "Gum Chewers and Window Washers, Inc.," twenty-four-hour-service.

The world history class doesn't seem to care one way or another who discovered America, or in what year the War of 1812 was fought.

The literature class all look ready to pool their books for a giant bonfire, even if Homecoming is far, far away.

Boys out for track, find themselves capable of running ten blocks without taking a breath, well maybe—five blocks.

Oops! Spring has captured me, too, so here's a little poem I wrote for you.

Roses are red,  
Violets are blue.  
You're probably sick of this  
And I am too.  
Toodle oo!

Judy Olivetti

## A Free Press Still Prevails

In 1735, Freedom of the Press was first expounded by John Peter Zenger in New York—41 years before the Declaration of Independence. The people of the United States realized early that freedom of the press is essential in inciting and developing democratic principles in a people.

Leafing through a copy of an old newspaper, I came upon some strange news concerning our local paper. Realizing how little I knew of our paper, I started an investigation of my own. Here are a few of the facts I discovered about our local papers.

In 1866, the first newspaper in Columbus, "The Golden Age,"—the only paper printed between Omaha and Fort Kearney—was duly established.

The best established paper was the "Platte Journal" founded in 1870. Later, its name was changed to "Columbus Journal." At the death of M. K. Turner, in 1902, the paper was sold to Abbot and Kennedy, under the new name of "The Columbus Era;" this Democratic paper proved to be the forerunner of our modern Telegram.

In 1900, J. Edgar Howard became the owner of "The Telegram" and for 52 years unceasingly advanced the source of the free press to the people of our region. After the death of Mr. Howard, in 1952, the paper came under the supervision

of Zela H. Loomis. Mr. Loomis has continued to provide the community with an outstanding news publication.

The primary purpose of my nosing through the news was to clarify one important Freedom that we all love. My search points out that newspapers will always be successful and helpful as long as FREEDOM of the PRESS prevails.

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## Warrior Tracksters Take Irish Dual Meet

Schuyler, getting revenge for their defeat in basketball, defeated the Shamrock cindermen, 81-51, in a season opener for both squads.

The Warriors had far better balance and showed it by taking six firsts and tying for two others.

The best efforts were in the sprints, with Hans Arps of Schuyler and Jim Hoshor as the standouts. Arps breezed home with a :54.5 quarter mile and he and Hoshor deadheaded in the 100-yard dash with a :10.5 clocking. Hoshor also took the 220 in :24.5.

Several promising freshmen uncovered themselves as freshmen events were interspersed in the varsity competition. The Bonnies' frosh tracksters took the only relay posted, with a :53.5 reading of the 440 yard relay.

## Gang Replenishes Brand New Supply

Ah, why all the commotion and joyous laughter issuing from Room 5? The time is 12:40. Er, ah, let's see—that would be the bookkeeping class. Boy, are those kids excited!

Gee, do you suppose—could it be—a free day coming up soon? I hope so. When class is dismissed, I'll ask someone to put me wise.

Here comes a classman now. "Hey, what's going on in there? Your group, otherwise so very quiet, was really happy just a few minutes ago. What was it?"

"You got what?" "Brace yourselves, kids—the answer is logical. Today, sister handed out 'brand new blotters' to the gang!"

## Prospective Collegiates Attend Mass College Day

College Day was held last evening at 7:30 p. m. in the Kramer High School Auditorium.

This day was for the benefit of all seniors from Kramer and St. Bonaventure planning to further their education by attending college. The parents of these students were also invited to attend.

College Day gave the prospective student an opportunity to speak to representatives of the college of their choice.

**Interview Helps Students**  
This interview between student and college representative enabled the student to learn the various courses, activities, etc., of the college.

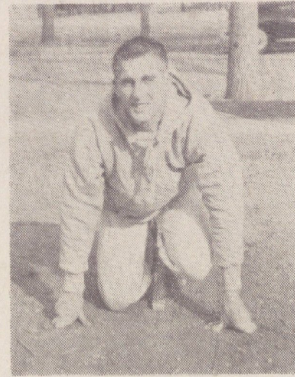
**Universities and Colleges**  
University of Nebraska—Lincoln.  
Creighton University—Omaha.  
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**Schools of Business**  
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**Trade Schools**  
Nebraska State Trade School—Milford.

BONNIES AGENDA	
April	
12	St. Pat's, St. Francis, St. Bon's Triangular Meet
13	Rev. Thomas Bowdern, S. J., to address seniors
15-19	Easter Vacation
15	Columbus Invitational
16	Governor's Congress
20	Classes Resumed
23	Norfolk Invitational
25-26	Senior Class Play
30	Omaha Centennial
30	St. Bon's Track Meet
May	
5	Grand Island Jr. Hi Invitational
6-7-8	District Track Meet
11-12	Seniors Final Exams
12	Beatrice Jr. Hi Invitational
14-15	State Track Meet
19	Junior-Senior Prom
21	Honor Day
??	Seniors Secret Day
23	Graduation
24-25	Final Exams Juniors, Sophies, Frosh
26	Report Cards
27	Dual Meet Here



Hoshor—Shamrock's 100-200 sprinter.

## What If-- The Following Were:

- Sharon Steal instead of Robb
- Lorraine Shovel instead of Pick (hinkle)
- Mary Cath One instead of Both(e)
- Sharon Courtsey instead of Bowe
- Helen Now instead of (a) Gahan
- Sally Rich instead of Rag (tz)
- Dorothy Sad instead of Glad(felter)
- John Three instead of Too(ley)
- Ronnie Peace instead of War(holowski)
- Clinton Door instead of Gates
- Jo Ann Penwell instead of Pevensick
- Vincent Guy instead of Gal(ley)
- Don Morning instead of Noon(an)
- Anita March instead of August(ine)
- Patty Bush in stead of Weid(el)
- Carole Car instead of Thraen
- John Bushel instead of Peck
- Mary Ellen Bacon instead of Egg(er)
- Merlyn Lock instead of Kee(fer)
- Bernard Woman instead of (Peter) Man
- Dean Body instead of Soul(liere)
- Marlyn Eve instead of Adam(y)
- Norma Lose instead of (Ir) Win
- Joan Good instead of Bad(stieber)
- Duane Noah instead of (Cl) Ark
- Johnny Wicked instead of Holy(s)



Stavos vaulting to win first place in Schuyler-Bonnies dual.

## Blair Tracksters Cop St. Bon's Invitational

Strength in the weight events sparked Blair to victory in a six way meet held April 6 at Pawnee Park, Blair entries placed first, second, and third in the shot put, and first and second in the discus.

Campbell of Blair slammed the weight and team mate Madsen won the high hurdles and tied for victory in the lows.

Pierce nosed out Schuyler in the mile relay with a 3:48.1 clocking. Hans Arps turned in a neat :54.1 in the 440 yd. dash and took the 100 yd. dash in :10.8.

Leo Stavos of St. Bonaventure went 10 feet to take the pole vault, for the only Bonnies' first place. Jim Hoshor was second in the 220, tied for third in the 100, and tied for third in the broad jump.



Moschenross hurdles to take first in lows.

## Irish Tracksters Form Improving Cinder Squad

The future of the Irish cindermen is beginning to take a more definite form. The squad is rapidly improving, and there are some returning lettermen who are becoming outstanding individuals in their respective departments.

**Bonnies Sport Fast Relay**  
For the past three years, St. Bon's has had one of the fastest 880 yard relays in the State. Three members of last year's crack 880-relay team have returned to make that relay a more experienced squad. These boys—Ken Cielocha, Jim Hoshor, and Tom Bonk—all seniors, also double in the 100 and 220 yard dashes.

Other returning cindermen are sophomore: Ed Kavanaugh, who will be running the mile, high jumping, and the discus; junior: Joe Tooley, sophomore Floyd Arasmith, and senior Mick Tooley will run the half-mile; Dean Souliere runs the mile and high jumps. (Dean is predicted to have his best track year this season). John Tooley and Leo Stavos take over the pole-vaulting spot.

**Freshmen Hold Promise**  
Freshies holding much promise are Joe Woerth, a miler, and Dennis Scheffcyck, in the hurdles.

Others comprising the track team and their positions are: Milo Herink, high jump; Carroll Smith, pole-vault; Bob Zoucha, shot put; Tom Dischner, sprints; Lloyd Bartholomew, sprints, and broad jump; Bob Wemhoff, high jump and shot put; Tom Lakers, mile; Clinton Gates, weights and high jump and Bob Snell, the two mile.

Starting this year, all prospective grid men for the '54 football season must participate in the track program.

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# Musicians, Vocal Divisions Enter Fremont District Music Meet

The St. Bonaventure's musicians traveled to Fremont to participate in the District Music Contest, April 8 and 9.

The band, competing in the Class B division, played as an opening selection, "Gypsy Baron" by Strauss; and "Raymond," a standard overture, by Ambrose Thomas and arranged by Safranek. This concluded the St. Bon's band competition.

### Glee Receives Rating

At 2:00 p.m., the glee club contended to receive an excellent rating. Seventy-nine members comprise the mixed glee. Their selections were "No Man Is An Island," arranged by Ringwald and "Deep River," a Negro spiritual by Burchleigh.

**Clarinet Quartet Render Numbers**  
The clarinet quartet, consisting of Dorothy Gladfeller, Phyllis Higgins, Sally Ragatz, and Yvonne Miter, vied for an excellent rating. The group played "Rondo," by Ignace Pleyel and "Swing Low, Sweet Chariot" arranged by Bennett.

Competing in the individual small groups, the Triple Trio, strove for and received a rating of excellent for their rendition of "In The Still of the Night" and "Lady of Spain" by Evans Reaves.

**Cornets Enter Competition**  
For the first time, the cornet trio entered the competition. The trio

Dear Editor:  
In behalf of the sophomore class I wish to compliment you on your wonderful work on THE VENTURE.

We realize all the difficulties of editing a paper, and your way of coping with these difficulties, therefore, we say, "Congratulations."

There are several in our class who would like more columns like "O'Leary Leprechaun" and "Inquiring Reporter," but the majority of us are completely satisfied with the paper as it is.

We did not take your "Attention" article too hard, but we will try to do our part a wee bit better in the future.

Thanks a bushel and a half for working so hard for our school paper.

Sincerely yours,  
Janet Melcher

## County Ballots Bewilder Dumbfounded Students

"County government — what's that?" . . . "What does the Register of Deeds do?" . . . "Why didn't I receive a voting paper like yours?" . . . "If you're in the Federalist party does that mean you are a Democrat?"

These were just a few of the questions heard in Saint Bonaventure High on election day.

The freshmen were completely unaware of what was going on; the sophomores were anxious for the on-coming year when they should represent their county; the seniors were recalling what fun it had been for them; and, alas, the juniors were really too scared to vote.

Yes, the junior homeroom was quite upset that morning, everyone being a little too anxious for the final counting. Then after the count and the recount, the losers, all being good sports, congratulated the winners and the victors could think of nothing to say but, "What are you going to wear?"



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is composed of Betty Gregorius, Barbara Mitera, and Rosemary Seimek. They rendered "Three of a Kind" and "My Buddy Polka." This group received an excellent rating.

Sophomore, Mariann Shonka, entered the soprano solo division with "Brown Bird Singing," by Hadyn Wood, to merit a good rating.

In all, St. Bonaventure's earned: four excellents; two good.

## Here and There

Double orchids to Nancy Boettcher. She had been chosen our representative to Girl's State. During the elections for the County Government, she received the highest number of votes for the office of Register of Deeds. Generously, Nancy waived her election in favor of the runnerup: Sharon Robb. . . . That was a beautiful act, Nancy, and St. Bon's is justly proud of you.

The Kramer and St. Bonaventure Bands led the Omaha "Yessir" tribe in their annual parade through Columbus.

St. Bonaventure Adult Choir will sing the Easter High Mass in honor of St. Charles Borromeo. During the Offertory, Pietro Yon's "Victimae Paschali," will be sung.

Now and then there appears a surprise visitor here at St. Bons. All are happy to see Father Joseph B. Hagen, O.F.M., spend a day or two here after conducting a Mission in the vicinity of Columbus.



A Joyous Easter to  
Our Readers.  
The Venture Staff

### Easter Morn

Oh! Glorious Easter Morn,  
We hail thee once again;  
The morn of Jesus' triumph  
O'er death, hell and pain.

The morn of our redemption,  
That broke the bonds of sin,  
The finish of that battle  
Which only Christ could win.  
Well then may we hail thee,  
Oh! happy Easter Morn,  
And bring the choicest flowers  
God's altar to adorn.

As nothing is too bright,  
And nothing is too gay,  
To Welcome Easter Morn,  
And Christ's great love repay.  
—Selected.

## Holy Mass

There is nothing of so much worth as Holy Mass. Jesus Christ is there for you; the priest is your representative. Our Lord desired to be remembered. It was for this He bade His priests to offer up continually the Holy Sacrifice. At Holy Mass Jesus delivers Himself up for you to do with Him as you will.

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## If Lord Salisbury Had Ever Known---

Lent! Fast! Food! My, how thoughts conjure pictures of the latter, and lure me away from my good resolves for the first and second items mentioned. The very word, food, makes me hungry! But, wait! What day of the week is this? To be sure, Sunday!

Now without any more qualms of conscience, I can hie myself away to a first-class restaurant.

Ah, this menu is most interesting! Let me see—something different is what I crave today. Something that even Mom has never concocted! Here it is—Lord Salisbury steak—just the thing for a man who is hungry, but still hard to please.

Patience is a virtue, but at last the waitress places before me my "piece de resistance." No, it cannot be! However, my eyes do not deceive me! There before me, in all its splendor of a big name, I behold—a lowly hamburger!

## Ten Senior Scouts At Conference

Ten freshmen girls of St. Bonaventure's Senior Girl Scout Troop 30 attended the second Nebraska Senior Girl Scout conference held in Omaha, April 3 and 4.

The conference began Saturday morning with a movie and speaker on civil defense, followed by group discussions on vocations and Senior Scout adventures.

Highlights of the two-day program included a talent show and sight-seeing tours of Omaha and Boys Town. Included in the tour of Boys Town was Mass in the Boys Town Chapel.

Representing Troop 30 were Jo Ann Woodworth, Elaine Boettcher, Mary Ann Pickhinke, Marian Skorupa, Rose Marie Kellman, Kathleen Briggs, Janet Markytan, Virginia Mimick, Margaret Mielak, and Joan Badstieber.

Leaders, Mrs. W. L. Boettcher and Mrs. Maurice Woodworth accompanied the group.

God often visits us, but most of the time we are not at home.  
—Abbe Raux.

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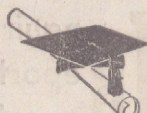
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Bob Wemhoff, center, asks—"Am I late?" Leo Stavos, far left, constantly looks at his watch.

Left to Right — Leo Stavos, Joan Syslo, Ronny Warholoski, Rosalie Burzynski, Robert Wemhoff, Dean Souliere, Mick Tooley, Shirley Ramaekers, Jim Hoshor.

## Senior Class Scores Superb Triumph In Presenting 'It Won't Be Long Now'

The seniors presented a highly entertaining performance of "It Won't Be Long Now" before a capacity audience in the Social Hall on Sunday and Monday evenings, April 25 and 26. The cast of fifteen characters was under the direction of Sr. M. Bronisla.

### Stavos Carries Lead

Leo Stavos was the leading character, portraying Robert Preston, a young millionaire whose outlook that "business and sentiment don't mix" was changed abruptly when he was told by his physician, Dr. Walter Talley, portrayed by Ronald Warholoski, that he had only 24 hours to live.

Preston made the 24 hours a busy time by trying to make his employees happy, donating to charities, trying to insure the happiness of the girl he loved by marrying her off to another man, locking horns with corrupt politicians, and finally, marrying a fortune-hunting female.

### Minor Characters Well-Portrayed

Other players in the cast were: Joan Syslo, as Ann Winston, the girl whom Preston loved; Ronald Warholoski as Dr. Walter Talley, the physician whose diagnosis started out the hilarious chain of events; Rosalie Burzynski, as Vivian Darrell, the hisping flapper who had Preston as her target; Tom Bonk, as Charles Dobson, the cynical political ward heeler; Dean Souliere, as Thomas, the butler; Mick Tooley, as William Meek, a clerk; Jim Hoshor, disguised under a crop of flashy red hair, played as Beansy Blake, the office boy, who kept the spectators in gales of laughter at his retorts; Shirley Ramaekers, as Miss Wilkes, the stenographer; Bob Wemhoff, as the Rev. Dr. Loring, of the Playground Center; Pat Michaelson, as the Irish policeman; Kenneth Roddy, as Frank Cullen of the People's Party; Elaine Kneifel, as Olga, the Swedish cook; Dorothy Jarecki, as Francis, the maid; and Donald Sullivan and Dominic Zarek as photographers.

## Elementary Grads Receive Diplomas

After the 9:15 a. m. Holy Mass on Sunday, May 23, forty-eight graduates of Grade Eight will receive their diplomas from the Reverend Pastor, Father Roch Hettlinger, O. F. M.

Those who will receive honors at this time are: William Andreas, George Arasmith, Robert Augustine, Robert Bartholomew, Donna Bernt, Angela Bieckel, Richard Blahak, Elaine Blahak, Jo Ann Bothe, Gerald Braun, Delores Broderick, Robert Bures, Jane Burzynski, Billie Jean Coles, Dennis Daley, Robert Duranski, Mary Jo Dush, Helen Ann Galley, Donna Hester, Mary Hilger, Jane Holys, Gaylord Kafka, Donald Kaminski, Jerome Kneifel, Norma Kretz, Anthony Kroenke, Nancy Ann Kubicek, Paul Langan, Richard Lux, Lea Markhofer, Sharon Messersmith, Maureen Micek, Mary Ellen Minette, Jerome Nickolite, Dorothy Petermann, William Reuss, Joseph Ryba, Richard Sansoni, John Schuele, Delores Shefyck, Elaine Siemek, Janet Sliva, Margie Sliva, Edward Stevens, Patrick Tooley, Carrol Wemhoff, Nicholas Wheeler, Judith Tylle.

The three-act farce by M. H. Gropper was centered in Preston's living-room: act one being in the morning, act two in the evening, and, the climaxing third act took place the following morning.

### Personnel Work Behind Scenes

Production personnel included: Sound and lighting, Bernard Petermann; stage managers, Raphael Schilz and William Murphy; program committee, Jane Luetkenhaus, Marilyn Borowiak, Rose Paprocki, and Mary Micek; make-up, Dorothy Gladfelter, Sally Ragatz, Ken Cielocha, and John Tooley; ushers, Clarence Pensick and Eugene Nosal; prompters, Davianne Powell and Rose Blahak; student directors, Betty Sleddens and Patricia Wozny.

Entertainment between the acts was provided by the ever popular Triple Trio, who, following the comical pace set by the play, kept the audience in rollicking laughter with their black-faced version of "Dinah" and the "Hoedown." They gave an encore of "I Got Plenty of Nothin."



## Sharon Robb Obtains 'Venture' Editorship New Staff Assumes Vacancies Next Term

Sharon Robb has been named as editor-in-chief of "The Venture" during the 1954-55 school year. She will fill the editor's chair, which is left vacant by graduating Helen Gahan, and will take over her duties next September.

Sharon, an honor student and an active junior, served as headline co-editor this year. She is a member of the Glee club, Youth Center, and representative of St. Bon's in the Cornhusker County Government as register of deeds. She attended the High School Journalism Convention at the University of Nebraska in Lincoln.

Assisting Sharon will be editors for: Page I—Mary Catherine Bothe and Judy Olivetti; Page II—Sharon Bove and Janet Melcher; Page III—Thomas Lakers and Paul Siemek; Page IV—Nancy Boettcher and Joan Minette. Joan

## Mothers - Daughters Attend Breakfast

Following eight o'clock mass, approximately 250 mothers and daughters attended the Mother-Daughter breakfast, held on Mother's Day, May 9, at the St. Bonaventure Social Hall.

Toastmaster for the event was Mr. Francis Haney. A tribute to Mothers was given by Jo Ann Matya and the response by Mrs. Robert Clinkscales.

Rev. Fr. Roch Hettlinger, O. F. M., spoke to the group, following the guest speaker, Mr. Robert Slimp.

A highlight of the breakfast was the presentation of awards to the oldest mother present—Mrs. Mary Janicek; to the youngest mother present—Mrs. August Warholoski; to the mother of the largest family—Mrs. Steve Foltz.

A vocal quartet consisting of Romayne Cerny, Verna Mielak, Mary Jo Tucek and Mary Ann Woerth, provided the musical entertainment for the occasion.

Chas. Clark, Editor of the paper, was man of the breakfast.

## Largest Senior Class Graduates; Traditional Exercises Mark Event

On May 23, fifty-nine boys and girls, the largest senior class in the history of St. Bonaventure High School ever to graduate, will take part in the traditional baccalaureate and commencement exercises.

The eventful day will begin with Baccalaureate services at the eight o'clock Mass with the graduates receiving Holy Communion in a body. Father Roch will give the Baccalaureate sermon.

A breakfast prepared by the senior mothers, will be served in the Social Hall following the Mass. Miss Isabel Micek will provide soft music throughout the breakfast.

Sharon Bove will also sing a solo, and Jim Hoshor will give a note of thanks to the mothers in behalf of the graduates.

### Commencement Held In Church

At 7:30 in the evening, the senior girls, dressed in white caps and gowns, and boys, dressed in royal blue caps and gowns, will march into church to the strains of "Pomp and Circumstance" played by Mr. Louis Rambour on the organ. Father Timothy Healy, O. F. M., a former parish priest, will give the main address at the commencement exercises, and Fr. Roch will confer the diplomas.

Solemn Benediction will then be held with Fr. Roch as celebrant. He will be assisted by Fr. Reinhard and Fr. Martin. Services will close with the singing of the hymn "Holy God."

Following the exercises in the church, a reception will be held in the Social Hall for the graduates, their family and friends. Refreshments will be served by the junior class mothers.



## E. Kneifel Merits Elks Scholarship

Elaine Kneifel has been named winner of the Elks "valuable student" award, according to an announcement made this morning during the honor convocation. She received the \$100 cash scholarship from a representative of the Columbus Elks Lodge.

Elaine ranks in the upper third of the senior class scholastically. During her high school career, she has been a member of the Legion of Mary, Youth Center, and Sodality. She was also a member of the choir during her freshman year.

She is presently news co-editor on the "Venture" staff and served on the 1954 annual staff. She also played a minor role in the senior class production staged last month. Elaine was last year's winner of the C.D.A. poetry contest.

Elaine was given close competition by classmates Delores Rupperecht and Ronald Warholoski. The winners were selected from brochures, prepared by themselves, that gave a summary of all their works, aims, and accomplishments of their high school career. These brochures were then judged by a state Elks' committee on the basis of scholarship, character, leadership, activities, aims, and ideals, initiative, and financial need.

Elaine will attend Kearney State Teacher's College during the summer session and will then teach.

## Missionary Addresses Junior, Senior Classes

"The spirit of independence, the spirit of experimentation, and the problems of relationship are youth's biggest handicap today," Father Daniel Pfeilschifter, O. F. M., a missionary from St. Joseph's Seminary, Westmont, Illinois, addressed these words to the junior and senior classes last Tuesday.

The conference was held in church following the eight o'clock Mass. Father Daniel spoke and counseled the students about different views on dating and keeping company.

## Band, Glee Presents 4th Spring Concert

The St. Bonaventure Band, well assisted by the Triple Trio, and the Girls' Choir, presented the fourth annual spring concert at the City Auditorium before a good sized crowd.

The program was divided into three divisions. The first division included the following: "The Gypsy Baron", a March Paraphrase by John Strauss; "My Moonlight Madness", from "The Merry Widow"; "Scotti"; "Pacific Grandeur", an Overture—J. Olivadoti; "In a Chinese Temple Garden", Oriental fantasy—Keteby; "The Phantom Regiment"—Leroy Anderson; "The Klaxon", a March—by Fillmore.

### Division II Features Specialties

The second division featured the majorettes, Triple Trio, and the specialty numbers of the different sections. The numbers were: "Salutation", a March — Seitz-Scott; "Rocked in the Cradle of the Deep"—DeLamater; a Sousaphone solo played by Joe Bonk and Bill Markhofer. The Triple Trio then offered three numbers: "Snow White Fantasie"—a choral adaption by D. Wilson; "Siboney"—E. Lecuona; "Mood Indigo", Ellington-Mills-Begard.

An accordion solo by Mary Ann Pickhinke with band accompaniment was then given. The selection was "Laura" by Mercer-Raksin. Mary Ann took two encores—playing "Busy Fingers," and "Begin the Beguine," respectively. Next came "Hail Trombones"—Trombone Smear by Frangkiser, played by the entire trombone section of Bob Messersmith, Paul Siemek, Chuck Micek, and Joe Woerth.

As the last number of the second division, the majorettes offered a tap routine to "Swanee River," "E Pluribus Unum"—March—Frangkiser.

### Descriptive Part

In opening the third division, the Band played "Song of the Bayou"—Rube Bloom incidental music sung by Mariann Shonka, Sheila McGowan, and Joyce Melcher; "Stormy Weather"—descriptive fantasy — Koehler-Arlen, Arr. by Bennett; "Toy Trumpet"—Scott Teague; "Waltz of the Flowers" from the Nutcracker Suite — Tschaiakowsky—with a ballet dance by Billie Jean Coles.

Closing the program, the Girls' Choir with band accompaniment sang the ever beautiful "Ave Maria" by Schubert. Soloists were Shiela McGowan, Joyce Melcher, and Mariann Shonka.

### Marian Year Dedication

This year's concert was dedicated to the Marian Year of Our Lady and proved to be a grand success.

### DEDICATION

To You, Our Most Beloved Mother, Queen, and Advocate We Dedicate This Our Senior Issue of THE VENTURE



# Inquiring Reporters Report Inquiries

Since we all know what the seniors are planning on doing this summer, we decided to ask the other students about their vacation outlook. Our curiosity was satisfied by these replies.

- Joyce S. Go to Lindsay and sleep.
- Janet M. Spend half my time trying to get a job and the other half trying to get out of it.
- Jackie M. Work eight hours, sleep eight hours, and have eight hours for fun.
- Madge T. Detassel corn in Iowa.
- Bob Zoucha Be a corn-johnny.
- Kenny N. Work, work, work, (that's a lot of work) and maybe a little fun on the side (OH!).
- Carroll N. Write a book (That's a big job)
- Ambrose P. Study (huh???) and listen to the baseball games.
- Judy O. I'll be out of town. (Any place in particular?)
- Bob Snell Call up all the girls!! (how did this get in here?)
- Tom S. Try to get a job.
- Don N. Keep out of trouble! (That's not easy)
- Larry S. Work at home, work out of town, work in town, and rest between works. (Now that's being a hard worker)
- Leonard N. Work, swim, and play baseball.
- Ann S. Help out at home.
- Pat T. "Goin fishin'" (Sounds fishy to me)
- Allen P. Plant a garden.
- Janet B. Going gopher hunting.
- Norma I. Work at the Y-Knot Drive Inn (Is that a hint?)
- Floyd A. Try my luck on horses, I guess.
- Sharon H. Write a chapter in Carroll's book.
- Bill M. Dig ditches.
- Betty D. Try to get in the Marines (Take Janet with you)
- Milo H. Work, work, work, and more work! (This is beginning to sound like a broken or cracked record)
- Janet M. Get recruits for the Marines (What have they got that we haven't got?)
- Ted P. Eat, sleep and be merry.
- Salvin Z. Take a vacation by milking cows.
- Jackie J. Get a real honest to goodness tanning. (What kind??)
- Ralph H. Take a trip to the mountains.
- Larry D. Be a fire bug. (You didn't learn that in school)
- Joan B. What comes in two's leaves in three's. (You going to see Bob too?)
- Nancy B. I'm going to do what comes naturally.
- Phil Z. Huh? (Spring fever, Phil?)
- Bob C. Make life tedious. (Or miserable for yourself)
- Pat W. Take it real easy and do nothing.
- Betty W. Take a slow boat to China.
- Roberta P. Guess I'll do the same.
- Elaine W. No comment, but if you want to know come and see me.
- Leona P. I'm going to take a short nap for three months. (And she calls that short.)
- JoAnn W. Pray for a longer vacation.
- Marion S. Enjoy myself.
- Phyllis D. Go to the mountains in Denver.
- Evelyn K. Go to Albuquerque, New Mexico.
- Carolyn C. I plan to leave school and wish I weren't coming back next year.
- Rose K. Do the same as in school—sleep, eat, and play.
- Betty Ann D. Take life easy.
- Shirley S. I plan to sleep late every morning—and rest all afternoon.
- Laverma B. Ditto!!!
- Yvonne M. I don't know yet.
- Joe B. Oh, I don't know.
- Barbara M. Study on being a mighty senior. (In other words, you made it.)
- Mary C. B. Recall the wonderful prom, eat, and sleep.
- Joann M. The usual thing (what's that?)
- Bob P. About the same as all the rest.
- Sharon B. Keep "Butch" posted as to the happenings in Columbus—a letter a day.



## Presenting . . . Yours Truly

On the twenty-first day of June, 1936, an unforgettable event took place: a small bundle of joy came into the limelight at the residence on 1068 21st Avenue, Columbus, Nebraska.

This bundle, which has sprouted to become one of the most outstanding and interesting personalities in the senior class is none other than—Donna Jarecki.

Donna, being a one time terror of the baby buggy, now fancies herself as a terror of the high-ways, as she, having in her possession two cars (namely, Herlite, a '49 Ford, and Herky, Jr., a '39 Ford) is quite accustomed to the routes of the speed-ways. Her first mobile — Herkimer — has been elected to serve under someone else's proprietorship.

Donna's personality includes a height of 5 feet, 9 inches; blonde, short hair (which is always curly now, thanks to a trip to Omaha); dancing hazel-colored eyes plus—a wonderful sense of humor.

She likes: witty people; to eat; to act; chocolates; Doane (and its contents).

Her dislikes are: mints; flat tires; losing teeth (as you can well guess by the picture); and waiting for people.

She is: a member of the Triple Trio; drummer in the band; the business manager of the "Venture"; and well liked by her classmates.

Donna's ambition is to join the theatre group and display her aspiring dramatical ability.

## Catching Up

We've been behind you all through school, Through grammar and through high,

And now you're leaving all of you, And we must say, good-bye.

We'll miss you when you graduate, But not for long, I guess, 'Cause soon we'll be where you just were, Let's hope we're a success.

You left a place for us to fill, We hope this we can do, We'll try, we will, we'll do our best, To be as good as you. The Juniors. By M.A.S.



## A Letter From the Editor

Dear lads and lassies of "54", Little reminders that school is nearing an end is being evidenced by all of you these days. These can no doubt be seen as you all assemble in your favorite gossip corners to talk over current events. But, your mind usually wanders to the bygone days when today was always tomorrow. Your memory will serve as the diary of your thoughts.

The "remember whens . . ." are most prominent among the topics discussed. Yes, NOW you can laugh at the many trials and sorrows that took place, now that it's all over. But your memories can't leave out the ineffable joys and tribulations and all the little ups and downs that made living so wonderful. Yes, TODAY it is even easy to see how trivial these IMPORTANT matters really were.

Yes, a feeling of regret and dolefulness is enveloping you. You suddenly realize that you're going to miss the old tramping grounds; but come now, seniors, do not look back with remorse, but rather, look towards the future with a gleam of anxiety in your eyes. The emerald isle of your Alma Mater has served its purpose for you; it has taught you the fundamentals to lead a good Catholic life and has given to you her knowledge to use in the profession of your choice. She has been good to you, seniors, take her words of wisdom and put them into good use.

Soon all of you will be parting to start a new chapter in your book of life; but, it will delve into a more final climax as you near the gates of Heaven—where we all will meet someday.

Till we meet again, I am Sincerely yours, Helen Gahan

## Shamrock Shenanigans

Hear about any flower crutches for sale? Give them to Janet Melcher. She needs them to go up the steps.

\* M \*  
If anyone has any flower bulbs they want to get rid of, give them to Sheila. Isn't that right Ish?

\* M \*  
Quick get out of the street! Sharon Hoshor just got her drivers license. (Only kidding, Sharon.)

\* M \*  
Smell fish in the halls lately? Don't worry, we're not having a flash flood, it's only the sophies dissecting "perch".

\* M \*  
Barb Mitera to sophie girls: "And when you serve for the prom banquet, you're supposed to wear skirts with no figures." Slip of the tongue Barb?

\* M \*  
Are we being ambused? Oh! What a relief, only a group of girls wearing Indian moccasins. They seem to be the latest fad.

\* M \*  
Don't tell me! Denny Minette has another car. This time it's bright yellow. Trying to blind us, Denny?

\* M \*  
Have fun on your sneak day seniors?

\* M \*  
Parrot having a conversation with a minister: "Tell me reverend, what are my chances of becoming a bird of paradise?"

\* M \*  
Donna, the scandal is out! How does it feel to wear your dress backwards?

\* M \*  
The three and one half mile trek down the streets of Omaha was good exercise for the energetic "Holy Name Band" of Columbus, Nebraska. However, we still prefer to be called St. Bonnies Band. We wonder if the T. V. announcer ever caught up with his error in names.

\* M \*  
Mrs. Hauser (working a problem) "Now what is missing?" Bob Wemhoff—"The answer!!"

\* M \*  
The Seniors were really out to sell tickets for the play. We were advertised even to Humphrey!!! (Have a nice visit with the nuns, girls? Funny they wouldn't believe you had permission to go!)

\* M \*  
"How many Sneak Days are you allowed?" This was the question asked by some of the students as several senior girls were touring Platte Center's school. I guess St. Bon's isn't so bad after all!!!

To our wonderful priests and sisters who have so patiently and diligently instructed and guided us throughout our years at St. Bon's, we give you a salute of "Thank you so much." We will always cherish the training you have instilled in our hearts and minds. You have been the nucleus on which our foundations of spiritual and educational knowledge have been built. We shall always be most grateful to you.

(Signed): THE SENIORS.

## Guest Editorial

By Father Roch Hettinger, O.F.M.

Dear Seniors:

CONGRATULATIONS AND BEST WISHES!

You will be leaving St. Bon's soon. Some of you have spent twelve years, others have spent several years, but all of you have spent your Senior year at St. Bon's. Regardless of how many years you spent here, we hope you will leave St. Bon's with sentiments of gratitude toward your parents and teachers—in fact, all who have helped to make your day of Graduation possible. Your good parents have made many sacrifices. Your teachers have spent many hours in the classrooms for you. Be grateful! Your gratitude will partially repay them for the effort they made to give you a Catholic education.

At present, dear Graduates, you do not and cannot fully appreciate the privilege you enjoyed in attending a Catholic school. Thousands of young people your age are clamoring for the opportunity to attend a Catholic school. With our financial resources so very limited, we found it impossible to improve the physical condition of your school and to equip it as extravagantly as other schools more recently erected, but everything possible was done to improve the educational standard of your school. Your school has been classified among the most progressive in the state. Your school has offered you a complete education—a system which recognizes the importance of religion in education.

We want to congratulate you on the honor and distinction you enjoy of graduating during the Marian Year. We urge you to dedicate your lives to Mary, the Mother of God. May the Divine Son, moved by the intercession of His Holy Mother, grant you special guidance, protection, and an abundance of success.

Your Pastor

## Make Ours A Winning Cause

The saddest news of recent times is the fall of the French fortress of Dien Bien Phu. The handful of gallant French soldiers who had been defending the fortress against overwhelming odds, have won the admiration of the entire free world. They have become a symbol of the fight of the free people of the world against communistic tyranny.

Though we don't have to fight communism under the same circumstances as they did, we can show the same determination and bravery. Theirs was a lost cause from the beginning, but they kept on fighting. Ours is not a lost cause, for we have God on our side.

Communism is a punishment for the sins of the world. The best way, then, to fight it would be to fight sin, especially here in our own country. We can do this by keeping ourselves from sin, by giving good example to others, and by praying for those who sin greatly. We will have Our Lady's help in fighting communism if we pray and sacrifice as she requested at Fatima.

Sharon Robb

## Found---Class Oddities

Brother and Sister Graduates: (Not Twins)

Jo Ann Cielocha-Kenneth-Cielocha  
Bob Fyfe - Janette Fyfe  
Shirley Sullivan - Donald Sullivan  
Same Family Name:  
Rosalie and Frances Buzynski  
Donna and Dorothy Jarecki  
Virginia and Lillian Miller  
Mary Ann and Janet Placzek  
John and Michael Tooley

Inseparables:  
Joan De Larme-Patricia Johnson  
Jo Ann Cielocha-Shirley Ramaekers

Rosalie Buzynski-Dorothy Jarecki  
Shirley Jiranek - Sally Ragatz  
Marilyn Borowiak-Rosie Paprocki  
Joan Syslo - Davianne Powell  
Tom Bonk - Eugene Nosal  
Jim Hoshor - Mick Tooley  
John Tooley - Leo Stavas  
Donald Sullivan-Clarence Pensick  
Kenneth Roddy - Joseph Noonan  
Bob Wemhoff - Pat Michaelson - Dominic Zarek

We all know our A B C's  
But this version has come  
On the latest breeze.

A-ttractive	Joyce Melcher
B-oisterous	Mick Tooley
C-herful	Sharon Hoshor
D-xterous	Leo Stavas
E-xaggerative	Tom Bonk
F-lighty	Pat Wiedel
G-entle	Rita Simons
H-andsome	Paul Siemek
I-rish	Sharon Robb
J-ovial	Floyd Arasmith
K-ind	Theresa Kobus
L-ikeable	Mary Ann Pickhinke
M-ischievous	Mary Kobus
N-oble	Delores Rupprecht
O-bedient	The Frosh
P-olite	Ted Pfeifer
Q-uiet	Margie Kretz
R-eserved	Raphael Schilz
S-weet	Elaine Boettcher
T-alkative	John Peck
U-nselfish	Our Faculty
V-ivacious	Patty Vruble
W-eary	The seniors
X-uberant	Mary Catherine Bothe
Y-ielding	All—under pressure
Z-ealous	Janet Czuba

## A SAINT GIVES ADVICE

I pray you urgently, by the love I bear you in Jesus and Mary, not to content yourself with saying a decade of your beads, but, if you have time, the whole Rosary every day. At the moment of your death you will bless the day and hour in which you have followed my advice. Having thus sown the benediction of Jesus and Mary, you will reap eternal benedictions in Heaven.

—St. Louis Grignon de Montfort.



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Sodality 1, 2, 3; Glee 3, 4; Choral Clinic 4; Class Play 4; Music Contest 4; Pep Club 1.

**Patrick Michaelson**  
Class President 1; Class Play 4; Glee 3, 4; Football 3, 4; Sodality 1, 2; Music Clinic 3; Music Contest 4.

**Lillian Miller**  
Sodality 1, 2, 3; Youth Center 1, 2.

**Virginia Miller**  
Glee 1, 4; Choir 1, 2, 3; Music Contest 4; Sodality 1, 2, 3; Youth Center 3, 4; Choral Clinic 4.

**Bill Murphy**  
Football 1, 2; Choir 1; Glee 1, 2, 4; Music Contest 4; Class Play 4; Youth Center 1, 2, 3, 4.

**Joseph Noonan**  
Glee 1, 2, 3; Youth Center 1, 2, 3, 4; Class Play 4; Choir 1, 2.

**Eugene Nosal**  
Football 1, 2, 3, 4; Basketball 1, 2, 3; Track 1, 2; Baseball 4; Glee 1, 2, 4; Music Contest 2, 4; Choral Clinic 2.

**Rose Paprocki**  
Glee 3, 4; Pep Club 1; Home Nursing 4; Sodality 1, 2, 3, 4; Choral Clinic 3, 4; Music Contest 3, 4; Class Play 4; Youth Center 2, 3, 4.

**Clarence Pensick**  
Glee 1, 2, 3; Class Play 4.

**Bernard Peterman (not pictured)**  
Track 1, 2; Glee 1, 2; Class Play 4; Choral Clinic 1, 2.

**Janet Placzek**  
Glee 1, 2, 4; Pep Club 1, 2; Venture Staff 4; Annual Staff Editor 4; Music Clinic 1, 2, 4; Music Contest 2, 4; Youth Center 2, 3, 4; Sodality 1, 2, 3, 4; Prefect 3; Homecoming Attendant 4; Declamatory Contest 4; Student Council 1.

**Mary Ann Placzek**  
Pep Club 1; Glee 1, 2, 3; Class Play 4; Choir 1, 2, 3, 4; Music Contest 2, 3; Youth Center 1, 2, 3; Sodality 1, 2, 3, 4; Homecoming Queen 4.

**Davianne Powell**  
Glee 2, 3, 4; Sodality 1, 2, 3, 4; Pep Club 1, 2; Annual Staff 4; Choir 1, 2; Glee Concert 2, 3, 4; Class Play 4; Youth Center 1, 2, 3, 4.

**Sally Ragatz**  
Glee 1, 2, 3, 4; Pep Club 1, 2; Pep Band 2, 3, 4; Band 1, 2, 3, 4; Noel Choir 2, 3, 4; Modern Choral 1, 2, 3, 4; Homecoming attendant 1; Press Convention 4; Music Contest 2, 3, 4; Clarinet Quartet 3, 4; Choral Clinic 2, 3, 4; Declamatory Contest 4; Venture Staff 2, 3, 4; Feature Editor 4; Class President 1; Class Play 4; Sodality 1, 2, 3; Choir 1; Youth Center 2, 3, 4; Centennial Parade 4; Democracy Contest 3.

**Shirley Ramackers**  
Glee 1, 2, 3; Choir 1, 2; Venture Staff 3, 4; Pep Club 1, 2; Annual Staff 4; Youth Center 2, 3, 4; Class Play 4; Choral Clinic 2, 3; Music Contest 2, 3; Sodality 1, 2, 3.

**Kenneth Roddy**  
Football 1, 2; Glee 1, 2; Youth Center 1, 2, 3, 4; Class Play 4.

**Delores Rupprecht**  
Band 1, 2, 3, 4; Accompanist 1, 2, 3, 4; Class Officer 1, 3; Girls' State 3; Youth Center 1, 2, 3, 4; Noel Choir 1, 2, 3; Symphonette 2, 3, 4; Organist for Choir 1, 2, 3, 4; County Government 3; Venture Staff 4.

**Raphael Schliz**  
Class Play 4; Glee 4; Music Clinic 4; Music Contest 4.

**Betty Ann Sleddens**  
Glee 1; Sodality 1, 2, 3; Class Play 4; Annual Staff 4; Choir 2, 3, 3; Sodality Convention 3.

**Dean Soulliere**  
Football 1, 2, 3, 4; Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4; Track 1, 2, 3, 4; Baseball 4; Class Play 4; Class Officer 1, 3; County Government 3; Venture Staff 3, 4; An-

nual Staff 4; Youth Center 1, 2, 3, 4; Homecoming Attendant 1, 2, 4; Sports Editor 4; Glee 1.

**Leo Stavas**  
Football 4; Basketball 4; Track 4; Class Officer 4; Class Play 4; Democracy Contest 4; Declamatory Contest 4; Safety Congress 4; Annual Staff 4; Youth Center 4.

**Shirley Sullivan**  
Choir 3; Pep Club 1; Youth Center 1, 2, 3; Poetry Contest 4.

**Donald Sullivan**  
Venture Staff 4; Youth Center 3, 4; Class Play 4.

**Jean Syslo**  
Glee 1, 2, 3, 4; Choir 1, 2; Pep Club 1, 2; Band 1, 2, 3; Youth Center 2, 3; Annual Staff 4; Music Clinic 2, 3; Music Contest 2, 3; Sodality 1, 2, 3; Class Officer 1.

**John Tooley**  
Football 3, 4; Basketball 3, 4; Track 3, 4; Baseball 4; Youth Center 3, 4; Venture Staff 3; Annual Staff 4; Class President 3; Treasurer 4; King of Hearts 4; Homecoming Attendant 4; County Government 3.

**Michael Tooley**  
Football 1, 2, 3, 4; Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4; Track 1, 2, 3; Baseball 4; Youth Center 3, 4; Class Play 4; Student Council 3; County Government 3; Youth Center Vice-President 2; Venture Staff 3; Annual Staff 4.

**Patricia Vruble**  
Class President 3; Glee 1, 2, 3, 4; Student Council 3, 4; Pep Club 1, 2; Prom Chairman 3; County Government 3; Music Contest 3; Cheerleader 3, 4; Declamatory Contest 4; Music Clinic 2, 3; Youth Center 3, 4; Youth Center Social Chairman 4; Homecoming Attendant 4; Sodality 1, 2, 3.

**Ronald Warholowski**  
Football 3, 4; Track 3; Class Play 4; Democracy Contest Winner 4; Youth Center 3, 4; County Government 3; Venture Staff 3, 4; Annual Staff 4; Declamatory Contest 4; Music Contest 3; Glee 3.

**Bob Wemhoff**  
Football 2, 3, 4; Track 3, 4; County Government 3; Class Officer 4; Class Play 4; All-State 4; Glee 3, 4; Youth Center 2, 3, 4; Annual Staff 4.

**Patricia Wozny**  
Pep Club 1, 2; Sodality 1, 2, 3, 4; Choir 1, 2, 3, 4; Venture Staff 1, 2, 3, 4; Annual Staff 4; Youth Center 3; Press Convention 4; Sodality Convention 3; Class Play 4.

**Dominic Zarek**  
Glee 1, 3, 4; Class Play 4; Music Contest 3, 4.





# Achievement, Honor Convocation Highlights Today's Topical Events

## Elaine Kneifel Merits Elks Cash Scholarship

The announcement that Elaine Kneifel was the recipient of the Elks \$100 cash award climaxed the annual achievement and honor convocation held this morning, May 19, in the high school auditorium. The award was presented by a representative of the Elks' Lodge.

### PASTOR BESTOWS ANNUAL HONORS

With Father Roch making the awards, the convocation opened with the senior class officers' awards. They are: president—Leo Stavas, vice-president—Jim Hoshor, secretary—Bob Wemhoff, treasurer—Kenneth Cielocha.

Individual class honors were given to the following: Industrial Arts—Kenneth Roddy; Latin—Elaine Boettcher; Journalism—"Venture" editor Helen Gahan. Yearbook editor and assistant editor Janet Placzek and Mary Ann Feik were also cited; Mathematics—Joan Gregorius and Michael Tooley; Chemistry—Thomas Lakers; Biology—Allen Pensick;

Physics—Raphael Schilz; English—Leo Stavas; Religion—Joyce Bures, Frances Buzynski, Rosalie Burzynski, Joan Gregorius, Elaine Kneifel, Delores Rupprecht, John Tooley, Michael Tooley, Leo Stavas, and Ronald Warholoski—seniors; Janet Czuba, Mary Kay Liss, Barbara Mitera, Evelyn Pensick, Mary Ann Simpson—juniors; Anita Augustine, and Allen Pensick—sophomores; Elaine Boettcher, freshmen.

### Scholarship Awards Presented

Delores Rupprecht was given an award for outstanding scholarship in her four years of high school. Other class merits went to Janet Czuba—junior class; Carroll Novicki—sophomore class; Elaine Boettcher—freshmen class.

### Special Recognitions Awarded

The Babe Ruth Sportsmanship trophy highlighted this division of the convocation. Pat Vruble and Jim Hoshor merited this award for being the best scholar, athlete, and all-around personality in the senior class.

Cheerleading honors were given to Phyllis Higgins, Patty Vruble, and Stacia Bolin.

### College Scholarships Given

The President's Scholarship was awarded by the Creighton University to Delores Rupprecht. The Nebraska Association of Church Colleges presented Joan Gregorius a \$250 scholarship to the Creighton University. Sheila McGowan received a St. Mary's College, Omaha, Scholarship.

Other scholarships went to: Pat Wozny—Marycrest College; Leo Stavas—Rockhurst College, Kansas City, Missouri; Jane Luetkenhaus—Kearney State Teachers College; Vincent Galley—Norfolk Junior College; Ronald Warholoski—University of Nebraska.

### Quill, Scroll Memberships

Pins and certificates were presented to Helen Gahan, Sally Ragatz, Nancy Boettcher, Sharon Robb, Sharon Bowe, Mary Catherine Bothe for outstanding work in the field of Catholic journalism. They are newly accepted members of the Quill and Scroll International Honorary Society.

### Music Awards

Mr. Joseph J. Van Ackeren presented awards to the top twenty band and glee members according to the point system. According to rank, they are: Lorraine Herink, Joan Gregorius, Betty Gregorius, Delores Rupprecht, Sheila McGowan, Joyce Melcher, Marian Shonka, Sharon Bowe, Barbara Mitera, Dorothy Gladfelter, Rosemary Siemek, Mary Ann Feik, Donna Jarecki, Stacia Bolin, Nancy Boettcher, Lorraine Pickhinke, Evelyn Pensick, Bill Markhofer, Mary Catherine Bothe, and Elaine Boettcher. Joe Bonk received the award for being the outstanding band member. Mary Ann Pickhinke merited the outstanding glee member honors.

### Sports Awards

All-American Grid sportsters Kenneth Cielocha and Jim Hoshor were cited and given certificates showing membership in the 1954 National High School All-American Football Team.

### Commerce Awards

Certificates for proficiency in bookkeeping went to Delores Rupprecht, Shirley Ramaekers, Robert Fyfe, Elaine Kneifel, Rosie Paprocki, Jane Luetkenhaus, Joan Syslo, Betty Ann Sladdens, Vincent Galley, Stacia Bolin, Shirley Jiranek, Davianne Powell, Janet Placzek, and Rosalie Burzynski.

An Order of Business Efficiency Pin was awarded to Davianne Powell.

## The Ideal Senior Girl

If you want to be an idea senior girl— You must have Phyllis' little spit curl, Stacia's friendliness and Janet's stateliness, Jo Ann's beautiful eyes, also Patty's small size, Elaine's fine health and happy Shirley's wealth, Mary Ann's giggle with Joan's graceful wiggle, Also Helen's leadership and Delores's salesmanship, Lorraine's popularity with Donna's athletic ability, Sally's neatness and Dorothy's frankness, Also Syslo's speediness and Patricia's cheerfulness, Joyce's gorgeous dancing with Rosalie's stage romancing, Virginia's ambition and Sheila's musical twirl, And that's what you need to be an ideal senior girl.

## Seniors Bequeath Earthly Goods, Abilities

We, the Senior Class of 1954 of St. Bonaventure High School, having come to the end of our long life, in accordance with the laws of the State of Nebraska do hereby give and bequeath all our earthly goods to our worthy and favored heirs.

We hereby bequeath our possessions thus:

To the Reverend Fathers, our sincere gratitude for all their strivings and patience in our behalf.

To our benevolent Sisters, our heartiest thanks for all their kindness and understanding throughout the course of our high school years.

To Mr. Van Ackeren, and our coaches Mr. Fischer and Mr. Costello, our heartfelt thanks and appreciation for their guidance in the fields of music and athletics. We truly are indebted to them for their superior service.

To our beloved and sometimes faithful "Green Hornet," we leave four new tires and a music box so that all who ride it may keep in time with the bumps.

To the Junior Class, our individual bequests have been devised as follows:

I, Leo Stavas, leave to Joseph Tooley my Presidency of the Senior Class.

I, Betty Sladdens will to Rita Simons my part in the senior class play.

I, Robert Wemhoff will to Joseph Bonk my Mechanical brain, may it never get rusty.

I, Elaine Kneifel will to Lawrence Miellak my soft giggle.

I, Robert Fyfe will to James Sobotka my straight A report card. I, Patrick Michaelson, will to David Miller the ability to get into trouble easier than anyone else.

I, Janet Placzek, will my position as Annual Editor to Lorraine Pickhinke.

I, William Murphy leave to Joseph Obal my love of school.

I, Lorraine Herink will to John Woerth my ability to play Oboe Duets with Liberace.

I, James Hoshor will to Jack Johnson my sister.

I, Joan Gregorius, will to Dennis Minette my clarinet and my treasured position in the Triple Trio.

I, Patricia Wozny, will to Mary Ann Simpson my skill in shorthand.

I, Clarence Pensick, will to Richard Chollar my brilliant remarks and philosophical sayings.

We, Shirley Ramaekers and Joann Cielocha, will to Nancy Boettcher our good desks in secretarial training class.

I, Sally Ragatz, will to Mary Catherine Bothe my cowboy earrings. (If I ever find them.)

We, Marilyn Borowiak and Rose Paprocki, leave to Catherine Zelazny the good time we had on Easter night.

I, Virginia Miller will to Joann Pensick my last desk in the fourth row in room five.

I, Helen Gahan will to Sharon Robb the coveted key to the Venture Staff room.

We, Mary Micek and Jean Luetkenhaus, will to Mary Ellen Egger our ability to stay awake in Modern Problems.

I, Dorothy Gladfelter, will to Carroll Fix my unique driving skill to use to the best of your ability in corn fields. May the Lord watch over you, Carroll.

I, Kenneth Cielocha, will to Duane Clark everything I ever had—Nothing!!!

We, Joyce Bures and Frances Buzynski, will to Marjorie Kretz and Imelda Euteneuer our ability to eat candy and chew gum while trying to make up some good answers for class.

I, Mary Ann Placzek, will to Joann Maya the honor of being Homecoming Queen of 1955.

I, Phyllis Higgins, will to Thomas Lakers my ability to get along also my ability in athletics.

I, Patricia Vruble, will to Betty Gregorius my ability at cheerleading and getting to school on time.

I, Donald Sullivan, will to Marilyn Keefer my brilliant mind and my ability in athletics.

I, Ronald Warholoski, will to David Vanek my prize possession—My Car!!

We, Dean Soulliere and Michael Tooley, leave to John Holys our quiet and bashful manners, so he will become a good senior.

I, Kenneth Roddy, will to Kenneth Stracke my nickname "Slim."

We, Davianne Powell and Joan Syslo, will to Mary Catherine Liss our great love for Polkas.

I, Dominic Zarek, will to Jerome Staroselk my scholarship to Notre Dame.

I, Vincent Galley, will to Robert Schmid my two wheeled hot rod, to be used in the September Races.

I, Bernard Peterman, will to Thomas Dischner my little jewel of a car.

I, Raphael Schilz will to Adrian Staroselk my knowledge of Chemistry.

I, John Tooley, will to Paul Siemek my "Duck tail and also my height".

I, Eugene Nosal, will to Clarence Nosal my name.

I, Donna Jarecki, will to Sharon Bowe my cute expressions and hope that she can get more appreciation from others than I do.

I, Delores Rupprecht, will to Laura Wemhoff my French Horn so you can play off beats in the band.

I, Shirley Sullivan, will to Lorraine Wozny my desk in the back of the room close to the window so the classes will go by quicker.

We, Janet Fyfe and Lillian Miller, will to Evelyn Pensick our ability to keep quiet for fifty minutes.

I, Shirley Jiranek, will to Barbara Mitera my ability to come tardy to school four out of five times a week.

We, Joan DeLarme and Patricia Johnson, will our ability to get along with the nuns to Janet Czuba.

I, Stacia Bolin, will to Robert Messersmith my talent of laughing at my own jokes. (I have to since no one else will.)

I, Thomas Bonk, will to Clinton Gates my great love for dancing and all Art!

I, Sheila McGowan, will to Theresa Kobus my clarinet. That's one way to get rid of it.

I, Mary Ann Feik, will to Lee Moschenross my ability to sing soprano on T.V.

I, Joyce Melcher, will to Carole Thraen my baton and all the bruises that go with it.

We do hereby make, constitute, and appoint Rev. Fr. Roch Hettinger to be the executor of this, our Last Will and Testament.

In witness thereof, we, the Class of 1954, the testators, have to this our Will, set our hands and our seal this nineteenth day of May, in the year of our Lord, Nineteen hundred and fifty-four.

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## 'True Voice' Editor Addresses P.T.A

The outstanding event of the last P. T. A. meeting was the inspiring talk on Parent-Teacher Relationship by Rev. Robert H. Duffy, Editor of "The True Voice." In his preliminary remarks, Father Duffy, lauded Father Roch's administrative ability, his spirit of cooperation in the Archdiocese of Omaha, and the remarkable progress in St. Bon's Parish.

In his talk to the parents, Father Duffy brought out the fact that the school is an extension of the home. The parents must instill a readiness for learning upon which the teachers can build. "The children get out of their schooling just as much as they put into it" was emphasized by the speaker. "Before parents place blame, they should examine carefully how much they have aided in the mental development of their child. Youngsters are at home 18 hours of the day and six hours at school; yet many parents are loathe to realize this vast difference in time"—these were some other thought-provoking comments made.

Entertainment, consisting of songs, dances, and choral readings, was furnished by the children of grades five and six.

During the business meeting, Mrs. Adam Kusek was unanimously re-elected president of the P. T. A. Other officers elected for the coming year were: Mrs. Daniel Kavanaugh, vice-president; Mrs. Robert Slimp, secretary; Mrs. Michael Romanek, treasurer.

A social hour followed the business meeting. Mrs. Mike Novicki was chairman assisted by Mrs. Crawford Snell, co-chairman. Room five had the largest number of representative parents, and was awarded the prize.

### ADIOS—TILL WE MEET AGAIN

"God be with you, 'till we meet again," is the refrain that continually comes to mind as we near the parting of the ways! With this issue of our paper, we finish another year of "Venturing."

A sincere and heartfelt thank you is herewith extended to the Editor, Helen Gahan, to the Co-editors, and to the Reporters who have worked so faithfully in meeting the deadline for each issue.

May the Blessed Mother with her Divine Child bless each one for his whole-hearted cooperation.

Marilyn your sponsor,  
Sister M. Cyril, O.S.F.

# Junior-Senior Prom Characterizes 'Hitch Your Wagon To A Star' Theme

## Exquisite Banquet Setting Preludes Gay Festivities

Midst an evening setting carrying out the "Starlight" theme, the juniors and seniors banqueted in the social hall and later danced in the school auditorium, celebrating the annual Junior-Senior Prom, May 19.

At 6:30 o'clock the junior class president, Barbara Mitera, and her escort Duane Clark, and the senior class president, Leo Stavas, and his date, Joyce Melcher, led the young couples to the monastery premises where they met the guests of honor, Rev. Roch Hettinger, O.F.M., Father Reinhard Kommer, O.F.M., Father Martin Wolter, O.F.M., Father John Schneigenberg, O.F.M., Coach and Mrs. Cletus Fischer, Coach and Mrs. Bob Costello, Mr. Joseph J. Van Ackeren, Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Hauser, and Miss Mary Jo Tucek, 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 Mr. Van Ackeren and accompanied by Miss Isabelle Micek.

### Banquet Carries Theme, 'Hitch Your Wagon To A Star'

The social hall carried out the motto "Hitch Your Wagon To A Star." Favors were miniature wagons, (filled with assorted nuts and dinner mints) being drawn by stars which served the purpose of place-cards. The wagons and stars were blue and the names were written in white ink. Silver and coral colored table streamers carried out the senior and junior class colors. Silver candles and a fern-covered star pulling wagons of flowers were the main centerpieces. Also follow-

### High School Days

They always call the freshies green, And laugh as they begin The long walk thro' the way of life, That makes them strong, hard, men.

The next we know, are sophies true, Who now are old and gay, And try to help the "little ones," Grow up like them someday!

Now come the mighty upper class The juniors suave and smart— Have gathered most the knowledge They need for head and heart.

And last, not least, the seniors who were always bright and gay, Now have a bit more solemn look— It's Graduation Day!

Sally Ragatz

ing the main theme was the menu: Little Dipper (juice cocktail), Zodiac Special (roast beef), Corn Venus Style, Fleecy Clouds (potatoes), Northern Lights (relish dish), Full Moon and Stardust (crescent shaped rolls and butter), Milky Way and Floating Cloud (ice cream and angel food cake), and Big Dipper (coffee).

Tom Lakers, acting as toastmaster, introduced Father Roch, who led grace. He then called on Barbara Mitera, junior president, to welcome the assembly. Leo Stavas, senior president, gave the response and a short summary of the Class of '54 in their years at St. Bonaventure. Speeches were delivered by Father Roch, Father John, Coaches Fischer and Costello, and Mr. Van Ackeren.

### Outgoing Musicians, Singers Honored

During the course of the banquet, Mr. Van Ackeren, accompanied by Miss Isabelle Micek, dedicated violin selections to the outgoing members of the band, triple trio, and glee. The selections were: "Humoresque"—Anton Dvorak; "Fiddle Faddle"—Leroy Anderson; "Star Dust"—Carmichael and Parish, arranged by Rubinoff. Also, during the banquet, the triple trio sang two selections: "You'll Never Walk Alone" and "A Very Special Day."

The highlight of the banquet was the senior will which was related by Sally Ragatz.

The tables were arranged in four vertically placed rows and a horizontally placed head table. The tables were decorated with flowers and silver candles. The napkins were white with silver print of the junior-senior prom, the date and the year. Memory booklets, depicting the banquet theme, were placed at each table setting, with a silver pencil attached to each booklet.

### Auditorium Dons National Blue

After the banquet the youthful couples paraded to the auditorium at 9:00 o'clock, with the class officers and their dates leading, they entered a garden gate to the mellow music of Skippy Anderson and his orchestra playing "Stardust" during the Grand March, which then blended into "Hitch Your Wagon To A Star."

The entrance, carrying out the "Starlight" theme, was a garden gate which led to a patio with four garden tables with a silver star centerpiece. The main stage was fringed with National blue, pulled back into a drape effect and tied by a silver star centered with a

rose. The right side stage was dedicated to "Our Lady of the Snows", senior class patroness, and was decorated as a shrine with spring flowers surrounding the Blessed Virgin. The left side stage carried out the themes "Starlight" and "Hitch Your Wagon To A Star."

The ceiling was a dark blue background with silver stars predominating. The streamers were woven into diamond shapes draped from each wall to the chandeliers in the center of the room. The main chandelier was a huge star-shaped metallic basket holding white roses and fern which draped over the edge of the basket. The other chandeliers were fringed with the "night-sky" crepe.

The walls were an imitation of the sky, covered by National blue streamers, leading from the ceiling to the floor.

The refreshment stand was decorated in accordance with the main theme.

The girls in their formals added the finishing touch to all the decorations.

### Entire Class Cooperates

Each individual in the Junior Class was assigned to a committee and the juniors are proud of their one hundred per cent cooperation. Barbara Mitera was general prom chairman. Other committees for the gala affair were: Ceiling committee—John Woerth, Dave Vanek, Johnny Holys, Clinton Gates, Joe Tooley, Joe Bonk, and Mary Ann Simpson; Lights—Carole Thraen and Marjorie Kretz; Stages—Joan Matya, Leo Moschenross, Dennis Minette, Betty Gregorius, and James Sobotka; Entrance—Sharon Bowe, Paul Siemek, Mary Bothe, Jack Johnson, and Sharon Robb; Walls—Lorraine Pickhink, Thomas Lakers, Tom Dischner, Rita Simons, Carroll Fix, Nancy Boettcher, David Miller, Joe Obal, Kenneth Stracke, Robert Schmid, Duane Clark, Dick Chollar, Clarence Nosal, Robert Messersmith, Marilyn Keefer, and Joan Pensick; Refreshment Stand—Theresa Kobus, Lawrence Mielak, John Peck, James Staroscik, Adrian Staroscik.

### Seniors Ode

Long live the class of fifty-four, Their names are great, for evermore,

In minds of others, in a daze At the things we do, they amaze.

We never brag, we never boast We think we're fine, to say the most,

"Oh what conceit!" you'll probably say, But, you'll miss us, we know, some day.

## Believe It or Not

This article is merely a resume—well, a review; okay, then, a directory. Any similarity to persons, actually alive or dead, is purely accidental.

Should you see a senior boy with a sleepy look on his face, head on his desk, it's Bill Murphy.

If a senior should laugh and it sounds like a beat-up locomotive, that's Tom Bonk.

You gals! If you run across a slick-lookin' well-groomed guy, who resembles Robert Taylor (on a dark night in a cemetery), that's Mick Tooley.

When you see this fellow with a cigarette incessantly hanging from his mouth, and with large wings, that's Dominic Zarek.

If around the corner comes a patch of red and then follows a beer (red) nose, that's Bob Wemhoff.

If you see a fellow, who never looks twice at the same girl, hates painted finger nails, believes all rouge, cosmetics, etc., is barn paint, that's Dean Soulliere.

When you see a car come down the street acting like a grasshopper on a drunk, John Tooley is driving.

If you run across a tall, light-haired intelligent looking person, who talks like a professor, that's Leo Stavas.

Should you come upon a boy who is not in his seat, that's Pat Michaelson. (He's home I guess).

When an Old Ford comes pell-mell down the street, and the driver sticks his feet through the floorboards to stop it, that's Ronnie Warloski.

I would say some things about the Senior girls, but, well, you know how it is.

Lorraine Wozny, and Imelda Euteneuer; Banquet committee—Catheryn Zelasney, Laura Wemhoff, Mary Ellen Eggar, Janet Czuba, Evelyn Pensick, and Mary Catherine Liss.

### Sophies Give Helping Hand

Sophomores helping during the banquet and prom were as follows: Waitresses — Esther Liss, Jackie Michaelson, Joan Minette, Barbara Cielocha, Judy Olivetti, Madge Tank, Norma Irwin, Francis Merrill, Marianne Shonka, and Joyce Schaeffer; Coat checkers — Joyce Soulliere and Betty Hemmer; Refreshment stand—Anita Augustine and Pat Tworek; Afternoon ushers — Sharon Hoshor and Ann Schilz; Evening ushers — Janet Melcher and Marilyn Adamy.

The banquet was prepared by the mothers. Chaperones for the evening were Mr. and Mrs. Joe Stavas, Mr. and Mrs. John Robb, and Mr. and Mrs. James Mitera.



Orchids

A large shipment of orchids from Hawaii arrived at St. Bons. It is with great pleasure that "The Venture" Staff bestows huge bouquets of these exotic blooms upon the following:

Father Roch: For his patience, kindness, and generosity throughout the entire year.

Father Martin: For his fine movies, religious and otherwise.

Father Reinhard: For religious instructions and his interest in the high school athletics and activities.

Sister M. Bronisla: For sponsoring the senior class, especially the class play, "It Won't Be Long Now".

Sister M. Lauretine: For sponsoring the freshmen class and for lending such a helping hand to the juniors during prom preparation days.

Sister M. Ethelfrieda: For sponsoring the sophomore class.

Sister M. Cuneundis: For sponsoring the junior class, especially for her hard work at Homecoming, 100% "Venture" subscribers, and poetry contest.

Sister M. Gerard, for all her unselfish hours spent in our school library.

Mrs. R. Hauser: For the many steps she has in preparing the daily Communion breakfasts.

Joseph Van Ackeren, for his splendid direction and fine work in the band, glee club, triple trio, and the other various small groups.

Cletus Fischer, for coaching the '54 football team to the Class B runner-up title; for his industrial arts instructions and; for his fine coaching of the track team.

Bob Costello: For his work as basketball coach and line-coach in football.

Our advertisers, patrons, and loyal friends: faithful support of "The Venture".

Catholic Nurses: For the many hours spent in health service at St. Bon's.

Our Seniors: For being the largest graduating class in the history of St. Bon's.

### What Counts

It's not what you get, but what you give.

It's not what you make, but how you live.

It's not the years that you spend on earth,

But kindly deeds that prove your worth.

So try your best from day to day.

Faithfully serve along life's way.

Be sincere; let these not depart;

Honesty, courage, beauty from your heart.

Know the truth, and acquire the treasure

Of wisdom and mercy in greater measure.

Cheerfully give and strive to possess

Universal love and happiness. —"Humanity's Friend"

## Night Club Scene Features Senior Prophecies

One evening in May, Stach and I wandered down to the Club 290. The town hasn't changed too much in the ten years that have lapsed since graduation with the exception of the Town's new night spot.

As we entered, we were cordially greeted by the manager, Genie Nosal. After all the hello's were over we proceeded to take in the floor show which was composed of the singing sensation, "The Four Jokers,"—Bill Murphy, Joe Noonan, Clarence Pensick and Bernard Peterman. Next was a very sensational juggling team "The Peppy Placzkas." After their act was over Janet and Mary Ann came over to our table. As we ate, we chatted gaily about old times and of our classmates. "What ever happened to the Tooley family?" Stach wondered. One of the "Jokers" told us that Mick was an Undertaker, (didn't quite make it through Med. school), and cousin John was a weight lifter and lion tamer with Ringling Brothers Circus.

At this time, the waitress, Shirley Ramaekers, came to clear the table. She then informed that her old chum Joann Cielocha had gone to the convent and brother Kenny had become a priest. This was a prize! Then we were interrupted by the downbeat of the Girls' Combo composed of: Dee Powell, bass viol; Joan Syslo, clarinet; Joyce Bures, trombone; Frances Buzynski, trumpet, and cousin Rosalie, on the drums. After this outburst of Jazz, their singing siren, Sheila McGowan, sang her theme, "Stormy Weather."

When her song was over, she joined us. With a surprise gasp, I pointed to a table where we saw Pat Michaelson, famous oil man with Dot Gladfelder, tobacco auctioneer. We found that Pat now had 12 oil wells. (Cheaper by the dozen, according to Pat). Sitting with them was Patty Vruble and Ronnie Warholoski. This was a

shock as Ronnie was a noted hermit from the lower Ozarks and Patty was supposed to be in Paris as a hair stylist. Sure is a small world! Pat then told us that his partner, Bob Wemhoff, was engaged to Shirley Jiranek, star chorus girl in Zigley's Dollies. We noticed on the bill as we came in that next week's attraction would be Donna Jarecki, Hollywood's rising young starlet. The week after would be Elaine Kneifer, star of the Ice Capades. At this time came Joyce Melcher and her newly acquired husband, Jim Hoshor, a geometry teacher at Duchesne. Jim informed us that Dean Soulliere had finally reached his life-long ambition—manager of a Pretzel Factory!

The Combo now played a fan fare and their honorable Mayor, Kenny Roddy, stepped out to welcome their guest, Dominic Zarek, two-year all-America, who was now on tour.

While this speech was going on, we were disturbed by some yelling at another table. Looking around we find some more classmates, Mary Micek, Marilyn Borowiak, Dorothy Jarecki, Rosie Paprocki and Shirley Sullivan in a very gay game of Blackjack. We asked them how they had learned to play and Shirley said from her brother, Don. After investigating we find that Don was a very successful Cadillac car dealer, and had finally married his childhood sweetheart, Betty Sladdens.

Just as we were getting ready to leave and were saying goodbye to our old classmates, we are greeted by another familiar two-some around town. Phyllis Higgins, Olympic diving champion, and Raphael Schilz, writer of the comic strip, "Big Orphan Eddie." Over in the far corner, we saw Leo Stavas, a very defected man, all alone. As we talked to him we find that Joan Gregorius, House Mother at the Delta Tau Delta

sorority, had preferred to marry some struggling pharmacist instead of a successful Derby Jockey as was his profession.

As we went to get our coats, we stopped to chat with the hat check girl, Rose Blahak. She tells me that Lillian Miller was in Japan as she had joined the Waves and her cousin Virginia was a John Bowers model. She asked us if we were going to the big concert tomorrow. Delores Rupprecht was giving a piano recital. Also on the bill was a lecture by Jo DeLaric and Pat Johnson, noted African Explorers. They had just got back from Mexico where they saw To-reader Bert Galley in a blood curdling bull fight. With this we made our exit and went to the parking lot to get our car. At this time we got a gentle bump from the rear. Getting out to say a few words to the careless driver I find my old pal, Helen Gahan. Seems she is the wife of a cattle rancher and is in a terrific hurry.

We both have decided now that this is enough for one night. Headed for home we stopped for a red light and saw a man carrying a poster which read "Jane and Pat for City Commissioners." We find out later these were Pat Wozny and Jane Luetkenhaus, more old school chums.

Stach and I were exhausted by this time. As I crawled into bed she decided to see what is going on in the paper. "Guess what?" she screams, "Lorraine Herink was named Miss Carhop of 1964!" This was a thrill. Under it we found an article about the Navy Band coming soon. Their featured attraction is their high-stepping majorette, Mary Ann Feik, Also in the parade will be Roy Rogers and Dale Evans' stand-ins, Janette and Bob Fyfe.

With this conclusion, we decided that we must have a pretty talented class of '54.



# POPULARITY POLL WINNERS

	Seniors	Juniors	Sophomores	Freshmen
Top Personality	John Tooley (tied) Leo Stavas Stacia Bolin	Joe Bonk Sharon Bowe	Jerry Micek (tied) Carrol Novicki Jackie Michalsen	Ted Pfeifer Elaine Boettcher
Best Dressed	Dean Soulliere Joan Gregorius	Lawrence Mielak Nancy Boettcher	Carrol Novicki Judy Olivetti	Ralph Hadcock Marian Skgrupa
Most Ambitious	Leo Stavas Delores Rupprecht	Lawrence Mielak Barbara Mitera (tied) Janet Czuba	Carrol Novicki Anita Augustine	Mike Micek Mary Ann Pickhinke
Most Talkative	Mick Tooley Joan DeLarme Phyllis Higgins (tied)	Carroll Fix Laura M. Wemhoff Mary C. Bothe (tied)	Kenneth Nosal Marlyn Adamy	Phillip Zarek Jo Ann Woodworth
Best Pals	Bob Wemhoff- Pat Michaelson Joan DeLarme- Pat Johnson.	Joe Tooley- Johnny Holys Lorraine Pickhinke- Joan Matya Carole Thraen-(tied) Mary Ann Simpson	Lloyd Bartholomew- Don Noonan Francis Merrill- Janet Bures Marilyn Adamy Betty Hemmer	Bob Clinkscales- Chuck Micek Laverna Bartholomew- Shirley Slade
Most Likely to Succeed	Leo Stavas Delores Rupprecht	Lawrence Mielak Barbara Mitera	Carrol Novicki Anita Augustine	Michael Micek Elaine Boettcher
Most Active	Jim Hoshor Stacia Bolin	Tom Lakers Sharon Bowe	Edward Kavanaugh Marian Shonka	Ted Pfeifer Elaine Boettcher
Best Behaved	Raphael Schilz Delores Rupprecht	Lawrence Mielak Janet Czuba	Allen Pensick Ann Schilz	Ralph Hadcock Rose Mary Kellman
Best Dancers	Ronnie Warholoski Joyce Melcher	Paul Siemeck Sharon Bowe	Milo Herink Sharon Hoshor	Bob Clinkscales Marian Skrupa
Most Marylike	Raphael Schilz Patricia Wozny	Lawrence Mielak Sharon Bowe	Allen Pensick Beatrice Euteneuer	Ralph Hadcock Rose Mary Kellman

## Shamrock Cindermen Better Four Records

There were few records broken in track this season. The track team, composed mostly of freshmen and sophomores, give sufficient reason to be optimistic about the future. These boys not only show signs of ability, but appear to be the type of boys that will not let the school down by discontinuing the sport because of its interference with their social activities.

### Seniors Give Loyal Support

Just four senior boys were out for track this season. To them tribute is due for their loyal support. These boys have evidenced their loyalty to the school in every sport—it might be said they were the backbone of the school's athletic program. These boys — Jim Hoshor, Dean Soulliere, John Tooley, and Leo Stavas are also members of the baseball team which has just won the District Tournament and will enter the State Meet later this month in Lincoln, Nebraska.

The junior group, a class of boys with talent, was even less energetic than the seniors. The boys in this class that carried the Irish Colors were: Joe Tooley, Leo Moschenross, and Clinton Gates. John Holys and Clarence Nosal did some running which will help them out in football next fall.

### Old Records Broken

The records which were broken this year were the mile relay run by Leo Moschenross, Jim Hoshor, Dean Soulliere, Leo Stavas in 3:58; the old record was 4:04 set by Baumert, Cielocha, Dunn, and Robb. Another record broken was by a freshman hurdler, Dennis Shefcyk who ran the 60 yd. High Hurdles in 8.7 seconds at the Grand Island Junior High School track and field meet, breaking the old record set by Larry Sanders of 9.4 seconds in 1950. A new mark was set in the discus for freshmen of 104'-4" by Mike Micek. A new record was set in the shot put by Mark Kobus of 32' besting the old mark of 27'-8" by Jim Hoshor. Other freshmen marks could be broken before the end of the season. The Varsity track season has ended and Leo Stavas was the only boy to qualify for the State track meet (pole vault) on the 14th and 15th of May.

Following are some of the track records that have been brought up to date:

#### Freshmen

- 60 Yd. High Hurdles—Shefcyk, 1954, 8.7 seconds.
- 100 Yd. Low Hurdles—Miller, 1950, 13.0 seconds.
- 100 Yd. Dash—Cielocha, 1951, 11.
- 220 Yd. Dash—Cielocha, 1951, 25.
- Mile Run—P. Melcher, 1948, 5:04.2.
- 880 Yd. Run—J. Hoshor, 1951, 2:20.
- 440 Yd. Dash—Cielocha, 1951, :59.
- Schefcyk, 1954; Micek, :59.
- Schefcyk, 1954; Micek, 1954.
- Discus—Micek, 1954, 104'-4".
- Polevault — Sanders, 1950, 10'-1 1/4".
- 440 Relay—Ryba, 1948, 50.9.
- Speicher, Melcher, Zuroski.

#### Varsity

- 120 Yd. High Hurdles — John Robb, 1953, 16.2.
- 180 Yd. Low Hurdles—L. Miller, 1953, 22.6.
- 100 Yd. Dash—Speicher, 1949, 10.4.
- 440 Yd. Dash—Bowe, 1952, 55.
- 220 Yd. Dash—Speicher, 1949, 23.4.
- High Jump—Sanders, 5'-6".
- Pole Vault—Sanders, 10'-8".
- Broad Jump—Robb, 1953, 18'-6".
- Mile Run—Tucek, 1945, 4.54.
- Half Mile Run—Merrill, 1945, 2.05.
- Shot Put—Schmidt, 1952, 43'-11".
- Discus—Robb, 1953, 124'.
- 880 Yd. Relay—Blahak, Cielocha, Bowe, Hoshor, 1.37.6 (51).

### Sports Has Bright Future

There are bright hopes that most of these records will be broken by the promising group of frosh and sophs.

## Here and There

Elaine Buechter, dressed in her nurse's uniform, visited her Alma Mater. She, with Sisters Antonette and Elenora, and Miss Schaefer, addressed the senior and junior girls. Their ware to sell was none other than — "Join the nursing profession by entering St. Joseph, Creighton Memorial School of Nursing, after graduation."

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James Roberts, '51 graduate, now living in Lakewood, Colorado, advises by letter—"Keep up the good work on 'The Venture'."

\* M \*

Albert Tucek, Jr. joined the Benedicts on April 23. The ceremony took place at St. Patrick's Church in Tekamah, Nebraska. Miss Barbara Allen is the new Mrs. Albert Tucek, Jr.

\* M \*

The typists have been forging ahead in speed. Barbara Mitera, Janette Fyfe, Virginia Miller, Joseph Obal, Sharon Bowe, Joyce Melcher, Jack Johnson, and Shirley Jiranek are now wearing the Competent Typist pin.

\* M \*

A recent search through the principal's records revealed that the upper quarter of the senior class ranged from averages of 96.6 to 89.2.

Thirteen of the group are in the ninety point average. Delores Rupprecht heads the list with a 96.6 average. The remaining upper quarter are (in the order of averages): Ronald Warholoski, Leo Stavas, Raphael Schilz, Elaine Kneifel, Sheila McGowan, Joan Gregorius, Helen Gahan, Robert Fyfe, Stacia Bolin, Mick Tooley, John Tooley, Jim Hoshor, Pat Vruble, and Patricia Wozny.

\* M \*

Special congratulations to Davianne Powell for meriting the superior award—Order of Business Efficiency pin—in the International Bookkeeping Contest conducted by The Business Education World. Davianne was one of 100 students who submitted a most outstanding paper.

\* M \*

The star and M are a little reminder of—Mary, Star of the Sea! May She be your "Guiding Star" during this Marian Year and every year to come.

### MARIAN YEAR MEMORARE

Remember, O Sorrowful and Immaculate Mother of God and Mother of men, that this Marian Year is the great year of Visitation.

As of old thou didst hasten over the hills of Judea to thy cousin, St. Elizabeth, come to us now and abide with us, that we too may be sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost.

The Marian Year is one of extraordinary graces for those who ask them of thee. Inspired with this confidence I fly unto thee, O Virgin of Virgins my Mother. I implore thee to obtain for many fervent souls the grace of a life of close union with thy Divine Son, for without Him we can do nothing.

O Mother of the Word Incarnate, pray that thy Divine Son may continue to live His own life of adoration and reparation in us, the members of His Mystical Body, and may thereby renew the face of the earth.

## Grade School Conducts May Crowning Devotions

The crowning of the Blessed Virgin, Queen of May, by Charles Gregorius, second grade student at St. Bonaventure School, highlighted the annual May Opening Devotions, held at St. Bonaventure Church, Sunday, May 2.

### Special Marian Year Procession

This, being the Marian Year, the grade school students presented a special procession in Mary's honor.

The First Communicants marched and carried white roses. The third grade girls, attired in white dresses and white veils, also carried white roses. The Blue Army, consisting of the fourth, fifth, sixth, seventh, and eighth grade students, wore white dresses and blue veils. They carried yellow and red roses, which they presented to Our Lady as they wended their way past Her Shrine. Included in the procession were the Knights of the Altar and the Clergy.

Preceding Charles, and carrying the crown, was Mary Kay Zabawa, also a second grade student.

After the rosary, a short meditation, and sermon, services closed with solemn Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. Father Roch was celebrant, with Father Reinhard deacon, and Father Martin subdeacon.

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