

As a special tribute of love, to your Lady, at the close of this Marian Year — attend the novena in preparation for her great Feast—The Immaculate Conception.

On this day of THANKSGIVING don't forget to render thanks to the good God for the many blessings He has bestowed during this MARIAN YEAR!

# THE VENTURE

## Yearbook Delegates Cop Press Convention Awards



St. Bonaventure representatives were among the 527 high school journalists who swarmed the University of Nebraska campus to attend the Nebraska High School Press Convention November 5th and 6th. Also, two students from St. Bon's were honored at the convention as winners in the journalistic competitive contests held on the campus Friday afternoon.

**41 High Schools Represented**  
Delegates from over 41 high schools throughout the state were present for the convocation address given by Mr. Stuart J. Bohacek, publisher of the Wilber Republican. In his address, Mr. Bohacek stated: "The rewards in community journalism are knowing that you have accomplished some good, and that something you have supported has been accomplished. To most newspaper men, their work is their hobby and their hobby is their work."

Included in the program for the two-day meeting were talks by outstanding journalists, clinics on improving yearbooks and newspapers, competitive contests, and panel discussions.

**Outstanding Yearbook Delegates**  
In the competitive contests, St. Bonaventure had two winners out of their four entries. Lorraine Pickhinke captured first place in yearbook page layout; Evelyn Pensick won third place in yearbook themes. The contests were divided into three divisions with St. Bonaventure's entries in Division I. The winners of all contests were announced at the Saturday noon luncheon held in the Student Union Ballroom; and the awards were presented to the winners at that time.

**Banquet—Convention Highlight**  
The social highlight of the convention was a banquet on Friday evening. Following the dinner, movies were shown in two campus auditoriums. A convention party and dance in the Military and Naval Science Building completed the evening.

## Students Stage Magazine Drive

The students' fund for a new high school was boosted considerably this past month. Profits from the National Catholic Decency Drive staged by the freshmen and sophomore girls accounted for this.

The girls worked hard at the drive which lasted for two weeks, but they did not quite reach their quota which was set at \$1,000. They did achieve the goodly sum of \$556, which is satisfactory considering that only half of the 53 girls participated. Out of this amount the freshmen earned \$264.50, and the sophomores \$302.50.

The highest scoring sales girl for the drive was Elaine Boettcher. She sold \$103 worth of subscriptions. Following the leader, was Joan Badstieber with \$49; third place was earned by Janet Sliva with \$45.50, and fourth place was won by Jane Burzynski with \$32.50.

IGNORANCE is no excuse when we have neglected to learn what we are obliged to know.  
—St. Ambrose

## Sr. Cyrill's Class Tours Consumers

The secretarial training class and their sponsor, Sr. M. Cyrill, toured The Consumers Public Power District's business machines office.

The many IBM's in operation were a source of wonder to the onlookers. If man can produce such marvelous machines, isn't it too bad that he can't always work that fast himself?

Most intriguing of the machines was the Xerox Copying Equipment, manufactured by The Haloid Company of Rochester, New York. This machine photographs any letter or business form, and a thousand or more copies can be run off within a very short time. If an error occurs, the person responsible for duplicating cannot be blamed—the person making the original is the guilty party.

It was surprising to learn that this Public Power building houses so many wonderful time-saving electrical machines, and that the city of Columbus is the hub of the electrical power throughout the eastern section of Nebraska.

## Local Businessman Gives Students Helpful Advice

"If an employee received the salary he thought he was worth, he could retire within a year; but if he received the salary the employer knew he was worth, he would quit the position." With these words, Mr. Peter Lakers, Manager of the local J. C. Penney Company, launched into an interesting and enlightening talk to the bookkeeping class.

**Do's and Don'ts Stressed**  
In the course of his talk, Mr. Lakers pointed out the Do's and Don'ts of a good employee. Some of the Do's were: "Be friendly; be on time; be courteous; be helpful; be neat in attire." Some of the Don'ts were: "Don't be a clockwatcher; avoid carelessness; avoid wastefulness; avoid prying into other peoples' affairs."

He also stressed the importance of being on the giving side, as well as, on the receiving side. "Those who make a success of their life's work, do so through hard and unselfish labor," said Mr. Lakers in his closing remarks.

## Youth Center Committee Plans Holiday Dance

A gala Thanksgiving party is being planned by the Youth Center committee.

Various groups are now busily engaged in getting decorations and other surprises in readiness.

Special invitations have been sent to the students of Kramer High School.

All anticipate a big time, with good music, plenty of dancing, various diversions enjoyed by teenagers, and tempting refreshments.

## Students Enjoy Movie 'Little Men'

The student body enjoyed a movie on Friday, October 29. The movie was titled "Little Men." This story was written by Louise M. Alcott.

The show was based on a boy whose parents were dead. A friend of the boy's father reared the boy. He sent the boy to a boarding school called "Plumfield." Much trouble broke out while the boy was at school. Later all the trouble was settled and the boy continued his schooling.

## St. Bon's Banquet For Grid Squad Held Wednesday

St. Bon's athletic department honored the football squad at a banquet held Wednesday in the social hall.

Guest speaker for the event was Fran Nagle, former University of Nebraska star and now head football coach at Doane college.

Brief remarks were given by Football Coach Cletus Fischer, who also awarded letters to the following players: John Holy, Leo Moschenross, Duane Clark, Joe Tooley, Clinton Gates, Clarence Nosal, Joe Bonk, John Woerth, Bob Snell, Don Noonan, Milo Herink, Jerry Micek, Ed Kavanaugh, Bob Zoucha, Carroll Novicki, Floyd Arasmith, Dennis Schefcyk and Mike Micek.

Basketball Coach Bob Costello also gave a short talk.

The 33 grid squad members and their fathers as well as men who assisted at this year's home football games attended. Also present were former gridsters of the Irish football team.

## St. Bon's PTA Sponsors Fire Hazard Program

President, Mrs. Adam Kusek, called the P.T.A. business meeting to order promptly at 8:00 p. m. on Tuesday evening, November 16.

Because the firemen could not be away from their station too long, Mrs. Kusek turned the meeting over to Mrs. Walter Keating, Program Chairman. She introduced Mr. Michael Novicki, and his able assistant, Mr. Grimes. They pointed out the many fire hazards to be found in the home, and showed by demonstrations the cause of many disastrous conflagrations and deaths.

Under the able direction of Mrs. Paul Scharff, a timely film on Civil Defense was shown.

After the program, Mrs. Kusek again presided. The success of the recent food sale and chicken-ham dinner was publicized.

At the rate the P.T.A. members are now working, it won't be long before the goal of this year's projects will be realized.

On November 21, the P.T.A. is sponsoring a food shower for the priests and sisters of St. Bonaventure parish.

## Homerooms Choose Presidents Manly Group Takes Precedence

**JOSEPH BONK**  
Chosen last year as junior class vice president and this year as Homecoming King, Joe Bonk has been voted by his classmates to fill the highest office in school, senior class president. Joe has recently been elected band president and has played tackle on the Bonnies football team.

Sharon Bowe was elected vice president and Tom Lakers, secretary-treasurer.

**JACKIE MICHAELSEN**  
Jackie Michaelsen was elected president of the junior class. Jackie is an excellent pianist and is vice president of Pi Mu, an honorary music society under the direction of Isabelle Micek. She is a member of the Glee Club and a reporter for the "Venture" staff.

Pat Schuele was elected vice president and Don Noonan, secretary-treasurer.

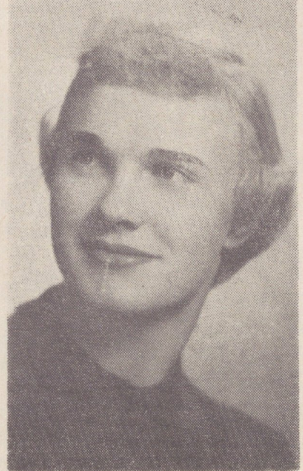
**DENNIS SCHEFCYK**  
Taking an active interest in sports is Dennis Schefcyk, the newly elected sophomore president. Dennis has played the position of center on the Bonnies football team and has shown great promise for future years. He is also active in other sports and is an outstanding student.

Rosemary Siemek was elected vice president and Joan Badstieber, secretary-treasurer.

**RICHARD LUX**  
Music also, has been one of the main interests of Richard Lux, president of the freshmen class. Richard, like the junior class president, Jackie Michaelsen, is a member of the Pi Mu Music Society where he is a pianist. Richard is the only high school drummer for the high school band. He is an outstanding student, whatever he does, he does well.

Billie Jean Coles and Tony Kroenke were elected vice president and secretary-treasurer respectively.

## Lorraine Pickhinke Receives 1954-55 Yearbook Editorship



Jack Johnson Chosen Co-Editor This Year

By the vote of the senior class, the honor of editing the 1954-55 "Bona Venture" was given to Lorraine Pickhinke.

Lorraine is an active member of the band, glee club, choir, pep band, flute trio, Student Council, Youth Center, and typist on the Venture staff. She attended the High School Journalism Convention at the University of Nebraska

## Bonnies Band and Glee Prepare Annual Concert

One of the coming events for December will be a Christmas concert given by St. Bon's Band and Glee Club. The concert will be held in the social hall on two different nights, thus enabling all St. Bon's patrons to enjoy an evening of entertainment provided by their own youngsters under the able direction of Mr. J. Van Ackeren.

The program will be divided into four parts. The first part will consist of several renditions by the band; the second part will comprise various solos and ensembles; the third part will feature the glee club, and in the fourth section, the band will again be heard.

in Lincoln and won first place in Yearbook Page Layout.

**Other Important Staff Members**  
Assisting Lorraine is Co-Editor Jack Johnson, and the following staff members: Production—Evelyn Pensick, David Miller, Joseph Obal, and Carole Thraen; Photographers—Thomas Lakers, Carroll Fix, and Jack Johnson; Sports—Joe Tooley and John Holy; Circulation—Lawrence Mielak; Artist—Betty Gregorius; Typists—Nancy Boettcher, Mary Catherine Bothe, and Sharon Bowe; Advertising manager—Lorraine Wozny; Assistants—Joe Bonk, Mary Catherine Bothe, Nancy Boettcher, Sharon Bowe, Kathryn Zelasney, Theresa Kobus, Joan Matya, Rita Simmons, Laura Wemhoff, Evelyn Pensick, Clarence Nosal, Leo Moschenross, Paul Siemek, and Duane Clark.

Sister M. Edwina is the sponsor for this year's publication.

The staff meets in the evening, two or three times a week. The theme for this year's annual is still a deep dark secret.

## Students Attend Nebraska Clinic

Four representatives from St. Bon's Band and Glee were present for the Nebraska Music Education Annual Clinic and Convention held in Beatrice, Nebraska, November 18-21. The delegates were as follows: Joe Bonk, sousaphone player, Mariann Shonka, soprano, Mary Catherine Bothe and Evelyn Pensick, altos.

The guest conductor of the band was Donald Irwin Moore, Director of Band in Baylor University, Waco, Texas. He was director of various bands and is noted for his composition, "Marco Polo."

George Krueger, associate professor of Choral Music at the University of Indiana, directed the 500-voice choir after much rehearsing.

During the convention, the representatives attended various lectures and panel discussions. They also had the pleasure of hearing the University of Nebraska Symphony Orchestra and the saxophone soloist Sigurd Rarcher. The convention was closed with vocal selections by a choir of 500 voices.

## Local Radio Station KJSK Offers Weekly Program In 'Our School Speaks'

Several of St. Bon's High School students had the privilege of representing their school on the radio station KJSK Friday, November 12, from 1 o'clock until 1:30 P. M., on "Our School Speaks."

The introductory speaker was Mary Ann Simpson, who gave an account of the early history of St. Bon's School and urged all listeners to help us with the current drive for a new high school.

The first on the program was the trombone trio consisting of Bob Messersmith, Paul Siemek, and Chuck Micek. They rendered "Slippery Gentlemen."

"The Old Violin," a choral reading by several students of the speech class was next given with Joe Van Ackeren, violinist.

Mary Ann Pickhinke, a sophomore, played "Dizzy Fingers" on her piano accordion.

A comical reading "Esau Buck" was read by Gale Kriley.

A lesson on safe driving was enacted by Barbara Mitera and Dennis Minette.

Closing the program several students sang "Ave Maria," a hymn from the 13th century. Mr. J. J. Van Ackeren directed the choral group.

St. Bon's students will have two more opportunities to take part in radio broadcasts featuring "Our School Speaks."

# Shamrock Shenanigans

Congratulations, athletes! The old saying, "Not he who begins well, but he who ends well, shall be crowned the victor" is applicable to you. This crown we gladly give you for ending the football season with such a glorious win over Sidney.

Get on the bandwagon lads, lassies, and graduates of St. Bon's!! Why? Because we are all out for a MILE OF DOLLAR BILLS—to begin to pave the way to a new high school. Don't delay! Send your six inches (\$1.00) NOW!!

Being so good in reading shorthand prevents Betty Gregorius from reading longhand intelligently or correctly according to her latest efforts in oral reading.

Sister Herman Joseph: The suffix ing means something smaller, such as a duckling or a gosling. Leo M.: Then do you call a small shovel a shoveling?

We seem to have developed a Fred Astaire here at St. Bon's. At any rate, the girls will testify that Milo Herink's dancing at the Student Council dance was out of this world.

During Education Week the faculty and students thought there would be "standing room only" for the many parents visiting the school—there was plenty of standing room and empty chairs, too!

Sister Herman Joseph to Duane: I guess that knockout you had on the football field really knocked some sense into you.

Joe Tooley: You can thank me for that; I'm the one who knocked him down.

Orchids came to the Venture staff from Hammond, Indiana. The words of praise, sent by Rev. F. A. Siemetz, made the roses bloom in their cheeks.

During the recent ditch digging in front of the school, one of the sophomore boys was heard to say: "There is an exemplification of our future career."

After receiving low, low grades in algebra tests, George Arasmith, finally managed a 90 percent. Upon seeing his paper he gasped, "Sister, what do you have to know to go to Notre Dame?"

Congratulations to all students who participated in the radio program. And a special congratulations to Sister Herman Joseph and Mr. Van Ackeren who helped make it a success.

Thanks to all freshmen and sophomore girls who tried so hard to make the magazine drive a success. Good work girls!

Congrats to the new Student Council!!!

## Polio Victims Can Lead Normal Lives

Infantile paralysis is an acute infectious disease caused by a filterable virus in which the invading agent or its product attacks and produces varying degrees of injury, disorganization and disintegration of the neuromuscular system.

Some of the early symptoms are severe headache, chills, nausea, apprehension and irritability. Stiff neck, commonly mentioned as a diagnostic symptom of the disease, is a characteristic example of the muscle condition. Most of the skeletal muscles are always affected by the same disturbance and in some cases most of the muscles are involved.

Since the epidemic of 1952, in which many lives were lost, people have taken more notice of this disease and contribute to the Polio Drive each year more than they did in previous years. The money from the drive enables the continuation of research and the care of the polio victims.

The most recent developed serum is gamma globulin which is not a preventive but in most cases prevents crippling. In an entire community where the serum has been used there has been less paralysis, but since there is not an ample supply of this serum, not everyone can have it.

Most of the victims of this disease learn to overcome their handicap and live a normal life. Patricia Schuele.

Guest Editorial  
By Fr. Conrad, O.F.M.

## 'I Am the Immaculate Conception'



There is a lot of talk nowadays about this being the age of Mary. Not in the sense that she wasn't revered in ages before, but that during these later centuries, Mary, the Mother of Jesus, has come and will come unto her own. Thus in this Year of Our Lady, we should be profoundly inspired by the dogma of the Immaculate Conception, which is the central and focal point of the MARIAN YEAR. It was a century ago that Pope Pius IX pronounced and defined "that the doctrine which holds that the Most Blessed Virgin Mary at the first moment of her conception was, by singular grace and privilege of the Omnipotent God, in virtue of the merits of Jesus Christ . . . preserved from all stain of original sin, is revealed by God, and, therefore to be firmly and resolutely believed by all the faithful";

and it is that centenary this MARIAN YEAR commemorates. One of the most fascinating discussions in the history of the theology was carried on in the middle of the last century.

The discussion was concerning Our Blessed Mother's exemption from the universal law by which every descendant of Adam was conceived in original sin. Theologians conceded that there were some individuals, like St. John the Baptist, who before their birth were purified from original sin. But was it possible that Mary was not only born without sin but was also conceived without sin? That would mean that from the first moment of her being, Mary's soul was filled with grace. From the first instant of her existence she belonged entirely to God!

There were some theologians of worth who questioned this privilege. The ablest and deepest thinkers, philosophers and theologians, tried to defend the Immaculate Conception. The discussions went on and on. Suddenly there appeared a keen-minded young Franciscan by the name of John Duns Scotus. With the invincible conclusion of a simple argument, Scotus baffled all the great minds of his day. POTUIT, God could have created Mary Immaculate; DECUIT, it was becoming for God to create Mary Immaculate; ERGO FECIT, Therefore, God did create Mary Immaculate. Duns Scotus showed to the entire world the Immaculate beauty of the Blessed Mother. He spoke of God's plan for redemption. He told of God's goodness and he had the answer.

POTUIT! God could create Mary Immaculate. Did He not create Adam and Eve sinless? Surely, He could also create the second Eve sinless who was to be the Mother of Christ, the second Adam.

DECUIT! It was becoming for God to create Mary Immaculate! Is it possible that Almighty God, who wanted this maiden to be the Mother of His Son, would permit her for one instant to be in the power of Satan by being subject to original sin?

ERGO FECIT! God chose Mary as the Mother of His Divine Son. Then out of love for His Son's Mother, Almighty God gave Mary every possible beauty and grace.

It was this Franciscan, John Duns Scotus, who championed the cause of the Immaculate Conception. And about 100 years ago, in 1854, Pope Pius the Ninth solemnly and infallibly declared that the Blessed Virgin Mary from the first instant of her conception by a singular grace and privilege of Almighty God was preserved free from all stain of original sin.

This is the heavenly truth we commemorate during this MARIAN YEAR!

Let it be our prayer during this Marian Year, that Mary Immaculate may bring about the peace she promised at Fatima; peace in the world, peace in minds and hearts everywhere. Our prayer is that Our Lady will immaculate each and every one of us and make us instruments of her message of peace to the world.

### HONOR ROLL

#### SENIORS

Barbara Mitera Lorraine Wozny  
Evelyn Pensick Nancy Boettcher

#### JUNIORS

Joan Minette Ann Schilz  
Jackie Michaelson Maxine Schuele  
Judy Olivetti Pat Schuele  
Allen Pensick Madge Tank

#### SOPHOMORES

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Betty Dohmen Leona Paprocki  
Phyllis Dohmen Mary Ann Pickhinke  
Rosemary Kellman Elaine Wieser

Elaine Boettcher

#### FRESHMEN

Bob Augustine Jerry Cockson  
Robert Beck Billie Jean Coles  
Bartly Brennen Mary Jo Dush  
Gaylord Gafka Maureen Micek  
Tony Kroenke Mary Ellen Minette  
Richard Lux Delores Shefcyk

Pat Tooley

## Be Loyal! Support Your Student Council!

Support your student council! Throughout the school one can hear students say, "Just what do they think they are? They can't boss us." Well, the student council has no desire to boss anyone. You must all remember that the student council is composed of students just like yourself. You actually did the choosing of the members by your secret ballot.

The student council is for the good of each student in St. Bon's. If you should happen to be called on the "green carpet" by the student council, don't start an uproar. Isn't it a better feeling to know that those before whom you are to appear are your own age and have the same ideas, the same likes and dislikes as you? They are the youngsters with whom you associate at school everyday.

Again, get rid of the idea that the members of the student council have more privileges than you! They don't! If any member of the council does not abide by the school regulations; e. g., punctuality, respect for authority, obedience, etc., they too are subject to the same penalties that are meted to other offenders.

Don't rebel against the student council. Be a help to the school organization. The aim of the organization is to help you. Furthermore, if you have any complaints against the student council as a whole or against any member in particular, be big enough to come to a student council meeting and there voice your opinions.

A person applying for a position some time ago was given a card on which were printed these words: "If you must criticize, be big enough to stop working for the institution. Criticism and loyalty will not mix."

Maybe you are not applying for a job, and we do not expect you to quit school, but you are expected to be loyal to your school and to any organization in that school. Be sure to keep in mind the last sentence of the above quotation—"Criticism and loyalty will not mix."

Mary Ann Simpson

## Weary Journalists Tell Convention Experiences

"This must be the place! The map says, convocation in the ballroom at the Student Union. Now where are Evelyn and Ann? Oh, here they are! I guess we're ready to go now."

After the long, but interesting convocation, we five still energetic students rushed forward to register; then the long wait for lunch. After this brief period our feet began to feel the results of our looking for our competitive contest sites. The names Ferguson, Andrews, Bessey, and Burnett rang through our heads. Which was where?

Finally we found our respective places and settled down to a long fifty minute test, after which time was our own. We of course, attended the different convention clinics.

Nancy Boettcher arrived just in time for the banquet served at 6:00 P. M. during which Dr. William F. Swindler, director of the School of Journalism spoke about "Journalism On the Upgrade."

On the second day we attended the second series of convention clinic after a hearty breakfast and a restful sleep in the Cornhusker Hotel.

Luncheon was served at 12:00 noon with the awarding of certificates.

After this we returned our weary but happy bones home from the twenty-third convention of the Nebraska High School Press Association held in Lincoln.

### HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

#### ADD ANOTHER CANDLE

- November 21 .....Rosemary Siemek
- November 22 .....Marjorie Kretz
- November 24 .....Adrian Starosick
- November 26 .....Allan Pensick
- November 29 .....Tom Dischner
- December 1 .....Ralph Hadcock
- December 1 .....Lawrence Mielak
- December 1 .....Al Jarecki
- December 5 .....Kathryn Zelasney
- December 5 .....Imelda Euteneuer
- December 8 .....Mary Ann Simpson

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## Twenty-Two Respond To Coach Costello's Call For Basketball Squad

When the last football game was at hand, the boys began to think of the forthcoming basketball season. Coach Costello's call for squad members was answered by just two seniors, Leo Moschenross and Joseph Tooley; nine juniors, Jerry Micek, Ed Kavanaugh, Leonard Nosal, Don Noonan, Tom Stevens, Floyd Arasmith, Ambrose Placzek, Kenneth Nosal, and Allen Pensick; four sophomores, Dennis Shefcyk, Mike Micek, Ted Pfeifer, Phil Zarek; and seven freshmen, George Arasmith, Bartly Brennan, Don Kaminski, Paul Langan, Joe Ryba, Pat Tooley, and Anthony Kroenke.

### BASKETBALL SCHEDULE

Dec. 7 Holy Name .....Away  
 Dec. 9 Schuyler Home Game  
 Dec. 17 Lincoln Cathedral .....Home Game  
 Jan. 11 St. Pat's, Fremont .....Home Game  
 Jan. 13 Lincoln Teachers Away  
 Jan. 18 St. Edward .....Away  
 Jan. 21 St. Francis, Humphrey .....Away  
 Jan. 28 Newman Grove Away  
 Feb. 2-4 Stanton 'B' .....Tournament  
 Feb. 8 Osceola .....Home Game  
 Feb. 11 Seward Concordia .....Away  
 Feb. 15 Wayne .....Home Game  
 Feb. 17 Clarkson .....Home Game  
 Feb. 22 Blair .....Away  
 Feb. 25 St. Joseph, Omaha .....Home Game

### ATHLETE'S PRAYER

Dear Lord, in the battle that goes on through life,  
 All I ask is a field that is fair.  
 A chance that is equal to all in the strife,  
 A courage to strive and to dare.  
 If I should win with my Faith and my Honor held high;  
 If I should lose let me stand by the road,  
 And cheer as the winners go by.  
 The Chimes

## Irish Trounce St. Pat Gridsters

"52-0 was the score." These words were passed from student to student after St. Bon's gridsters hit their hottest scoring pace of the '54 season on the fifth win of the year. St. Patrick's were the victims.

In the opening quarter, the Bonnies led 7-0 with a touchdown by Joe Tooley. With this start, the boys again scored four TD's in the second quarter with a lull in the third, while St. Pat's gave a brief defense.

Again in the fourth, with three more tallies, the Shamrocks were really in the money.

TD makers were: Micek, Tooley, Moschenross, Nosal, and Clark.

## Wide-Awake Juniors Grab Forty Winks

Walking into Sister Emma's English class the other day, I was amazed to find the room pitch dark. All the shades were pulled down and from the back of the room I heard someone snoring.

Wondering what kind of a predicament I'd gotten myself into, I began groping around to see if Sister had arrived yet.

Finding that she hadn't I decided I'd better do as the rest of the class was doing and thus find out what was going on.

After a brief pause the door opened and out of one eye (they were both formerly closed) I saw Sister Emma enter the room. Silence! Then the clear voice of Mark Kobus sang out, "Peek-a-boo. Just taking a nap between classes."

Just another of the juniors' pranks!

Let us so live as to be an inspiration, strength, and blessing to those whose lives are touched by ours.



## Introducing St. Bonaventure Gridsters

**John Woerth:** Center and defensive guard—150 pounds and he has a Tiger for every pound. John plays very steady ball and his opponent will always know that he is around. John's defensive line play has been outstanding all season, and against Holy Name his play was GREAT!  
**Clarence Nosal:** End—weight 140. Clarence is a very strong defensive end and in his second year at this position. He played defensive end on our undefeated team of 1953 until he was injured. His best game was against Omaha Holy Name where he was outstanding.

**Leo Moschenross:** End—weight 145. Leo plays offensive end and defensive half back. This is Leo's first year at the end position, and he has been doing a bang up job. This is his last year of competition for St. Bonaventure.

**Bob Zoucha:** Guard—5'8"—160. Bob is a junior. He says he is 100% Irish. He feels that next year he will be able to handle one side of our line if the rest of the team can take care of the other. Bob is a guard and a good one. He has one more year remaining for football with St. Bon's. We have had some very good guards here at Bonnies and Bob could leave being one of the tops. After graduation next year, he hopes he may see his native land—Poland.

**Edward Kavanaugh:** End—6'3"—175. Ed is a junior and one of the few Polish boys on our team this year. This is Edward's second year of varsity football at the end position. He has great ability on both offense and defense. He made some very great catches in our first two games which enabled our team to move the ball well against two very strong opponents. We hope that Ed will have his greatest year next fall. He started his varsity play on an undefeated team, let's hope that he can end it on one.

## Shamrocks Cop Sidney Thriller

Thrills, spills, and spectacular playing closed the football year at St. Bon's with the outgoing seniors giving their all in this last game.

The game, well matched all the way to the end, came alive in the first period with Gates hooking up a fumble on Sidney's 10 and going for the first tally.

The Maroons then marched 64 yards for the tying touchdown in the second quarter.

### Football History Made

In the third period both teams failed to come through, and it was not until the final quarter that the game became football history with three touchdowns in 10 minutes.

Sidney recovered a fumble and went all the way for a 70 yard run.

The Shamrocks came back fighting with a steady hard drive of 90 yards for the tying tally.

The Maroons blocked the kick-off and Woerth recovered on the 27 with Bonnie's backfield taking it over, making it 18 to 12.

### Clark Outstanding Runner

Duane Clark was running at his best for the Irish, ably assisted by Joe Tooley, Jerry Micek, and John Holys.

### Gates Blocking Standout

Clinton Gates, playing one of his finest games in an outstanding career, was in on every tackle and did a good job at blocking.

Speedy Wes Berry was the standout in the Sidney backfield, and Dean Schmidt, Bud Sayre, and Ron Brown contributed some hard-hitting defensive work.



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# Graduates Follow Varied Vocations

Approximately one-third of St. Bonaventure's recent graduates are continuing their education at various schools, universities or hospitals throughout the state. The remaining number are employed by various business firms in Columbus or have joined the different branches of the service.

Students continuing their education are: Helen Gahan, Pat Vruble and Sally Ragatz, St. Elizabeth's Hospital, Lincoln; Joan Gregorius and Lorraine Herink, St. Joseph's Hospital, Omaha; Sheila McGowan, St. Mary's School of Nursing, Rochester, Minnesota; Mary Ann Feik, Barnes Business School, Denver, Colorado; Jane Luetkenhaus, teacher at St. Mary's, Nebraska; Jim Hoshor and Bob Wennhoff, Doane College, Crete, Nebraska; Shirley Ramaekers, Commercial Extension School, Omaha; Stacia Bolin, Duchesne College, Omaha; Ronald Warholoski, Michael Tooley and Dorothy Gladfelter, University of Nebraska; Raphael Schilz, Tri-State College, Indiana; Pat Michelson, Lincoln School of Commerce, Lincoln, Nebraska.

Those working in Columbus and their place of business are as follows: Elaine Kneifel, Pat Wozny, Shirley Sullivan, Janette Fyfe, Lillian Miller, Marilyn Borowiak, and Joan Cielocha, Dale Products; Phyllis Higgins, Home Appliance; Janet Placzek, Polly Shoe Store; Davianne Powell, Joan Syslo and Rosie Blahak, Court House; Pat Johnson, Swifts; Tom Bonk, Ewert's Filling Station; Bob Fyfe, Archway Motors; Betty Sleddens, J. C. Penney Store; Delores Rupprecht, Sears and Roebuck; Joyce Bures, Fricke-Fleischer Drug Store; Donna Jarecki, drummer for the Ruth Coleman All-Girls Orchestra, Cheyenne, Wyoming; Virginia Miller, Y-Knot Drive-Inn; Bernard Peterman, Becton-Dickinson; Eugene Nosal, Van Berg's Sales Pavilion; Dominic Zarek, Quality Produce Co.; Leo Stavas, plumber; Clarence Pensick, Pawnee Park.

Joyce Melcher and Shirley Jiranek are employed at the Mutual Life Insurance Company in Omaha. Rosalie Buzynski is employed by the Mutual Benefit Insurance Company.

Those enlisted in the various branches of the service are: Vincent Galley, Marines; Dean Souliere and John Tooley, U. S. Army; Kenneth Cielocha, Joseph Noonan, Bill Murphy and Kenneth Roddy, U. S. Navy.

Graduates helping at home are: Mary Micek, Joan DeLarme, Dorothy Jarecki, Rose Paprocki, Frances Burzynski, and Donald Sullivan.



John Tooley, from Fort Bliss, Texas, was seen roaming around the halls at St. Bon's. After just a short absence, John finds the old camping ground still GOOD!

\* M \*  
Joseph Noonan, from San Diego, California, home on furlough, was seen at the last football game. His short vacation at home did not permit time to visit the school.

\* M \*  
Other boys home for visits were Bill Murphy, Ken Roddy, Ken Cielocha and Vincent Galley. They managed a few minutes visit at school with their former teachers and classmates.

\* M \*  
Shirley Ramaekers, '54 grad, finished her course at Commercial Extension in Omaha. Last week she began work at the Union Pacific offices in Omaha.

\* M \*  
Joan Cielocha, another '54 grad, began to make good use of her typing ability at the City Treasurer's office on Monday of this week.

\* M \*  
At the recent election of band officers, the seniors took precedence. Joe Bonk captured the presidency; Mary Catherine Bothe, the vice-presidency; and David Miller, secretary-treasurer.

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## MOTHER OF MY HOME

Sweetest thought that hails Thee, Mary!  
Mother of my heart and home  
Be my Queen, my honored Mother,  
Wheresoe'er on earth I roam.

What is home when Thou are wanting?  
Joy departs when Thou art gone.  
Darkling clouds, ah, then do gather  
Till thy light again doth dawn.

See the home, a shrine of Mary,  
Children 'round their Mother dear;  
Sweetest face on wall and mantle,  
"Crown of Roses" hanging near.

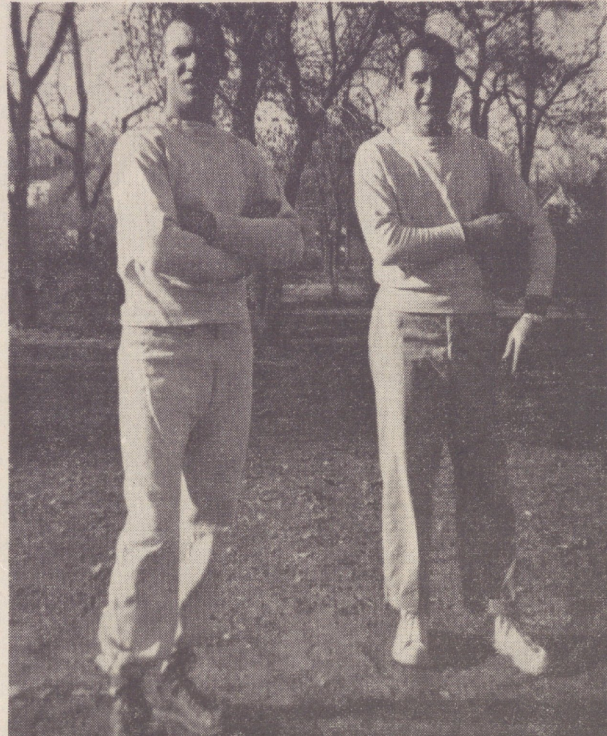
Mary's home that Rosary brightens,  
Sending forth sweet strains above;  
'Tis the chain of hope, of virtue,  
Banding us to Mary's love.

Children by the hearth are playing;  
One at least her name doth bear,  
On the home a blessing bringing,  
Barring Satan's entrance there.

Name so dear at life's bright dawning,  
First the "Baby's" lips proclaim.  
Mother at her knee hath taught it  
All the power of that sweet Name.

Dying eyes behold her image,  
While life's tide doth ebb away;  
Dying hands do clasp her rosary,  
Dying lips to Mary pray.

Yes, dear Virgin, I will hail Thee,  
Mother of my heart and home.  
Be my Queen, my honored Mother,  
Wheresoe'er thy child doth roam.  
—Rev. J. C. Krickser.



Two outstanding men, coaches, and teachers—Mr. Cletus Fischer and Mr. Robert Costello. May they spend many more years training the Shamrocks in good sportsmanship.

## Youth Center Holds Gala Halloween Party

A gaily decorated Y. C. greeted the students as they arrived for the Halloween party on October 26. The dance was attended by 130 students from St. Bon's High.

As they arrived, the students were given a part of a paper pumpkin with a number on it and in this way their partners for the Grand March were chosen. During the evening the students enjoyed dancing to the music of the Jute Box.

A Chamber of Horrors was one of the added attractions. Students entered the Chamber in pairs and were greeted by the usual weird sounds and noises. Crowning of the King and Queen of Halloween highlighted the evening. Pat Tooley and LaVerna Bartholomew were honored as the Halloween Royalty.

Refreshments were served by mothers on the Y. C. committee.

## TO MOTHER

Mother is never supposed to be cranky,  
She should be happy all the day long,  
No matter how much she has to put up with  
Or how many things go wrong.

When she burns the toast for breakfast,  
She must smile and say,  
"Don't worry, I'll make you some more dear,  
Just throw those burnt pieces away."

Baby won't eat his cereal and Michael's milk is spilt,  
The heat has mother feeling like she's about to wilt.  
But she musn't lose her temper—  
Nor she musn't scream or shout—  
Or one of the family will be sure to ask,  
"Now what's mother so crabby about?"

She works and toils the long day through,  
And must not even sigh,  
The company is coming, the house is a mess—  
And ironing's piled up high.

Then sometimes she smiles and thinks to herself,  
"How nice when they're all in bed.  
I'll get out that last month's magazine,  
That I have never read."

But when the day is over,  
And the children's prayers are said,  
There's only one thing she's able to do—  
And that's to go to bed!  
By Mrs. Walter Keating,  
(Given at P. T. A. Meeting).

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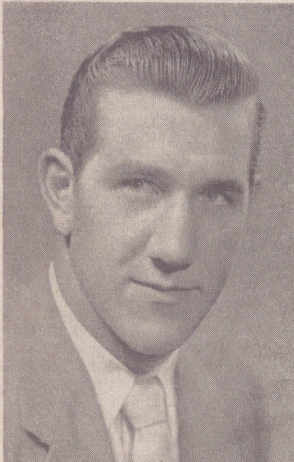
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# THE VENTURE



## Clinton Gates Earns Highest Honors In Football Career

Clinton Gates, a boy who has been playing guard for the Green and White for the past four years, has ended his football career with the highest honors that can be gained by an individual player. Clinton was chosen one of the outstanding football players in the State of Nebraska—he was placed on the All-State first team by the Lincoln sports writers. This team is chosen from all the schools in the state including Class "A" schools. The selection of these individuals is brought about by the sports writers, coaches and officials who see these boys play. The ability of each of the boys nominated is weighed carefully before the final selection is made.

St. Bonaventure is justly proud that another boy can be presented as a member of the top eleven in the State.

It was stated in the Lincoln paper that every team which St. Bonaventure played this fall selected Clinton as their top candidate for guard position. He was also named to the All-State "B" team by both the Lincoln and the Omaha papers. In the Omaha paper it was stated that Clinton was among the top four candidates for the first team in all classes. This is a tribute to the school, to the football team, and to Clinton; for without team cooperation individual performance would be less recognized.

This is the fourth consecutive year that St. Bonaventure has had at least one boy named to the All-State Class "B" team.

The team record is indicative of the fine spirit which was shown. Two wins were over Class "A" schools, and one loss was to the Class "B" Champions of the State.

With a tally of six wins, two losses, and the strongest schedule in the school's history, the team can be more than proud of this year's achievement.

## Rev. Father Gordan Discusses Vocations

On December 3, Rev. Father Gordan, of St. Joseph's Seminary spoke before the entire student body on the subject of religious vocations. He centered his talk around a series of colored slides, which told the story of one particular boy from the time he entered the seminary, until he was ordained and said his first Mass at his home parish.

He explained some of the difficulties of seminary life, such as homesickness and getting used to an entirely different schedule. But he also told the brighter side of the story, such as the many different sport activities, the new friends to acquire, and the knowledge that you are serving God.

He ended with a special entreaty to the students to say three Hail Marys every day for the increase in vocations to the priesthood and the sisterhood.

## Nursing Field Presents New Vocation Interests

Representatives from St. Joseph, Creighton Memorial Hospital, Omaha, Nebraska, met with the senior and junior girls last week Monday.

Miss Loyola Duesman, a faculty member at St. Joseph's, and a student nurse spoke about the activities and work in the nursing field of their school in Omaha.

Slides were shown depicting various departments of St. Joseph Hospital, and the outstanding social events that occur.

An open forum was held before the close of the assembly.

## 'King of Kings' Movie Benefits Library Fund

Under the auspices of the P.T.A., the movie, "King of Kings" was presented to the student body on Monday. Previous showings were given on Friday to the grade school children, and Sunday afternoon and evening to adult audiences.

The school organization sponsored this picture in order to swell the growing fund for the grade school library.

The movie depicted the public life of Christ; His love and understanding of erring humankind; finally the culmination of His Sacrifice of Love—The Crucifixion.

## Football Teams Attend Annual Sports Banquet

The annual city-wide football banquet was held December 15, in the Columbus city auditorium.

St. Bonaventure and Kramer High lettermen, coaches, and athletic directors were guests of the Rotary, Lions, Optimists Clubs, and the Chamber of Commerce.

Mr. Mark Haight, head football coach of Midland College, was the guest speaker.

One of the features on the program was the showing of a film of one of the top University of Nebraska games.

## Band-Glee Club Present Annual Christmas Concert

St. Bonaventure's Band and Glee Club successfully presented their annual Christmas Musicales on December 10 and 12 in the Social Hall.

The musicale, which tunefully blended the joyous and the reverent aspects of the Yuletide Season, featured excellent performances by the band, glee club, small groups, and soloists.

### Band Performs First

The band, performing first on the program, offered Harold Walter's new Christmas Suite as the opening number. Following, the "Jesu Joy of Man's Desiring" was heard, and the first section of the program was concluded with the lively "Christmas in Killarney."

### Program Offers Features

Featured on the various ensembles were the clarinet quartet, composed of Yvonne Mitera, Allen Pensick, Delores Schefcyk, and Geraldine Cockson; the brass quartet composed of Bartly Brennan, David Miller, Elaine Boettcher, and Bob Messersmith, and the flute trio composed of Mary C. Bothe, Nancy Boettcher, and Lorraine Pickhinke.

Soloists were Mary Jo Tucek, trombonist, and Mariann Shonka, soprano. Barbara Mitera and Jackie Michaelson were the accompanists for the evening.

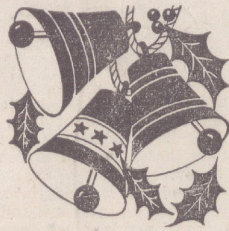
### Erie Canal Makes Hit

The main feature of the glee club's selections was the "Erie Canal" with the solo work very skillfully done by Carrol Fix, Paul Siemek and Bob Messersmith. The always popular, "Carol of the Bells" brought a call for an encore.

### Drill Adds Tang

The band returned for the concluding section of the concert, beginning with the beloved "White Christmas." Following this, was the "Parade of the Wooden Soldiers," augmented by a special novelty drill by a group of fifth grade boys. As an appropriate finale, the band presented "Merry Christmas."

A capacity crowd attended the concert on both nights.



Bonne Ann'e  
Feliz Ano Nuevo  
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Gleda Yule  
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To You  
In Different Languages

### Bonnies Agenda

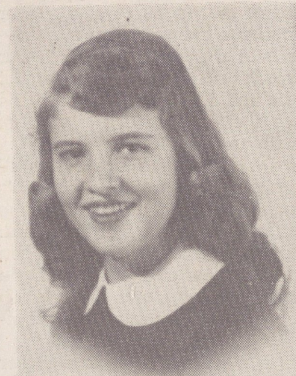
- December
  - 23—Close of school.
  - 25—Christmas.
- January
  - 3—Classes resumed.
  - 11—Fremont, St. Pat's.
  - 13—Lincoln Teachers.
  - 18—St. Edward.
  - 19-20-21—First Semester Exams.
  - 21—St. Francis, Humphrey.
  - 24—Quarterly reports.
  - 28—Newman Grove.
- February
  - 2-3-4—Stanton "B" Tournament.
  - 8—Osceola.
  - 11—Seward Concordia.
  - 15—Wayne.

### What Are You Making?

Isn't strange that princes and kings  
And clowns that caper in sawdust rings  
And common folks like you and me  
Help to make up Eternity?

To each is given a bag of tools,  
A shapeless mass and a book of rules,  
And each must make, ere life is flown,  
A stumbling block, or a stepping stone.

—Selected.



## Betty Dineen, Judy Olivetti Win Democracy Contest

In the recent Voice of Democracy Contest, sponsored by the Junior Chamber of Commerce, two Bonnie contestants placed second and third.

Betty Dineen, second place winner, received a cash award of \$10. Judy Olivetti, third place winner, received a cash award of \$5.

In all, there were 23 contestants. Jackie Michaelson, Tom Lakers, Allen Pensick, Janet Melcher, Frances Merrill, Carroll Novicki, and Lorus Luetkenhaus, were the other entrants from St. Bonaventure.

Vard Johnson, of Kramer High, took first place honors. He was awarded a \$25 Defense Bond. His speech will be transcribed and presented to the State Junior Chamber of Commerce for the district contest.

All contestants will present their speech over the local radio station at 3:05 p. m., each day Monday through Friday. This broadcasting program will continue until January 5.

## Nine Girls Revive Popular Triple Trio

The sound of nine melodious voices has again been heard issuing from the music room.

Because he was importuned to do so, Mr. Joseph J. Van Ackeren reorganized the inactive triple trio.

The new group consists of: sopranos—Mariann Shonka, Mary Ann Pickhinke, Virginia Mimik; second sopranos—Nancy Boettcher, Mary Catherine Bothe, Evelyn Pensick; altos—Sharon Bowe, Betty Gregorius, Lorraine Pickhinke.

Thus far they have entertained at the December P.T.A. meeting, and at the Doctors' Banquet at St. Mary Hospital, on December 15.

Other appearances are in the offing. The special practicing schedule will give the members a wee bit of extra curricular activity.



The judges were: Mrs. R. L. Schacht, Mrs. Vern Deyke, and Mr. Wm. Goetz. The winners were selected on the basis of a point system—forty points for delivery, forty points for content, and twenty points for originality.

## Modern Building Soon To Replace Old Monastery

Saint Bonaventure Monastery was built in 1877, and was the headquarters for all of Platte, Madison, Polk and Butler Counties. The first pastor to reside at Saint Bonaventure Monastery was Father Ambrose Jansson, O. F. M. This monastery was dedicated on November 17, 1878, and since then it has been in constant use.

The old monastery has eleven sleeping rooms, library, kitchen, and dining room. At the present time six priests and two brothers are living there.

In 1953, plans were drawn up for a new rectory. The present one being 76 years old and practically beyond repair. The proposed rectory was begun in the spring of 1954. It is to have nineteen rooms: nine bedrooms, recreation room and library, dining room, kitchen, utility room, lobby, three consultation rooms, and two offices.

At the present writing, the monastery is practically finished and the Fathers expect to move in shortly after the first of the year. The new monastery will be another fine addition to Saint Bonaventure's Building Program.

The students and faculty of St. Bonaventure extend their deepest sympathy to Rev. Conrad Molota, O. F. M., in the recent death of his mother. She is being remembered in our prayers and in the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass.



GUEST EDITORIAL  
By FATHER JOHN. O.F.M.

# True Christmas Joy--An Inside Job

Christmas Joy is an "inside job". It must have its source from within—not from without. The world would try to give it by blaring music, hundreds of Santa Clauses, and dazzling tinsel. But the only true joy is that which God alone can infuse into our hearts and which explodes from the heart to be diffused all about us.

If we wish to have that true joy and really be happy as a lark at Christmas we must turn back the pages of time to our childhood. To be childlike means to have the virtues of a child—to have simplicity reign in our hearts, purity shine from our eyes, and charity guide all our words and deeds. Our greatest mistake as we leave childhood behind is that we stifle those childlike virtues and often replace them with vices instead of increasing and enhancing them within ourselves.

High school students have not yet strayed too far from childhood. They have a much better chance in turning back to its virtues. Others have already dug almost too deeply into the ruts of adulthood and have succumbed to the ways of the world.

Therefore, students, go back to your childhood virtues. Then you can expect to find really true happiness and joy which you crave. Christmas will have greater meaning and expectation about it for you. Our Lord will be eager to come to you and infuse that joy spoken of.

You know that true happiness increases as we come closer to God. We come closest to Him in this world in Holy Communion. May each of you, therefore, find true joy this Christmas—like that of Our Lady, St. Joseph, the angels, the shepherds—when you receive His pardon in the confessional and His very Person at the altar rail.

May you have a really Merry but Mary Christmas!

## Your Birthday--His Birthday

If any of you are like yours truly, you love to have a birthday. It is your own special day. You look forward to it all year; and on that day you have a certain glow within, engendered by the knowledge that you have been in this good old world a year longer. Furthermore, you feel you are just a little wiser than you were the previous year. There is excitement in the home. Your family goes out of their way to show you that they can, and want to put up with you for a good many more years.

You can be assured that the Infant Jesus would be extremely pleased with you, and no doubt smile on you just a little more sweetly, if some effort were made to show Him, on this His Birthday—the Birthday of the Redeemer of the world—that you think He is Someone very, very special!

Really, He is no different from any one of you in the respect that He likes to be shown that His efforts and kindnesses; His assistance and love, have sunk deep into your hearts and made an indelible impression thereon.

On this Christmas, pour out the gifts of your heart; lay them at the Feet of the tiny Infant King. He will be, oh, so happy and appreciative of them, and best of all, you will learn that—"It is in giving that you receive."

Judy Olivetti

## You Can Be A High School Crusader!

Every history book contains an account of the Crusades, and the courageous deeds of the brave men who sacrificed everything to rescue the Holy Land from the Turks.

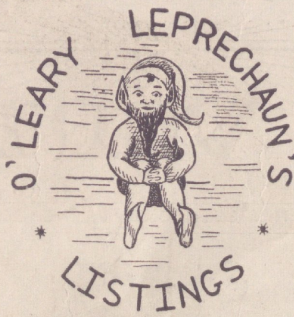
High school students often wish, when reading of the excitement and heroism of the Crusaders, that they could have accompanied those men. They too, wish to do something heroic for God.

Perhaps it isn't well known, but another crusade—that you can join—has been organized. It is the National Holy Communion Crusade of the Catholic Youth of America. This crusade was begun on October 31, the Feast of Christ the King, and it will continue until Pentecost Sunday, 1955. That means there is still plenty of time for you to hop on the bandwagon, and join the crusade.

The idea of the crusade is this—for all Catholic students to receive Holy Communion more often during the week and every Sunday, if possible. One method of gaining the cooperation of everyone is to set aside a certain week, during which every boy and girl is to attend Mass and receive Holy Communion.

The purpose of the crusade is to increase the number of vocations in every diocese in the country. So, as you see, there is still a crusade which you can join and be of glorious service to God. You can help Him to find laborers for His vineyard. If you're lucky, you'll be one of the "Chosen among thousands!"

Sharon Robb



## The Saga of Butch

It was six o'clock in Heaven  
And poor Butch, he was so sad,  
Because of all on cloud seven,  
He alone forgot, oh, too bad.

Yes, Butch forgot a gift to get,  
Such a bad angel was he,  
He was in bad trouble, he'd bet  
He couldn't go to Christ's party.

The twenty-fourth, the date today,  
And the stores, were all closed,  
So Butch was sunk, his joy crushed  
ed lay  
He'd be punished, he supposed.

Now every year on Christmas Day  
(That's Christ's birthday you all know)

The angels have a party gay,  
Without a gift, Butch can't go.

Butch sat down and tried to decide  
What to do about this thing.  
He wasn't too big, he could hide  
And none would know what he  
didn't bring.

And so Butch went to the party,  
And hid where no one could see,  
But all of a sudden he heard a cry,  
"My little Butch, where is he?"

It was Christ and Butch had to go,  
Up to Him and feel the shame  
The tears rolled down his cheeks,  
oh wee,  
Poor Butch, so to Jesus he came.

Jesus looked down with kindly eyes,  
And said, "Butch, come on, be gay,  
I know that love in your heart lies,  
That's all I want on My Birthday."

So Butch was happy, now he knew  
He brought a gift after all,  
He brought his love, it filled him  
through  
He knew he'd answered his call.

That's a good thing for us to know,  
On this coming Christmas Day,  
That we have love for Christ also.  
On this, his holy Birthday.  
Mary Ann Simpson.

Dear Editor:

I greatly appreciate the work and time that you put in our school paper, "The Venture". However there are a few complaints I have to make.

Let's have more of the happenings that go on in school printed, and also a few more Shenanigans. I also think we should have a list printed of all the important occasions that are coming up.

Another thing—our school should hold more rallies before the games.

Yours truly

Kathryn Zelasny

The happenings that go on in school can only be printed if the editor receives notification thereof. It is impossible to be on every floor, in every classroom, every minute of every day. Come now, do your bit. How much have you done toward contributing these happenings? And furthermore, how do you conduct yourself when rallies are held????

Editor

To the Editor of the Venture:

Having been a subscriber of "The Venture" for three years, I wish to take this opportunity to congratulate you on this year's publication.

Thus far, all the issues have been excellent in their news coverage; their interesting and instructive editorials; and their better than ever features.

The only thing I think that isn't quite up to par is the Shamrock Shenanigans. Give us more of them!

Keep up the fine work.

Lorraine Wozny

Thanks for the nice words. Your funny bone will be tickled with more Shenanigans when they are submitted to the desk of the Editor

Remember even a turtle gets nowhere unless it sticks its head out.

The reason why so many people do not recognize an opportunity when they meet it is that it usually goes around wearing overalls and looks like hard work.

To Win Success—

- Be brief—politely.
- Be aggressive—tactfully.
- Be emphatic—pleasantly.
- Be positive—diplomatically.
- Be right—graciously.

The secret of success in conversation is to be able to disagree without being disagreeable.

Life is short—only four letters in it—and 3/4 of it is a "lie" and one-half an "if."—Selected.

## Self Told Tales



Janet Czuba  
My hobbies, at present, include an accumulation of commemorative stamps, newspaper clippings of school events, and other miscellaneous items too numerous to mention.

I like music; my favorite being dance music, and popular songs. My own musical accomplishments don't go beyond playing "Chopsticks" on the piano.

Much enjoyment is also derived by my attendance at good movies, watching television, and reading good books. These items are enjoyed when the homework pile isn't too high.

Singing in the high school choir is another favorite extra curricular activity despite the fact that I'm not an accomplished singer. To build up my vocabulary, I enjoy working cross word puzzles — of course they may not be too difficult.

My future is in the distance, and my ideas about what I'm going to be or do are still in the distance.



Don Noonan  
No doubt a lot of people find it pretty hard to get along with me at times, but this has its good points as well as its bad ones. No certain hobbies have taken a firm hold on me, but I thoroughly enjoy doing almost anything, with a few exceptions.

When it comes to working, a little lazy streak makes itself known; nevertheless after school hours finds me a busy boy in a grocery store. By this means the ever useful spending money is earned.

Just about all sports are in my line of activities, but swimming takes the lead in the good old summer time.

After graduation, I will most probably join the service, and then become another—IKE.



Rose Mary Siemek  
For a nickname, most of my pals call me Rosie. I have dark hair, and I am of medium height—five feet six inches. In reality, I'm not the out-door type, but most sports are enjoyed by me from the spectator's stand. No special hobbies have been cultivated thus far, but I like all music and singing very much. I don't have a job, which shows I'm not too interested when the subject of work comes to the fore.

As yet, no special plans for the future have been made, but who knows, I might end up with a fabulous career or as an employee at B & D.

Dick Sansoni  
Well, here I am, and there you are, and here I go. My bigness consists of a full four feet, ten inches; my weight is a sum total of 87 pounds; my light brown hair and blue eyes might attract

some attention. My hobby is building model airplanes. I do not have a job at the present time, but during the summer months I go with my dad.

After I graduate from high school—three years hence—I plan on going to college. But, if everything doesn't work out I'll either join the service or follow in my dad's footsteps, and be a Blatz Beer Salesman or who knows I might even become the President of the United States.

A Merry, Mary Christmas

and

A Joyous Marian New Year!

—The Venture Staff.

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## Attention!

What: Holiday Dance.  
When: December 27.  
Where: City Auditorium.  
Music: Bobby Mills Orchestra.

For: Catholic High School Students.

Sponsored By: St. Bonaventure's C. Y. O.



Betty Dineen  
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## Hotrodders Speed Into Heaps Of Trouble

One bright, sunny day, I decided to take a little trip down town to get my hair cut. It was such a beautiful morning, and I felt I hadn't a care in the world. As I was going into a parking place, "Wham!" Off came the chrome stripping from my dad's new car. However, I was lucky. The pretty blue station wagon I hit, had only its bumper scratched. The owner decided to forget the matter. At this time, I was confronted with the problem whether to go home or not.

I thought of getting the damage repaired at a garage, but found it would take too long. They couldn't fix the damaged part right away. Therefore, I decided to go home and face Pop. Oh, I'll admit he didn't exactly say: "That's O.K., honey, you'll just have to be a bit more careful with your driving in the future." But, I guess I did get off pretty easy. After all, it does cost money to get a door pounded out, and some new chrome put on.

Now it was exactly one week since I had ventured out into the streets again. This time I had a friend's car. It happened to be a very good friend, and I certainly wanted to be careful with my driving. But, as the story goes, a big old garbage truck just pulled right out in front of me. Now, what was I to do, tell me, but run smack into it? After all, I had to stop some way, didn't I? Yup! I tried the brakes. They didn't work. This involved a little insurance matter, but after a considerable length of time I got that cleared up quite well.

For a whole month, things were going along very smoothly for me. Note the word, **were!** Yes **again!** You want me to tell you about it? O.K., here goes! Now this one happened in the still of the night. I was going around a corner, see, not fast, understand; just taking it nice and easy. Well, for some reason or another, the door flew open and I fell almost completely right out of that car. Of course, this made me lose control of the wheel somehow, and I just couldn't find that brake. I knew it was there alright, but where? Once again I was faced with the old problem of stopping. Well, I saw a house, a car in a driveway, and a nice, big black telephone pole. For about a second, I had the choice of picking which one I wanted to use to stop my faithful old car. Well, the telephone pole was once nice, tall, straight, and it didn't have a scratch on it. Now it's not quite so straight, and it has a number of scratches also. A few wires were also strung over the road. I suppose you're wondering how the car took it. Well, I must say, it certainly looks different, and I don't know what's wrong, but the radiator just doesn't want to hold water any more. Could it be because there's a great big hole in it?

My name? Well, here lately I have become well known as, "hotrod," "reckless," or "the wrecker."

Pat Tworek

## O Come Let Us Adore Him



## Introducing St. Bonaventure Loopsters

**Leo Moschenross**, the only senior on the team, lacks height. However, his speed and agility are factors in his favor.

**Ed Kavanaugh**, is the tallest cager on the team this year. As center, he can be counted on to help chalk-up points. His height is a major factor in controlling the boards.

**Floyd Arasmith**, is always right there for the rebounds. His alertness will help the squad to victory.

**Jerry Micek**, a hard-working guard, is noted for his speed. This factor, together with his unusual jump shot, makes his playing effective.

**Don Noonan**, has improved considerably since last year. He is good in both offense and defense. Most of his scoring will come through set shots.

## Schuyler Team Cops Last Minute Thriller

Schuyler edged St. Bonaventure out of victory in a close game 43 to 39.

The Shamrocks hopped into an early 4-1 lead, fell behind and again went ahead 10-8 with brilliant playing by Arasmith. Schuyler then crept ahead 15-11 to end the first quarter.

Micek and Arasmith sparked an Irish flurry in the opening minutes of the second period as Bonnies went ahead 20-15 and held this lead until the third quarter.

In the third period the Schuyler Warriors started connecting, and the score remained at 41-36 till the last minutes of the game when Micek hit a free shot and fielder making it 39-41. However, Schuyler received two free throws ending the game 43-39.

In the preliminary, Schuyler re-

## H. N. Ramblers Shellack St. Bonnie's Loopsters

The Holy Name Ramblers, rolling in high gear, downed the visiting Irish, 71-28.

The Omahans, with plenty of speed and size worked well around the basket and from out court.

### Bonnie's Set Defense

St. Bon's set up a zone defense to stop 6' 8" center, Dick Hartman, and succeeded in holding the big boy to 13 points. Harry Vollmer took advantage of the opportunity and poured in 23 counters.

The Irish were cold, picking up only 8 field goals. They scored 17 points in the first half and 11 after intermission.

### Arasmith Best Bet

Floyd Arasmith, junior forward, and Leo Moschenross, senior guard, were the Irish standouts who turned in some good floor work. Arasmith, with 8 points, was high man for the Bonnies.

The Shamrock reserves also took a good wallop—going down by a 50-14 count.

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### Voice of Democracy

I am the Voice of Democracy. I am speaking to you from the heart of an immigrant.

He cannot speak the American language very well or tell you the names of the previous presidents' or even quote a sentence from the constitution of the United States; but if you were to ask him to pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America, he would take off his slightly soiled cap, lift his shining eyes toward the flag, and with an unequalled pride straighten his shoulders under the burden of his heavy plow.

Although the words would not issue from beyond his lips, his heart would swell and cry a little, just a little, at the thought of his two sons who had lost their lives fighting for their newly acquired homeland.

He would remember how in his own fatherland he had not been allowed to stop his work in the fields for the ringing of the Angelus bells, and how one day, the bells had ceased their praises altogether when the mission was taken over by the enemy. He is very sad.

But his sadness soon passes, and he thanks God for having given him two wonderful sons and a wonderful wife. He also thanks God for the knowledge of his bountiful blessings.

He remembers the soldier entered his home and insulted and blasphemed his family.

He knows that in this new, beautiful country, his country, his home is his castle, where he can pray and worship as he chooses, send his children to the school he chooses.

He realizes that this country he now calls home will protect his family and himself from any unwelcome intruders.

The little silver medal of Our Lady of Grace will not be torn from his bronzed shoulders by a petty, frightened animal; too stupid to realize he is the product of a Being greater than himself.

Yes, this immigrant knows what it means to live in a democracy.

His heart is filled with thoughts, desires to tell others all he knows of this wonderful country, but he cannot shape the words.

His soul is filled with pent up emotions. With all the fervor of his life he wishes to pour out what he knows. Stand on the top of a tall building and shout to the mechanical, unappreciative people walking below. "Wake up! Wake up people! Live! While life is in the palm of your hand. Realize the horror of a world filled with hate. Appreciate your church, school, work, family, the air you breathe, clothes you wear, food you eat! Preserve your freedom for posterity! Fight! Now while there is still strength in your bones! Do not let this Democracy slip through your fingers. Tighten your grip. Your freedom is a jewel, a gem to guard with your life!"

And picking up his plow with new strength, fervor, and devotion, he forces the blade deeper into the moist, black, fertile earth which is America.

The words of the immigrant will never be spoken. It is up to you, and you alone. Lock this treasure in your heart; throw away the key. If you do not, your prize will tarnish and decay.

In America men can speak their hearts as did James Metalfe in his poem—"Post War Prayer"—

Almighty God not long ago, when we were in a war—We called on You, to help us win what we were fighting for— And through today we now enjoy the peace we prayed for them—We come to You on bended knee, to ask Your help again—We should be grateful for the chance to lead a better life, but now we find ourselves embroiled in many forms of strife—Our old domestic problems seem to grow in size each day—Where greed is trying hard to take our reasoning away—We need Your help, Al mighty God to bring us down to earth; that we may all appreciate what life is really worth.

How do I know all these things? I know, because I, I am the Voice of Democracy.

Judy Olivetti



### What Is A Lawyer?

As many of the persons reading this article will soon be faced with one of the most important decisions of their lives, that of a career, some thought might well be given to the law as that career.

Everyone has seen real or invented trials or other courtroom procedures. The impression is generally one of organized confusion, presided over by a distinguished judge, a jury and two or more lawyers who seem to be decidedly angry with one another, because one keeps interrupting the other with "objections!" "exception!" and so on. The righteous indignation of the prosecution, the emotional appeal of the defense and the relentless questioning of the cross-examiner, each of these are appealing to us and each can in his imagination see himself in that position. . . . Actually this represents but a small segment of the lawyer's professional life and should not be too great a determining factor in the choice of law for a career.

One should first remember, if law is being considered, that very profound and not very clear statement "law is not an exact science" and that education of a lawyer is less the accumulation of rules, than the acquisition of a method of reasoning and a manner of thinking.

Law has its roots in man, and has been developing from the time that man existed. Civilization came to man, with tremendously diverse relationships, and rules for the proper order of society were made. The society became so complex that no man could master all of the rules, so a group arose whose life was devoted to discovering and applying the rules. The group are lawyers, and they must be students primarily and advocates secondarily.

A lawyer in Nebraska, becomes such after a course of study of six years. He attends a college for three years and a law school for three more. The only requirements for admission to the law school other than scholastic average are a general course of study such as another college student would take. The graduate is then examined by the State of Nebraska and if he passes, he is admitted to the bar.

One should realize that the tremendous opportunities of a legal education are not limited to active practice or judicial posts. Persons having a legal education are in great demand for posts in insurance companies, large industrial organizations, and for government posts. For example, agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation and Secret Service are primarily lawyers.

Seniors with an aptitude for research, an ability to express themselves, and a liking of study and thought can well find Law the answer to the question "What shall I do?"

C. Thomas White  
Attorney At Law

### Happy Birthday! Add Another Candle

- December  
21—Lorraine Pickhinke.  
21—John Woerth.  
21—Robert Augustine.  
23—Joseph Obal.  
24—Jane Burzynski.  
25—Little Jesus.  
26—Betty Dohman.  
26—Bob Clinkscales.  
28—Carole Thraen.  
30—John Holys.  
30—Joseph Ryba.  
30—Pat Tooley.

- January  
2—Carol Trofholz.  
3—Maxine Schuele.  
9—Mary Jo Dush.  
9—Carroll Fix.  
12—Charles Micek.  
13—Mary Hilger.  
15—Evelyn Pensick.  
15—Barbara Cielocha.  
17—Marion Skorupa.  
17—Shirley Slade.  
19—Phyllis Dohman.  
19—Kenneth Stracke.  
20—Jackie Michaelson.  
21—Floyd Arasmith.  
21—Anthony K'oerke.  
24—Dennis Schefcyk.  
24—Jane Holys.  
26—Virgil Liss.

- February  
2—Larry Dischner.  
4—Patricia Tworek.  
9—Robert Beck.  
10—Tom Stevens.  
11—Leona Paprocki.  
11—Phillip Zarek.  
12—Carroll Novicki.  
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### I Speak For Democracy

American Citizens: I speak for Democracy. I speak for a way of life based on the respect of the dignity of man. This aspiration was the urge that moved our Pilgrim fathers to brave the trackless sea. They dreamed of liberty, the God given birth right of all men. About one hundred years later the fruition of this noble aspiration produced the inspired Declaration of Independence. The men who signed the Declaration of Independence were men who possessed a strong faith. Little did they realize that under God's guidance they were laying the foundation to universal Democracy. Our way of life has opened the doors to millions to exercise their freedom.

The constitution gives us our democratic form of government. There-in is found the Bill of Rights which contains superb truths. There-in the founding fathers affirm the sacredness and dignity of man as he comes into this world out of the Creator's hand, endowed with a free will that he may be able to achieve his eternal destiny.

What did it cost us to achieve our Democracy? You here gathered know what it cost. Count it not in the cold figures of arithmetic. Rather, count it by the vacant chairs at so many firesides. Count it by sleepless nights and long vigils, by the sufferings and tears of mothers, wives, and sisters. Count it by the bowed head of grey haired fathers from whom went forth the joy and support of their declining years. That is what it cost us to achieve our independence. That is what it cost us to begin a new way of life in our Democracy.

Friends: For a hundred and fifty odd years each generation has been holding fast to our way of life given to us by our fore-fathers. Our way of life is living today. It is in the progressive factories, and the magnificent highways stretching across the plains. It is in our genius in new inventions, and the skill and courage in engineering. It is in respect for labor in formulating more efficient labor laws. It is in libraries, museums, art galleries, publishing houses, and newspaper press offering opportunities for progress. It is in the opportunities which are offered to men no matter how humble the roof under which they are born. It is in the American home, the equality of right in it, and the influence of the mother in the household. It is in free public schooling, at every door and center of higher learning pushing the scientific advance in every possible direction, and offering opportunities for progress. It is in churches and Sunday Schools, the complete toleration of religious opinion. It is in our everyday life, and it is so strong that no one is afraid of losing the object of it. More, far more, than anyone can tell it is in our Democracy. It is strong because it is founded on moral and spiritual principals.

Fellow Americans! I speak for Democracy for there is no other way of life like it.

Betty Dineen

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Clinton Gates, our best senior boy, is very sick at St. Mary Hospital. Clinton underwent major surgery on December 6. Remember his welfare in your prayers.

Betty Dineen was among the twirling contestants at City Auditorium. Entrants came from all over the state of Nebraska. First and second place trophies went to twirlers from Omaha and Lincoln. Betty placed third and received a medal.

It is good to see Sister M. Edwina and Mr. Robert Costello back at their posts of duty again. Both teachers were on enforced vacations due to illness.

Charles Wiedel, '52 graduate, is home on convalescent leave. Charles suffered a broken leg during maneuvers at Fort Bliss, Texas.

Photographic flash bulbs were blinking hither and yon throughout the day, December 9. The Bona Venture should contain a galaxy of worthwhile groups this year.

In an acrostic contest, sponsored by The Progressive Music Series, Jackie Michaelson, member of Pi Mu, received first honors. Recognition for her efforts came though publication in SLLM and a surprise package from Santa.

Esther and Virgil Liss will be spending their Christmas vacation in Wesconnett, Florida. They will visit their sister, Dorothy, (Mrs. Clarence Greer).

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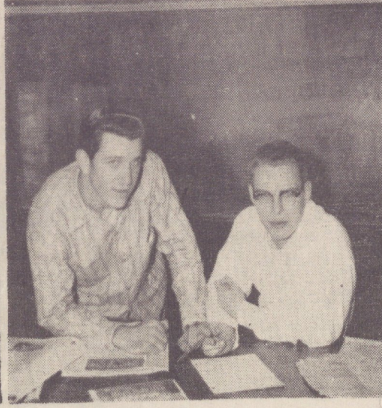




Mary Catherine Bothe, Judy Olivetti



Janet Melcher, Sharon Bowe



Clinton Gates, Tom Lakers



Joan Minette, Nancy Boettcher



Joan Matya

## 'The Venture' Staff, 1954-55

The first page editor, Mary Catherine Bothe, and her assistant editor, Judy Olivetti, are mainly concerned with news articles. It is their responsibility to see that their reporters cover all the important happenings around school.

The work of the girls editing the second page, Sharon Bowe and Janet Melcher, is cut out for them. Their responsibilities include the regular features, such as O'Leary and Shenanigans, and they must also collect editorials, human interest stories, and other features to amuse the readers.

The boys in charge of the sports page, Tom Lakers and Clinton Gates, have a very interesting job. They and their assistants must cover and write up all games and sports events.

Other news items, together with ads, are found on the fourth page. The format of this page is left to the ingenuity of Nancy Boettcher and Joan Minette. The make up of this page is most difficult, because there are either too many or too few articles.

The duties of the exchange editor, Joan Matya, are to send papers and ask for return copies from various high schools throughout the United States and some foreign countries.

The busy time for the typists, Mary Ann Simpson, Lorraine Pickhinke, Evelyn Pensick, and Janet Czuba, is the week preceding the date of issue. They must type and carefully proofread all articles.

Barbara Mitera and Dennis Minette were the busiest students before the first issue of The Venture. Their assignments made them the contact men with the business people of the city. Through their untiring efforts, a goodly number of fine ads were secured.

Pictures of the business managers were not available as the paper went to press.



Lorraine Pickhinke, Evelyn Pensick, Janet Czuba, Mary Ann Simpson



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## St. Bonaventure's Present All-Student Radio Program

St. Bonaventure's students were guests of the local radio station, KJSE, on the program "Your High School Speaks" held last week.

Master of Ceremonies was Tom Lakers, who thanked the radio station for the opportunity to perform again and gave a brief history of the school. He then introduced Carroll Novicki, who played two selections on his electric guitar.

**Venture Receives Recognition**  
Sharon Robb, editor of the Venture, gave the history of the paper; honors it has received; the support given it by the business men of Columbus; and the joys and sorrows of the staff members.

Tom then gave a Piece-Meal Quiz on the cafeteria to which Sharon Bowe, Lorraine Pickhinke and Sharon Robb responded.

**New Triple Trio On Air**  
The newly organized Triple Trio rendered three selections: "Blue Moon", "My Heart Stood Still" and "I Got Plenty of Nuttin'" with solo work done by Betty Gregorius.

Sharon Bowe's contribution was a reading in Negro dialect: "DE ORIGIN OF THE WHITE RACE".

The cornet trio played the popular "Jim Dandies" with Sharon Hoshor as accompanist. Marian Shonka sang "Without a Song" with Jackie Michaelson as accompanist. Barbara Mitera closed the program with Beethoven's "Moonlight Sonata" played on the piano.

## 1955 Bona Venture Nears Completion

The Annual Staff is busy working on the yearbook. One-third of it is already finished, and present plans indicate it will be a completed project within the next six weeks.

All students are urged to pay the annual fee as soon as possible, or earlier than that. Remember, payment is a must before a cherished Annual can be claimed for those most notable signatures. Furthermore, what would the book be worth without all those "John Patricks" and "Sharon Maloys?"

With the continued cooperation and interest of each high school student, and the members of the staff the "1955 Bona Venture" will be most pleasing to everyone.

## Anderson Conducts Fourth Choral Clinic At City Auditorium

Again this year, the St. Bon's Glee and Triple Trio will participate in the annual Choral Clinic consisting of three hundred students.

The event will take place in the City Auditorium, on February 9. The guest conductor will be Mr. Russel Anderson, Chairman Division of Fine Arts at Wayne State Teachers College.

Mr. Anderson will conduct rehearsals throughout the day and conclude the clinic program with a concert in the evening.

A few of the music selections will be: Orlando di Lassa's, O EYE OF MY BELOVED; Frederick Maller's, HAPPY WANDERER; Quanoff's, LAUD HIS NAME.

The music for the concert will be both classical and modern.

## Annual Staff Sponsors Valentine Benefit Dance

The King and Queen of Hearts dance will be sponsored by the president of the Youth Center and the editor of the Annual to raise funds to help defray expenses of the Bona Venture.

The chief attraction of the evening will be the naming and crowning of the king and queen. This couple will be chosen by the secret ballot of the student body on the morning of February 11.

Besides the crowning of the king and queen the main interest will be centered upon the dance floor. The secondary interest will be the refreshments served midway in the evening's festivities.

## PTA Plans Many Social Projects

St. Bonaventure P. T. A. met Tuesday, Jan. 18. About 200 members attended the meeting.

The proposed Grade A milk ordinance, now being considered by the City Council, was spoken on by Dr. P. H. McGowan. The members then voted for the approval of the ordinance.

The regular business meeting was conducted by President, Mrs. A. L. Kusek. The P. T. A. will sponsor a dance on Feb. 17, at the City Auditorium. They will also sponsor a card party Wednesday, Jan. 26, at the Social Hall.

The room prize was won by Grades 3, 4, and 5. This room, taught by Miss Eleanor Cech, had a 47 per cent attendance of parents.

The program chairman, Mrs. Walter Keating, introduced Mrs. R. L. Dodendorf, who spoke on "Art in Everyday Life."

The musical part of the meeting was furnished by Miss Nancy Snell, who played two piano solos.

Mrs. William Markofer and Mrs. Bonnard Shadle, health committee chairman, showed two movies entitled, "Immunization" and "How to Catch a Cold."

The meeting closed with the serving of refreshments.

## Movie Exposes Dynamite Danger

If the students did not know the dangers faced by fooling with blasting caps, all their illusions were dispelled after seeing the movie about the handling of explosives.

The film was in technicolor and painted a graphic picture of just what could happen and what does happen if these explosives fall into the hands of unsuspecting children.

Instructive literature was given to the students.

There is no right way to do a wrong thing.—Seneca.

## Twenty-Five Students Achieve Semester Honor Roll Merits

### Twenty-Nine Maintain Perfect Attendance Record

Reports show that 25 high school students have merited honor roll positions this first semester, and 29 others have held a perfect school attendance record.

To merit a place on the honor roll, one must maintain an "A" average in no less than three solids, and nothing less than a "B" in department and other remaining subjects. Seniors receiving this honor are: Lorraine Wozny, Janet Czuba, and Sharon Robb.

Honor Roll students from the junior class are: Madge Tank, Ann Schilz, Maxine Schuele, Patricia Schuele, Judy Olivetti, Allen Pensick, and Anita Augustine.

Five girls are the honor roll recipients from the sophomore class. Nancy Beck, Elaine Boettcher, Betty Ann Dohmen, Mary Ann Pickhinke, and Eugenia Podraza made the coveted grade. This is a sad outlook for the boys.

### Boys Take Honors

The freshmen class leads the entire school, with ten students entered on the honor roll. Dolores Schefcyk, John Schuele, Paul Langan, Richard Lux, Anthony Kroenke, Gaylord Kafka, Mary Jo Dush, Helen Ann Galley, Bartley Brennan, and Robert Augustine are the freshmen meriting the honor. In this class the boys walked off with the honors.

The Gold Star Winners, or in other words those diligent students who were in every class every day during the first semester, are as follows: seniors—Nancy Boettcher, Janet Czuba, Imelda Euteneuer, Theresa Kobus, Lawrence Mielak, Joseph Tooley, and Lorraine Wozny; juniors—Sharon Hoshor, Bill Markhofer, Allen Pensick, Larry Sladdens, and Bob Snell; sophomores—Janet Markytan, Mike Micek, Dennis Schefcyk, Philip Zarek, and Elaine Boettcher; freshmen—Richard Blahak, Elaine Blahak, Jo Ann Bothe, Helen Ann Galley, Jerome Kneifel, Anthony Kroenke, Paul Langan, Lea Markhofer, Maureen Micek, John Schuele, Janet Sebek, and Mary Ellen Minette.

The boys have the honors, since they lead by the big total of one in perfect attendance for the first semester. However, the girls far surpassed the boys—two to one—for the honor roll. This is a challenge to the boys for the second semester.

## Commercial Students Earn Coveted Awards

During the last days before Christmas the members of the typing classes were putting forth special efforts in order to qualify for the December Competent Typing Test. Some of the class members met the requirements with the following results in words per minute for a ten minute take.

Anita Augustine 38.4; Sharon Hoshor 37.4; Patricia Schuele 34.3; Marilyn Adams 33.4; Allen Pensick 33.3; Madge Tank 31.2; Beatrice Euteneuer 31; Norma Irwin 31; Janet Melcher 30; Maxine Schuele 30; Jo Ann Pensick 42; Janet Czuba 52; Lorraine Pickhinke 55.

The seniors in bookkeeping finished their first effort at the contest work offered by the Business Education World. Certificates that testify to the "ability to journalize, to post, to take a trial balance, to prepare a work sheet and financial statements, and to close the books of a service business" were earned by: Nancy Boettcher, Mary Catherine Bothe, Sharon Bowe, Janet Czuba, Mary Ellen Egger, Gale Kriley, Betty Gregorius, Margie Kretz, Joan Matya, Barbara Mitera, Jo Ann Pensick, Lorraine Pickhinke, Sharon Robb, Mary Ann Simpson, Laura Wemhoff, Lorraine Wozny, and Kathryn Zelasney.

Five members of the class were either absent when the problem was assigned or they procrastinated, and "Time and tide wait for no man."

Next month the opportunity will be offered to participate in the International Bookkeeping Contest.

# Shamrock Shenanigans

Why the self-satisfied expressions on the seniors faces lately? Guess it might be the fact that they got their class pictures.

Latest joke:  
Patient—Every time I have a cup of coffee, I get a stabbing pain in my eye. What should I do?  
Doctor—"Take the spoon out of your cup."

Woolworths is lucky to have a faithful girl like Sherrie Robb. She likes their candy best of all, or should we say she likes candy.

Sister B. to M. Micek: "What would you do with our first problem in algebra?"  
Mike: "Skip it."

Hasn't anybody noticed "Curley" Arasmith's permanent yet? Perhaps he got tired of hair hanging in his eyes when he plays basketball.

Congratulations to the cheerleaders for their new cheers. Nice going, kids!

Notice all the peroxide around school? Must be getting to be a fad.

What a relief! First semester exams are over. Now we can settle down to a normal life for awhile again.

Sister Cyrill: "Janet, I don't think you'll ever be a nun. You're lost to that good cause."

Janet B. Don't be so sure. I'm not done for yet."

To get first-class lessons in equestrian art kindly contact Janet Melcher or Joan Minette. They still have dislocated hips, bruised ankles, and hurts all over from their most wonderful saddle experience.

Richard Lux is in a dilemma regarding the pronunciation of the word—lever. In one class he hears the teacher say it with a long e. In another class the teacher uses the short e. Finally Richard said: "I guess it is le-ver (long e) in science, and lever (short e) in math. (Consult Dick the next time, Richard, and you won't have to ruminate so long before coming to a decision).

If anyone would like to know the difference between the margin set key and the margin release key, ask Sharon Bove. At long last, she discovered their differences and their respective uses.

Just overhead—Phil Zarek: "I'm not going to join the P. T. A. when I get big." (He fears to hear about the things he did in high school! ? !)

Semester Exam Gleanings  
Rigor mortis—a kind of poison  
Question—Are we obliged to confess our venial sins?

Answer—"No, but it is good and wholesome (wholesome) to do so."

Question—Tell about the fall of Jerico.

Answer—"Jerico fell down the steps and broke his neck."

Question in modern problems—Name two Federal Aids for Consumer protection.

Answer: Cool ade and lemonade.

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY Add Another Candle

- February:  
17—Carroll Smith.  
21—George Arasmith.  
27—Geraldine Cockson.  
27—Mary A. Pickhinke.
- March:  
3—Mary Ellen Egger  
9—Leroy Seiler.  
11—Nick Wheeler.  
12—Mary Ellen Minette.  
13—Margie Sliva.  
14—Janet Sliva.  
15—Marilyn Adamy.  
16—Mary C. Bothe.  
19—Bob Messersmith.

## Cafeteria Achieves Student Admiration

1. Where is the best Cafeteria in Columbus? At St. Bons.
2. Where is the biggest cafeteria in Columbus? St. Bons, of course.
3. Where are the most meals served in a week's time? Again, at St. Bons.
4. Who is the Manager? Sister Cyrill.
5. Who are the efficient cooks? Mrs. Matilda German, Mrs. Loretta Micek, Mrs. Helen Sokol, and Mrs. Helen Sebek.
6. Who are the expert helpers? The nice boys and girls from Grade Eight.
7. Who are the advertisers? All the children of St. Bons.
8. What are the sanitary conditions? First class.
9. What kind of milk is served? Grade A, homogenized, with vitamin D added.
10. How many half-pints of milk are served daily? Six hundred eighty-six daily or 14,418 per month.
11. How much do the students pay for a well-balanced dinner? One dollar per week. Three dollars per week for three or more members of one family.
12. When are figs onions? When they are Kadota figs. (That's what the youngsters took the figs for—onions.)
13. What do some boys and girls call food? They call it chow or grub.
14. Why is there quiet reigning during the meal? Everyone is busy eating.
15. Are the boys and girls gaining in weight and also getting better grades? Don't tell me.
16. What is the general opinion of the parents regarding the cafeteria? It is wonderful!
17. What would we do without it, now that we are so accustomed to having it? Hard telling.
18. Who has visited our cafeteria at the dinner hour? Many of us.
19. Did it make you hungry? We should say so!



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## The Month To Improve Your Reading

The purpose of Catholic Press Month is to raise the standard of literature that is read by Catholics. As you may know, that standard is none too good. In any drug store, book store, or candy shop, one will doubtless see many youngsters loafing around and reading low-grade comics. But what is much worse than these comics is the type of book that is destructive to faith and morals. These are read, for the most part, by adults and teenagers.

These books can be found anywhere and everywhere. They're like weeds. As fast as they're bought and read, there are others written to take their place. No matter how hard the "certain few" try to get rid of them, they keep popping up; each one worse than the preceding one.

By analyzing these facts, one must come to the conclusion that there is no way to blot out this evil literature. It certainly can't be done by the "certain few." But, it can be done if each and every Catholic—adult and student alike—strives toward this end.

How does one do this? By absolutely refusing to buy these books that glorify criminals, ridicule justice, and make a mockery of all the beautiful things that God has created. Also, by commending and encouraging editors and publishers who have the courage to print decent stories and articles that are suitable for the reading public.

Sharon Robb

## What's Your Homeroom Behavior?

You enter your homeroom just in time to hear the teacher say, "It's 8:40, let's have it quiet now."

"What a stuffed shirt," you think, "doesn't she (or he) know that I have to talk to Jane now. She won't even notice if I leave my seat for a minute. If I'm not at my desk, she can just look around for me, that's her job."

So you go over to Jane's desk and start talking, and all of a sudden that English test flashes across your mind.

"When will I study it? Oh, I'll do it during history period. Then tomorrow I can copy Helen's history."

History time comes along and the teacher has you stand up at the board the last of the period and you don't get that test studied.

"Oh, well," you think, "what's one F anyway. The teacher likes me pretty well and she'll probably just overlook that F."

The next day you get your paper back and you find that you got the expected five. "It wasn't my fault," is always a good alibi so you use that. Your mind awakens just in time to hear the teacher saying, "If you had spent even ten minutes studying you would have gotten a much higher grade."

If you'll think back you'll see that you wasted ten precious minutes talking about what you were going to wear that night or some other trivial thing is the subject of your conversation, in homeroom when you could have been studying for that test, and thus raised your grade from an F to a B or even an A. Next time you'll know better and feel sorry for the ones who haven't yet realized this. There comes a time in everyone's school career when she will learn.

Janet Melcher

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## Self Told Tales

Lawrence Mielak

Among a number of hobbies of mine, one stands out especially — art. That is, the art of painting and drawing. At present I am taking art lessons from Minneapolis, Minnesota and I have another year and about five months work before I shall finish the course.

I like all sorts of entertainment and especially the good times at St. Bon's. I'm not especially crazy about our present school building, but I don't think I could get accustomed to another. We may not have the best, but it harbors many happy memories.

Most of my dislikes, I suppose, are the things that others do wrong. If a point in a lesson is explained, I can't see why the class members don't all get it.

However, taking all in natural stride, the best times are those spent with my buddies in school. The class in shop takes the lead, because I enjoy being with our teacher, Mr. Fischer. The second best camping place is the library — Sister M. Gerard is always gracious about looking for references that at times we could find ourselves.

Maxine Schuele

I have light hair, blue eyes, and I am five feet three inches tall.

I like almost all sports, however, basketball and volleyball are my favorites.

As far as music is concerned, I like anything from concerts to jazz.

Although I have no particular hobbies, I like to collect school souvenirs, write letters, and to rearrange the furniture in our home.

Being exceptionally fond of movies, I enjoy my work as an usherette at the theatre.

For extra curricular activity, I take great pleasure in pushing Pat's hot rod from class to class. You see, Pat is a polio victim. During my siege of polio, God was real good to me . . . He did not keep me in a wheel chair.

Though my future is fairly certain, besides becoming a stenographer, I would also like to travel through foreign countries.

Chuck Micek

The big city where I first saw the light of day was Cedar Rapids, Nebraska. At the present time, I am 16 years old, and I am five feet nine and one-half inches tall. I have blonde hair and blue eyes, and I wear a size ten and one-half shoe.

In school work, I like biology best. Perhaps it's because we have so many interesting animals to study. Besides eating and sleeping, I like to ice skate, swim, and play golf with Bob Ross.

Since my father was an orchestra leader, I enjoy music very much. At present, I play the trombone in our school band. If possible, I shall continue music and join my uncle's orchestra—"Bobbie Mills Orchestra"—which specializes in dance music.

Sharon Messersmith

I am five feet, two inches tall, with eyes of blue and hair of gold.

The outdoor life is the life that attracts me most. All outdoor sports find in me a good participant — or roter.

In the hobby line, stamp collecting takes precedence over every other. The band tolerates me as a clarinet player, but I enjoy playing to a great extent. Every minute of the day finds me busy, and therefore, there are no dull moments waiting to be killed.

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Principal, St. Bonaventure High School, Columbus, Nebraska  
Dear Sister,

Enclosed are a few snapshots which you will readily recognize. You would have been proud of your girls as well as the boys if you could have been present. They were loyal and yet such good sports when their team lost. They were indeed everything that you would have wished them to be.

I took these pictures thinking we might use them in the annual, and it occurred to me they might like a copy. Negatives are enclosed in case they should care for them.

Sincerely in St. Francis and St. Dominic,

(Signed) Sister Clare

### Bonnies Trounce St. Francis, 67-51 On Home Floor

St. Bonaventure picked up its fourth victory by taking a decision from St. Francis of Humphrey 67 to 51. Playing their best game of the season, the Shamrocks rolled to a 14 to 4 margin in the first quarter and stayed on top the rest of the way.

St. Francis scored effectively in the second and fourth period, but could not keep pace with the well-balanced Irish offense.

The improved Irish had a good shooting percentage, and some excellent rebounding by Ed Kavanaugh, Don Noonan, and Floyd Arasmith. Substitute Dennis Schefcyk did a fine job under the board in the final period. Two junior forwards, Noonan and Arasmith combination, paced scoring with 20 and 16 points respectively. Others in the scoring list were Jerry Micek with 11 and Leo Moschenross with 10.

Leon Haschke topped St. Francis with 13 points and Jerry Sanders played a good floor game.

Trouble at the free throw line hurt St. Francis, hitting only 9 out of 30 chances.

The Irish did very good in this department hitting 13 out of 21.

### Lincoln Teachers Top Hustling Irish Team

Two big quarters spelled victory for Lincoln Teachers, defending Nebraska Class "B" titlists. The Tutors poured in 17 points in the final canto.

**Bonnie's Narrow Margin**  
The St. Bonaventure cagers had their best quarter in the second, outscoring Teachers 9-5, and narrowing the margin to 22-17. The teams played on about even terms in the third canto.

The Irish got fine rebounding from Ed Kavanaugh, and they were moving the ball well, but the boys just could not find the hoop. Kavanaugh led all scorers with 17 points.

### Irish Cagers Surprise Undefeated St. Pat's

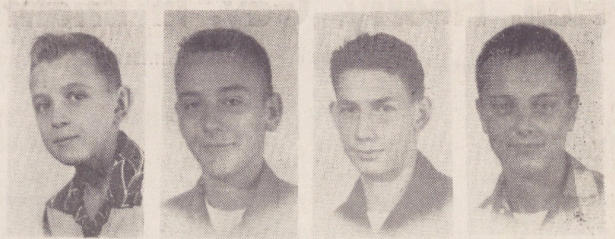
St. Bons upset previously undefeated Fremont, St. Pats, in the opening Class "B" game at the State Catholic Tournament held in Hastings.

The Irish showed continual improvement, hustling the ball well, and doing a good job on defense.

Although the contest was close all the way, St. Pats held the lead only once—a short-lived, one point advantage—midway in the third quarter.

Kavanaugh hit 8 points and did a top job on rebounding and defense. Arasmith, another junior, led the Irish in the scoring department with 12 points. Jerry Micek kept the Irish on top in the last two minutes by making four out of 6 free throws.

Tim Evans, 6-2, and Pat Evert, 6-4, each managed only 6 points for St. Pats, far below their usual output.



### Introducing St. Bonaventure Loopsters

Leonard Nosal is the smallest boy on the squad. He is only 5' 3", but his passing together with his set shot has been very effective. He plays forward and guard.

Dennis Schefcyk, a six footer, lacks experience, but does give us more height on the team. He has been doing good work as a forward.

Ambrose Placzek is one of the taller boys and works at the center position behind Ed Kavanaugh.

Mike Micek, one of the sophomores, is also another tall boy who has seen some action at the center and guard positions. He also lacks experience but is improving as the season progresses.

Tony Kroenke is a real new member of the squad since he is a freshman. His 5' 10" adds to the much needed height on the team. He has been working as a forward.

### Holy Name Ousts Fighting Shamrocks From Tournament

Although St. Bons never stopped plugging, powerful Holy Name ousted the Shamrocks from the semi-finals of the state Catholic tournament held at Hastings. The board showed a final 38 to 69.

Holy Name led all the way with a good margin of 21-12 in the first quarter. They moved well against the Irish all through the second quarter and then once succeeded in outmaneuvering the Green and White, by clamping on a full court press and picking up several quick buckets.

Ed Kavanaugh again had a good game for the Irish with 17 points and many a good rebound. Don Noonan did an all-around job and totaled 11 points.

Dear Friends,  
I enjoyed the *Venture* and thought it was well written. Your school seems to be large and to offer a varied program. The articles on democracy were very well written and I enjoyed the *Self Told Tales*. They gave recognition to the younger students and were interesting without being silly.

Thanks again,  
(Signed) Lois Kernan

### Shamrocks Defeat Lincoln Cathedral For First Victory

The Bonnies captured their first victory of the season at the expense of Lincoln Cathedral. At the final buzz, the scoreboard showed 56-51.

The Shamrocks got off to a flying start with a 3-0 margin on Floyd Arasmith's free throw and Don Noonan's fielder. Towards the end of the quarter, Leo Moschenross and Jerry Micek collaborated on a fast eight-point flurry to widen the gap to 13-4.

**Shamrocks Maintain Lead**  
The Shamrocks stayed two skips-and-a-jump ahead of Cathedral in the second quarter. This stanza ended with a score of 34-25.

Both teams slowed down a bit in the third quarter. However, towards the end of the quarter the foes started to gain ground, but time ran out with the score reading 44-33 in favor of the home team.

**Final Stretch Tells Story**  
The final stretch added 12 more tallies to the Green and White score; while the invaders were honored with an added 18 markers. High scorer was Ed Kavanaugh with 15 points. Leo Moschenross garnered 14 and Noonan 12.

The invaders used 11 players with ten of them scoring. High scorer was Pat Everett with 10 points.

The reserves again bowed to their foes to the tune of 56-38.

### Bonnie Cagers Steal St. Edward's Thriller

The accuracy of the Irish at the free throw line gave them the victory over St. Edward's Beavers. Coach Costello's Shamrocks sunk 24 out of 30 gratis tosses with Arasmith giving a 6 for 6 sharpshooting performance.

St. Bon's showed well-balanced scoring with Kavanaugh, Arasmith, Noonan and Leo Moschenross all in the double figures.

The Shamrocks led virtually all the way by a slim margin making it a close game through each period.

The reserves made their first win, making the night's work a clean sweep, by taking the preliminary 58-27. Leonard Nosal paced the Little Irish with 10 points.



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Ann Schilz	Reporter	Schlitz	Having parties	Mr. Sandman	Holy cow!	Piano teacher	Human parasites
Mary E. Minette	Reporter	Mem	Talking to Bea	Let Me Go Lover	Let's not get sickening		Algebra
Maureen Micek	Reporter	Bea	Talking to Mem	Heart of Stone	Oh what a mess!		To be called a "Green Freshie"



John Tooley is now busily engaged in learning to speak German. He was transferred to Augsburg, Germany last week. Koennen sie Deutch sprechen, Johannez?

Bill Murphy, the sailor boy, was also on the transfer line. He left the Great Lakes region, visited in Columbus a day, and then went on to his new address at San Diego, California. Bill can still sing joyfully, "Ah, the sailor's life is still the life for me."

Dean Soulliere will be stationed in Washington, D. C. for the remaining years of his army career.

No books, no reports, no—just sitting in the library these days. The librarian, Sister M. Gerard, was called to Mishawaka, Indiana, because of the serious illness of her sister, Sister M. Adelheid. To make matters worse, Sister Gerard contracted a severe cold enroute and is now a patient herself.

Arlene Pickhinke has transferred from St. Mary's College, Omaha, Nebraska, to St. Rose College, Albany, New York. Arlene is majoring in Medical Library work. She is also wearing a sparkler on the right finger of her left hand and according to what people say, wedding bells will be ringing in August.

On Sunday, January 30, at 2:30 p.m., Helen Gahan, Sally Ragatz, and Patty Vruble will be capped at St. Elizabeth Hospital, Lincoln, Nebraska.

Quoting from Helen's letter, a better realization of this thrilling experience is noted.—"Just think! We three will be the first of the class of '54 to wear our nurse's uniform complete—uniform, hose, shoes, cap and cape. Sounds real professional, doesn't it?"

"We had capping practice this noon! Everyone is so sincere when she says the Nightingale Pledge. Seems so different to hear everyone so solemn, when we're used to somebody always 'goofing off'."

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## Bonnies Agenda

- 1—Game, St. Joseph (here)
- 1-2-3—Game, Stanton "B" Tournament (there)
- 3—St. Blase Blessing
- 4—Tryouts for Class Play
- 8—Game, Osceola (here)
- 9—Choral Clinic, City Auditorium
- 11—Game, Seward Concordia (there)
- 11—Mr. Thomas White—Talk on Nebraska Legislature
- 14—St. Valentine Day—"Annual" Party
- 15—Game, Wayne (there)
- 17—Game, Clarkson (here)
- 18—Talk on Art, Mrs. Dodendorf
- 22—Game, Blair (there)
- 23—Ash Wednesday
- 28—Annual will be sent in for publication
- 28—Convocation, Sophomore class

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## St. Valentine Goes Unremembered On His Own Feast Day

Hearts and flowers—that's all this day means to most people. You might say, "Well, 'he' started it in the first place." That may be true, but the practice may be a pagan survival; some connect it with the old idea that the birds began to mate on this day. "What is this you're talking about," you might ask. Let's put it in the form of a quiz and you can test your own knowledge of your religion.

This man, was a Roman priest who was martyred February 14, A.D. 271. He is regarded as the patron saint of lovers. There are other bishops and priests named after him. Got you guessing? I'll give one more clue.

As the legend goes, when this man was in jail he sent love letters and cards to his friends before he was put to death; hence, arose the custom of sending "valentines," missives, or tokens of an amatory nature on February 14.

In case you haven't already guessed, the man I'm speaking of is none other than the always forgotten, Saint Valentine.

Let's all make it a point to remember this year just what Valentine Day really is, and I'm sure you'll find that you will enjoy it more.

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Some of the basic requirements in today's competitive field of Salesmanship are quite simple, yet most important. The impression the salesman makes on customers is affected by such things as his fund of general information, his ability to use reasonably good English, and a wide range of interests.

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In a nutshell, successful salesmen have a competitive spirit, enthusiasm, liking for hard work, desire to earn money, aggressiveness, honesty and ability to work without supervision.

—S. E. Bremner

## Enthusiastic Seniors Exchange Pictures

As I walked past the senior room I heard exclamations like this: "Oh! Aren't they nice!" "I like this pose best." "That really is cute! May I have one?" I decided to find out what all the ohs and ahs were about. Sure enough! The seniors received their class pictures, and they were busy exchanging them. And I'll have to admit they all looked real nice.

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# THE VENTURE



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## St. Bonaventure Band Plans Fifth Annual Spring Concert

March 22 has been selected as the date for the fifth annual Spring Concert to be presented by the St. Bonaventure's Band, under the direction of Joseph Van Ackeren. This event will take place at the Kramer Auditorium. The opening number will be the rousing "Fete Triumphant March." Following this will be "Huldigungsmarsch," "Ode to Music," "Green Domino," and "Invercargile March."

### Novelty Numbers Feature Part II

Featured in the second section of the program are various trios and novelty numbers. Opening this section will be "Nolette" by Holmes. "The Buglers' Holiday," a cornet trio composed of Barbara Mitera, Betty Gregorius and Rosemary Siemek, will be followed by the trombone trio's selection of "Trombero." Included in this trio will be Bob Messersmith, Charles Micek and Joe Woerth. The flute trio, composed of Mary Catherine Bothe, Nancy Boettcher and Lorraine Pickhinke, will render "Flute Cocktail." "Donkey Serenade," "Swedish Rhapsody," and "The Three Blind Mice" conclude this section.

### Majorettes Add Color

"Fame and Fortune" introduces the final section. To this stirring march the majorettes will perform a twirling routine. "Deep River" and "Street Scene" will be followed by Romberg's ever popular "Serenade" and "Desert Song." "Hollywood Serenade" and "Colonel Bogey" will conclude this year's program.

## Sophies, Convocation Composed of Music, Comedy, Information

Under the direction of Sister M. Bernardis, the following convocation was presented by the sophomores.

"The Bells of St. Bonnies", a lyric to the well-known melody, "The Bells of St. Mary's", was rendered by the entire class. "The Best Things in Life Are Free" given by a select group followed.

"What's The Matter With Us", a skit referring to Catholic Press Month was directed by Elaine Boettcher.

This was followed by a dramatic monologue "The Aspiring Warbler" by Virginia Mimick, and a recitation, "The Mysterious Guest" was ably presented by Kathleen Briggs. Mary Ann Pickhinke supervised the presentation of "Crackers, Hamburger, and Banana Cream Pie" a comedy on digestion.

At the close of the program "Brown Eyes" was harmonized by a select group.

The final number, "Stop The Racket" closed the assembly. Yvonne Mitera had charge of this.

### Seniors Make Last Appearance

Fourteen seniors, the largest number of graduating band members since its organization in 1950, will be making their final appearance with the band. The majority of these seniors are five year band members. Graduating seniors of band are Evelyn Pensick, Merlyn Keefer, Mary Catherine Bothe, Nancy Boettcher, Lorraine Pickhinke, Betty Gregorius, Barbara Mitera, David Miller, Jo Ann Matya, Sharon Bowe, Bob Messersmith, Paul Siemek, David Vanek, and Joseph Bonk.

Reserve seat tickets for this year's concert may be purchased from band members at seventy-five cents apiece.

## Commercial Students Attempt Various Tests

Twenty-three seniors in the book-keeping class completed their papers for the International Book-keeping Contest. Their knowledge of the fundamental rules of book-keeping was expressed in their ability to make a Trial Balance. These were submitted in the hopes of winning Certificates of Achievement.

As February drew to a close, it saw the typing class gaining speed. Those meeting the qualifications of the February Competent Typing test and winning Competent Typing Certificates for 45-40 words per minute with less than 5 errors were—Anita Augustine, Judy Olivetti, Sharon Hoshor, Marilyn Adams, Janet Melcher, and Madge Tank. Certificates for 37-30 words per minute with less than 5 errors were won by—Carroll Novicki, Betty Dineen, Robert Snell, Robert Zoucha, Esther Liss, Jackie Michaelson, Pat Tworek, Joan Minette, Joseph Bonk, and Joe Tooley.

The first and second year shorthand classes entered the 42nd OGA Shorthand Writing Contest. This contest is based on fluent and accurate shorthand notes. Attention is given to the proportion of the curves, size of circles, length of strokes and slant. As there were more than 10 entries, St. Bonaventure's entered as a "team". The first prize is a Trophy Cup and a \$25 U. S. Saving Bond which will be awarded to the teacher of the team. There are also many certificates and pins that are awarded as runner-up prizes.

Six of the first year shorthand students have earned certificates of the Theory Test. The test rules state that 100 words per minute for 10 minutes shall be written in shorthand and transcribed in not less than 20 minutes with a grade of not less than 90 per cent.

## Add Another Candle Happy Birthday!

### March—

- 15—Marilyn Adams
- 15—Mary C. Bothe
- 19—Bob Messersmith
- 21—Dennis Daly
- 22—Dorothy Peterman
- 24—Nancy Boettcher
- 25—David Vanek
- 26—Edward Kavanaugh
- 26—Francis Valasek
- 29—Donald Noonan
- 29—Elaine Blahak

### April—

- 1—Ted Pfeifer
- 5—Dwayne Johnson
- 5—Robert Bartholomew
- 6—Theresa Kobus
- 9—Bob Snell
- 13—Clifford Roddy

## Students Attend Film and Lecture By Brother Allan

"You may all make yourselves comfortable, sleep if you will, but do not snore" were the introductory words of Brother Allan as he addressed the St. Bonaventure student body last Thursday. Brother Allan spoke about the Religious life, and of the work of the Alexian Brothers in particular. In his talk Brother stated that the Alexian Brothers are Religious — devout men vowed to lead a life of prayer in common. They are hospital Brothers—men of good will who spend their lives in works of mercy and charity.

Through seven hundred years the Congregation has adhered strictly to its original mission—the practice of the corporal works of mercy. This includes nursing of men and boys, rich or poor, regardless of race, color, or creed; operating general and special hospitals, convalescent homes, and other retreats for men and boys; and conducting schools of nursing for men students.

The Alexian Brothers are represented both in Europe and in the United States. In this country the Brothers operate general hospitals at Chicago, Illinois; Elizabeth, New Jersey; and St. Louis, Missouri.

The Alexian Brothers make the three simple vows of religion—poverty, chastity, and obedience. Perpetual consecration to this life of sacrifice is made after five years of temporary vows, and an affiliation with the Congregation for at least seven and one-half years.

Before concluding his talk, Brother presented a short film of the Alexian Hospital in Chicago. The film showed the Brothers at work as pharmacists, X-ray technicians, lab technicians, and in caring for polio and other patients.

Pamphlets were given to the boys interested in religious life.

## Seniors Select Comedy Play WHO WOULDN'T BE CRAZY

The efforts of the cast, in the senior class play, will be brought to light in the presentation of WHO WOULDN'T BE CRAZY, shortly after Easter. This play is a hilarious account of a case of mistaken identity. The locale of the play is a private sanitarium for mild mental cases.

The characters will be aptly portrayed by the following: Pluribus, a colored janitor, Clarence Nosal; Pendie, a colored maid, Sharon Bowe; Jack "Speedy" Marshall; young man about town, Robert Messersmith; Lois Meredith, a pretty girl of 18, Joan Matya; Inmate No. 1, a young man of about 25, John Woerth; Inmate No. 2, an eccentric young woman, Mary Catherine Bothe; Miss La Velle, a sympathetic nurse, Janet Czuba; Evelyn Winslow, a wealthy patient, Carole Thraen; Reggie Mortimer, an admirer of Lois, Tom Lakers; Edward Gordon, Evelyn's fiance, Jerome Starosick; Mr. Marshall, one of the directors of the sanitarium, John Peck; Mr. Higgins, superintendent of the sanitarium.

## Janet Czuba Wins Homemaker Title

The Betty Crocker "Homemaker of Tomorrow" in St. Bonaventure High School is Janet Czuba. This contest was sponsored by General Mills.

She received the highest score in a written examination which tested the homemaking knowledge and aptitudes of the senior girls and will now be entered in competition to name Nebraska's candidate for the title of "All-American Homemaker of Tomorrow". Janet also receives a Betty Crocker Picture Cook Book for herself and a copy for her school library, as well as a Betty Crocker American Homemaker of Tomorrow golden award pin.

The state winner will receive a \$1,300 college scholarship plus an expense paid trip to Washington, D. C., colonial Williamsburg, Virginia and Philadelphia for herself and her school advisor. Her school will be presented a set of the Encyclopedia Britannica.

The scholarship award for the All-American Homemaker of Tomorrow will be \$3,500.

The 50-minute written examination was designed and judged by the Science Research Associates of Chicago. It consisted of multiple choice and subjective questions which tested the students' knowledge and attitude in the major areas of homemaking.

Each girl who took the test received a 24-page homemaking guide.

Joseph Bonk; McCafferty, hard-boiled policeman, Kenneth Stracke; Beatrice, Marjorie, and Janet—friends of Lois, played by Nancy Boettcher, Mary Ellen Egger, and Theresa Kobus.

The behind-the-scenes crew will be made up of the following: director, Sister Herman Joseph; assistant director, Mary Ann Simpson; stage manager, and make-up director, Lorraine Wozny.

Rita Simons and Gale Kriley will be in charge of selling tickets, while the work of making posters will be handled by Betty Gregorius and Lawrence Mielak.

## Elk's Lodge Offers Scholarship Award

For the seventh consecutive year the Columbus Elk's Lodge is offering the \$100 "valuable student" award to St. Bonaventure students.

The purpose of this award is to promote further education by financially helping students in the upper third of their class pursue higher education.

Competing for the Elk's Scholarship are Lorraine Wozny, who heads the senior class with a 94.2 average, Barbara Mitera, who has an average of 92.6, and Janet Czuba, who averages 90.5.

The winners are selected from brochures, prepared by themselves, that give a summary of all their high school works and accomplishments and their intentions for further education. These brochures will be judged by the Elk's committee on the basis of scholarship, character, leadership, activities, ideals, and initiative.

The winner will be announced at the honor convention in May when an Elk's representative will present the award.

## C. T. White Discusses Nebraska Legislature At Student Assembly

An address on the Nebraska legislature was given by Mr. C. Thomas White, Attorney at Law, guest speaker at St. Bonaventure High.

Mr. White gave the students the history of the legislature and a full explanation of the Unicameral system used in our own state at the present time.

Among the many enlightening subjects, one of the most interesting was the drafting of a bill and the process it must go through before being approved.

The quiet that prevailed throughout the address gave evidence of the students' interest in learning all they can regarding their law making body.



### 'Take Up Your Cross and Follow Me'

Lent is the time of year to meditate on Christ's passion, death, and glorious resurrection. It is a time to do penance for sins—the sins that put the weight on Christ's cross.

Jesus, God and man, suffered and died for us. This is recalled to our minds by the Stations of the Cross. He could have, through His divinity, been saved from that terrible suffering, but in order to open the gates of heaven for us He said, "Not My will but Thine be done."

It is sometimes difficult for us casual thinkers to distinguish between the humanity and divinity of Christ. For that reason many of our Catholics are afraid to imitate Him. They know they can't imitate the divinity of Christ; they can't be God. Therefore, in their confusion, they hesitate to imitate Christ, the Man.

Christ's resurrection from the dead proved His divinity; while His passion proved His humanity. It was His human nature that suffered violence on the Way of the Cross, not His divinity.

We can, like Jesus, pick up our Cross of Burdens and carry it without complaints. For that we will be rewarded and one day Christ will say to us, "Come ye blessed of My Father."

Janet Melcher

### Humility--The Key To Greatness

"I am the most illiterate and the least of all the faithful." This indeed is a self-derogatory remark—something that one would expect from the lowest type of man. Yet, who did say it? St. Patrick, the Apostle of Ireland. Who could have dreamed that a man such as this, who performed such marvelous deeds in the name of Christ, would have so delamed himself. The key to his curious words lies in his greatest virtue—humility.

This virtue he acquired during his youth while he was a slave in Ireland. He had been kidnapped from his home in Scotland. His masters were hard. Patrick thus describes his early life, "I was chastened exceedingly and humbled every day in hunger and nakedness." Instead of becoming rebellious and troublesome because of this treatment, he accepted it and profited therefrom. Then, when God called Patrick to His service, he was better able to serve Him.

Some of the things that people liked and respected in Patrick were his gentleness; his kindness, and his selflessness. An example of this is a short story told about Patrick's coming to a certain part of Ireland. The local chieftain went forth in battle array to bar Patrick's advance, but, as the story goes, "when he saw the face of Patrick, he loved him."

Patrick is a great example to all young people going forth into the world. They should realize by his life that a man must be humble before he can be great.

Sharon Robb

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## Choose A Vocation; Then Set Your Goal

The school years, especially from the eighth grade on to graduation from the High School, bring to our minds occasionally the thought of our vocation or calling in life. To many the word vocation means only one thing, the call to the priestly or the religious state. Actually, there are many vocations. There are vocations to the priesthood, to the religious life, to the married state, and to the single state in the world. In these general vocations we find more particular or specific ones, for example the pastoral vocation, the teaching, missionary and nursing vocations, and others.

What is a vocation? In general it is a call by Divine Providence to a certain way or state of life, usually indicated to us by the physical and moral qualifications suited to that life. For example, we study ourselves and find that we have good health, a good moral character, talents or the ability to study and learn, and we have a liking for the nursing profession. There you have a vocation to the nursing profession. Now in the case of a vocation to the priestly or religious life, there is one more requirement and it is essential, namely, the call by God through His representative here on earth. In the priestly vocation, the bishop makes this call and in the religious vocation the religious superior makes the call or invitation to this life.

There is a lack of vocations to the priesthood and the religious state, or rather a lack of souls willing to follow God's call. Too many who have the requisite qualifications apparently do not ask themselves whether God wants them to serve Him as priests, brothers or sisters. Perhaps they are unwilling to make the sacrifices required by such vocations, or they may be too engrossed in material comforts and pleasures or have other reasons.

In figuring our vocations, we should give God, our heavenly Father, first choice and ask ourselves sincerely whether we have a vocation to the priesthood or the religious life. We may need advice in this matter and should consult the proper person. Almighty God has given us everything we have and, therefore, should have first call on our services. If we think we have not a vocation to the higher life, we should earnestly consider what life we are fitted to follow. This will give aim, purpose, direction, and a goal to our life. All our efforts and energies should be directed to this end in order to make our life a success in God's eyes. Otherwise our life will be aimless, unhappy and unfruitful for eternity. Hence we must ask Almighty God to enlighten us that we may know our vocation and to strengthen us to carry it out according to His plan.



### Who Is Saint Joseph?

Saint Joseph is:  
... the guardian of chastity and the honor of virginity.—St. Augustine.  
... the faithful coadjutor of the Incarnation.—St. Bernard.  
... the perfect example of humility and obedience to God's inspirations.—St. Francis Borgia.  
... the man more beloved by Jesus and Mary than all other creatures.—St. Isidore.  
... the master of prayer and the interior life.—St. Teresa.  
... the model of priests and superiors.—St. Albertus Magnus.  
... the mysterious veil which covered the virginity of Mary.—Bossuet.  
... the third person of the earthly trinity.—Gerson.

### Saint Joseph's Boy

What joy was thine, dear saint, to hold  
The Infant Saviour to thy breast;  
What happiness for thee to know  
Thy dwelling by Our Lord was blest.  
Thy life was then a sweet delight;  
Thy labor welcome, too.  
The task performed for those we love  
Is easier far to do.  
So teach us, Blessed Joseph dear,  
That we may grow in love,  
And loving God may love all work  
That's done for Him above.  
—Alice Rose Carr.

### Rita Simons

In Carroll, Iowa, on September 18, 1936, I became the new member in the Simon's family. When I was six years old, our family moved to a farm place at Dexter, Iowa.

As a little green freshie, I attended Mount Loretto Academy in Council Bluffs, Iowa.

In 1952, I came to Columbus to live with my Aunt and Uncle, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Friedman. At that time, I began my high school career as a sophomore here at St. Bon's.

I have no hobbies—except baby sitting at the Friedman home. My ambition after graduation is to find a good position in Des Moines, Iowa, in order to earn the necessary green stuff for a future career.



### Carroll Novicki

I'm a member of that of that group of students known as the junior class.

I live in Duncan, Nebraska, and ride back and forth every day—a distance of about nine miles.

After school hours, I work in my Dad's grocery store. According to my size, (if that tells a tale) I must do a great deal of sampling at the candy counter during working hours.

Physics and typing are my favorite subjects; football is my favorite sport.

In my spare time, I like to read, play the guitar, draw, or work on my model railroads—the I.L.L., and the L.C.S. (I keep their names a secret).

I hope to go to college, and get a job where there's little work but gobs of money.



### Elaine Wieser

On April 25, 1941, the population of Humphrey, Nebraska, was increased by the advent of a little girl in the Wieser family—the last member in a group of eleven children. My earliest recollections are of our farm near Humphrey, where I lived until I was seven. The family then moved to a farm near Osceola. This brings me to my present status as a student of St. Bonaventure High.

As far as school is concerned, it's still here and I'm still in it. I have no favorite subjects, but algebra is by far the worst. (Perhaps I lack a mathematical mind!) I am a member of the glee club and band. I have no great musical ability, but I try to blow my very best on the Baritone during the daily meet of the band.

I have no other hobby than to enjoy life which proves very interesting at all times. Reading is one of my greater interests, and I am usually found browsing through every section of the library at least once a week. I have no special preferences in books or authors, just as long as I can understand him—Shakespeare, I don't!



### Donald Kaminski

There's not much of my 5' 3" to talk about. But being that I was asked to state, "Just the facts," I guess I'll have to think of something to write about.

I'm really fond of sports, and even though I'm no "Goose Tatum" I play a little basketball.

My school days, thus far, have been very enjoyable despite the fact that I'm still a green freshie—and I mean green!

In the line of hobbies, music takes precedence over every other thing, but the popular tunes are the ones that intrigue me most.

Well, the above are the facts, and nothing but the plain facts. Since there is nothing more to say I'll sign off with this little thought: "May you all get to Heaven a half hour before the devil knows that you are dead."





## Shamrocks Drop Wayne Thriller

The Shamrock cagers dropped one of the highest scoring games of the season to Wayne, yet the boys came home happy. Why? Junior, Ed Kavanaugh, the Bonnies' pivotman, set a new school point record of 35 points, pocketing 13 field goals and a 9 for 12 mark at the free throw line.

### Old Record Broken

Kavanaugh's flurry broke the old Shamrock single game mark of 34 points established by Dean Souliere last season at Leigh.

Next in point making were Don Noonan with 14 and Arasmith and Schefcyk with 10 each.

### Wayners Keep Lead

Wayne jumped into a 19-12 advantage during the first quarter, and left the floor at half time with a three point lead.

The third and fourth periods saw both teams playing fast ball, but Wayne always kept a 5 point gap between the St. Bonaventure boys. The final score—81-71.

The Bonnie's reserves won the preliminary by a 3-point margin, 46-43.

## Bonnie Cagers Defeat Strong Seward Team

Despite a bad second quarter, the Irish came back to defeat a hustling Seward team 58 to 51. The Shamrocks poured them in from all angles during the first stanza to roll up a 21 to 11 lead. Concordia then employed a full-court press the rest of the way, and held the Irish to only three points. At the close of the first half, Concordia was only one point behind.

In the third period, the teams played on even terms, each tallying 16 points.

### Kavanaugh Garners Counters

Ed Kavanaugh paced the winners with 20 points, and was very strong on rebounding. Don Noonan took runnerup honors with 14 points. Floyd Arasmith had to sit out for a time because of three quick fouls picked up in the first quarter. He contributed 13 points to the Irish tally.

Don Petersen and Loel Haak were the two sharpshooters for Concordia, with Petersen getting 19 and Haak 16.

### Gratis Tosses Earn Dividends

At the free throw line, both teams did very well. The Bonnies' cagers converted 22 out of 34 free throw tries into winning points, while the Seward boys hit 11 out of 15 gratis tosses.

Little Leonard Nosal led the way with 16 points in the tight 41 to 39 preliminary game.

### Bonnies' Agenda

- 1—Nebraska State Day.
- 1—All poems for the Contest will be taken up by the C. D. A. today.
- 1—Principal - Freshmen - Conference in Lincoln.
- 1—Yearbook is sent for publication.
- 3—Confession for First Friday.
- 4—First Friday.
- 5—First Saturday.
- 7—Student Council.
- 8—Kuder Tests for Seniors to be administered by Mr. Fischer.
- 9—How a Bill becomes a law. Oil Industry (film).
- 13—Communion for Holy Name Society.
- 15—P. T. A. Meeting.
- 17—St. Patrick Day. St. Patrick Day Dance.
- 19—Feast of St. Joseph.
- 21—Examinations for Scholarships in the University of Nebraska.
- 21-25—North Central Convention in Chicago.
- 21-25—Annual high school retreat.
- 22—Band concert in Kramer High Auditorium.
- 23—Career Day.
- 25—Broadcast from our local station.
- 28—Student Council.



## Bonnies Boys Beat Belligerent Bulldogs

The old saying, "St. Bon's will shine tonight" held true to form at the Osceola game. Our boys secured the highest point total of the season, clipping Osceola 69-48.

The team was held to a 29-21 halftime advantage, but shifted into high gear in the last two quarters bagging 40 points.

### Good Start Gives Advantage

The Bonnies got off to a good start with Dennis Schefcyk's free tosses plus baskets by Ed Kavanaugh and Floyd Arasmith. The Irish kept on plugging away, and at the quarter held an 18-10 advantage.

In the second stanza, the Bulldogs held the Bonnies on even terms with each adding 11 points.

### Final Half Tells Tale

The last two quarters told the final tale. Irish might proved too strong for the foes, thus increasing the total 40 counters. This victory broke the three game losing streak.

High point man for the night was Floyd Arasmith with 22 points. Ed Kavanaugh chipped in 20.

The reserve game was fast, furious, and exciting from the beginning to the end. Both teams fought right down to the last second. The final gun showed a score of 36-35. Ambrose Plazek added 10 points for the home boys.

## Leigh Sharpshooters Top St. Bon's Cagers

The Shamrocks were dumped by Leigh to the tune of 64-50. The Bonnies just couldn't keep up with Leigh, lagging 20-32 in the first half.

The boys came back ready to fight again after intermission. They played a much better game, but kept on getting nowhere fast while those sharpshooters from Leigh ran away with the ball.

Tom Kufpf, Leigh's shifty center, copped 36 points for his old home team. The Bonnies best bid came when the Irish took advantage of 16 out of 20 free throws.

Don Noonan bagged 14 points for the Shamrocks, while Floyd Arasmith and Leo Moschenross each had 11.

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## Clarkson Red Devils Trounce Irish Five

A big second half gave Clarkson a 71-53 victory over the Shamrock varsity. Ed Kavanaugh and Don Noonan tallied 15 points apiece to lead the Irish in scoring. The home team was hitting pretty well during the first half, but their shooting slowed down after intermission.

### Bonnies Manage Three Leads

St. Bon's was in the lead only three times—at 2-0 when Noonan opened the game's scoring; at 14-12 when Moschenross hit two free throws; at 19-18 on Kavanaugh's follow shot. The Red Devils led as the period ended, 24-19.

Early in the second period, St. Bon's cut the margin to 26-23, but as the half-time buzzer sounded, the invaders had a 41-32 lead.

The Shamrocks stayed within nine points until late in the third period when a fast five-basket flurry put Clarkson comfortably ahead, 59-43 going into the final quarter. Bob Moore, 6-3 center poured in 33 points for the Red Devils.

The Irish reserves turned in a good performance, defeating the Clarkson second, 52-29. Tony Kroenke paced the winners with 16 points, and Ambrose Plazek had 14.

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# Mrs. Dodendorf Attains Art Chairman Position

Your handbook suggests that your Parent Teacher Association have an Art Chairman. Because I wield a paint brush ten days out of every week, you have paid me the compliment of selecting me.

I am honored, and yet—I can't help wondering if there are not many here present who are far more capable than I, of filling that capacity.

Art—according to Webster—is the production or expression of whatever is beautiful, appealing, or of more than ordinary significance. It means that thought and effort are required, continued practice until, ultimately, skill is acquired in some field. Boiled down—it means simply this—that we use the talents that God has given us.

First of all, we must face the fact, that we have all been given talents at the time of our birth, or acquired, by the grace of God.

We are shy about using these gifts.

With the most of us, the temptation is to bury the talent, through fear of criticism or ridicule, and instead, to borrow someone else's technique. Sometimes we falsely call it 'humility'. Usually it is the sheer unwillingness to make the effort.

We excuse ourselves on the grounds that others have been given more than we. There is no virtue in pretending that we have no talents. Each has his own. For some it is a seemingly small thing, for others obviously great.

It can be time or leisure used to a good purpose. It can be money wisely spent, power of sympathy, position of influence, clearness of expression, cheerfulness, wit, beauty, youth's enthusiasm, or the wisdom of age. It could well be faith, or prayer, or skill in some craft or game.

Some of you possess what is known as a 'green thumb'—that is the art of growing things. Others can stir up a delicious cake without a glance at any of the cook books on the market! That is an art in itself. Some of you are especially gifted in making over big sister's clothes into frocks that are a delight to those next in succession.

A nurse's cool hand on a fevered brow, and a comforting word, can do more, sometimes, than the miracle drugs of today.

There is the teacher in the classroom—your child's third parent—augmenting your home training with the ability—or art—of guiding souls.

There is the art of good leadership in the Boy and Girl Scout troops. These leaders strive to train those children in the art of becoming good citizens. They give of their time and leisure, their enthusiasm and foresight to those who, seemingly, have not one bit of claim upon them. And yet—that is the art of helping one's fellowmen.

These excerpts that I gleaned are not from a Catholic source. Instead, they are from articles written by associates of Columbia University and published fairly recently by a non-Catholic press. I thought it would be particularly interesting to you—a Catholic group—to hear tonight.

"In prehistoric days, painting or drawing was the speech of the caveman.

"The rise and fall of a people, a nation, has been traced through a study of its art.

"Art reveals the character, the culture, the ideals and the activities of the people. It portrays the high and the low, the divine and the sordid. It has served king and state, it has served Church and religion. It has been a part of the rich and the poor."

Art is the mirror of man's mind and heart and soul.

"We owe much to the Church, not only for causing art to flourish, but in giving to posterity the best in art of former periods. The works of Michaelangelo, of Murillo are yet to be equalled, much less surpassed.

"When barbarians overran Europe from the 4th to the 10th century, it was the Church, thru her missionaries, who brought order out of chaos.

"St. Augustine came from Rome, the Benedictines came. They brought not only the light of faith, but they also taught farming, husbandry and other trades. They needed churches, and churches needed decoration. These missionaries drew of their knowledge of

the past and taught them that to 'work was to pray'."

"Countries flourished and so did the arts. The cathedrals of Notre Dame, Cologne and Chartres are evidences of this period. But rivalry and discord and strife became uppermost in the lands. It was in this tumult—in the 13th century—when St. Francis of Assisi was born. He accomplished the task of 'bringing heaven down to earth'. He saw in everything the hand of God, and everyone was his brother. He was loved by all and imitated by many. His influence upon the people cannot be exaggerated. It was felt in cities, countries and consequently in the art of the centuries that followed.

Rubens, Van Dyck, Rembrandt, Corot, and Millet are but a few artists of those years.

Thus it is—the study of art is but a study of history. And—the study of history is but to better understand our fellowman. And when we understand—it is not too difficult to heed the words of Christ — "Love thy neighbor as thyself".

Mrs. R. L. Dodendorf.

## Entertaining Program Offered PTA Members

Before a crowd of 250 parents and teachers, a "Founders Day" program was presented to the St. Bonaventures P. T. A. Tuesday, February 15.

Mrs. William Boettcher, Chairman of the Founders Day committee, presented a skit, "Our Living History."

Next, Mrs. R. L. Dodendorf paid tribute to Sister Mary Vincentine who recently retired from teaching. Sister Vincentine entered the convent at Lafayette, Indiana, 55 years ago and of her 53 years of teaching, nine were spent at St. Bonaventure.

Several Scoutmasters and the Boy Scout Council were introduced by Mrs. Walter Keating, program chairman. A play "A Story For Mom," presented by the Cub Scouts followed.

Past presidents of St. Bonaventure P.T.A. were also honored at this meeting.

Grades 3, 4, and 5, taught by Miss Eleanor Cech, won the room count prize, having 59% attendance of parents.

Refreshments were served and the meeting was closed.

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### EXCERPT FROM A LETTER

"Passage to Freedom" is the Navy's official designation for the greatest humanitarian sea-life in history. It's difficult to grasp the drama of faith and courage that are the spiritual and moral forces giving movement to the operation. It is the tragic spectacle of hundreds of thousands of people on all levels who preferred to abandon homes and ricelands in the most fertile parts of north and central Vietnam rather than face the grim facts of life under the Vietnam Reds.

In the port of Haiphong, many of them find shelter in some Church yard where they are housed and fed. Five miles beyond the city, a temporary tent city accommodates 14,000. This is the processing center. Refugees are sprayed with DDT by American medical teams. Here they rest and await French-manned LCM's to take them down the river about 20 miles to the American transports where strong but gentle hands reach out to them.

The scenes that are witnessed in the transfer of these destitute pilgrims from the small to the big ship are impressively pitiful. The weary and anxious eyes of the refugees in the LSM, look up from under coolie caps, and meet curious and anxious eyes on the decks of the big ship. The Reds told them Americans were cruel, would deny them food, steal what possessions they had, separate their families, and throw their children into the sea. No wonder some children clutched their mothers and stood shy and speechless. Faces, however, brightened and some occupants cheered as the 40-foot gangway was lowered to receive them.

Up the ladder they struggled—men, women, and children—dust-caked, barefooted, ragged with patches of clothing. Mothers with infants at their breasts and strapped to their backs, balancing heavy crates on their head, mounted the ladder with graceful effort. Some had to be carried on stretchers. Sailors bent their backs to carry the blind, the babies, the baskets and bundles. Most of their baggage is hauled on "gin poles". It's a bamboo pole slung over the shoulder. Bamboo baskets, weighted with personals and mixed items ranging from infants to sewing machines, hang suspended on both ends and give balance to the load. Packed in boxes and crates are all their possessions, such as, cooking utensils, oil lamps, change of clothes, bits of furniture, sleeping mats, wooden shoes, rusty tin dishes, family tablets of stone, and perhaps a treasured framed picture of our Lady of Perpetual Help.

On the quarterdeck, their eyes grow large with unbelievable wonder as they become sharers in the good things that Americans make available to them. Every man, woman, and child receives a gift of rice, candy, cookies, tobacco, soap, and fruit. When all are on board and the ship is underway on the 754-mile voyage to Saigon, their treat comes—their first meal on an American vessel—meat, fish, rice, cabbage, dessert, tea, even chopsticks are provided for them.

After supper, corpsmen armed with medical kits, make the rounds visiting all compartments administering on-the-spot treatment to all in need. Serious and critical patients are taken to the ship's hospital, supervised by two Navy Doctors.

Religious services are held daily. Vietnamese priests say the rosary in the morning. The Ship's Catholic Chaplain celebrates Mass in the afternoon. In the evenings, the prayerful chant of the rosary is heard in all compartments. These poor peasants, stripped naked of worldly goods, carry their greatest treasure in their hearts—their Faith.

The refugees appreciate what the Navy is doing for them through the generosity of the American people. Their gratitude is more felt than expressed. Their attitude is summarized by the 200,000th refugee who crossed freedom's gangway aboard the USNS GEN R. L. HOWZE on January 22, 1955. Debarking in Saigon at the end of the voyage, Mrs. Tran Thi Nhu, wife of the 200,000th refugee spoke for all the family. She told the Chaplain in an interview: "It's good to be free. We thank the American people for our freedom. We are grateful. Now we will be happy."

In the picture enclosed the Chaplain presents the ladies with flowers as I present the 200,000th refugee lifted by US Ships with a certificate to that effect. . . .

(Signed) A. Gutierrez  
Military Dept.  
Executive Officer

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## Outstanding Journalists Achieve Quill and Scroll Membership

New memberships in the Quill and Scroll Society were announced recently. The initiation date is set for April 15.

Barbara Ann Mitera received recognition for her outstanding work in the field of advertising.

Carroll Novicki has worked as reporter and writer in the sports section of the Venture since his freshman days in high.

Janet Melcher untringly gathers material for the Shenanigans, Inquiring Reporter, or O'Leary. She is a contributor of editorials and news stories also.

Joan Minette, assistant editor on page four, works mainly on news stories and articles of interest to make up the last page.

Judy Olivetti has done superior work in writing editorials and features, and in various other work on the paper.

## PTA Announces Plans For Annual Specialty Dinner

St. Bonaventure P.T.A. unit held its monthly meeting in the social hall Tuesday night, with 125 members in attendance.

Girl Scout Troop 6 advanced the colors. A skit entitled, "A Healthy Child Makes a Good Pupil," was presented by Troop 13 under the direction of Mrs. C. L. Stone and Mrs. Frances Moersen. The Mother's Chorus sang two numbers, "Gypsy Love Song" and "Kentucky Babe", accompanied by Mrs. C. L. Stone.

During the business meeting the president, Mrs. A. L. Kusek, announced that a parish specialty dinner will be served April 24.

Sister Mary Rega spoke on religious vacations. Mrs. Walter Keating, program chairman, then presented Father Reinhard, Cletus Fischer and Robert Costello, who spoke on "Athletics in School".

Grade 7, taught by Mrs. Dorothy Klaus, won the room count prize.

## Students View Lenten Movie

A movie entitled, "I Beheld His Glory" was shown to the high school students in the school auditorium on Wednesday. The picture was the story of Christ's passion and death on the cross, as narrated by Cornelius. It was a wonderful picture to be shown during lent to remind us of Christ's sacrifice. The movie was enjoyed thoroughly by the entire student body.

## Musicians Participate In Fremont Festival Two Days—April 14-15

The various departments in music at St. Bonaventure will participate in the annual District Music Contest which will be held April 14 and 15 in Fremont, Nebraska.

The band will play Huldigungs-march by Grieg and Johnson and Green Domino, an overture written by Clare Grundman.

The 90 voice glee club will sing Tom Scott's arrangement of "This Is My Country," and the delightful "Lavender Blue" arranged by Stuart Churchill.

The triple trio will sing, "Without a Song" composed by Vincert Youman and "My Hero" written by Stras and Scotson.

The clarinet quartet composed of Yvonne Mitera, Allen Pensick, Delores Shefcyk, and Geraldine Cockson will render Variations and Fugue on a theme by Mozart.

The ever popular Burgler's Holiday by Leroy Anderson will be presented by the cornet trio composed of Barbara Mitera, Betty Gregorius, Rosemary Siemek and accompanist, Sharon Hoshor.

The trombone trio which consists of Robert Messersmith, Charles Micek, Joe Woerth and Barbara Mitera, accompanist, will play Cofield's "Trombrero."

A flute trio composed of Mary Catherine Bothe, Nancy Boettcher, and Lorraine Pickhinke will render "Doll Dance" by Brown-Nygreen.

Piano solos will be played by Barbara Mitera and Jackie Michaelson and Mariann Shonka will sing a soprano solo.

Mary Ann Pickhinke will perform on her piano accordion. Her selection will be "Dizzy Fingers" by Pietro Deiro.

## St. Bon's Students Cop Talent Contest Awards

Two St. Bonaventure's students were first place winner in the Lion's Club Talent Contest. Mary Ann Pickhinke, an accordionist, topped first place in the senior division, and Margaret Mrzlak, 7th grade student, who played a piano solo, won top honors in the junior division. Each received a \$25 savings bond.

**Cornet Trio Runnerup**  
Second place in the senior division was awarded to the cornet trio composed of Barbara Mitera, Betty Gregorius and Rosemary Siemek with Sharon Hoshor as accompanist.

Larry Grimes, of Kramer High, talented tap dancer, won third place honors.

**Other Bonnies Entered**  
Other Bonnie's entries were Sharon Bove, vocal solo; Carroll Novicki, electric guitar; Jackie Michaelson, piano solo; trombone trio, composed of Robert Messersmith, Charles Micek and Joe Woerth; and the triple trio.

The first two places in each division are eligible to enter the district contest which will be held in Columbus, later in the month. The State finals will be held in Grand Island, June 2.



## Venture Adviser Bestows Coveted Catholic Honor

A surprise event took place when Sister Cyril presented The Apostle of the Word keys and certificates to Sharon Robb and Nancy Boettcher. Both girls have done outstanding work in the field of Catholic Journalism this year.

Sharon has been active in the field of journalism the past two years. As a junior, she served as co-headline editor on the staff and this year has served as editor-in-chief.

Nancy did wonderful work as a reporter in her junior year and this year has been busily engaged as editor of the fourth page. She can always be counted on to get her articles in on time.

Both girls spend many hours outside of their regular school time in getting each issue ready for the press, and in layout work for the final run.

Arlene Pickhinke, editor of the Venture in 1952-53, also earned this highly coveted honor.

## Juniors Sponsor Western Dance

The placards pictured a real westerner, hence it was difficult to figure out where St. Patrick came in.

Nevertheless, the junior class entertained the high school students with a St. Patrick's Western Show. The green and white was prominently displayed, but the apparel of the student body was western to the nth degree.

The evening was spent in dancing to the music of Tommy Johnson and his String Kings.

Marian Shonka was the chairman for this eventful affair.

## Students Register For Balloting In Real Government

"This is the real thing." So said the seniors as they were busily engaged in registering the students for the coming Cornhusker County Government election.

On Friday, the seniors again took over at the polls. After all registered students cast their secret ballot, the counting of votes took place.

It was surprising to learn that people don't read instructions before marking a ballot. Because of mistakes, for example, voting for both parties for one office, a number of ballots were disqualified.

At noon the results of the morning's activity were made known. The following juniors will take part in County Government to be held on April 12. County Clerk—Ann Schilz, Register of Deeds—Jackie Michaelson, County Sheriff—Jerry Micek, County Supervisor—Floyd Arasmith, County Judge—Carroll Novicki, County Agent—Don Noonan, County Assistance Director—Janet Melcher, Clerk of District Court—Allen Pensick, County Assessor—Sharon Hoshor, County Attorney—Judy Olivetti, County Superintendent—Joan Minette, Home Demonstration Agent—Barbara Cielocha, County Highway Engineer—Leonard Nosal.

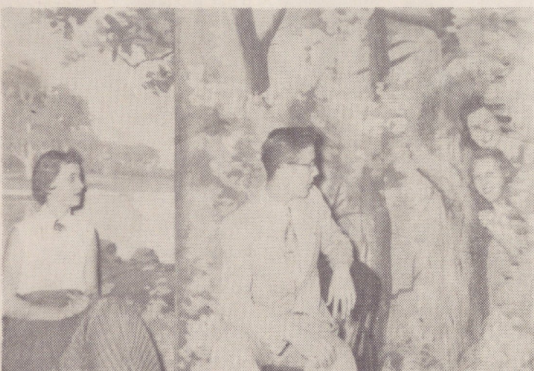
## Elaine Boettcher—Scout Chosen For New Mexico Camp

Elaine Boettcher, a sophomore, has been chosen by the Camping Division of the Girl Scouts of America to attend the Archaeological Mobile Camp in Santa Fe, New Mexico. She is one of sixteen senior scouts in the United States chosen for one of the three two week encampments.

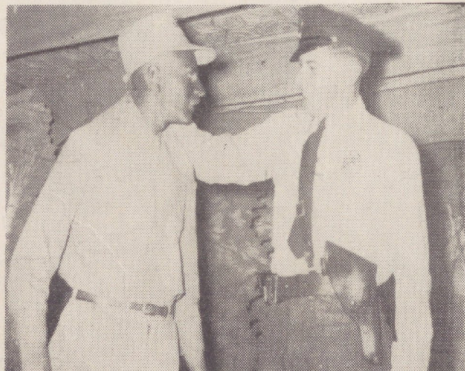
These sixteen scouts will travel 1200 miles in the Southwest, camp each night on the trail, and will visit pueblos, canyons, and craters. These camps are operated in conjunction with the Museum of New Mexico.

All Senior Scouts attending this national camping event must fulfill certain personal and special qualifications, and they will be responsible for bringing back reports of the encampment to Senior troops and conferences.

## Scenes From The Forthcoming Senior Play --- 'Who Wouldn't Be Crazy'



Act I. "Gosh—the woods are full of 'em."



Act II. "Now, see here, Sambo..."



Act III. "You mustn't blame yourself."

# Easter Greetings

## Lead the Way--Choose Catholic Entertainment

"Did you watch 'I Love Lucy' last night?" "No, we tuned in 'Dragnet' on the other channel." "You should have heard the dreamy new song they played over KOWH yesterday."

These remarks show what an important part television and radio play in the lives of modern teenagers. Their conversation is filled with things they have seen and heard on these miraculous mediums.

When children are young, their parents generally decide the type of entertainment the young ones should have. They nix such things as crime thrillers with too much violence, cowboy shows with a lot of killing, and low, sordid comedies with emphasis on sex.

But when a child advances into his teens, most parents believe in relaxing their supervision and allowing the boys or girls to choose the type of entertainment they wish. If boys or girls show good taste and good sense in the entertainment they choose, they will usually retain these privileges.

Sometimes it is very hard to miss a movie when the rest of the gang is going, or to turn off a television or radio show because you know it will be bad for you. But this is your duty as a Catholic. These little sacrifices will not only help you to mold a strong character and pleasant personality, but will prepare you for life as an adult when disappointment comes often and sacrifice is expected.

Sharon Robb

## School Spirit--Is Yours On the Lag?

With the two major sports, football, and basketball completed, school spirit at St. Bon's is steadily decreasing.

Attending Mass and receiving Communion is a wonderful way to show your school spirit. Remember, you're hurting no one but yourself by refusing God's grace. As long as you have the opportunity to go to Confession, hear Mass, and receive Communion every day, why not take advantage of this priceless opportunity? Start now to prepare your soul for the beautiful feast of Easter.

Everyone wants a new high school, but not one of you is doing anything to help this dream come true! Why not get that past due tuition "paid in full." Another way to help is to recite reverently the daily prayer to St. Joseph for success in our building program.

Support all school activities! This means when the time comes for entering contests, attending concerts and class plays, writing poems, writing articles for the Venture, helping on the annual, and attending school dances; don't let your spirit lag. School spirit is manifested by participation in ALL activities by ALL students at ALL times.

Nancy Boettcher

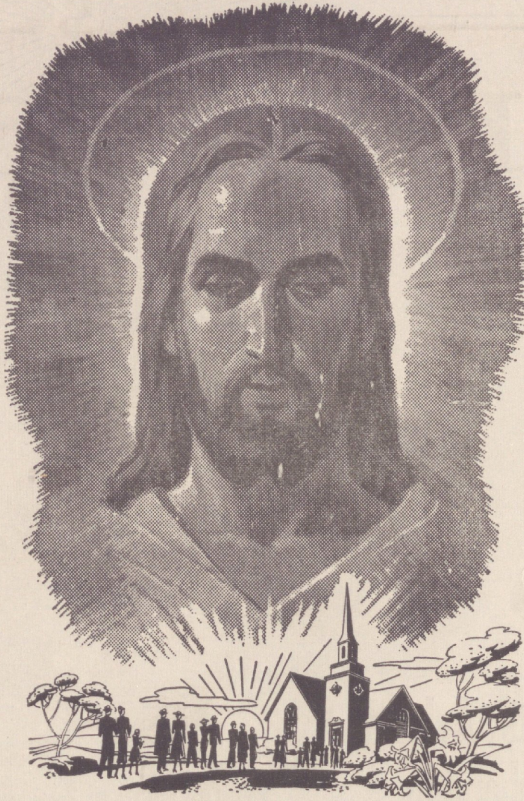
## Music Creates Harmonious World

The Venture honors me by requesting a few original words on music in its august columns. Instinctively I wonder if they are confident that I shall make a grandiose plea for sacred or classical music. I do. But also do I send out strong support for every other form of well performed music. One type of music, to me, is not better than another, but surely a certain type is more or less appropriate.

The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass includes music in its approved method of prayer. With bells, the church approved Angelus announces the break of day, and with tiny bells the miraculous moment of Elevation is heralded. The great symphonies have through the years inspired the most wonderful emotions and interpretations. But the boy who whistles while he works, the Grandparent who humms while he fusses, the hepcat stuffing dimes into a juke box, the background score for movies and T.V. programs are all real music to me.

Music as a teaching profession is always in demand. As an artist you would have to know that less than a dozen people are called the world's great. But if you teach, or perform, or use music as a hobby, you, in your own simple way have done a great deal to add to the pleasure that the world can give and have made the drab world a finer and more harmonious place in which to live. That, of course, is what a great many of us are striving to attain.

Louis Rambour



Guest Editorial

Rev. Chester Cymanski, O.F.M.

## The Message of the Resurrection

The Risen Christ showed Himself to men on Easter in many different ways. To each He sent a different message. What were some of these messages?

The first message of the Risen Savior was received by the holy women who hastened early in the morning to anoint our Lord's Body in the tomb. But what did they find? An empty tomb. Seated on the stone was an angel who greeted them thus: "Do not be afraid; for I know that you seek Jesus, who was crucified. He is not here, for He has risen even as He said. Come, see the place where the Lord was laid." (Mat. 28, 5ff.)

These women wished to do Christ's dead body a favor. Even the smallest service to God is rewarded. Christ rewards them by allowing them to be the first to hear of Our Lord's Resurrection.

Repentant Peter was the second to receive a message. Still speaking to the women, the angel continued: "He is risen, He is not here. Behold the place where they laid Him. But go, tell His disciples and Peter that He goes before you into Galilee." (Mark 16, 6ff)

Finding Peter behind locked doors the women tell him of this greeting. Peter denied Our Lord. But Peter also did penance. Christ remembered not his fall, but his repentance only.

Another sinner, Mary Magdalen, receives the third message. She also saw the empty tomb. "They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid Him." Then she turned around, but did not recognize Christ. Jesus quizzed her. "Why art thou weeping? Whom dost thou seek?" Replying, Mary Magdalen said: "Tell me where thou hast laid Him and I will take Him away." But Jesus said only: "Mary!" (John 20, 12ff)

Mary Magdalen also repented. Christ also saw her penances, trials, conflicts, and temptations after her conversion. He forgot her sins, but remembered her faithful service.

Christ addressed another message—to His followers. We are His followers. Our Lord appeared to the little group behind the locked doors. He spoke to them: "Peace be to you. As the Father has sent me, I also send you." When He had said this He breathed upon them, and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit; whose sins you shall forgive, they are forgiven them; and whose sins you shall retain, they are retained." (John 20, 21ff)

Peace and sin exclude each other. The human soul always thirsts for peace. That we might gain peace, Christ, who conquered death, conquered sin also by His death, and gave us forgiveness of sins.

Let us then understand our Lord's every message and apply it to ourselves. The message that He sent to the women should spur us to apostolic labor. Peter's message should console our penitent souls. The message that Mary Magdalen received should urge us to greater spiritual maturity. And the message that Christ sent to His followers tells us of the final victory of those who are faithful to Him.

## Self Told Tales

JOSEPH T. OBAL



I, Joseph T. Obal, was born on December 23, 1936. (I was almost a Christmas present for the family). Now I am attending the St. Bonaventure High School.

My place of birth was Platte County, which is one of the best places I've seen thus far.

While stretching into my eighteenth year, I stand 6' 2", weigh 174 solid pounds, have glowing eyes and hair of brown, and I am a sincere citizen of the United States.

After school hours, my time is spent working at the very progressive 11th Street Market.

Some of my favorite hobbies are stamp collecting, art, and finger tinkering.

The various activities in which I have participated during my high school years are: Y.C., glee, annual staff, and C.A.P.

So far, the happiest days of my life have been spent in high school. This happiness has been made up of activities and the good sportsmanship of all the buddies in school.

BEATRICE EUTENEUER

One lovely spring day, April 22, 1939 to be exact, I became the seventh member of the Euteneuer family. I have always lived on a farm about six miles from Columbus. I have attended Saint Bonaventure School since the third grade.



At the present time, I stand five feet four inches, have brown hair and blue eyes.

My hobbies are embroidering and crocheting.

I enjoy all kinds of music, everything from tangos to the latest hillbilly hit.

My greatest ambition is to receive a high school diploma and being a junior, I have one more year to reach my goal.

I'm the quiet type; for I believe in the saying: "It is better to remain quiet and be thought a fool than to speak up and remove all doubt."

GARY HEMBD

On August 17, 1939, the Shell Creek Valley, in which we live, got a new sod-buster.



It's I all right, but they surely didn't know it then. Since that day, I've heard about every nickname you can give a long-legged boy such as I. I stand 6' 2" and weigh about 140 lbs.—some figure, isn't it?

Well, to be truthful, I've never hated school but that doesn't mean I've liked it a lot, especially history. I am really fond of sports and wish that I could participate in them—but the farm-hand has to be at home each evening to help with the chores. After all, that's physical exercise!

I have no real hobby, but I like to tinker with most anything around the shop.

In my spare time I like to watch T.V., play the accordion, and puddle around the farm and creek.

Some day I hope to get a farm like my dad's and be a farmer. An agricultural course in college would be the thing but—??

## EASTER REMEMBRANCE

Just about four months ago, All you could hear was this phrase, "Put Christ back into Christmas, Leave out Santa, deer, and sleigh.

And now it's time for Easter, And the things that with it go, Like Easter eggs and bunnies, Fancy hats and all that show.

But now don't you think that we, Should apply that little phrase, To Easter, just like Christmas, And put Christ back in these days?

Forget about your new hat, New dresses and show and such. Recall Christ rose on this Day, Cause He loved us very much.

Mary Ann Simpson

JANET SEBEK

I am 4 feet, 11½ inches tall, with brown hair and brown eyes. I was born in the small town of the Howells, Nebraska.



I have no hobbies, but I enjoy dancing and popular music. As for sports—

well, I like them all, particularly when they are outdoor sports.

After I graduate from high school, I plan to go into nurses training.



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## Shamrock Shenanigans

No Bonnie's student bothered to write O'Leary 'bout changin' the name of this column. From this, O'Leary judges that there are 90% or better of real green Irishmen still at St. Bonnies.

\* M \*

What is it that Lea Markhofer carries in her pocket that requires a mouse trap? Lea went fishing for her billfold, when lo and behold, her fingers were caught—yes, in a mouse trap. The big ?? is, "Who put it there and all set too!"

\* M \*

"Please, let us start! Your talking makes me nervous! Now I'll never make it, that's for sure!" What an array of lamentations—and all of them from a certain little freckled-faced junior as an excuse for her inability to type 30 words a minute for ten minutes with not more than five errors.

\* M \*

Kathryn Zelasney in bookkeeping—"This man must have been a doctor—all his net profit is from operations."

\* M \*

Lorraine Pickhinke in secretarial training—"Sister, will the opened window bother this plant?" Sharon Bowe—"Ask the plant."

\* M \*

Did you know—that the inmates at Alcatraz, in order to earn their A's, went out for swimming.

That Mark Kobus has proved himself to be the best student—in sleeping.

That Richard Tworek is really making progress in typing—he no longer consults his fingers, and has the terrific speed of 21 words per minute. At that he does better than—???

\* M \*

Boners in English: Ken Stracke—"A synonym for house is abodbe." (abode)

Tom Dischner—"Synonyms for green—black, red, yellow, and all the colors of the rainbow."

\* M \*

This may not be seen on the Birthday list located elsewhere in this paper, but Easter isn't the only important date in this month—Happy Birthday, Sister Cyril, from the Venture Staff. (A little bird told me!)

\* M \*

Richard N.—"How can Father John accuse me of driving my car around St. Anthony's without lights?"

Janet M.—"Well, he didn't say you, Richard."

Sister C.—"Why worry then, Richard?"

Richard N.—"But it was me."

\* M \*

After a long, long time the story comes out—Ambrose informed Father John that—"A certain new boy from Beatrice, is the driver of that car without lights." (They always say—"Murder will out.")

\* M \*

Best of good wishes and good voices to the glee club; best of sweet notes to the band in the coming contest at Fremont.

\* M \*

The juniors are sponsoring parties to help defray the expenses of the prom. Boys, do your part and get your date now. (Is that considered an expense?)

\* M \*

Support the upper classmen by helping them with the sale of tickets for their class play, and by buying a ticket for your own use.

\* M \*

Adapted from Novena Notes—Some folks diet to become thin. Catholics diet to stay out of sin. If you're fat 'n Catholic too, don't moan. This Lent kill two birds with one stone.

\* M \*

The infants in the junior class are, as usual, playing like little junior—with water pistols.

"Who Wouldn't Be Crazy" Enjoy an evening of laughs that won't make you crazy. Senior Class Play—April 17

## Coaches and Cindermen Plan Active Track Season

St. Bonaventure High has a fine track schedule again this year. The season opens in a dual meet with Schuyler. The boys that are out for track have been working very well and before the end of the season a fine track squad should be the reward.

Just two seniors are out for this fine sport, but all the top prospects of the three lower classes are present; therefore, the future looks bright.

A listing of the top candidates follows:

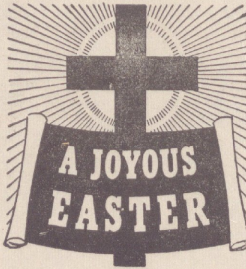
Leo Moschenross	Low Hurdles
Clinton Gates	Shot Put
Ed Kavanaugh	Discus
	Shot Put—High Jump
Milo Herink	Shot Put—High Jump
Lloyd Bartholomew	Low Hurdles—Dashes
Floyd Arasmith	Broad Jump
Ambrose Placek	Half Mile
Don Noonan	Mile
Mark Kobus	Half Mile Dashes
Cliff Roddy	Pole Vault—Dashes
Carroll Novicki	Working off Weight!
Dennis Schefcyk	Hurdles
Mike Micek	440—Shot Put—Discus
Lorus Luetkenhaus	Dashes
Philip Zarek	Mile
Dennis Daley	Dashes
Anthony Kroenke	Half Mile
Ted Pfeifer	Discus

A number of other boys are out, but because of the weather conditions it is difficult to give much of a report on them at the present time. However, much progress will be made by the above mentioned boys as well as the other prospects in the sophomore and freshmen classes. High hopes are that a number of dual meets can be held, whereby it will be possible to have a freshman meet along with the varsity competition so that all the boys out for track may have a chance to compete. A very fine group of freshmen are out and according to looks they should make a fine competitive team.

The coaches feel that track is one of the greatest individual, as well as, team sports in the high school today. The boys are given more opportunity to become associated with the boys of other communities. At a track meet they meet boys from many different schools—talking and enjoying themselves. The relationships between the participants and their communities are enriched whenever individuals can get together and pull for one another.

The St. Bonaventure invitational track meet (Knight of Columbus) has grown from a 6-team to a 12-team meet. Schools from many miles away have written to ask if they might enter this track and field meet, but because of time element the number must be limited. Also the classification to "B" schools only must be kept. Plans for the future

are to build this meet to a bigger and finer one with preliminaries in the afternoon and finals in the evening. Some of the finest Class "B" schools in the state are entered in this meet this year; such as, Blair, Schuyler, Albion, Fullerton, Neligh, Plainview, Pierce, Holy Name, Wayne, Central City, and St. Bonaventure.



St. Bonaventure Church offers the following schedule for Easter Sunday.

The Holy Masses will be read at 5:45; 6:45; 8:00; 9:15; and 10:30. At the 8:00 Mass the high school choir will render appropriate Easter hymns. Whereas, during the children's Mass at 9:15 the grade school children will sing Easter songs.

The last Holy Mass of the day, at 10:30, will be a High Mass sung by the adult choir. During this Mass Pietro Yon's "Missa Te Deum Laudamus" will be sung. At the Offertory, Gruber's "Terra Tremuit" will be rendered. For the Recessional, Pietro Yon's "Victimae Paschali" will be heard.

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## Opener Predicts Successful Year For Shamrocks

St. Bonaventure cindermen successfully opened their track season last Friday against Schuyler. The Bonnies' boys on homeground at Pawnee Park, chalked-up 83 5/6 points, while Schuyler garnered 47 1/6 points.

### Herink Breaks Record

The most exciting event was the high jump in which Milo Herink set a new St. Bonaventure school record—half an inch above the old mark. He tied with two boys from Schuyler, Bill Gainey and Bud McLeish, all three clearing 5-6.

Double winners for the Irish were Ed Kavanaugh and Dennis Schefcyk. Kavanaugh copped the discus throw with a mark of 121-5, while Schefcyk took the 60 high hurdles in :08.7.

The outstanding Schuyler cinderman was Don Swanson, a former Columbus boy. He took the 220 in :25.1, and tied Mark Kobus of St. Bon's, in the 100 at 11.1.

### Freshmen Events Featured

Dennis Daly and Tony Kroenke led the Shamrock's Freshies at the meet. Each boy took events.

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## Add Another Candle Happy Birthday

### APRIL

- 16—Joyce Souillere.
- 17—Sharon Hoshor.
- 19—Richard Lux.
- 20—Norma Kretz.
- 22—Beatrice Euteneuer.
- 25—Elaine Wieser.
- 26—Robert Bures.
- 30—Gaylord Kafka.
- 30—Betty Wozny.

### MAY

- 5—Dick Sansoni.
- 6—Mark Kobus.
- 6—Richard Blahak.

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Left to right—Janet Czuba, Mary Ellen Egger. At the window—Garry Hembd.

## 'Green Hornet' Takes Final Bow; New Bus Replaces 'Old Faithful'

After a goodly number of years of faithful hauling service, not counting the times when it refused to run, the good, old 'Green Hornet' made its final run. No moaning nor groaning was heard on the campus when the old bus did not make its usual appearance after school. However, ah's and oh's were heard when the new school bus came in sight.

The above picture shows some high school students ready to leave, on the new bus, for the homeward trip after a busy day in school.



A dozen seniors — Mary Catherine Bothe, Sharon Bowe, Marjorie Kretz, Joan Matya, Dennis Minette, Barbara Mitera, Lorraine Pickhinke, Rita Simons, Carole Thraen, Marie Valasek, Lorraine Wozny, and Kathryn Zelasney—have received the OBE Superior Bookkeeping Awards. The certificates prove their ability to apply the principles of Bookkeeping in making a Balance Sheet. Barbara Mitera won the OBE Superior Bookkeeping pin by submitting the best paper of the senior class.

Sr. Herman Joseph, O.S.F. attended the North Central Convention in Chicago for a week. She accompanied Sister M. Viatora, President of the College of St. Joseph on the Rio Grande, Albuquerque, N. M.

Sharon Bowe has recently been elected secretary of the newly organized Youth Council. Other officers are Saeger Miessler, president; Marilyn Larson, vice-president; and Cary Ellison, treasurer. Representing our Student Council is Mary Ann Simpson and her alternate, Jackie Michaelson. Jane Holys, representing the Youth Center, is Sharon's alternate. Allan Pensick is a representative of the Boy Scouts.

The annual retreat for the high school student body will be held on the days of April 17-19. The retreat master will be Father Julian of Quincy, Illinois. At first scheduled for March 23-25, the retreat had to be postponed because of unforeseen circumstances.

The Venture staff will sponsor a popularity contest later this month, and the results will be published in the May issue of the Venture. One boy and girl from each class will be elected as 'Most Ambitious', according to the number of votes received from the class. This rule applies for 'Top Personality', 'Best Dressed', 'Most Talkative', etc. etc.

## Business Men Visit Schools In Action For First B-E Day

On April 20, the business and professional men of Columbus will visit all public and parochial schools of the community. Education-Business Day, sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce, will give these men a first-hand opportunity of seeing the actual classes in session.

The day will begin at 1:00 p.m., when the business men will assemble at the Kramer High School auditorium for a 20 minute orientation period. After that they will leave for the various schools.

The schools will observe regular class schedules—no formal reception for the visitors will be made. This will enable the men to see schools in action as they are every day.

## Eccentric Couple Build Soap Wrapper House

The various idiosyncracies of people can cause laughter or tears! Sometimes they provoke thoughts that end in cheers or jeers!

One rather eccentric mother could not find satisfaction until her entire home was refurbished. The living room was all decked in the latest art — rugs, drapes, chairs, lamps and knick-knacks that pleased her heart. A bedroom suite in Hollywood style with a matching bath that would any on-looker beguile!

The dining room was a beauty; its sterling and crystal had no match in that fair city! In the kitchen one could sit and dream, because naught but electric gadgets could be seen!

Throughout the home was art so rare — when finally we happened upon a little stair. Feet were anxious to ascend—more marvels to see—but we were stopped:

"That is just a vacant room; a storage place for the soap whose wrappers, you see, permitted me to go on this furnishing spree!"

## Typical Teenager Faces Disaster

The morning had been bad enough, but on my way back to school on an afternoon like this, well, it was simply killing.

Ah spring, the time when nature is at her very best, and I become a corny poetess. But what was the use. I was not free to dream and scheme like this for I had an afternoon of studies ready and waiting for me, remember?

As I poked onward, feeling the laziness of the day creeping into my bones, a car pulled up and some of the school gang, Nan, Tom, and Dick, called and invited me to join them for an afternoon of fun, in other words playing hookey.

Being the angel that I am, I, of course, was shocked to think that playing truant would even enter their minds, and besides, what could we possibly do?

"But Betty," a little voice was saying, "think of being cooped up all day while your friends are outdoors enjoying themselves and getting a head start on their summer tans."

Before I knew it, I was sitting in the front seat rarin' to go, without giving my good angel a chance to get a word in edgewise.

What a glorious time we had! The afternoon went all too fast when along around three, worry and guilt began to creep into my mind and the day ceased to be lovely anymore.

Upon arrival at home, I hesitated as I walked up the front steps. Why worry, I kept telling myself, no one can possibly know what you've done. Just act normal as if nothing has happened and your parents won't suspect a thing.

But when I opened the door and saw mom and dad waiting for me, I could tell by their faces it had happened. Everyone knew.

I appeared before the school board and tried to brace myself for the sentence. Then it came, I was expelled! It's all a joke, yes that's it, just an April fool joke I kept telling myself, but April was a full month away. No use kidding. Now I must go out into the world and earn a living as best I could, never to return to those happy-go-lucky school days of yore.

I applied for position after position, always with the same answer, "Im sorry Miss, but well, ah—we just don't have any vacancies right now," when I knew very well they were very much in need of girls for the Easter rush. I didn't give up though and applied again and again, one day the manager of Andrew's Department store grew very angry and hurled me out the front door.

Falling, falling, falling! Then I hit! But what was this???? Where am I? Looking around it finally dawned on me I was in my own bedroom and had fallen out of bed. I had been dreaming, thank goodness.

With a glance at the clock I discovered I had better get on the ball or I'd be late for school.

Hurrying to church I hardly noticed what a glorious spring day it was, when I heard a honk and looked up to see the gang in a car waving at me. "Come on with us Betty," they called. Oh no, this couldn't be. With a shake of my head, implying no, I hurried on my way, afraid to look back for fear they would be following me.

"For heavens sake," Nancy laughed, "what's the matter with her? We were just going to offer her a ride to Mass."



## Ann Schilz To Attend Girls' State

This year, Cornhusker Girls' State will be represented from St. Bonaventure High School by Ann Schilz. Ann was selected for this outstanding event by The Catholic Daughters of America.

Ann, an excellent student, maintains one of the highest scholastic standings in the junior class. She is a faithful reporter on "The Venture" staff, and was a delegate to the Press Convention in Lincoln last November. She is a member of the Youth Center, Pep Club, and of a local 4-H Group.

In the recent election, Ann copied the office of County Clerk, which office she will hold on County Government Day.

Joan Minette has been chosen as Ann's alternate. Joan is a member of the Glee Club, Youth Center, and Pep Club. She is a co-page editor of "The Venture," and on April 15 she will become a full-fledged member of the Quill and Scroll, an honorary society for capable journalists. For Cornhusker County Government, Joan polled a majority vote for the office of County Superintendent.

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## Seniors Bequeath Earthly Riches--- Junior Class Fortunate Recipients

We, the class of 1955 of St. Bonaventure High School, having come to the end of a peaceful and undisturbed state of mind, and in accordance with the laws of the State of Nebraska, do hereby bequeath all our earthly goods to our worthy and favored heirs.

We hereby bequeath our possessions thus:

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

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

To Joseph Van Ackeran, our appreciation for his interest in the music department.

To coaches, Cletus Fischer and Robert Costello, our sincere appreciation for their interest in the athletic program.

The seniors will, to the juniors, the following:

Joseph Bonk wills to Donald Noonan his position as president of the senior class.

Sharon Bowe wills to Ann Schilz Homecoming Queen of 1955.

Thomas Lakers and Robert Schmid will to Mark Kobus a perfect place for concentration—their front seats in room five.

Mary Ellen Egger wills to Marilyn Adams her ability to dance poklas.

Duane Clark wills to Cliff Roddy his ability to catch a football.

Nancy Botcher wills to Joyce Schaefer her ability to drive and to dodge all the trees and telephone poles on the way.

Thomas Fischer wills to Floyd Arasmith his quiet, bashful manners, because he will need them to become a good senior.

Janet Czuba and Carole Thraen will to Patricia Schuele their accuracy and speed in typing so she will be able to make at least 15 words per minute.

Mary Catherine Bothe wills to Sharon Hoshor her brilliant remarks, philosophical sayings, and her ideal behavior in class.

Clinton Gates wills to Milo Herink the honor of "All State" in football.

Johny Holys wills to Ed Kavanaugh his ability of promptness to all his classes, especially in the morning.

Carroll Fix wills to Lloyd Bartholomew ¼ interest in the '28 Studebaker.

Betty Gregorius wills to Pat Tworek her ability to wreck cars at night.

Jack Johnson wills to Jerry Micek his love for the Navy.

Imelda Euteneuer wills to Betty Dineen her long distance to school.

David Miller and Kenneth Stracke will to Ambrose Placzek their ability to have a charge account at three gas stations.

Evelyn Pensick wills to Francis Valasek the ability to polish green and white saddles with the hope that she will find more use for them than she did.

Joseph Obal wills to Leonard Nosal his alert mind and one foot of height.

John Peck wills to Lorus Luetkenaus a strong rope so he can pull John's car home when it is out of gas.

Clarence Nosal wills to Richard Tworek his part of "Pluribus" in the senior class play.

Lorraine Pickhinke wills to Jackie Michaelsen the editorship of the 1956 Bona Venture.

Rita Simons wills to Anita Augustine the honor of being an attendant for Homecoming.

Mary Ann Simpson wills to Allan Pensick the presidency of the Student Council.

Paul Siemek wills to the entire junior class, a solitary warning "Don't Ply Hooky".

Jim Sobotka wills to Kenny Nosal his ability to study two hours a day.

Joe Tooley wills to Marianna Shonka his knack of making up original jokes.

Adrian Staroscik wills to Joyce Soulliere his diploma which will save her lots of time.

Jerome Staroscik wills to Richard Nelson his ability to get along with all the Sisters.

Marie Valasek wills to Esther Liss her experience as a car hop.

Laura Wemhoff wills to Maxine Schuele her first project in home economics, an embroidered tea towel.

Dave Vanek wills to Janet Bures his unlimited vocabulary skill.

Lorraine Wozny wills to Francis Merrill the privilege of being advertising manager on the annual staff.

John Woerth wills to Joan Minette the ability to be able to drive a car for three months with an "in transit" sign on it.

Kathryn Zelasney wills to Beatrice Euteneuer her skill to make quick, undecided decisions.

Sharon Robb wills to Janet Melcher the key to the staff room and the trouble and good times connected with the editor's chair.

We do hereby make, constitute and appoint Father Roch Hettinger to be the executor of this, our Last Will and Testament.

In witness thereof, we the class of 1955, the testators, have to this, our Will, set our hands and our seal this 11 day of May in the Year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and fifty five.

Will you please sign your name? Don't I look funny! Aren't the covers pretty? These are just a few of the remarks which rang through the halls on April 21, when the 1955 Bona Venture was distributed to the Student Body.

The annuals have a green cover with gold lettering. It may not please every student, but such perfection can not be reached in this vale of tears. Nevertheless, all those extra bits of advice, those statements of mush and unmath make it a treasure to enjoy when—"You have grown old and gray along with me."

**DEDICATION**

To You, Our Lovely Lady  
Dressed In Blue  
We, the Seniors of 1955  
Dedicate  
This Our Senior Issue of  
"The Venture."  
Dear Mother, Keep Us Close to  
You and Your Son Always!

## Dazzling Bright Harbor Lights Enhance 1955 Junior-Senior Banquet and Prom

"Harbor Lights" brought out the dazzling beauty of the annual Junior-Senior Prom, last Wednesday evening.

At 5:30, Jackie Michaelsen and her escort led the promenade from the high school to the monastery where Father Roch and the guests of honor joined the procession to the social hall. There a sumptuous banquet was served.

### Ships Deck Tables

In order to carry out the theme of "Harbor Lights", the place cards were miniature ships. Floral designs together with mints and nut cups decorated the tables. The dinner consisted of fruit cocktail, ham, scalloped potatoes, green beans, prom salad, relishes, dinner rolls, butter, jelly, ice cream rolls, coffee and cream.

### Toastmaster Introduces Speakers

Leonard Nosal acting as toastmaster, introduced Father Roch, who led grace. Next he called on Jackie Michaelsen who gave the welcoming speech, and Joseph Bonk, president of the senior class, gave the response.

Following the banquet, speeches were given by Father Roch Hettinger, and Father Timothy Healy. Judy Olivetti read the senior class prophecies, and Mary Catherine Bothe gave the seniors last will and testament. Mr. Cletus Fischer spoke on sports and Mr. Joseph Van Ackeran on music.

## Sophomore Girl Merits All-State Encampment Near Cody, Wyoming

Jo Ann Woodworth, a sophomore, has been chosen by the National Girl Scout Headquarters to represent the State of Nebraska at the Fifth All-State Encampment at Buffalo Bill Youth Camp, near Cody, Wyoming, August 12 through 28.

Jo Ann was chosen locally from the names submitted to the local Girl Scout Council as an outstanding Senior Scout, qualified to participate in this event.

During her stay, she will participate in back packing trips and primitive trail camps from one to four days, group discussions with girls from all parts of the United States, horse back riding, and a trip to Yellowstone National Park.

**BONNIES' AGENDA**

**MAY—**

- 1—May Procession, 7:30 P. M.
- 3—St. Bon's Invitational Track Meet.
- 5-6—Senior Finals.
- 6—First Friday Corporate Communion.
- 8—Mother's Day.
- 11—Junior-Senior Banquet and Prom.
- 12-? ? ?
- 13—Sophie-Frosh Hop.
- 17-18—Finals for Grades 11, 10, 9.
- 18—Surprise.
- 19—Ascension Day.
- 20—Honor Convocation at 2:15 p. m.
- 22—Graduation Mass and Communion Breakfast, 8 a. m.
- 22—Commencement 8 p. m.

## King's Men Provide CYO Dance Music

About 90 young people attended the St. Bonaventure CYO dance held Wednesday, April 20 in the parish hall. Music was furnished by the King's Men of Wayne State Teachers college.

The next CYO social activity will be a roller skating party at 7:30 P.M. Sunday, May 1, at David City Skate Time rink. This will be the last roller skating party of the season.

### Musicians Entertain Guests

Before and during the course of the banquet, Mr. Joseph Van Ackeran, accompanied by Miss Isabel Micek entertained the guests with special musical selections.

The ever popular Pomp and Circumstance by Elgar, was used for the Grand March. Other selections were: Spring Song by Mendelssohn; Moment Musical by Schubert; Aragonaise by Massenet; Spanish Dance by Moszkowski; Serenade by Dardlo; La Zingara by Bohm; and the Waltzing Doll by Poldini. The triple trio rendered two numbers.

### Star Sky Enhances Harbor Scene

A solid ceiling and walls made up of national blue streamers were put up to represent the sky with hanging stars. The front of the stage was covered in aqua paper resembling the water with a boat moored alongside.

On the north side, in order to follow the religious theme, stood a statue of the Blessed Mother entitled, "Star of the Sea." Surrounding her were white lilacs.

## Forty-Nine Seniors Don Cap and Gown For Commencement

Forty-nine seniors of St. Bonaventure High School will receive their diplomas Sunday, May 22, in St. Bonaventure Church.

Baccalaureate Services will open at the 8 o'clock Mass with the senior girls attired in white caps and gowns and boys in black caps and gowns—marching to the traditional graduation march of Pomp and Circumstance. The graduates will receive Holy Communion in a body.

Following the Mass, a breakfast will be served by the senior mothers, to the group in the social hall. The program will be as follows: March; grace by Father Roch; "On This Day O Beautiful Mother" by the graduates; and the welcome by Mary Ann Simpson, Student Council president.

During the meal entertainment will be enjoyed.

At 7:30 in the evening the graduates, dressed in caps and gowns, march to the Church for the graduation exercises. After a hymn to the Blessed Mother, the main address will be given followed by the conferring of diplomas by Father Roch.

After solemn benediction, services will close with the singing of "Holy God, We Praise Thy Name." The graduates will then march from the Church as alumni.

A reception will be held in the social hall for the graduates' families and friends.

## Honor Awards Remain Secret

Because the last issue of the paper goes to press long before Award Day, suffice it to say that awards will be bestowed on May 20.

Specific names cannot be divulged, because all are still a deep, dark secret. However, the following awards will be given.

**Elks Award Heads List**  
Heading the list will be the coveted Elk's Award. Other distinguished merits go to the winner of the CDA Poetry Contest; Scholarship Plaque for the highest average during the four years; Sportsmanship Trophy; Babe Ruth Awards; honoring a senior girl and boy; Perfect attendance at daily Mass and school; Knights of the Altar; Annual and Venture awards; Typing, bookkeeping and shorthand honors; Betty Crocker pin; Sports lettermen; Music pins for outstanding band and glee members.

Around the front of the stage, above the aqua adorned paper, was built a pier with sand and canvas representing the beach.

The refreshment stand was decorated in salmon pink streamers. At the rear south side was a garden with a rock path.

The top of the stage was covered with national blue fringed paper and silver stars. The sides were ornamented with blue streamers.

**Special Guests Invited**  
The alumni and CYO were the special guests invited to the dance which ended at midnight.



## Janet Melcher To Fill 'Venture' Editor's Chair

The Venture is pleased to announce that the editor's chair will be filled next year by Janet Melcher. Janet, a reporter in her freshman and sophomore year, has served as an assistant editor on second page.

She attended Nebraska High School Press Convention in Lincoln last November. She has been a majorette in the band during the past year and held membership in the glee club for two years. She has also been active in the Legion of Mary and the Youth Center.

The page editors are as follows: Page I—Joan Minnette, Elaine Boettcher; Page II—Judy Olivetti, Mary Ann Pickhinke; Page III—Carroll Novicki, Mike Micek; Page IV—Anita Augustine, Nancy Beck; Advertising Managers—Allen Pensick, Bill Markhofer; Business Manager—Richard Nelson; Typists—Patricia Schuele, Maxine Schuele, Betty Dineen, Beatrice Euteneuer.

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Now we must part! The last bit of the road each one must travel alone. My parting words—God be with you till we meet again.

"There is a door that leads to God  
It is narrow and low  
For each one to go  
All by himself—alone,  
Quite alone!

"Yes, all alone this way I must go;  
No one to hold my hand,  
Till in the better land  
We are again together,  
Forever!"

If all the years pass as quickly and as pleasantly as this one has done—then it won't be long—until we shall be together FOREVER.

Your Adviser

# Prayer To Our Queen Mother

His Holiness Pope Pius XII

Out of the depths of this valley of tears, through which suffering humanity painfully struggles, up from the billows of this sea, endlessly buffeted by the waves of suffering, we raise our eyes to you, Most Beloved Mother Mary, to be comforted by the contemplation of your glory and to hail you as Queen and Mother of mankind.

With filial pride, we wish to exalt your queenship and to recognize it as due to the sovereign excellence of your entire being. O Most Sweet Mother of Him Who is King of right, by inheritance and by conquest.

Reign, O Queen Mother, by showing us the path of holiness, and by guiding and assisting us that we may never stray from it.

In the heights of heaven, you exercise your primacy over the choirs of angels, who acclaim you as their sovereign, and over the legions of saints who delight in beholding your radiant beauty. Reign, then, over the entire human race, above all by opening the path of faith to those who do not yet know your Divine Son.

Reign over the Church, which acknowledges and extols your gentle dominion and has recourse to you as a safe refuge amid the calamities of our day. Reign especially over that part of the Church which is persecuted and oppressed; give to it strength to bear adversity, constancy never to yield under unjust compulsion, light to avoid falling into the snares of the enemy, firmness to resist attack, and at every moment unwavering faithfulness to your kingdom.

Reign over the minds of men, that they may seek only what is true; over their wills, that they may follow only what is good; over their hearts, that they may love only what you yourself love.

Reign over individuals and over families, as well as over societies and nations; over the assemblies of the powerful, the counsels of the wise, as over the simple aspirations of the humble.

Reign in the streets and the squares, in the cities and the villages, in the valleys and the mountains, in the air, on the land and on the sea; and hear the pious prayer of all those who recognize that yours is a reign of mercy, in which every petition is heard, every sorrow comforted; every misfortune relieved, every infirmity healed, and in which, at a gesture from your gentle hands, from death itself there arises eternal life.

Obtain for us that all who now, in every corner of the world, acclaim and hail you Queen, may one day in heaven enjoy the glory of your kingdom, in the vision of your Divine Son, Who with the Father and the Holy Ghost, lives and reigns for ever and ever. Amen.

## He Done It!

## Nature Honors Mary

Again, to the great delight of her childish heart, the solemn Novena in honor of Our Lady of Lourdes was in progress.

On the very first evening, sly glances were cast about the filled edifice. Finally the little girl's glance was arrested by the entrance of a man on a stretcher. Now, thought Agnes, "I wonder if he expects Our Lady to cure him. I just wonder if She will! I wonder if he will pray hard enough to receive a miracle from the beautiful Lady of Lourdes!"

Each night, little Agnes looked for the invalid. Each night the same array of questionings regarding his cure passed through her mind.

The ninth day of the Novena came at last. Sure enough there was the man still on his bed of pain. At the solemn blessing of the patients, the eyes of Agnes opened wider and wider. Then her childish scream was heard by all: "He done it! He done it!"

Just as quickly the hand of Sister was placed upon the mouth of the excited child, and amid muffled exclamations the child was hustled out of the church.

Outside Sister said: "Agnes how could you cry aloud in church like that?" Too excited for other words the little one kept repeating: "But Sister, didn't you see it? He done it!"

Sister said: "No, he did it!" Non-plussed the little one only replied: "He done it! He done it! All by himself he got off his stretcher and walked " HE DONE IT!"

Her name is echoed through the mountains; Whispered by the surf and tinkling fountains. Stars that shine in evening skies; Resemble the loveliness of Our Lady's eyes.

The flowers to her their perfume bring; The birds for her their melodies sing. The sun for Mary its rays descend, The trees for Mary their branches bend.

At sunset the sky turns flaming gold; For Our Lady's gracious eyes to behold. The rain, snow, and flowers so sweet— All lay themselves at Our Lady's feet.

—Rose Marie Kellman.

## Consecration

Mother Mary, to thy keeping  
Soul and body I confide;  
Toiling, resting, waking, sleeping,  
Be thou ever at my side.  
Cares that vex me, joys that please me,  
Life and death I trust to thee;  
Thou must make them all for Jesus;  
And for all eternity.

—Father Faber.



## Your Diploma---A Reward

This, the last Venture of 1954-55, is dedicated to the Senior Class because they have spent the twelve best years of their lives within the walls of St. Bon's. They have studied, watched and labored for the welfare of the school and the lives of their fellowmen. Now they are about to reap the reward for good and faithful service—a Diploma.

This diploma stands for more than knowledge; it stands for character. If the seniors take with them from St. Bon's only knowledge learned from books, their lives will be selfish. They must take with them characters that can face the world with open eyes in which can be read the virtues of real men and women; noble characters that see only the good that has been taught them by both the teachers and their fellow students; noble characters that will never bear resentment for even the least injury that they might have had to bear during their years of training; noble characters that look up to their teachers from the one in the kindergarten to those in the twelfth grade as beloved of God and self-sacrificing individuals; noble characters that will never rest until they have attained their ideals.

The Class of 1955 numbers forty nine. Some know only St. Bonaventure's; others have come from different schools throughout the U. S. However, they worked together as one to achieve the purpose of a high school education. As they stand upon the threshold of St. Bon's to say "Farewell" we hope they will reflect seriously upon the treasure they are taking with them—a Catholic education. We hope they will never flounder when their holy Religion is at stake and when temptation would lure them from it. We hope that in the distant future they will often wend their thoughts back to St. Bonaventure's and say a silent prayer for those who are bearing the burden of training young men and women for God and their country. We hope they will often return to St. Bon's when they are in the vicinity and just say "Hi" and "God bless old St. Bon's."

Perhaps they will want to sit down in one of the old places and just think (??). The old bench may give them the solution to a difficult problem they are trying to solve in life.

The faculty prays for their well-being and bids them "God speed."

Sister Herman Joseph

## Let Your Christianity Shine!

In a short time, the seniors of '55 will be leaving St. Bon's and going forth into the world. There are many fields of endeavor that they can enter—some will continue their schooling; some will obtain work in offices, factories, and stores. The class undoubtedly will produce a few religious, doctors, lawyers, teachers, nurses, dentists, and politicians. Sooner or later, most of them will marry.

Any field of labor or profession that they enter will offer a golden opportunity to "speak up" for Christianity on the job. To speak up for Christianity, you don't have to be a great conversationalist. Let your actions talk for you.

If you lead a good Christian life, and show it on your job, the example you give to others and the good you do will be worth the small sacrifice it may cost.

To be a Christian on the job you must develop the following Christ-like traits: honesty and integrity in your business transactions; loyalty to your employer; selflessness in your association with fellow employees; and courage, dependability, and foresight to do a job to the satisfaction of everyone—your employer, yourself, and your God!

Sharon Robb

## Self Told Tales

LORUS LUETKENHAUS

I'm a member of the famous junior class of 1955. In my stocking feet, I stand 5' 9" and weigh about 150 pounds.

Most of my time is spent doing the chores on the farm—that is, after school hours and on Saturdays. During my leisure time, (on Sunday) I go hunting or fishing. I try to participate in the extra curricular activities, but some of them find in me an absent member.

I like all sports, and at the present time I am a member of the track team. I find school rather dull, but I am told to get an education so here I am, and here I go. (Goodby)



CORRINE SEBEK

On the very warm day of August 3, 1939, I became the pride and joy of Mr. and Mrs. John Sebek, in the little town of Howells, Nebraska.

When I reached the ripe age of three, we moved to Utah. After one and a half years of residence there, we moved to Columbus, Nebraska, on our farm. Recently we left the farm, and our home is now in town.

As for school, I find it an interesting experience. I have attended several different schools, but I think St. Bon's is one of the best. I like all the subjects I am taking, but biology is my favorite.

My hobbies are many, but I think dancing, shows, and outdoor sports are the most enjoyable. My plans for the future, as of this time, are not definite.



JOHN SCHUELE

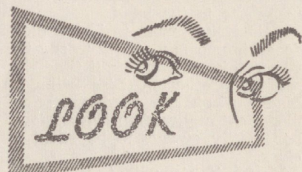
On June 8, 1940, at St. Joseph, Missouri, little John became the sixth member of the family.

St. Bonaventure grade school opened its doors to me when I was ready for grade four. My earlier schooling was received elsewhere in this grand state of Nebraska.

As for height there is not yet too much to boast about—only 5' 3". The weight is really getting me down though—118 good solid pounds.

My hobbies are constructing model planes and cars; also following the Brooklyn Dodgers, my favorite Major League baseball team. (Wouldn't it be nice if they could or would read this, and send me an autographed baseball as a souvenir??)

After I graduate, I would like to become an engineer.



On Saturday, April 23, Joyce Melcher, class of 1954, married, Jack Risor of Papillion, Nebraska. They are making their home in Omaha, Nebraska.

\* M \*

Shelia McGowan, who is now attending Saint Mary's School of Nursing in Rochester, Minnesota, was home for a brief visit. While she was here she acted as bridesmaid for Joyce Melcher in her recent marriage to Mr. Jack Risor.

\* M \*

P.F.C. Buzzy Gregorious, now stationed with the Army in Newfoundland, was home on furlough, staying at the home of his parents.

On his visit he toured his old "Alma Mater", renewing old acquaintance.

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Father Joseph Hagen O.F.M. preached the Forty Hour devotions at St. Anthony's parish. Father Joe has his headquarters at Dubuque, Iowa.

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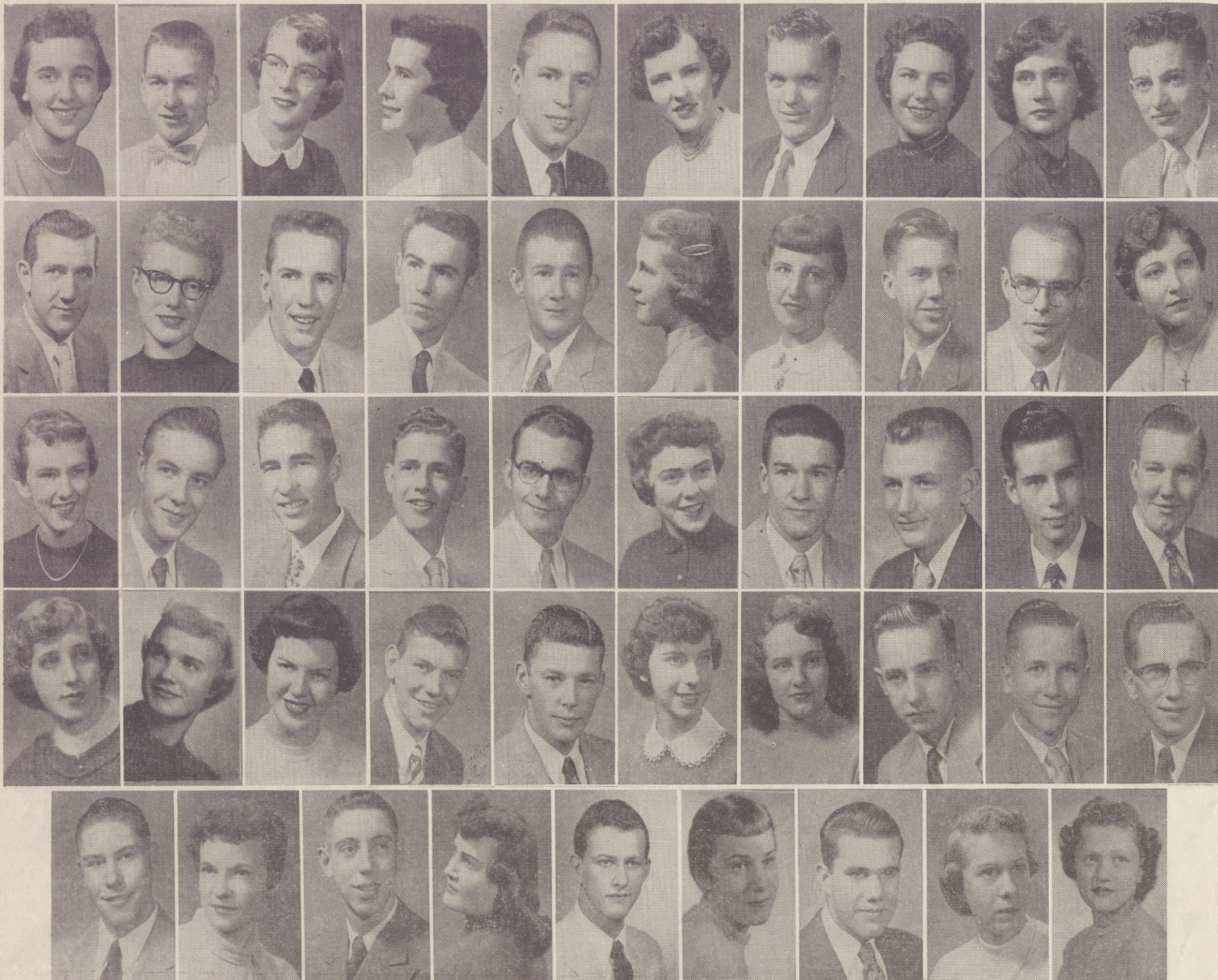
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## Saint Bonaventure Graduating Class of 1955

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**Mary Catherine Bothe**

Band 1, 2, 3, 4, Officer 4, Music Contest 1, 2, 3, 4, Centennial Parade 3, Band Day 4, Pep Band 1, 2, 3, 4, Flute Trio 2, 3, 4, Symphonette 2, 3, Glee 1, 2, 3, 4, Choral Clinic 2, 3, 4, Music Convention 4, Triple Trio 4, Noel Choir 2, 3, Venture Staff 3, 4, Headline Editor 3, Page Editor 4, Press Convention 3, Annual Staff 4, Pep Club 1, 2, 3, 4, Sodality 1, 2, 3, 4, Y. C. 1, 2, 3, 4, Class Play 4.

**Sharon Bowe**

Band 1, 2, 3, 4, Music Contest 1, 2, 3, 4, Centennial Parade 3, Band Day 4, Drum Majorette 1, 2, Glee 1, 2, 3, 4, Choral Clinic 1, 2, 3, 4, Music Convention 3, Triple Trio 2, 3, 4, Noel Choir 1, 2, 3, Venture Staff 3, 4, Headline Editor 3, Page Editor 4, Annual Staff 4, Pep Club 2, Cheerleader 1, 3, 4, Sodality 1, 2, 3, 4, Secretary 2, 4, Class Officer 2, 4, Class Play 4.

**Duane Clark**

Glee 3, Music Contest 3, Annual Staff 4, Football 1, 2, 3, 4, Track 1, 4, Basketball 1, Homecoming Attendant 4, Y. C. 1, 2, 3, 4, Class Officer.

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Venture Staff 4, Pep Club 1, 2, 3, 4, Y. C. 1, 2, 3, 4, Class Play 4.

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Glee 4, Music Contest 4, Choral Clinic 4, Adult Choir 4, Football 1, 2, 3, Basketball 1, Track 2, 3, Y. C. 1, 2, 3, 4.

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Physical Ed. 1, Pep 1, 2, 3, 4, Y. C. 1, 2, 3, 4, Class Play 4.

**Imelda Euteneuer**  
Sodality 1, 2, Pep Club 1, 2, 3, 4, Y. C. 1, 2, 3, 4.

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Glee 4, Music Contest 4, Choral Clinic 4, Adult Choir 4, Annual Staff 4, Y. C. 2, 3, 4.

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Venture Staff 4, Sports Editor 4, Football 1, 2, 3, 4, "All State" 4, "All Class" 4, Track 1, 2, 3, 4, Homecoming Attendant 4, Y. C. 1, 2, 3, 4.

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Band 1, 2, 3, 4, Music Contest 1, 2, 3, 4, Centennial Parade 3, Band Day 4, Pep Band 1, 2, Brass Quartet 1, 2, Cornet Trio 3, 4, Glee 1, 2, 3, 4, Choral Clinic 1, 2, 3, 4, Triple Trio 2, 3, 4, Symphonette 1, 2, 3, Noel Choir 1, 2, 3, Annual Staff 4, Pep Club 2, Cheerleader 1, 3, 4, Sodality 1, 2, County Government 3, Homecoming Attendant 4, Y. C. 1, 2, 3, 4, President 4, Student Council 4.

**John Hojys**

Annual Staff 4, Football 1, 2, 3, 4, Track 1, 2, 3, Homecoming Attendant 4, Y. C. 1, 2, 3, 4, Class President 1, Student Council 1.

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Glee 4, Music Contest 4, Annual Staff 1, 2, 3, 4, Co-Editor 4, Venture Staff 1, 2, 3, 4, Track 1, Y. C. 1, 2, 3, 4.

**Marylyn Keefe**

Band 1, 2, 3, 4, Music Contest 1, 2, 3, 4, Centennial Parade 3, Band Day 4, Pep Band 1, 2, 3, 4, Sax Sextet 3, Basketball 1, 3, Track 2, Y. C. 1, 2, 3, 4.

**Theresa Kobus**

Glee 4, Music Contest 4, Annual Staff 4, Pep Club 1, 2, 3, 4, Y. C. 1, 2, 3, 4, "Queen of Hearts" 4.

**Marjorie Kretz**  
Glee 2, 4, Music Contest 4, Annual Staff 4, Pep Club 1, 2, 3, 4, Sodality 1, 2, Y. C. 1, 2, 3, 4.

**Gale Kriley**

(Transfer from Beatrice)  
Glee 4, Music Contest 4, Choral Clinic 4.

**Thomas Lakers**

Glee 3, 4, Music Contest 3, 4, Choral Clinic 3, 4, Venture Staff 4, Cornhusker Boys' State 3, Democracy Contest 4, Football 3, Basketball 3, Y. C. 3, 4, Class Officer 4, Class Play.

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Pep Club 1, 2, 3, 4, Y. C. 1, 2, 3, 4, United Nations Contest 3.

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Band 1, 2, 3, 4, Music Contest 1, 2, 3, 4, Centennial Parade 3, Band Day 4, Majorette 1, 2, Drum Majorette 3, 4, Glee 1, 2, 3, 4, Choral Clinic 2, 3, 4, Noel Choir 1, 2, 3, Venture Staff 4, Annual 4, Physical Ed. 1, Pep Club 1, 2, 3, 4, Sodality 1, 2, County Government 3, Homecoming Attendant 4, Y. C. 1, 2, 3, 4, Class Officer 1, Class Play 4.

**Robert Messersmith**

Band 1, 2, 3, 4, Music Contest 1, 2, 3, 4, Centennial Parade 3, Band Day 4, Pep Band 1, 2, 3, 4, Brass Quartette 2, 3, 4, Trombone Trio 2, 3, 4, Glee 2, 3, 4, Choral Clinic 4, Adult Choir 4, Y. C. 1, 2, 3, 4, Class Play 4.

**Lawrence Mielak**

Glee 4, Music Contest 4, Choral Clinic 4, Adult Choir 4, Annual Staff 4, Physical Ed. 1, Y. C. 1, Y. C. 1, 2, 3, 4.

**David Miller**  
Band 1, 2, 3, 4, Officer 4, Music Contest 1, 2, 3, 4, Centennial Parade 3, Band Day 4, Pep Band 1, 2, 3, 4, Brass

Quartet 4, Glee 4, Choral Clinic 4, Annual Staff 4, Y. C. 1, 2, 3, 4.

**Dennis Minette**  
Glee 2, 4, Music Contest 1, 2, 4, Choral Clinic 2, 4, Venture Staff 4, County Government 3, United Nations Contest 3, Football 1, Y. C. 1, 2, 3, 4.

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Band 1, 2, 3, 4, Music Contest 1, 2, 3, 4, Centennial Parade 3, Band Day 4, Pep Band 1, 2, 3, Cornet Trio 3, 4, Brass Quartet 1, 2, Symphonette 1, 2, 3, Choral Clinic 2, 3, 4, Glee 2, 3, 4, Accompanist 3, 4, Triple Trio Accompanist 4, Noel Choir 1, 2, 3, Cheerleader 4, Sodality 1, 2, County Government 3, Homecoming Attendant 4, Y. C. 1, 2, 3, 4, Class Officer 2, Class President 3, Venture Staff 4, Pep Club 1, 2, 3.

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Annual Staff 4, County Government 3, Football 1, 2, 3, 4, Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4, Track 1, 2, 3, 4, Baseball 2, 3, Y. C. 1, 2, 3, 4.

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Glee 2, 3, 4, Music Contest 2, 3, 4, Choral Clinic 2, 3, 4, Annual Staff 4, Football 1, 2, 3, 4, Basketball 1, Track 1, 2, 3, Baseball 2, 3, Y. C. 1, 2, 3, 4.

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Glee 4, Music Contest 4, Choral Clinic 4, Annual Staff 4, County Government 3, Y. C. 1, 2, 3, 4.

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Glee 4, Music Contest 4, Choral Clinic 4, Y. C. 1, 2, 3, 4, Class Play 4.

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Band 1, 2, 3, 4, Music Contest 1, 2, 3, 4, Centennial Parade 3, Band Day 4, Pep Band 1, 2, 3, 4, Music Convention 4, Sax Sextet 3, Glee 1, 2, 3, 4, Choral Clinic 1, 2, 3, 4, Triple Trio 4, Noel Choir 1, 2, 3, Venture Staff 4, United Nations Contest 4, Press Convention 4, Winner 4, Annual Staff 4, Pep Club 1, 2, 3, 4, Sodality 1, 2, Y. C. 1, 2, 3, 4.

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**Sharon Robb**  
Glee 1, 2, 3, 4, Music Contest 1, 2, 3, 4, Choral Clinic 1, 2, 3, 4, Noel Choir 1, 2, 3, Venture Staff 3, 4, Headline Editor 3, Editor 4, Press Convention 3, 4, Annual Staff 4, Pep Club 1, 2, 3, 4, Sodality 1, 2, SSSA Convention 1, County Government 3, Y. C. 1, 2, 3, 4, Class President 1, Student Council 1, 4.

**Robert Schmidt**  
Glee 4, Choral Clinic 4, Music Contest 4, Adult Choir 4, Y. C. 1, 2, 3, 4.

**Paul Siemek**  
Band 1, 2, 3, 4, Music Contest 1, 2, 3, 4, Centennial Parade 3, Band Day 4,

Pep Band 1, 2, 3, Trombone Trio 3, 4, Glee 3, 4, Boys' Quartet 3, Choral Clinic 3, 4, Annual Staff 4, County Government 3, Football 1, 2, 3, 4, Track 3, Y. C. 1, 2, 3, 4, "King of Hearts" 4.

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Glee 2, Annual Staff 4, Pep Club 1, 2, 3, 4, Y. C. 1, 2, 3, 4, Homecoming Attendant 4.

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Glee 1, 2, 3, 4, Music Contest 1, 2, 3, 4, Choral Clinic 1, 2, 3, 4, Noel Choir 1, 2, 3, Venture Staff 4, Pep Club 1, 2, 3, 4, Sodality 1, 2, Y. C. 1, 2, 3, 4, Class President 2, Student Council 2, 4, President 4.

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Glee 4, Music Contest 4, Choral Clinic 4, County Government 3, Y. C. 1, 2, 3, 4.

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Glee 4, Music Contest 4, Choral Clinic 4, Y. C. 1, 2, 3, 4, Class Play 4.

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Glee 4, Music Contest 4, Choral Clinic 4, County Government 3, Y. C. 1, 2, 3, 4, Class Play 4.

**Carole Thraen**  
Glee 1, 2, 3, 4, Music Contest 1, 2, 3, 4, Choral Clinic 1, 2, 3, 4, Noel Choir 1, 2, 3, Annual Staff 4, Pep Club 1, 3, 4, Cheerleader 2, Sodality 1, 2, Y. C. 1, 2, 3, 4, Class Officer 1, Class Play 4.

**Joseph Tooley**  
Annual Staff 4, County Government 3, Football 1, 2, 3, 4, Basketball 1, 2, 3, Track 3, Baseball 2, 3, Homecoming Attendant 4, Y. C. 1, 2, 3, 4.

**Marie Valasek**  
(Transfer from Duncan)  
Glee 4, Music Contest 4, Choral Clinic 4, Pep Club 4, Y. C. 4.

**David Vanek**  
Band 1, 2, 3, 4, Music Contest 1, 2, 3, 4, Centennial Parade 3, Band Day 4, Pep Club 1, 2, 3, 4, Glee 2, 4, Choral Clinic 2, 4, County Government 3, Y. C. 1, 2, 3, 4, Class Play 4.

**Laura Wemhoff**  
Glee 2, 4, Music Contest 4, Choral Clinic 4, Annual Staff 4, Pep Club 1, 2, 3, 4, Physical Ed. 1, Sodality 1, 2, Y. C. 1, 2, 3, 4.

**John Woerth**  
Glee 4, Music Contest 4, Choral Clinic 4, Football 1, 2, 3, 4, Track 3, Y. C. 1, 2, 3, 4, Class Play 4.

**Lorraine Wozny**  
Glee 4, Music Contest 4, Annual Staff 4, Pep Club 1, 2, 3, 4, County Government 3, United Nations Contest 3, Y. C. 1, 2, 3, 4, Class Play 4.

**Kathryn Zelasney**  
Glee 2, 4, Music Contest 4, Choral Clinic 4, Annual Staff 4, Pep Club 1, 2, 3, 4, Physical Ed. 1, Sodality 1, 2, Y. C. 1, 2, 3, 4.

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY**

- MAY—**  
5—Dick Sansoni.  
6—Mark Kobus.  
18—Dennis Minette.  
21—Roberta Podrazo.  
26—Joseph Tooley.
- JUNE—**  
3—Joe Bonk.  
Robert Steiner.  
5—Betty Dineen.  
7—Jack Johnson.  
8—Jerry Micek  
John Schuele.  
10—Lorraine Wozny.  
11—William Reuss.  
20—Maureen Micek.  
21—Judith Tylee.  
23—Delores Zywiech.  
26—Richard Tworek.  
27—Eva Stachura.  
30—Evelyn Koziol.
- JULY—**  
6—Judy Olivetti.  
7—Leonard Nosal.  
8—Betty Gregorius.  
Bob Zoucha.  
9—Nancy Kubicek.  
10—John Peck.  
11—Janet Bures.  
12—Barbara Mitera.  
14—Bill Andreas.  
17—Helen Galley.  
19—Paul Langan.  
20—Sharon Messersmith.  
Pat Tooley.  
Carroll Wemhoff.  
24—Elaine Boettcher.  
27—Clinton Gates.  
31—Jack Jones.
- AUGUST—**  
3—Mariann Shonka.  
Rose Marie Kellman.  
8—Nancy Beck.  
10—Margaret Mielak.  
Larry Sladdens.  
11—Sharon Robb.  
Janet Melcher.  
20—Tom Lakers.  
21—Marge Tank.  
Carolyn Clark.  
22—Sharon Bowe.

TOOLEY DRUG COMPANY

"THE PARK IS OPPOSITE US"

# 'The Venture' Staff Again Bestows Beautiful, Exotic Hawaiian Orchids

Our Orchids to you in  
Rhyme we send  
May Heaven bless you  
Our benefactors and friends!

When you eat—  
Eat out  
That's at  
Elon's Drive In Spot

A place to meet  
Your friend or foe  
Is Billie's Cafe  
'N dance away all woe

Or perhaps 'tis food  
You most enjoy  
Go to the Ranch House  
With your best boy

For dressing up  
In early spring  
Is the Irene Shop  
You'll find just the right thing

The Adams Cafe is the place to go  
For food that's fit for a king  
They'll treat you right and serve  
you well  
And then their praises you'll sing.

"The Venture" depends  
The whole year through  
Upon The Daily Telegram  
For all things new.

For dry cleaning and laundering  
That will suit your clothes just fine  
See the Columbus Laundering Com-  
pany  
They'll do the job anytime.

For everything in music  
From records to sheet  
See the Columbus Music Company  
They've got the beat.

Headache, backache, all aches  
annoy  
They fill you with such woe  
For quick relief and health re-  
stored  
Tooley's Drug is the place to go.

Dr. Pepper and Squirt  
At 10 - 2 & 4  
Will taste just right  
And you'll want more.

Penney's is the place to go  
For suit or dress or hat  
They're bound to please most any-  
time  
And never leave you flat.

For cakes, bread, pie and cookies  
For tasty lunches and pastry  
Go to the place that's bound to  
please  
And that's Jourdan's Bakery.

"The pause that refreshes"  
We know it so well  
Yes — Coca Cola  
Is what they all yell.

For milk—butter—ice cream  
To keep the family in trim  
Call Beatrice Foods Company  
Use Meadow Gold products for  
vim.

School pals know what's best  
In books, paper, pencils and glue  
Hence it's Miesslers or Art Print-  
ery  
For you, 'n you, 'n you.

Sometimes the cook takes off  
That leaves you in a spot  
Call Columbus Market and Luch-  
en's too  
To fill up that empty pot.

To Marjorie's go  
For first with the new  
And to the Bluebird  
For dresses of any hue.

For foot comfort  
And all such ease  
Prokupek is the man  
Who is bound to please.

When the entire family  
Has need of footwear  
Woodrick-Allen or R & S  
They're guaranteed there.

Your home needs a new look  
With furnishings of style  
Alexand's and Brenner's  
Will serve with a smile.

If money matters trouble  
As they sometimes do  
Central National or Columbus  
Banks  
Can do money tricks for you.

The man of the house  
And little boys too  
Like Larson-Kuhn's or Curry's  
For suits of tan or blue.

There comes a time  
A highlight in life  
When Froemel's Jewelry  
Can supply that diamond bright.

To keep you going  
And always on the dot  
Barnes Jewelry has watches  
That keep going 'n ne'er stop.

From school supplies to prescrip-  
tions  
They've got them all,  
That's Fricke - Fleischer  
They're on the ball.

Becher, Hockenberger and Cham-  
bers  
For real estate, insurance, loans  
Needed to build a house and home  
When he and you are on your own.

Speice - Echols - Boettcher  
Come in for a try  
For real estate, insurance  
That your money can buy.

See the Pawnee What-Not Shop  
For whatever you need  
Be it toys or novelties  
They'll serve you with speed.

For photographs that flatter  
And show you filled with mirth  
See the Daniels Studio  
You'll get your money's worth.

We can't tell you to buy from B-D  
Cause they only sell wholesale  
But still we want to give our thanks  
To them, may they never fail.

To our Pastor, Priests,  
And Teachers true—  
Our thanks and prayers  
Are gratefully offered you.

At short intervals between your  
work, say at least THESE two  
words: A V E M A R I A !

As often as the sound of the bell  
strikes your ear: Ave Maria!

As often as a little flower  
smiles at you: Ave Maria!

As often as you hear a little bird  
twitter: Ave Maria!

Oh, give me that pleasure and  
follow these promptings. See, I  
have vowed to make others love  
and revere our Heavenly Mother as  
well. You, too, I must win for Her.  
—Anton M. Windolph  
\* M \*

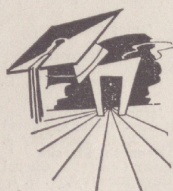
We make a ladder of our faults  
when we tread them down.  
\* M \*

The best people are after all  
often those, of whom nothing is  
said.  
\* M \*

Character is higher than intel-  
lect. A great soul will be strong  
to live, as well as strong to think.  
—Emerson  
\* M \*

There is no fundamental differ-  
ence between a rut and a grave.  
A grave is harder to get out of,  
that's all.  
—Selected  
\* M \*

The best service we can perform  
for others is to help them to help  
themselves.  
—Horace Mann



# Juniors Give Seniors A Prophetic View Of Future Events, And What They'll Do

Well, here it is 1955. How time flies! My plane had just pulled into the trusty Columbus airport. Of course the landing had been perfect, our pilot had been Imelda Euteneuer, one of the very few women jet plane pilots. The very congenial stewardess had been Rita Simons. All the people loved her because of her sweet personality and expert way of handling children.

After regaining my "sea legs" my first thought was to buy a rod, just to look the town over.

Badly in need of collateral, I went into the first reputable looking bank I saw—Central National—and asked if I could have a loan. I was informed that I would have to consult the President, John Peck. Walking into his office, I nearly fainted with surprise. There sat a very distinguished looking Clinton Gates. Clinton, I soon found out, was the dean of Vassar College. He had been chosen for this position because of his charm, and wide experience in dealing with young women. After securing my loan, I continued my journey.

Walking along the street, I saw an immense sign which read as follows: "Don't Fret, Call Honest Minette!" Knowing Dennie's previous experiences with automobiles, I put forth my proposition. I finally decided on a 1959 Cadillac, after Denny assured me that it was in perfect working condition, having been driven only once by Carroll Fix. May he rest in peace—this previous owner of Jimmy Lynch's Death Dodgers.

I followed Dennie's advice and drove out to the Nite & Day Cafe for a "rainbow" paint job, expertly done by Paul Siemek, and for my license plates, which were hand made by Jim Sobotka.

As I squealed away from the station, I realized that my car was going to be my undoing.

Hearing the moan of the police car, I started to pull over to the curb but a telephone pole got in my way.

The arresting officer, Joe Bonk, who had decided to follow in his brother's footsteps, pulled me out of the car and rushed me to Saint Mary's Hospital where Catherine Zelasney, head nurses' aid, assisted by Laura Wemhoff, very efficiently put a band aid over the hole in my head. Then my buddy, Bonk and I climbed into the squad car, driven by Joe Obal, whose motto was "Don't Cuss, Call Joe." (I know it doesn't rhyme, but he copied it from "Don't Cuss, Call Gus.")

Next I was told that I had to have my picture taken for the police files. In walked the photographer, Tom Lakers, followed by his faithful assistant, Carole Thraen, who was happily following him, picking up burnt-out flashbulbs.

My next visitor was the Chief of Police, Mary Ann Simpson. She let me off for good behavior. (It's not that I have a brownring with her, it's just that she wanted my vote for the coming election.)

Having been so near death, I decided to buy myself some flowers—(just in case). For this purchase I went into a sparkling new flower

shop and met the smiling face of Jerome Staroscik. (He bought out Anderson Flower Shop).

After my slightly exhausting experiences, I began to look for some form of entertainment. The Columbus Theatre was the back-ground for a number of gaily decorated posters, which I might add had been perfectly executed by the charmed fingers of that great artist, Lawrence Mielak.

Scrutinizing the posters I saw the following: Hurry! Hurry! You can't afford to miss it! A three-round match between "I may not look it, but I'm powerful—John Holys" and "Robert Schmidt, the Pride of Russia." I surmised that they had become professional wrestlers.

The next sign read: "Come on in girls." The first showing in the world (probably the last) of John "Brown Eyes" Woerth, in his recent movie hit "The Big Bad Wolf." A still larger poster had a full-length picture of Barbara Mitera at her "magic ivories." Barb, it stated, was the president of the Woerth Institute of Music, in Budapest.

On the next poster was the very alluring, smiling face of Sharon Bowe. Sharon had flown in from New York to do a special charity show—after first obtaining permission from the Glen Miller orchestra with which she sang.

Also on the schedule was that now famous orator, Tom Dischner, who had just returned from his European tour.

Deciding this was the theater for me, I paid my nickel to the cashier. After the show, I chewed the fat with Sharon Bowe. She told me that Jack Johnson was married, and the proud father of one son and one daughter.

Mary Catherine Bothe was becoming quite a hand at housekeeping, working in her little white cottage and taking care of her three little girls.

Miss Betty Gregorius was giving cornet lessons at the Chicago Conservatory of Music.

Sharon Robb, with her journalistic ability, had been filling in for Dorothy Kilgallen on that wonderful panel show "What's My Curve?"

Nancy Boettcher was the Principal of Duncan High School, with a thriving enrollment of ten and one-half students. (One poor thing was a half-wit).

Lorraine Wozny was still going steady with Bob Messersmith. Bob had a very prosperous business playing the trombone in the cocktail lounge of the "Y Knot Drive In."

Ken Stracke was playing center for the Minneapolis Lakers Professional Basketball team. He says he is going to retire though, because the basketball schedule is interfering with his Rhumba lessons. Janet Czuba has become famous as Mrs. America of 1955. She won this title through her wonderful capability as a homemaker.

Jo Ann Matya (now Mrs. Merlyn Keefer), was head soda jerk at Tooley's (now Keefer's Drug Store).

Theresa Kobus now has a chain of grocery stores. In her spare

time she embroiders choo-choo trains on her little brother Mark's shirts. (Isn't that right Mark?)

Mary Kay Liss is trying her best to get a raise from her skinflint boss—Dave Miller. Mary Kay still runs to the bus depot every day to catch her 2:30 bus. Dave is happily married to you know who.

By this time, being my usual self, I was starving to death, and I decided to take a jaunt out to the Y Knot, my old hangout.

Cruising along the highway, I almost hit Joe Tooley's garbage truck. The reason for this was, high up in a tree by the side of the road sat Gale Kriley, the world's greatest mountain climber. Gale himself told me he was more sure of himself high up than on the ground.

After I scraped my heap together I dragged it out to the Y Knot, (Cummings is paying me for all the commercials). Marie Valasek was just taking off to make a delivery in her meat wagon.

I pushed my way through the crowd, sat down in a booth, and ordered my usual horsemeat and malt. The waitress told me that I would have to wait until Clarence Nosal made his daily deliveries, and Leo Moschenross got busy on his K. P. duty. Leo had become very handy in the kitchen as a result of his experiences in the navy.

Being next to death's door, I decided to order something from Lorraine Pickhinke, who was on her daily route for the Omar Company. (She quit Jourdan's).

While eating my plate of calories in walked Duane Clark. I hardly recognized him; he was six foot two, with red curly hair, and didn't weigh an ounce less than two ton. The Y Knot was using him for a jiggle ad ever since the time Dave Vanek drove his hot rod through the kitchen. (He had been extremely hungry).

I asked Duane what had happened to Adrian Staroscik. He told me that Adrian was married to Margie Kretz. Margie was his type setter in his new printing shop.

Then the door opened and in walked Mary Ellen Egger with her husband and six children. Mary Ellen told me that she and her husband lived in Shelby.

While we were visiting she asked me if I remembered Evelyn Pensick. It seems Evelyn was teaching the third grade at old Saint Bonnies.

Suddenly the six o'clock whistle blew, and I remembered that I had to catch my plane at 6:01. I flew out the door waving a fast good-bye.

As my train rolled on toward Norfolk I felt rather sad to think that it probably would be years before I could see the members of the wonderful class of '55 again.



## POLL PLAUDITS POPULAR PUPILS

	SENIORS	JUNIORS	SOPHOMORES	FRESHMAN
Most Likely to Succeed .....	Lawrence Mielak Barbara Mitera	Carroll Novicki Ann Schilz	Mike Micek Elaine Boettcher	Richard Lux Delores Schefcyk
Most Active .....	Joe Bonk (tied) Clinton Gates Sharon Bowe	Jerry Micek Jackie Michaelson	Dennis Schefcyk Elaine Boettcher	George Arasmith Jane Holys
Best Behaved .....	Lawrence Mielak Imelda Euteneuer	Allan Pensick Beatrice Euteneuer	Jack Jones Rose M. Kellerman	Bart Brennan Judy Tylee
Most Marylike .....	Gale Kriley Sharon Bowe	Allan Pensick Beatrice Euteneuer	Ralph Haddock Rose M. Kellman	Richard Lux Judy Tylee (tied) Sharon Messersmith Delores Schefcyk Mary Jo Dush
Top Personality .....	Joe Bonk Sharon Bowe	Leonard Nosal Ann Schilz	Dennis Schefcyk Elaine Boettcher	Bart Brennan Mary E. Minette
Best Dressed .....	Clinton Gates Lorraine Pickhinke	Carroll Novicki Judy Olivetti	Bob Clinkscales Marion Skorupa	Bart Brennan Billie J. Coles
Best Dancers .....	Paul Siemek Sharon Bowe	Lloyd Bartholomew Sharon Hoshor	Virgil Liss Marion Skorupa	Joe Ryba Billie J. Coles
Most Talented .....	Lawrence Mielak Barbara Mitera	Carroll Novicki Marian Shonka	Chuck Micek Mary Ann Pickhinke	Richard Lux Billie J. Coles
Most Talkative .....	Carroll Fix Mary Catherine Bothe	Kenneth Nosal Marian Shonka	Phil Zarek Delores Roebuck (tied) Pat Weidel	George Arasmith Jane Holys
Best Pals .....	Johnny Holys- Joe Tooley Mary Ellen Egger- Janet Czuba	Ed Kavanaugh- Milo Herink Barbara Cielocha- Pat Tworek	Joe Woerth- Bob Clinkscales Virginia Mimick- Kathleen Briggs	George Arasmith- Don Kaminski Maureen Micek- Mary E. Minette