



Mr. Dean Soulliere

Coach Wolever Boasts Nucleus of Eighteen Lettermen For Season

Coach Charles Wolever boasts a nucleus of 18 lettermen now drilling for the 1959 campaign. This proves to be the largest number of lettermen St. Bons has had for a long, long time.

Letter winners include:
Ends: Ed Shemek, Bill Backes.
Tackles: Joe Liss, Jim Huhman, Tom Thalken.

Guards: Tom Shonka, Rick Kearns, Dave Kampovitz.
Centers: Ray Micek, Dave Melcher, Gary Soulliere.

Quarterback: Larry Staroscik.
Halfbacks: Jack Nosal, Bob Golonka, Adrian Krzycki.

Fullbacks: Ron Kudron, Larry Minette.

Rick Kearns, a transfer letterman, comes from Creighton Prep. Larry Staroscik and Tom Thalken hold the positions of co-captains.

Promising newcomers include:
Tackles: Bob Kozioł, Dennis Ritter.

Fullback: Bill Keck,
Center: Norman Wemhoff.
End: John Torczon.

Coach Wolever, along with assistants Dick McArdle, Bill Brock, and Dean Soulliere predict an excellent season for the SHAMROCKS this year.

Graduates Seek Higher Learning In Universities, Business Colleges

Beth Daddio Enters Convent

Higher learning is now being sought by many of the graduates of the class of 1959 in universities, colleges, and commercial schools. Commencing his college work at the University of Nebraska is Alan Kusek.

St. Mary's college of Omaha has attracted Patricia Badstieber and Katherine Kuta.

First year students at Norfolk Junior College are James Bothe and Rosemarie Moschenross.

Business careers are planned by Carolyn Backes, and Elizabeth Markytan, students at Commercial Extension school in Omaha and Frances Pfaff, Darlene Czuba, and Terrie Sue Cadwallader in the Lincoln School of Commerce.

Robert Reuss will travel east to Marquette University, Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

Denver will be the destination of Judith Rossie, freshman at Loretto Heights college, and James Schmit, Regis college freshman.

Gerald Haller began training in June at the U. S. Air Force Academy, Colorado Springs, Colorado. David Altmanshofer will begin college work at Rockhurst College, Kansas City, Missouri.

Beginning training as student nurses will be Leona Mimick, Lenore Nosal, and Carol Preston at St. Catherine Hospital, Omaha; Kathleen Sokol will go to Sacred Heart Hospital, Yankton, South Dakota.

Newly entering religious training will be Elizabeth Daddio, at St. Joseph's Convent, Colorado Springs.

Creighton University campus will be the new home of John Scharff.

Others Find Occupations
 Alfred Starostka, Ronald Krzycki, Paul Kudron, Dennis Novotny, and Bob Hanke now belong to the U. S. Navy.

Also serving Uncle Sam under the auspices of the U. S. Air Force are Jim Thalken, Duane Blahak, and Jim Jarecki.

Currently employed by Becton, Dickinson Co. are Anthony Oberhauser, Francis Krzycki, Lorraine Paprocki, and Anita Molczyk.

Kathleen Heimann, Phyllis Mahoney, Bernadine Paprocki, and Pat Liss are working at Dale Products; Carol Johnson, at Jack's Cafe. Richard Podraza and Richard Dush are farming. Raymond Micek and Eugene Zywicz try a hand

St. Bons Welcomes Four New Teachers At Opening of 1959-1960 School Year

St. Bonaventure High School welcomes four new teachers to its staff at the opening of the 1959-1960 school year. Sister M. Michalene, O.S.F., Rev. Michael Windolph, O.F.M., Mr. Dean Soulliere, and Mr. Robert L. Pendlay.

Sister Michaelene's duties include teaching in Junior High and also teaching biology to the sophomore classes. Sister received an A. B. degree from Creighton University in June.

Father Michael meets seniors, juniors, and sophomores in English, Latin, and general science. Father formerly carried out priestly duties at St. Francis Borgia Parish, Washington, Mo. Father is also an assistant priest here at St. Bonaventure. Sister M. Oskaria, freshman sponsor, is Father Michael's sister.

Shop, craft, mechanical drawing, and physical education hold important places in Mr. Soulliere's daily schedule. A graduate of Wayne State Teachers College, he brings his talent and learning to home town and Alma Mater in starting his teaching career. Incidentally, his wife teaches in the elementary school—Grade three.

Mr. Robert L. Pendlay will be in charge of all music, both vocal and instrumental, in senior high, junior high, and the elementary school. Mr. Pendlay is also a graduate of Wayne State Teachers College.

Sister Rayneria Returns

Sister M. Rayneria returned and continues as principal at St. Bonaventure High. Sister also sponsors the seniors in homeroom N-1. Mrs. Mildred Herrod again teaches senior and junior English literature and also has the responsibility of sponsoring another group of seniors in homeroom N-3.

Sister M. Edwina, after a wonderful summer at Xavier U in Cincinnati, has brought many new ideas to pass on to the science classes—chemistry, physics, and advanced science. Sister also teaches American history and sponsors a junior group.

Mr. Richard McArdle sponsors the other junior class, teaches Spanish I and II, modern problems to two classes of seniors, and presides in two study periods. He

also helps with the coaching of football and basketball.

Fathers Teach Religion

Rev. Roch Hettinger, O.F.M., Pastor, teaches senior religion. Rev. Kenneth Schlessler, O.F.M., meets the junior classes for religious instruction. Rev. Timothy Healy, O.F.M., continues to teach freshmen religion.

Father John Bosco Haas, O.F.M., finds busy hours of teaching at St. Anthony's in the A. M. and two classes of English 10, art appreciation, and a study hall period in the afternoon sessions at St. Bonaventure.

Sister M. Gerarda keeps the library books mended, catalogued, and circulated, and sponsors The Mystical Rose Sodality activities.

Sister M. Bernardis enjoyed a hot, hot summer in San Antonio, Texas. Sister now passes on to the members of the math classes—algebra I and II, geometry, and trig, new tricks of the trade garnered at Our Lady of the Lake College, and sister sponsors a sophomore class.

Sister Oskaria sponsors a freshmen class. Sister teaches classes in world geography, in world history, and presides in study hall.

Half of the freshmen group claim Sister Clare Agnes as sponsor. Sister also teaches classes in English, speech, general math, and sponsors the Annual-Bona Ventura.

So much a man is as he appears in the sight of GOD, and no more.

St. Francis of Assisi

Sister M. Cyril teaches all the commerce subjects—three typing classes, shorthand, bookkeeping, and secretarial training, and journalism. The Venture is planned and written during the seventh period of the school day.

Mr. Wolever keeps busy with the P. E. program in junior and senior high. Drivers Ed constitutes an important class, during the fourth period of each day.

Enrollment Shows Slight Drop Now

Enrollment at St. Bonaventure for the 1959-60 term shows a slight drop to 906, compared to 940 last year.

228 students constitute the High School group, 118, the Junior High, and 560, the elementary grades.

The seniors boast the largest class numbering 68 with the addition of three new students in the persons of Richard Kearns from Creighton Prep, Thomas Watkins from Kemper Military Academy, and Janet Zoucha from Columbus High.

The juniors numbering 50 students have the smallest class in the Senior High. They boast one new student Elaine Mueller from Duncan.

There are 55 Sophomores again with only one new student, Claudine Wacholtz from Columbus Junior High.

There are 54 freshmen with 16 new students.



Rev. Michael Windolph, O.F.M.

Juniors - Seniors Use New 'Master' Locks

At stated periods during the day juniors and seniors can be seen twisting and turning the new "master" locks now in use on the lockers.

These new locks will not only curb temptations to get into other students' private property, but will also prevent many people from receiving a barrage of books, papers, empty coke bottles, candy wrappers, and other assorted items as their locker doors are opened.

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St. Bonaventure in St. Bonaventure Church

No. 1

Connie Cronin Occupies Annual Editor's Chair

Connie Cronin occupies the Editors chair on the annual staff for the 1959-1960 school year. Marlene German has undertaken the job of Connie's able assistant. With these two girls heading the staff, students can look forward to an excellent Bona Ventura.

Other important posts will be filled by junior Marcella Jarecki as assistant co-editor, Patricia Gregorius, art editor, Roxine Haller, assistant art editor, Larry Staroscik and Robert Golonka, sports editors, promise an interesting and different sports section.

Tom Thalken and James Huhman, business managers, have the all-important tasks connected with this title. Kathleen Borer will take care of circulation management. Kathleen's assistants consist of three juniors, Sharon Schaefer, Robert Storz, and Eugene Jones. Proof readers list seniors Patricia Gaspers, Barbara Sokol, and Joan Legenza. Typists include Phyllis Wruble, Connie Iwanske, and Virginia Hembd.

Upper Quartile Members Receive Surprise Packages

Before the closing of St. Bonaventure High, May 22, to be exact, outstanding business men of Columbus together with Rev. Roch Hettinger, O.F.M., Superintendent, and Sister M. Rayneria, Principal gave surprise packages to classmen in the upper quartile.

Kathleen Sokol and Judith Rossie received the Platte County Agriculture Society scholarships valued at \$2000 each.

John Scharff and James Schmit won alternate places for these two awards.

Other scholarships captured by students stand as follows:

Creighton President's scholarship, \$400, Dennis Novotny.

St. Mary's college, Omaha, \$400, Kathryn Kuta.

Elks Most Valuable Student award, \$100, Carol Preston; Elks youth leadership award, \$25 bond, Alan Kusek.

Columbus Volunteer Fire Department and Auxiliary, \$100, Joyce Haney.

Rockhurst college, Kansas City, \$800, David Altmanshofer.

Regis College, Denver, Colorado, \$800, James Schmit.

Church college scholarship, \$250, Carol Preston.

Norfolk Junior College, \$90, James Bothe.

Air Force Academy appointed Gerald Haller also a Regents scholarship choice.

Optimist Club awards include first place to Larry Odgaard, and second place to Timothy Pariso.

Larry Minette received recognition as boys' all state choice and Patricia Gregorius as girls' choice.

Awards such as Honor Society pins, Honor Roll emblems, Jets Club science awards, Loyalty and service awards, Annual staff certificates, Gregg International Book-keeping Contest certificates, Quill and Scroll memberships, typing awards, and Pep Club awards brought a total of 92 students into the spotlight.

Certificates of recognition came to Optimists Constitution Contest participants, "I Speak for Democracy," participants, and Mock United Nations participants.

Margaret Mrzлак and Paul Scharff received \$50 scholarships for All-State Fine Arts course from the American Legion Auxiliary.

Thirty athletes earned letters for good play in football, basketball, and track.

Students Will See Detective Movie

A first student activity of the school year will be the movie—Father Brown, Detective.

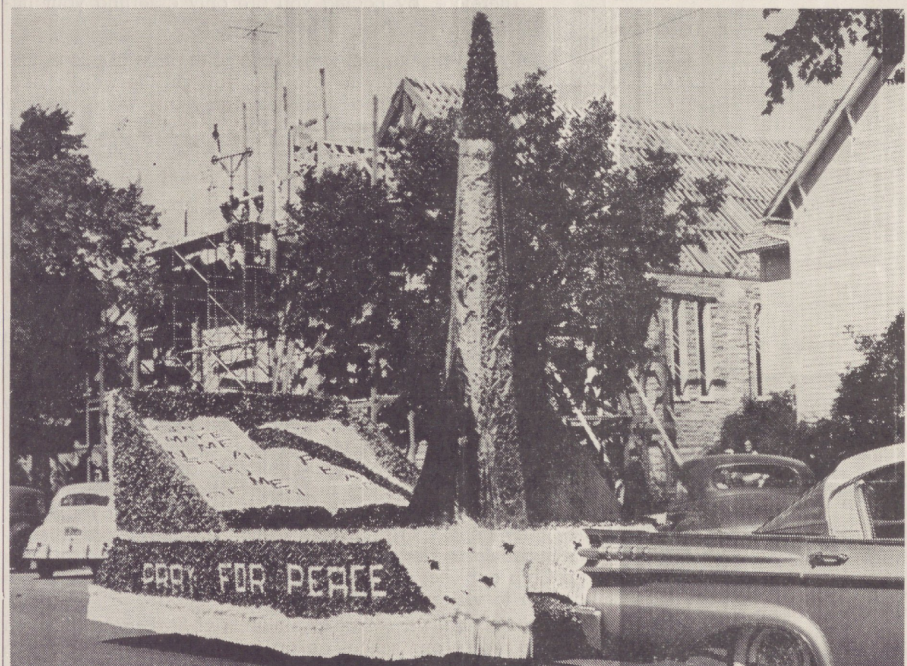
This movie will be shown in the Memorial Hall on September 30.

Music Continues Despite Vacation

Although classes had dismissed for the summer, vacations had begun, and choir had dispersed, the music in Church continued nevertheless.

Mr. Louis Rambour and his own faithful men's choir always appeared on schedule at the 5:30 a. m. holy Mass. This group provided religious melodies.

Marlene German, Mary Kavanaugh, Margaret Mary Mrzлак, and Richard Lux took care of the other Masses and services throughout the summer.



PRAY FOR PEACE FLOAT entered in the Platte County Fair Parade and in the Schuyler Fair Parade took third and second places respectively.



St. Bonaventure in St. Bonaventure Church

Title Only?

To most of us the title, St. Bonaventure, means a school, a church, or a football team. The name seldom reminds us of a great doctor of the Church, the patron of our parish.

On the right side of the Church stands a statue of a Cardinal, an angel at his feet. That image portrays an outstanding figure of the Franciscan Order. This humble saint, believing himself unworthy, often denied himself Communion. Once while he assisted at Mass, Our Savior put into his mouth, by the ministry of an angel, part of the consecrated host, taken from the priest's hand.

St. Bonaventure received the degree of "Doctor of Theology" with St. Thomas Aquinas.

Every student, especially a member of this parish, should pray for Saint Bonaventure's assistance because of the angelic virtues with which he adorned his learning.

— M. K.

Be Nonchalant When . . .

Mr. McArdle calls you to the desk during study hall for an assignment in writing.

You discover the missing book is still in your locker and it is one minute past 8 o'clock.

Mrs. Herrod says "Get ready for a test my little chickadees," and you didn't study.

You're called down for chewing gum in Sister Cyril's bookkeeping class on the first day of school.

You discover the combination for your lock has slipped through the passages of your so-called muddled brain.

You forget where to go during P. E. class — Freshmen.

God Hears Prayer

If radio's slim fingers Can pluck a melody From night, and toss it over A continent or sea;

If the petalled white notes Of a violin Are blown across a mountain Or a city's din;

If songs like crimson roses Are called from thin blue air; Why should mortals wonder If God hears prayer?

The Pater Noster

"Why do you pause, my little maid, Ere half your prayer is said? Commence again and say, 'Give us This day our daily bread'."

"Give us—" "Well, well, the rest.

Why do you stop, my dear, And whisper softly to yourself Some words I cannot hear?"

"I asked of God, my mamma dear, to give to me and you, Because just bread is very dry, A little butter too."

Wrong Church?

"Mommy, mommy!" Darel cried. "Guess what?"

"What, dear," Mother replied. "My First Communion day prayers have been answered!" Mother waited for the boy to go on.

Catching his breath, Darel continued, "Mrs. Marlowe has joined our church. I was just over at St. Bon's and she was prayin' and everything."

"Why, Darel," Mother said, "Grandma Marlowe has been a Catholic longer than either you or I can remember."

"No, no, mommy," he said. "She's been goin' down to that Episcopal church—Saint Anthony's."

My Fair Bonnies

Oh wouldn't it be lovely If Bonnies had a band Sounding grand.
Oh wouldn't it be lovely. Lovely! lovely!
Oh wouldn't it be lovely If Bonnies had a team Right on the beam.
Oh wouldn't it be lovely. Lovely! Lovely!
Oh wouldn't it be lovely If Bonnies had a cheer That everyone could hear.
Oh wouldn't it be lovely. Lovely! Lovely!
Oh wouldn't it be lovely If Bonnies had a play The highlight of the day.
Oh wouldn't it be lovely. Lovely! Lovely!
Oh wouldn't it be lovely If Bonnies had a speed With traffic laws would agree.
Oh wouldn't it be lovely. Lovely! Lovely!
Oh wouldn't it be lovely If Bonnies had a year That put it into gear.
Oh wouldn't it be lovely. Lovely! Lovely!
Oh wouldn't it be lovely!

DDT Will Do Trick For You

How long can a person endure the cruelty of it, the mistreatment entailed, the long-lasting misery? Everywhere one turns, in battle array, the enemies stand ready to attack an innocent victim!

These words I uttered in complete disgust to my girl friend last week as we strolled down the avenue in the early hours of the evening.

She immediately replied: "What is this world coming to anyway! It just isn't fair to the fairer sex! If only we could fight back. You'd think someone would speak to the Mayor about it; or better still, to the Governor!"

But what could two little girls do? Just two girls against THOUSANDS OF ENEMIES, perhaps even MILLIONS! Just what could we do?

You've heard the saying that justice triumphs. Well, justice finally won out! Last evening the entire city and surrounding territory was sprayed with DDT. And do you know something? I have not seen or felt a pesky MOSQUITO since!

To Boo or Not to Boo That Is the Question

This question can be answered very simply. One should not boo because:

- Booing is primarily for spirits and ghosts. This is their way of communication. You are not a ghost; therefore you have no right to boo. By doing so, you violate a ghost's rights.
- People boo simply because their vocabulary is so very limited so that when they can think of nothing better to say, they say, "Boo." Therefore by booing, you only show your ignorance.
- Boo is a word left over from a baby's vocabulary. Therefore, by booing you are only asserting your immaturity.
- By putting the first two words of the title of this article together, namely to and boo, you get the word taboo, or as it is defined, a curse. And really when you are booing, you really put a taboo on your school as an unsportsmanlike school and making its members outcasts of intelligent society.

But getting down to serious business, booing is very unsportsmanlike. Sportsmanship is a basic fundamental in every individual's life. One doesn't have to be an athlete to possess good sportsmanship. One has to be a good sportsman in every walk of life. When one shows such ignorance as booing, he defeats every phase of good sportsmanship. How easy it would be to start a cheer such as singing the school song or some other cheer! Remember, when a so called bad call is made one should never boo because the official is closer to the play than you. So abide by the official's decision. Remember also that you are a Catholic student and as such you have a responsibility to represent your religion as it is. Christ did not ridicule the Pharisees by booing, hissing, and foul language. He merely acknowledged their accusations and abuses and later, as we say it today, He made them eat their own words. How easy good sportsmanship would be if we would remember incidents in Christ's life. Furthermore, what a help to the Pep Club our cheers would be, and how they would urge the boys on to victory.

Remember always that as students of St. Bonaventure we must represent our school as an intelligent society, and we can hardly attain this purpose by giving vent to the booing led by some boisterous, uncontrolled loud mouths.

— T. T.

This Is Your Life . . .

By Keats



Two baby boys came into the world on a rainy September night in 1942 at Murphy's Maternity Home in Greeley, Nebraska.

On the tenth day after their arrival, when their mothers started for home with these tiny bundles little did they think that their paths would cross again at St. Bon's High in 1959.

One of these is the subject of our present story. The other? — well, guess who—nobody else but the writer of this article. For the first time as I write—This Is Your Life, I have an exclusive. You see, I was there!

My mother arrived at Murphy's in the bleary wee hours of the a. m., and waited until evening when our subject's mother made her appearance.

Her doctor could not be found, so gallantly my mother's doctor sought him out at Bert Hepp's Motion Picture House—"Idlehour."

Mr. This Is Your Life made his appearance very shortly thereafter, about 9:30 p.m. I arrived, as usual two hours later.

I hardly remember, but the person of whom I write must have been a very difficult room mate at Mrs. Murphy's. He cried continually. But dear old Mrs. Murphy quieted him with the rocking chair treatment in her homey kitchen. And I haven't heard a whimper since.

Off we went our separate ways. I spent my childhood picking strawberries on a farm near Walnut, Iowa. Our friend also found a home on a farm in the same state, but picking strawberries wasn't to his taste.

Instead, shooting all the windows out of the farmhouse suited his fancy. And dropping a cat in a parachute from a 60 foot windmill gave evidence of his scientific trend of mind. After finding the cat dead, this son of Dracula, performed an autopsy to discover the cause of its untimely demise.

This destructive phase of adolescence passed, and he settled down to more creative activities such as building model airplanes and the usual farm chores allotted to youngsters.

Blessings came to him in the form of two older brothers and

three older sisters. In this capacity the place of under-foot was more prevalent than lord of the mansion.

Of late, dogs seem to find him a great attraction—and the playground swing poles at St. Bonaventure Grade School offer safe re-uge when attacked! (You should see him shiny up a pole!)

Somewhat of a newcomer at St. Bon's, he entered here last January, all find him to be friendly, much fun, and maybe a little on the wild side. Why wild? Well, for goodness sake, what other gasoline station attendant would run out of gas at midnight way out in Behlen City???

As hectic as it may have been—Bob Koziol—THIS IS YOUR LIFE!

And by the way, Bob, never let your mother tell you that she must have taken home the wrong baby from the hospital. Gosh, look at the boy she would have claimed as her own—ME!

Judie Offers Cheer

When you're down and out And feelin' sort of blue— Read Judie's CHEER COLUMN It'll be GOOD for YOU!

Now that everyone has fallen into the swing of things again, all will soon find themselves on the football grid cheering lustily for the mighty Shamrock squad.

The varsity cheerleading group, composed of Carol Starostka, Patricia Gaspers, Elizabeth Obal, Jean Meysenburg, and Judith Pilen, have worked hard all summer practicing for the games. After hot, tiring exercising, their accomplishments consist of new cheers, new formations, and stiff, aching leg and arm muscles.

But despite all this, they're bursting with pep and energy, and are ready to cheer the team on to victory. They hope everyone will join them, and show the team they've got the pep and the school spirit to stick with the squad, win or lose!

Now the cheerleaders introduce some of the new cheers to offer the opportunity to practice a bit ahead of time.

Dig the following, Bonnies' cats—
Heads In the Air
With our heads in the air
And our feet on the ground
We're the mighty Shamrocks
And we're going to town
Now we're rugged individuals
And we're hep tonight
So come on TEAM
Let's fight, fight, fight!

Victory! Victory!

Victory, Victory
That's our cry
V - I - C - T - O - R - Y
Are we in it?
Well, I guess,
St. Bon's High School
Yes! Yes! Yes!

Extra! Extra!

Extra! Extra!
Read All About It!
We've got a team
And we're proud to shout it.
Ra, Ra, Ra, Rara
(repeat 3 times)
Yeh, boa!
(repeat 3 times)
TEAM! TEAM! TEAM!

Exchange Cheer

GREETINGS — (opponents)
Latch onto this
We've got a team
That just can't miss.
But if you beat us
That's no sin
'Cause our MOTTO is—
May the BEST TEAM WIN!
Keep cheering mightily until we meet again!

—Jutes.

Slow Me Down

Slow me down, Lord. I am going too fast;
I can't see my brother, when he's walking past.
I miss a lot of good things day by day;
I don't know a blessing when it comes my way.

Slow me down, Lord. I want to see
More of the things that are good for me.
A little less of me and a little more of You,
I want the heavenly atmosphere to trickle through.

Let me help a brother when the going is rough;
When folks work together life isn't so tough.
Slow me down, Lord, so I can talk
With some of Your angels. Slow me down to a walk!

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Roving Reporter Reports Reports

"Who Are You," The Venture reporter questioned some newly arrived freshmen. These replied . . .

Kathy Micek . . . "I am the trampoline champion of the freshmen class. I fail miserably every time."

Linda Schroeder . . . "Describe myself?! Wouldn't and couldn't!"

Adrienne Odgaard . . . "I'm the one who has spunk in school but more when I get home."

Peter Theisinger . . . "A small guy who knows more about nothing and less about everything than anyone in the 9th grade."

Jane Tooley . . . "Dynamite comes in a small package."

Tom Byrnes . . . "Five feet six, eyes of blue, and full of joy."

Christine Theewan . . . "The pianist that makes all the mistakes."

Jane Frazer . . . "The squeaky wheel gets the grease."

Gary Mielak . . . "Radio Bug Inc."

Judy Woodworth . . . "Unpredictable."

Diane Wheeler . . . "Square wheel—big deal!"

Eugene Tworek . . . "I am a good student (I hope). And a lousey football player."

Joan Micek . . . "I am a little slow getting acquainted but with all the kind faces I am sure to make Bonnies my second home."

Ann McGuire . . . "Father Tim knows me as 'Magoo'."

Larry Eckholt . . . "A boy with red rosy cheeks and who someday will be a big success."

Eugene German . . . "I am about six foot tall. I have light brown hair, and I'm sort of skinny. I hate school but I like sports. If by mere luck you meet me on the street please don't laugh."

Marilyn Kuta . . . "Undiscribable."

St. Bonaventure Hi
August 31, 1959

Dear Green Freshies:

My you're a lovely group this year. As soon as some of the green wears off you'll be a perfect bunch 'next to us that is'.

We thought we'd write you a letter and give you some idea about how you're supposed to act. Here are a few helpful hints on how to survive in the jungle.

No. 1 'most important' Respect for your elders—the wonderful class of sixty! What ever you do don't forget this.

No. 2 Unless you're in good health watch out for the draught in Room 2 and the drip in the ceiling. Of course you don't have to worry as long as it isn't raining.

No. 3 Watch out for locker 50! When it is pulled by a firm hand it comes out of the wall!

No. 4 Beware of monitors. They are dangerous!

No. 5 Don't believe anything anybody tells you (including us). You can trust the faculty—they are on your side. We are not!

No. 6 Don't take things like this letter too seriously. You'll hear things like this all the school year! You may as well become calloused to the ridicule.

All kidding aside we think you're a great class and we hope you're bringing lots of school spirit with you.

Those Who Know,
Seniors 1960

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Float Days Hold Nostalgic Memories

All the tedious hours of work and the fun enjoyed by the Youth Center members constitute a treasure of memories now. But as we walk in the shadow of the past we find a part of us lies behind. With every nail and staple driven into the float there lives a memory.

Perhaps it's the memory of the many times a thumb was hit rather than the nail, or maybe it was the burning sensation someone received from thoughtlessly sitting on a staple. The time the board fell on a foot or even the trivial, but yet important problem of how to build a rocket.

The float grew from an old hayrack and rose from our imaginations and creative ideas into a beautiful dream of a book that needed fixing, and a rocket that was in bad shape—crooked. It was a great satisfaction though to find that despite all of the many difficulties our float had won a prize. The prize wasn't as great a feeling as was that of being able to prove to ourselves and others that without adults we could do what others would entitle the impossible.

The day we went to Schuyler we had many frightful experiences. First our book caved in and then our whole float went to work. It seemed to be telling us it didn't want to go. We fought fire with fire—that's why we're all sunburned. By reporting time however, everyone was calmly chewing their nails or stepping on them.

Ah! Finally the parade begins and here we sit with only a few minor details such as a lost scarf, a ripped skirt, a bleeding finger, an untied tie, hot feet, and a slowly deteriorating float.

Everyone is only half present as the parade starts. Oh, there were so many people from Columbus there. We all were so happy to see the end of the parade route. Being tremendously thirsty, we parked our float in the street in front of a drive-in and ordered cokes. We could have drunk gallons of it, nevertheless the float had to be moved.

The trip home was very sad as we all realized the goal had been reached and this phase of the fun was over.

MIESSLER'S
Mid-Nebraska's Largest
Prescription Center

Highlights Center Around Cornhusker Boys' State At Ag College Campus

Specifically speaking, the highlight of the summer months centered around a week at Cornhusker Boys' State in Lincoln at the Ag College Campus. There, 320 boys from all over Nebraska gathered to learn more about city, county, and state government.

Our first project came in the form of an election held in the same manner as state elections, only on a smaller scale. A primary election with all its campaigning preceded this.

On the third day, each boy took a 100 question test covering the different departments of the state, current news, and the United States and the Nebraska constitutions.

Another big item, President Eisenhower's survey of physical fitness, included push ups, pullups, running (sprints, distance, and agility), and jumping. A point system went along with these events.

Keen Competition Results
The 320 boys divided 8 mythical towns named after famous battles—Bunker Hill, Valley Forge, Yorktown, Gettysburg, Alamo, Manila Bay, Belleau Woods, and Bataan—competed against each other. Each town received points through the efforts of 40 boys. The winning town or simply the town with the most points achieved the goal.

Almost anything such as being on the Boys' State newspaper, scoring high on the test, being elected to an office, having the cleanest barracks, participating in a band or chorus, and scoring high on the physical fitness survey by towns merited points. Incidentally this survey covered the "48" states.

Speakers Address Group
Governor Ralph Brooks, Doctor E. H. Goldstein, Associate Judge Edward Carter of the Nebraska Supreme Court, Chief Justice Robert G. Simmons, Mayor Doyle of Lincoln, and Chancellor C. N. Hardin from the Nebraska University gave talks to the States in order to enhance the Boys State knowledge of state government and state institutions.

Football Schedule

- SEPTEMBER:**
- 11 . . . Guardian Angel, West Point.
 - 18 . . . St. Mary's, David City.
 - 25 . . . Seward Concordia.
- OCTOBER:**
- 3 . . . Omaha Cathedral.
 - 17 . . . Lincoln Piux X.
 - 23 . . . Hastings St. Cecilia.
 - 31 . . . Holy Name, Omaha.
- NOVEMBER:**
- 6 . . . Bishop Ryan, Omaha.
 - 11 . . . Central Catholic, Grand Island.
- (Home-coming game October 31 in all probability).

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The seniors find new classmates on the scene—Janet Zouba and Rick Kerns. Rick boots football.

Jane Gregorius, Maxine Mrzlak, and Kathy Stone twisted into action in the East hall the other day. Something about cheerleading try-outs.

Football practice hasn't been so kind to Norbert Peterson. He's just a "Slingin' Along With the Blues."

Classes have certainly changed for everyone. Modern Problems is outstanding—Mr. McArdle now heads the department. Problems anyone?

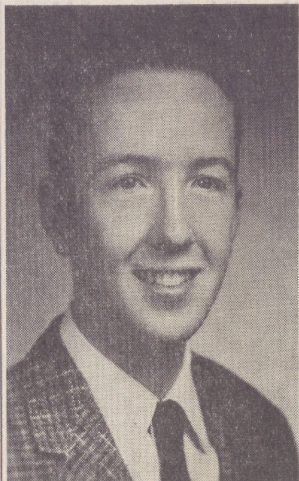
Basketball Schedule 1959-60

- DECEMBER:**
- 1—Tuesday . . . Madison, There.
 - 4—Friday . . . Schuyler, There.
 - 12—Saturday . . . Blair, Here.
 - 18—Friday . . . Piux X, There.
- JANUARY:**
- 9—Saturday . . . Holy Name, Here.
 - 15—Friday . . . Howells, There.
 - 16—Saturday . . . St. Pat's, (Fremont), There.
 - 22—Friday . . . St. Mary's (David City), Here.
 - 29—Friday . . . Grand Island Catholic, There.
 - 30—Saturday . . . St. Joseph (Omaha), Here.
- FEBRUARY:**
- 2—Stanton Tourney.
 - 12—Friday . . . Bishop Ryan (Omaha), Here.
 - 13—Saturday . . . Cathedral (Omaha), There.
 - 16—Tuesday . . . Newman Grove, There.

Reserve Games — 6:30 P. M.
Varsity Games — 8:00 P. M.
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Junior High: Mr. Charles Wol-ever.

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Have you noticed Connie Cronin has cut her locks and Mary Kavanaugh has done something to hers?

Freshies appeared on the scene somewhat green, but after two years on the swaying third floor the faces appeared quite familiar.

Speaking of people, September 13th gave opportunity for many to congregate on the parish grounds for a beef barbecue.

Have you gotten a look at Tom Shonka's eyes lately? They've got rims around them now.

New, little seventh graders bring gasps from the graduating class of '60, "Children! They're only children!"—Mm hum.

Don't Let Name Cause Excitement

Don't let the name, THE HOME AND SCHOOL ASSOCIATION arouse excitement, but just keep on reading and it will clarify itself into the explanation—formerly the PTA.

This organization will have its first meeting of the school term at 8:00 p. m. in the dining room of the Memorial Hall. The class rooms will be open at 7:15 p. m. An invitation goes to all parents to attend this get acquainted meeting.

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This system proves very resourceful to the school and will benefit it for many years to come.

New Books Contain World of Science

"What a world of scientific knowledge can be found between the covers of these wonderful books," said a classman upon seeing the science books in the lab. This year, St. Bonaventure High School has access to the A A A S Library.

This traveling high school science library contains thousands of volumes, but 200 books will be available this year to St. Bon's teachers and students.

Fifty books, for a period of nine weeks, will be circulated. At the end of this time another shipment of 50 books will be again received.

This exchange of books will continue every quarter during the entire school year.

Venturettes to Read . . .

RONALD WARHOLOSKI, '54 while pursuing his studies for an A. M. in social studies also teaches in the same field at the University of Nebraska. * M *

WILLIAM MARKHOFFER, '56 came to St. Bon's to see former teachers and to meet old acquaintances. William has been at the navy school taking electronics. He will report on September 21, to Port Hueneme, U. S. S. Norton Sound AVM-1 for further duty. * M *

MARIAN SHONKA, '55 daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Val Shonka, has completed training as a hostess for Northwestern Oriental Airlines, and is now on duty on flights from Minneapolis to New York City, Washington, Miami, and other points in the east and north. Later Marian will be assigned to flights going to Canada, Alaska, Japan, Hong Kong, and Hawaii. * M *

RICHARD LUX, a former St. Bonaventure student, entered St. Thomas Seminary in Denver, Colo. Richard finished high school at The Abbey School in Canon City, Colo., and spent one year at Notre Dame U.

GLADLY the following have said: "I Do . . ."

Colleen Kelly of Iowa . . . Dean Soulliere '54.

Judy K. Olivetti, '56 . . . Leonard E. Pratt of Kansas.

Maxine Schuele, '56 . . . Duane M. Faltys of Schuyler.

Dolores Shefyk '58 . . . Donald H. Swanson.

Mary Lois Preister . . . Clifford Finkral '57.

Rosemary C. Schumacher . . . Keith Speicher '53.

Elaine Blahak '58 . . . Alvin C. Kurtenbach.

These will son say: "For Better, For . . ."

Elizabeth Sleddens '54 . . . Herman H. Schumacher.

Janet Smith '58 . . . Carrol Vetric.

Blanche Jakub . . . Lorus Luetkenhaus '56.

Jo Ann Woodworth '57 . . . Gerald A. Prosocki.

Jacqueline Miller '59 . . . Louis Kantor.

Twirp Dance Opens Youth Club Activities

To open the Youth Center Club's year of activities, the officers sponsored the favorite event of the boys — no other than a Twirp Dance.

This event took place in the Youth Center on Monday evening, September 14, at 8:00. All present took part in dance contests, various games, and just plain fun.

Teamwork

It's all very well to have courage and skill
And it's fine to be counted a star,
But the single deed with its touch of thrill
Doesn't tell us the man you are;
For there's no lone hand in the game we play,
We must work to a bigger scheme;
And the thing that counts in the world today
Is how do you pull with the team?

They may sound your praise and may call you great,
They may single you out for fame,
But you must work with your running mate
Or you'll never win the game;
For never the work of life is done
By the man with a selfish dream,
For the battle is lost or the battle is won
By the spirit of the team.

It is all very well to fight for fame,
But the cause is a bigger need,
And what you do for the good of the game
Counts more than the flash of speed;
It's the long, long haul and the dreary grind,
Where the stars but faintly gleam,
And it's leaving all thought of self behind
That fashions a winning team.

You may think it fine to be praised for skill,
But a greater thing to do
Is to set your mind and set your will
On the goal that's just in view;
It's helping your fellow man to score
When his chances hopeless seem,
It's forgetting self till the game is o'er
And fighting for the team.
—Edgar A. Guest.

Students Will Observe National Citizenship Day

National Citizenship Day will be observed at St. Bonaventure on September 17. This special day commemorates the signing of the Constitution and it recognizes all who have come into full rights of citizenship either by naturalization or birth.

Jack Nosal, acting chairman, will welcome the new citizens of St. Bonaventure High School—the freshmen. Furthermore, Jack will talk about and review some of the responsibilities and opportunities offered to citizens of a Catholic High School, e. g. St. Bonaventure.

After Jack's introductory remarks, the entire student body will sing The Star Spangled Banner. A panel discussion on Duties as Citizens of St. Bonaventure will follow.

Panelists will include junior and senior classmen: Tom Thalken, Jane Woodworth, Jim Bator, Tom Shonka, Dennis Hilger, Pat Keating, Larry Staroscik, Connie Cronin, Judie Pillel, Margaret Mrzlak, Peggy Gregorius, Bob Golonka, Larry Mineite, Norbert Peterson, Mike Daddio, Jean Markhofer, Jean Meysenburg, Marcella Jardecki, Judie Cregar, Connie Ebel, Ed Siemek.

Some students previously interviewed business men and students of St. Bons regarding ideas relative to good citizenship. These question and the respective answers will be another item of the program.

As a special mark of recognition, the freshmen will receive special tags from the upperclassmen. To close the program the student body will salute the stars and stripes.

Pep Club Will Wear New Slim White Skirts

New skirts will highlight the fashion of the Pep Club this year. Slim white corduroy skirts and the usual green "Bonnies" sweater with a white collar compose the outfit. They will be trim and attractive, yet very inexpensive.

The task of sewing these skirts will probably rest on the mothers and friends of the Pep Club members. However the girls must wear last year's green skirts until September 25 which will be the deadline for the completion of the new skirts.

Look for the smart new green and white outfit at the third game of the season!

Doors

Lona McDorman

Some doors have hearts, it seems to me,
They open so invitingly;
You feel they are quite kind—akin
To all the warmth you find within.

Some doors, so weatherbeaten, grey,
Swing open in a listless way,
As if they wished you had not come,
Their stony silence leaves you dumb.

Some classic doors stand closed and barred,
As if their beauty might be marred
If any sought admittance there,
Save king or prince or millionaire.

Oh, may mine be a friendly door;
May all who cross the threshold o'er,
Within, find sweet content and rest,
And know each was a welcome guest.

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Treasurer . . . Mary Kavanaugh

National Honor Society
President . . . Jack Nosal
Vice-President . . . Jane Woodworth
Secretary . . . Marlene German
Treasurer . . . Larry Staroscik

Sodaloty
Prefect . . . Tom Shonka
Vice-Prefect . . . Margaret Mrzlak
Secretary . . . Judy Pillel
Treasurer . . . Jim Bator

Jets Club
President . . . Norbert Peterson
Vice-President . . . Tom Shonka

Pep Club Officers
President . . . Pat Gaspers
Vice-President . . . Marlise Heiman
Secretary . . . Margaret Mrzlak
Treasurer . . . Connie Ebel

St. Bonaventure Youth Club
President . . . Dennis Hilger
Vice-President . . . Pat Gaspers
Secretary . . . Barbara Sokol
Treasurer . . . Bob McCarty

St. Anthony Youth Club
President . . . Jim Bator
Vice-President . . . Marlise Heiman
Secretary . . . Carol Starostka
Treasurer . . . Joseph Swalak

Senior Class Officers
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Vice-Pres. . . David Kampovitz
Secretary . . . Lois Gablentz
Treasurer . . . Larry Staroscik

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Vice-President . . . Bill Backes
Secretary . . . Jean Markhofer
Treasurer . . . Leo Laska

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Vice-President . . . Paul Corcoran
Treasurer . . . Mark Kudron
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Queen Kathleen Borer

St. Bon's YC Joins National Catholic CYC

Recently Saint Bonaventure Youth Club joined the National Council of Catholic Youth. As a result of this the name of the Club has been changed to Saint Bon's Youth Council.

Being a member of this National Council the Parish Council receives a multitude of benefits.

1. Plenary and Partial Indulgences.
2. Parish affiliation charter.
3. Use of the National—
 - a. insignia
 - b. motto
 - c. patron
 - d. colors
 - e. Eagle of the Cross Award
 - f. Pro Deo et Juventate Award
 - g. youth pins
 - h. uniform individual membership cards
4. Participation in the National—
 - a. oratorical contests
 - b. short story contests
 - c. Outstanding Catholic Youth of the Year contest
 - d. Catholic Youth Week contests
5. Membership in—
 - a. Young Adult Council
 - b. World Assembly of Youth
 - c. International Federation of Catholic Young Women and Girls
 - d. International Federation of Catholic Youth (male)
6. Voting privileges at the National Conventions.
7. Also—
 - a. National headquarters office in National Catholic Welfare Conference in Washington, D. C.
 - b. authentic sharing in apostolic work of the Bishops of the U. S.
 - c. aid in organizing, operating, and programming for a Catholic Youth Organization
 - d. source of timely information, publications, periodicals, study outlines, and various other materials pertaining to youth week.

Through this organization comes forth the participation of the Parish Council in the National Catholic Youth Week, Oct. 25-Nov. 1. This project is sponsored by the National Council of Catholic Youth and has its permanent aims:

1. To emphasize the potential of youth by pointing out their capacity and willingness to assume responsibility.
 2. To encourage youth by making them aware of their opportunity for good.
 3. To display talents, abilities, and resources of our youth.
 4. To focus attention on the vast youth program functioning under Catholic auspices and to reveal the depth of spirituality of our modern Catholic Youth.
- Used consistently in this way, Youth Council will become better known and more deeply respected. The good resulting from this of course will redound to the individual diocesan and parish youth programs. But above all, it will give a healthy unity in Catholic Youth Work in America, which, is beneficial and to be desired.

Seniors Sponsor Workday To Increase Class Fund

To increase the senior class fund, this class participated in a senior workday on October 8. In this plan, the seniors worked down town for individual businessmen during the time designated by the businessman. Money realized from this project will help defray expenses of the annual senior trip.

Through the kindness and help of the Columbus Chamber of Commerce, the class had the sum of \$300 to deposit.



Homecoming Attendants, left to right: Thomas Shonka, Judith Pillen, Larry Staroseik, Margaret Mary Mrzlak, Marlene German, John Nosal, Alice Micek, Richard Kearns.

Excitement, Keen Anticipation Mark Students' Meet At Frankfort Square Crowd Forms Snake Dance

With obvious excitement and keen anticipation, the students of St. Bonaventure met at Frankfort Square on the night of October 8. The energetic crowd, darting in and out between people and cars, formed a swirling snake dance along the busy streets of Columbus. The band set the pace for cheers and songs, which continued until the happy group reached the football field.

Torch Sets Blaze

A lighted torch set blaze to a mountain of boxes to form the second link in the chain of memories. The students warmed themselves beside the roaring fire as they screamed approval of their coach and team. As the fire died down to a quiet glow, the crowd dispersed to make some private memories of laughter and bubbly hot chocolate.

Royalty Witness Event

Terrie Sue Cadwallader and Alan Kusek, the 1959 royalty witnessed the gala 1960 evening at the Memorial Stadium.

Candidates Enter

Clad in exquisite formals, the candidates for queen, chosen by the senior class, entered the field in convertibles. Mr. Richard McArdle gave a brief sketch of each girl's activities over the public address system. Fourth attendant Alice Micek led the procession followed by Judith Pillen, Marlene German, Margaret Mary Mrzlak, and finally Queen Kathleen Borer. As the cars filed past the cheering group in the stadium onto the field, all gave radiating smiles.

CYC Will Sponsor Day of Recollection

As an appropriate opening of Catholic Youth Week, the C.Y.C. of St. Bonaventure will sponsor a Day of Recollection on October 25, the Feast of Christ the King. The group will receive corporate Communion at the 9:30 Mass, which will be sung by the students. Breakfast will be served in the cafeteria.

Reverend Edward O'Donnell of Blair, Nebraska, will be the speaker.

All students of high school and junior high will be invited and urged to attend.

Band Makes Appearance Before David City Game

The small, but well-heard St. Bonaventure Hi band made its first public appearance in the memorial hall for the pep rally before the David City game. The band opened the program with the school song. During Mr. McArdle's skit the band played a short funeral-type song as a farewell to the defeated David City squad. After a few cheers from the cheerleading section, the band gave the all-favorite Bleacher Boogie.

As a grand finale, the school song again was sung.

The candidates for King: Robert Golonka, Richard Kearns, John Nosal, Thomas Shonka, and Larry Staroseik met the cars to chivalrously escort the girls to the center of the field. Breathlessly the crowd awaited the announcement of King as Terrie Sue and Alan joined the candidates. Soon, however, the suspense was over; Kathleen Borer and Robert Golonka began their reign as HOMECOMING ROYALTY as they received the symbolic crown and scepter. Completely overcome by this great honor, Queen Kathleen smiled through her royal tears as King Robert escorted her off the field to witness the

Archbishop Confirms Children and Adults On Monday, October 8

His Excellency, Archbishop Gerald T. Bergan, D. D., Archbishop of Omaha, Nebraska, administered the sacrament of Confirmation to a class of 270 children and about 25 adults on Monday, October 8, at 10:00 a. m.

For this occasion, the high school choir furnished the music. Solemn Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament concluded the services.

In the afternoon, at 2:00 p. m., his Excellency administered the Sacrament at St. Anthony Church. At 4:00 p. m. Archbishop Bergan entered St. Stanislaus Church, in Duncan to confer the gifts of the Holy Spirit on another group.

Some adults from St. Bonaventure Parish, because of the inability to be away from work on Monday, received the sacrament of Confirmation in Platte Center on the Feast of St. Francis, October 4.

Home-School Group Meet In High School Building

St. Bonaventure High School Home and School group held its first meeting in the high school building Tuesday, October 6, at 7:30 p. m. The outgoing president, Mrs. Leslie Theisinger, opened the meeting, and then turned the gavel over to the new president, Mr. Walter Gregorius.

A change in the grading system and the new type report cards were explained by the high school principal, Sister M. Rayneria, O.S.F. Also a new manner of report card distribution was discussed and approved. This year, the parents of the students attending St. Bonaventure High School will call at the school on appointed evenings to receive the cards from the faculty members. This manner of distribution will make possible valuable conferences between parents and teachers.

Also discussed was the new high school Code of Rules which is being prepared by the students under faculty supervision. The discussion will be continued at the next meeting which will be held early in November.

last half of the Bonaventure-Pius X game.

Truly inspired, the team roared on to try for a victory over the once-defeated St. Pius X. At the final gong, the score board displayed a 19-19 tie.

Building Received Initiation

The first Homecoming dance in the new Memorial Hall saw the building given a true initiation as students, parents, and alumni witnessed the entry of the honored group and the most important dance of the year. Queen Kathleen and King Robert led the Grand March and the first dance. Soon the attendants joined in the dance to be followed by all. Music for this occasion was provided by Al Kavich and his group.

Too soon the strains of GOOD-NIGHT SWEETHEART filled the hall and the all important HOMECOMING of 1959 came to a close—a very precious part of the seniors' chain of memories.

Seniors Will Take New SPA Tests

New Student Placement Aptitude Tests will be given to the seniors on October 20.

This new SPAT will be in preparation for the National Merit Examinations.

Placement of students proves most important in years to follow. Both college and employers may obtain information from these records.

Twenty-Two Answer Call At St. Bonaventure High

For the first meeting of this school term, 22 Jets Members from St. Bonaventure High answered the roll call.

Mr. Wayne Krepler of Columbus High and Sister M. Edwina of St. Bonaventure are the Jets Pilots.

All members will work on either individual or group projects, give science reports and will have the opportunity to see science movies.

Mr. Robert Bathen, former Jets Club advisor, has been transferred to Oregon. Mr. Arlin Wately, Columbus engineer, has replaced Mr. Bathen in this capacity.

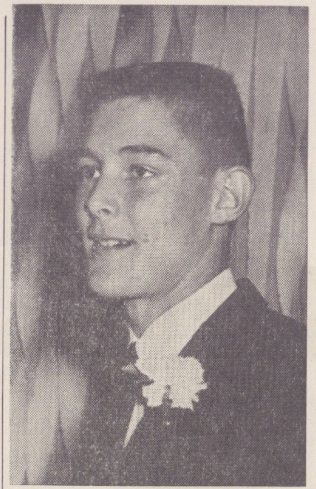
YC Will Give News In Club Newspaper

From now on, friends of St. Bon's Youth Club will be kept informed regarding projects, coming events, and in general all the doings of the Club by means of a newspaper—THE BON TEEN.

In order to have a full representation, a member of each class will serve on the staff.

The staff includes: Peg Gregorius, editor; Connie Ebel, co-editor; Jane Woodworth, Mike Daddio, Maxine Mrzlak, and Jane Frazer, reporters.

The first issue will be published in October. Watch for this latest accomplishment of the Y. C.



King Robert Golonka

Student Returns To Teach Music At Alma Mater

Sister M. Winifred, O.S.F., a former student and graduate of St. Bonaventure High, came back to these happy hunting grounds to teach music.

An A.B. in music was earned by Sister at Our Lady of the Lake College, San Antonio, Texas in 1955.

Vocal and instrumental music at both grade and high school levels will provide a well-filled schedule.

Sister M. Winifred is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Moersen of 961 22 Avenue, Columbus, Nebraska.

Thirty-Seven Sign To Attend Congress

"Now the last name has been added to the list on the Sodality bulletin board to complete the quota." That statement brought joy to the 36 St. Bonaventure students who had already signed up to attend the Rocky Mountain Youth Congress come October 31.

This three-day congress will be held in Colorado Springs, Colorado. During these days, various discussions, panels, and sessions treating the subjects of teen-age morals, teens versus parents, selecting a college, dating practices, entertainment, and other items of interest will be offered to socialists.

Some important events to take place during this trip will include hearing the Air Force Academy Choir, a tour of the Academy; a Halloween Dance; and a Chuck Wagon dinner in the Garden of the Gods.

As a special privilege and a final phase of the trip, the group will tour the Motherhouse of the Sisters of St. Francis Seraph, at Mt. St. Francis.

An opportunity also will be had to visit with Beth Daddio '59, who is now a postulant at Mt. St. Francis. The students will try to see and visit with Gerald Haller '59, at the Air Force Academy.

Faculty and Students at St. Bonaventure High congratulate the newly created papal chamberlain Msgr. Roman Ulrich, Archdiocesan Superintendent of Schools.

Typing Students Enjoy Refreshing Atmosphere

Sister Cyril's typing students now enjoy a completely new and refreshing atmosphere. They have been moved from the high school building to the former so-called athletic club room in the memorial hall. This room provides excellent lighting and heating facilities; it also gives the students a comfortable setting, an eagerness to study and a daily extra walk of two squares.

A master switch proves to be very handy when students, who apparently have hearing defects, continue typing at Sister's announcement to turn to the next lesson, to discontinue typing entirely, or to listen to the PA announcements.

The former typing room on the second floor has been converted into a freshman home room, while the former residence of these students provides Mr. Soulliere with a prominent locality for the mechanical drawing class.

The Beatniks Offer Nothing

By George E. Sokolsky

This country's youth does not consist of Beatniks or of juvenile delinquents. These are the sick personalities in an otherwise wholesome atmosphere. But their sickness manifests a condition that requires attention and thought.

The Beatniks, in particular, represent organized disorder. They are not Communists or Socialists; they are Nihilists. Their concept is the nothingness, the futility, the meaninglessness of an unmitigated materialism against which they rebel but in no direction. If they found direction, it would mean, for them, hope which they also reject.

They are not even evil. Their unshaven faces, their unkempt hair, their unmannerly habits, their general sloppiness mirror their minds which find neither hope in logic nor beauty in emotion. They despise conformity; nevertheless they conform in their sloppiness as though they were in uniform.

They are a response to the challenge of materialism unsoftened by spiritual assumptions. As they believe in nothing, not even in themselves, they do not believe in God or in His mercy or in His guidance for good.

Beatnikism is a passing fashion among our youth. From such, America will gain no strength. This is an era when the best minds are required in the interest and service of our country. But great minds must be tempered by loyalty and honesty and sincerity of purpose. The mind, without the heart, can bring ruin — brilliantly devised ruin — in its wake. This the Russians discovered early in their revolution and therefore they have tried to make a religion, a spiritual force of their party. Thus far, they have succeeded in stimulating a sense of loyalty if not of adoration for their cause.

Shall it be said of the youth of America today that they have not been able to meet the challenge of hard and dangerous times? Shall it be said of them that they have lost the spiritual capacity to revitalize their nation? Youth needs God's guidance to revitalize our nation which seems to be losing its way in the confusions of a revolution in morals and manners.

Take Life Seriously?

"Why take life seriously? You'll never get out of it alive anyway." No, you'll never get out of it alive, anyway, but after death comes another life. Which will it be? Think! The seriousness which guides your actions now determines a destination for the future. This does not mean one must become a "worry wart," or a "sad sack." Have fun, but give a serious thought to your existence once in a while.

Too many people adopt the motto, "Why should I care?" or "Rampage today; repent tomorrow." Unfortunately tomorrow seldom comes.

Students of St. Bonaventure High have a chance to gain spiritual, as well as, academic merits. Life finds a serious hour daily when holy Mass is offered to the entire student body. Three priests hear confessions during this Mass. Fasting before holy Communion requires little sacrifice since we attend classes all morning. How much closer could God bring His fount of graces to us? When holy Communion is received in a body, an even greater abundance of graces is showered upon us. For many, daily holy Masses never again will be possible.

Prepare now for death. Life in the future will be easier, and life in eternity will be HEAVEN.

— M. A. K.

What's In A Name?

"Why in the world would anyone with such an odd, old-fashioned name wish to have it continually exposed to the gaze of the passer-by?" I queried more than once as I walked past 1615 15 Street.

Not only for me, but for all the students this placard continued to be a source of bewilderment throughout grade school days.

Finally reality dawned on the now sophisticated high school brains after years of confusion. A great light came to a darkened mind—*Spirella Corsitierre*—gracious, goodness! This is not the name of a quaint old lady, but rather the brand of the merchandise she sells.

Bored?

"There sure isn't anything to do in this town on a Sunday afternoon."

"You're right Tom. If only we could find something to do. I'm bored."

"Excuse me fellows, but if you had any gumption you'd go over to the Saint Bonaventure Youth Council, and join the bowling team."

"Say! Connie, you have some pretty good ideas."

"I'm on my way. Why don't you join me?"

"Ok, off to Boulevard Lanes."

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What Have I Done All Day? . . .

SLEEP—requires very little time—from the minute I hit the pillow to the minute I awaken.

EAT—Breakfast is cut short by a very long sleeping minute. Lunch makes time a luxury—18 minutes!

Dinner is non-existent because . . .

WORK—lasts from 5 to 9 p. m. **ENLIGHTENMENT** in higher learning—begins five minutes before exams and continues ten minutes after report card distribution. This can be regarded also as

SOCIAL ACTIVITIES — which cover 90% of the day. And if anyone has a good excuse for all this, please let me know. **I NEED HELP!**

Ping! Ping!

"Ping! Ping!" quote Joan. "No doubt I'll aim over there and hit over here," countered Connie. Remarks such as these came from the lips of two future members of the Rifle Club.

To become a real sharp-shooter join this club. Who knows, maybe someday you will be another Roy Rogers. And the next step will be to own a horse named Trigger.

Judie Offers Cheer

When you're down and out
And feelin' sort of blue—
Read **JUDIE'S CHEER COLUMN**
It'll be **GOOD** for YOU!

So far this season, we've had three football games out of town. For these three trips, the Pep Club deserves to be complimented.

Their attendance, behavior, and enthusiastic cheering have been tremendous. After the long tiring rides on the crowded bus, everyone arrived at the games full of pep and eager to cheer the team on to victory. The Club has in this manner displayed great pride for their school and above all have given the school a good reputation.

Now with the home games approaching, all Bonnie students will have to shoulder bigger responsibilities. As hosts, courtesy comes first and foremost. Then follows respectfulness, good sportsmanship, and lady-like behavior at all times and under all circumstances. Remember, our opponents are nevertheless our guests!

Attend all home games! Remember, we have a good school to boost. As our actions reflect on the school's reputation, all must be extra careful. (If this sounds a bit preachy, well just know that **CHEER** can begin with the letter **P** meaning **PEACHES** and **PREAM**.)

Hey, Cats! Here's some new yells! **GO!**

When the chips are down
And the crowds around,
We all get together
And make this sound.
SHAMROCKS! SHAMROCKS!
SHAMROCKS!
GO, Shamrocks, GO!

This Is Your Life . . .

By KEATS



Into a world of neurosis, complexes, and other disillusiones entered a seven pound, two ounce baby girl.

From this eventful day, July 11, 1943, our subject avoided all such perplexities. Despite early rejection and a bevy of older brothers and sisters she has remained calm and unaffected.

For the first month of her early life she slumbered peacefully in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Wheeler. The whooping cough had invaded her family's home.

Older sisters bestowed great care on this placid child, but brothers only left notorious reputations, as little rascals, for her to follow.

Nevertheless, she spent her childhood in a deeply cultured back-

ground of American and English literature as she toiled in the sand pile of Mrs. Carl Herrod's children.

Entering Mrs. Clifford's outstanding kindergarten class of the Fourth Ward Public School, she advanced in higher learning and soon transferred to St. Bonaventure's grade school.

First holy Communion led her on a path of daily holy communions since May of the second grade.

Girl Scouting held a major degree of her attention. The nearness of Pawnee Park and Camp Sheldon supplied her with many adventures with her Brownie camera in hand.

Even as a child, she could be expected to do the unusual. When visiting a farm, she loosened her tongue on the inoffensive contented cows with shrieks of: "Ba bo bash! Ba bo bash!"

Although reading established itself as her most engrossing interest, still she has other hobbies to fascinate—music, art, and ceramics.

School life rates high in her esteem and she aspires to quarterly awards as an honor roll student.

Summer and camping have sent her with a flock of Girl Scouts to primitive camping. Once when extra hunger pains set in she contrived a quick collection and by some unknown source hamburgers and malts appeared in the midst of a wilderness.

Her mother says she has a very lovable disposition and diligently assists her father in his business. Our subject says she wouldn't wish her job on her worst enemy.

Despite any task **DOROTHY MINETTE** becomes burdened with—even dishwashing—she remains a good little girl; unpretentious, rollicking with joy, and full of life. And more important she has remained safe and sane throughout it all.

DOROTHY, THIS YOUR LIFE.

Will Father Smile If Dodgers Win?

Before this fateful event I had always believed that there existed in our family a whole-some unit. Nothing warned me before the incident occurred causing me to be especially shocked.

Cold and grey October 1st, marked the opening day in the 1959 World Series and I hurried home from school to join Dad in watching the first game of the series.

Since I have always been an avid Dodger fan, I figured my parents and sisters, in fact most of my friends, agreed with me. The latter seems to be true but I found out about my parents after my first

anguished cry, "Oh! those crummy White Sox!" Dad silenced me with one look. Astonished and rather belatedly I inquired as to his choice in the contest, I don't have to mention his choice, or mothers either. All four sisters, long before Chicago fans, put me in a class by myself—alone with L.A.

I suppose I'd better not cheer too loudly the day the Dodger's win, but my Dad being a tolerant man might allow a slight smile.

Gregore—

Be Nonchalant When . . .

The band marches one way and some interested members keep on marching the other way.

* M *

You're desperate for fresh air and someone holds the door shut on the outside—smother, smother.

* M *

Someone switches your lock for theirs and you don't know the combination.

* M *

The boy next to you is wearing a strong scented perfume (placed upon him by other means than his own) and breathing becomes difficult.

* M *

You are starting into a dissected worm in biology class and you recall the spaghetti served for lunch.

* M *

You discover you've worked the wrong algebra assignment and Sister asks you to place the problems on the chalk board.

* M *

You start to jump across a mud puddle and you miss your point of landing. No happy landing!

* M *

You are eager to have a nice day and everything turns out to be just the opposite.

Guardian Angel

Angel Guardian,

Angel Guide,

Angel watching

By my side,

Angel, helpful,

Angel, ready,

Angel, tactful,

True and steady;

Angel, loving,

Angel, kind;

Angel, teach me

HOW TO MIND!

—Selected

The Student and the Rosary

Recreation and school, to some boys and girls, ought to be the same thing. But the serious student realizes that school has a more important purpose than just fun. He realizes that from his cradle on he has the task of completing himself, developing the human nature that it is, perfecting it in every way he can. This is the way to his real happiness here on earth, developing and perfecting his personality and his abilities and talents.

The Catholic student realizes something of even greater importance, that the perfecting and enhancing of his human nature is only a secondary goal; there is another goal that is so far above his natural goal in life that for many it is almost invisible. But to the one with the true Faith the goal of a really perfect life of happiness with God is the real hope of perfecting ourselves as much as we can here on earth.

Just as any perfection of our natural abilities in this life comes from keeping at it, repeating an action again and again, so perfection in the much more important spiritual side of our life comes from repetition. That is one reason why, in the Rosary, for example, we do not just stop with saying one Hail Mary. We can say one Hail Mary and think very little of what we are actually saying. Saying it twice gives us twice the chance of appreciation of what we are saying; and saying it ten times and five times ten times gives us that much more chance of really meaning it, of getting our minds on the spiritual plane for a few minutes.

Keeping in contact with God and those close to God is an important need in our lives. Let's use the Rosary to help fill that need, until the final goal is ours.

Father Michael Windolph, O.F.M.

Students Will Hear Interesting Talks On Mock U.N. Day Juniors - Seniors Will Participate

St. Bonaventure will witness an interesting argument within its walls on October 28, which marks the date of the annual Mock United Nations. All students of the junior and senior classes will participate in this event. Voicing the views of the United Nations concerning the rebellion of Algeria against France will be:

Country	Delegates	Alternates
United States	Thomas Thalken	Jerome Gaver
U. S. S. R.	Joseph Swalek	Robert McCarty
United Kingdom	Norbert Peterson	Gary Soulliere
United Arab Republic	Roxine Haller	Vernon Jakub
Poland	Mary Kavanaugh	Mary Kay Rediger
Philippine Islands	Phyllis Wruble	Virginia Swirczek
Lebanon	Phyllis Mater	Sharon Meyer
India	Gerald Langan	Connie Iwanski
France	Madonna Bothe	Paul Scharff
Austria	Theresa Jarecki	Gilbert Theewen
Ireland	Calvin Corcoran	Charles Stone
Laos	James Huhman	Jim Tyle

Margaret Mary Mrzlak will serve as chairman; Jean Markhofer as co-chairman. Kathleen Dohman will keep the time and minutes.

GROUP WILL DEBATE

The following group will debate on the problem of Arab Refugees:

Country	Delegates	Alternates
United States	Connie Ebel	Marcella Jarecki
U. S. S. R.	Raymond Syslo	Francis Leutenhausen
United Kingdom	Thomas Shonka	Elaine Mueller
United Arab Republic	Edward Siemek	Donald Nosal
Poland	William Brown	Donald Miller
Philippine Islands	William Backes	Joseph Badstieber
Lebanon	Richard Romanek	Margaret Jarecki
India	Patricia Gaspers	John Kuntz
France	Robert Stachura	Jane Mielak
Austria	Elizabeth Obal	Josephine Zoucha
Ireland	Alice Micek	Gerald Hilger
Laos	Sharon Schaefer	Janet Zoucha

Patricia Gregorius will occupy the chairman's seat; Jean Meysenburg, that of co-chairman. Robert Liss will serve as time and minute keeper.

Students discussing Communist Infiltration into Laos include:

Country	Delegates	Alternates
United States	Larry Starosc.	Jerome Michaelsen
U. S. S. R.	John Nosal	Marlise Heimann
United Kingdom	Larry Mnetic	Dennis Ritter
United Arab Republics	Marlene German	Patricia Kosinski
Poland	Donald Mostek	Marilyn Kaus
Philippine Islands	Gerald Schmid	Virginia Hembd
Lebanon	Charles Pfaff	Virginia Swolek
India	Joan Legenza	Marilyn Kretz
France	Judith Pillen	Edna Tworek
Austria	David Kampowicz	Jeraldine Harris
Ireland	Robert Koziol	Sharon Bruckner
Laos	Lawrence Ha	Carol Starostka

Chairman, Connie Cronin and co-chairman Mary Messersmith will preside over this group with Janet Hilger as time and minute keeper.

Disarmament Will Be Subject

Nuclear Disarmament will be the subject of:

Country	Delegates	Alternates
United States	Robert Golonka	Janice Brooks
U. S. S. R.	Dennis Hilger	Marvin Henggeler
United Kingdom	Patrick Keating	Julie Litjen
United Arab Republic	Leo Laska	Y'vonne Adamy
Poland	James Bator	Bernard Bogus
Philippine Islands	Michael Daddio	Lois Gablenz
Lebanon	Raphael Micek	Ronald Bernt
India	Barbara Sokol	Louis Euterneuer
France	David Melcher	Kathleen Borer
Austria	Lawrence Odgaard	Robert Liebig
Ireland	Thomas Watkins	Richard Kearns
Laos	Ronald Kudron	Richard Kuta

Jane Woodworth will be chairman; Judy Cregar, co-chairman. Lois Morgan will have the duty of keeping time and minutes.

Rosemary Costello, Mary Jane Dischner, Barbara Gonka, Phyllis Liss, James Podraza, Y'vonne Mimick, Adrian Krzycki and Peggy Hilger will stand at the various doors to collect students' tickets as they enter their chosen rooms.

Assembly Will Be Held

After the single groups have voted on motions, and the debates have been closed, a General Assembly will be held in the Memorial Hall auditorium. There delegates will be seated at the tables. Alternates will sit in the row behind the delegates. Connie Cronin will serve as moderator over the body.

Representatives (one affirmative and one negative) appointed by their respective chairmen will be given two minutes apiece to present their reports. After each report the floor will be open to ten minutes of discussion in the Assembly. Voting on the resolution will follow.

Chairmen and co-chairmen will have attended the Mock United Nations at Duchesne College in Omaha previous to the school's meeting.

Venturettes to Read

EACH MONTH, during Sodality Week Father Roch addresses senior and junior high over the PA system. Later during the course of the week the three separate units meet for the regular sodality discussions. * M *

MR. R. GLOOR agains favored the Bonnie's students with a supply of large envelopes. Faculty and students find these envelopes wonderful for carrying supplies and keeping order in lockers. Thanks a million, Mr. Gloor! * M *

PAUL KUDRON and Alfred Starostka paid a recent visit to their Alma Mater. They bought scapular medals and chains from Sr. Gerarda while Sr. Cyril gladly accepted their subscriptions to the Venture. Having joined the navy, Paul Kudron will soon leave for Spain; Alfred's destination remains California. * M *

PAT WRUBLE '54 also a grad of St. Elizabeth School of Nursing '58, Lincoln, Nebraska and lately an airline hostess was married in Los Angeles. * M *

FROM THE Coca-Cola Company comes, in two sizes, durable book covers. Now the students can keep book covers clean and thereby ask a better price for them at the end of the term.

The ad the covers carry reminds the students of the "Pause that REFRESHES." Mil gracias to Coca-Cola! * M *

U O HEADS a prominent place on the chalk board in the typing room. Students walking off without turning off the motor pay 10c for wasted electricity! The boys using the old type standard non-electrics consider themselves rather lucky. * M *

CATHERINE HUHMANN, '59 and Florian Placzek exchanged vows and pledged fidelity on Wednesday at 9:30 a.m. at St. Bonaventure church. * M *

Look closely at Paul Scharff's truck and you might see this sign on the back of it: "Please don't hug me. I'm going steady." * M *

NATIONAL NEWSPAPER WEEK will be observed by the Venture staff during the assigned week, October 15-21. Bulletin Board displays will be the special attraction. * M *

DURING THE week of November 8-14 AMERICAN EDUCATION WEEK will be on the agenda. The main theme this year will be "praise and Appraise Your Schools." Topics for each day respectively will be: THE CHILD: What Does Education Mean To Him? THE PARENTS: How Can They Work for Better Schools? THE TEACHER: What is a Teacher? THE PEOPLE NEXT DOOR: Who Are They? THE SCHOOL-BOARD MEMBER: What Are His Responsibilities? THE ADULT CITIZENS: How Can The Schools Serve Them? THE VOTER: How Does He Make His Decisions on Education? * M *

Invitations came to the VENTURE Editors to attend the Fifth Annual Round Table for Student Editors to be held at Creighton University, Saturday, October 17; to attend the NHSPA at the University of Nebraska on November 6-7. Both activities had to be turned down because of conflicting dates.

Dates to Circle

- October
- 2—Autumn Leaves Dance (Juniors).
- 3—Omaha Cathedral (Football).
- 6—Jets Meeting, 7:30 p. m.
- 8—Interdiocesan Institute.
- 9—Interdiocesan Institute
- 9—Homecoming (Pius X).
- 10—Food Sale (Juniors).
- 13—Student Council Meeting, 7:00 p. m.
- 16—Sodality Communion Day.
- 20—Jets Meeting, 7:30 p. m.
- 20—Movie (St. Theresa).
- 20—PSA Tests (Seniors).
- 23—Hastings St. Cecilia (Football).
- 23—Mock United Nations (Omaha).
- 25 - Nov. 1—Catholic Youth Week.
- 27—Student Council Meeting, 7:00 p. m.
- 28—Mock United Nations (St. Bonaventure).
- 31—Holy Name (Football).

Venture Staff Attends Yearbook Clinic at Golds

Members of the Bona Venture annual staff attended the seventh Annual Yearbook Clinic at Gold's Department Store auditorium on Saturday, September 26. This clinic was sponsored by the American Yearbook Company. A member of the company was there to conduct the clinic.

Those in attendance from St. Bon's included: Connie Cronin, Pat Gaspers, Joan Legenza, Marlene German, Tom Thalken, Sister Clara Agnes, and Sister M. Osearia. Mrs. Jack Cronin and Pat Gaspers provided the transportation.

Members of the staff found the clinic to be very enjoyable and instructive. Local annuals on display received much attention from sponsors and students at the clinic.

To Heighten Enthusiasm Contest Precedes Drive

To heighten the enthusiasm of the Magazine Drive, an essay contest preceded it. "Catholic Literature in the Catholic Home" offered the theme. Rules concerning the essay stated:

1. Only students going to Saint Bon's School from the 5th to 8th grades could enter.
2. Each student must do his or her own work.
3. Each essay must be original.
4. Only one entry per each student.
5. The length shall be no shorter than one side of a loose-leaf paper and no longer than two sides of a loose-leaf paper.
6. All essays must be written in ink.
7. All essays must be handed in to Fr. Kenneth by four o'clock on Monday (Sept. 28).
8. The judges decision is final.
9. All entries become the property of Saint Bonaventure School.
10. In case of a tie, duplicate prizes will be awarded.

Prizes consisted of a rosary for the top essay in each room. A special prize of a Travel Alarm for the best in the school was also awarded.

Judges Announce Winners In all, 400 children entered. Judging became difficult, but finally the judges announced winners as follows:

- Kathy Hilger, 6A—Best in class and school.
- Marilyn Micek, 6B—Best in class.
- John Bernt, 5B—Best in class.
- Mary Brudney, 5B—Best in class.
- Ann Herrod, grade 7—Best in class.
- Kathy Kearns, grade 8—Best in class.

To spur workers on to get out and really obtain subscriptions, the winning essay puts forth the following ideas:

Hilger Gets First
Why I Think Catholic Literature Should Be in the Catholic Home.

By Kathy Hilger
My reason can be found in the letters which make up the word "Catholic."

The "C" in Catholic stands for Christ, who is the center of our religion and we should make an effort to learn more about Him.

The "A" stands for Catholic Adoration in the home. In the religious books it sets out good examples of it.

The "T" means Teachings. With the Catholic teachings of Christ, it brings us closer to Christ and His saints.

The "H" stands for Holiness. Catholic literature makes us holier and brings us closer to our heavenly home.

The "O" means order. In the Catholic family, religious books leave order and harmony.

The "L" stands for Living. The Catholic books help us to live our religion in thought, word, and deed.

The "I" is for Instruction. Many parents don't have a chance to study their religion after they have graduated. Parents are kept up to date with their religion through Catholic books and magazines.

The "C" in Catholic is Censored. Only good stories are published which insure good reading for both young and old.

Forty Hours Held Sunday, September 28

With the inspiring strains of the "Pange Lingua" Forty Hours Adoration began after the 9:30 Solemn High Mass on Sunday, September 28.

Rev. Rupert Lutz, O.F.M., assistant pastor of St. Francis Church, Humphrey, Nebraska, presided as guest speaker during these days. At the evening devotions, Father's sermons centered about the Real Presence of Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament and the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass.

Scheduled hours of adoration found the school children and adults taking turns throughout the day.

On Tuesday evening, Solemn High Mass, sung by Rev. Walter, O.S.B. of Schuyler, a sermon and the procession with the Blessed Sacrament brought this year's Forty Hours to a fitting close.

Sophomores Enjoy Variety This Year In Subject Matter

By Jane Gregorius

Sophomores enjoy a new variety of subject matter this year, as well as new instructors in many of the classes.

Father Michael and Sister Bernardis share the RELIGION duties alternating between the two sophomore homerooms every other day. This year the class studies the "Life of Christ" and already a better understanding of the true meaning of religion has been achieved.

PHYS ED, being a favorite class with everyone, gives the students a chance to limber up those unused muscles on alternating days. No one would want to change a thing during this period for all remember last year's fun on the trampoline, tumbling mats, and the interesting sports, expertly taught by Coach Wolever.

Sister Osearia's WORLD HISTORY delves into the ancient past and continues relating important events up to World War II. Surprisingly enough, the sophomores find a great liking for the study of ancient peoples.

LATIN II, a continuation of last year's Roman epic gives those in the class a new instructor as well as further learning in a "foreign tongue." Father Michael presents a clear picture of Roman life and language. This class has been blessed with two juniors and one senior. These share the opinion of the sophie group when Father assigns something especially difficult. All chime in with: "We've never even heard of that English word before."

Father John, another new face, teaches the class ENGLISH and LITERATURE. Father makes sure that his "children by grace" are busy showing the writing abilities of each in compositions and in learning forgotten or never before known parts of speech. The sophies find Father Bosco's depth of understanding and direct humor a valuable asset in class work.

GEOMETRY, adding to the growing list of strange subjects, keeps the "future mathematicians of America" puzzling over angles, horizontal, and perpendicular lines. This class welcomes Sister Bernardis after a never-to-be-forgotten year in algebra.

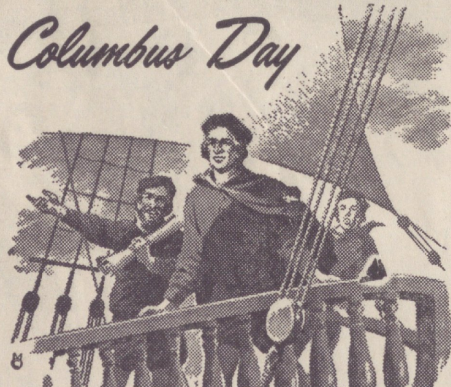
"Sober sophomores" describes this class during the participation in BIOLOGY experiments—for to learn the strange microscopic secrets, the entire class must always be attentive. Judy Coufal expresses the eagerness of the group with this statement: "I can't wait until we bisect all that stuff." (organic substance, Sister Michaelene would immediately correct.)

Thus this class, the grads of '62, have gotten on the ball for a good start in all academic work that will lead to the BIG DAY in 1962.

Passport to World Travel Will Be November Offer

Beginning November 9, the Junior Chamber of Commerce of Columbus will offer a passport to world travel and adventure on four consecutive Mondays. Four world travelers will narrate their experiences and opinions as full length color films of foreign countries will be shown.

Thayer Soule will enumerate the sights of "Hawaii." Russell Potter will take the audience behind the Iron Curtain in "Russia Today." "The Mighty Amazon" will be the topic of Julian Gromer while Gerald Hooper will feature a night of "Italian Interlude."





The Old Hunting Grounds of Saint Bonaventure High

*Some of the Students of By-Gone Days
How Many of Them Can You Identify?*



Juniors Sponsor Automobile Wash

A car wash, sponsored by the juniors, swung into action Saturday, September 26, amid the shouts of laughter, hoses wetting down cars, and the water being splashed around. People probably wondered how work could be so much fun and cause such an uproar.

Mike Daddio gallantly led the junior troopers with rags, chamois, hose, and goodness knows what else. Connie Ebel, Janice Brooks, Mary Messersmith, Judy Cregar, and Jean Markhofer assisted Mike in his courageous undertaking.

The junior class operated at three stations:

- Al Wertz Texaco
 - Groteluschen Sinclair
 - Lohr Petroleum
- Three hour shifts, divided among 38 juniors kept the group busy. Others unable to work contributed a dollar to the fund. The juniors accepted aid from Sister M. Edwina, Mr. McArdle, and service attendants.

Despite bad weather the juniors made more this year than the juniors of last year. The definite figure as yet has not been announced, however Mike thinks the bank account will be increased by \$59.



A number of football players sustained injuries and cheerleader Judy Pillen walked off the hood of a moving car. At this rate neither team nor pep squad will finish out the season.

Mary Kay Rediger has found her hidden talent—or so says Mary Kay—'tis obesity! At least, it can be said she does everything big!

Jim Mitera looks like a prime candidate for outer space. He is strictly sponsored by "Cool Cat Incorporated." Let's hope he makes it.

A chorus of pep club members have proclaimed their motto: "See the U.S.A. with Mr. Weiser."

Larry Minette took a trip to the Great Lakes of Minnesota. A lovely time for a short vacation.

Band practice led to marching at 7:00 a. m. daily. Beware all pedestrians—Mr. Pendlay's Pied Pipers are on the march!

I haven't heard a word from the freshmen, as yet, but the junior boys certainly got a work out. They had something to say about citizenship, wasn't it?

Bob Golonka came up with the correct answer when asked the possible solution to the problem of leftover elements.

"Wastebaskets," he said. "The people of Des Moines,

PATRICK PUBLICIZES PEOPLE

Iowa gave Mr. Khrushchev a key to their fair city," Mr. McArdle said, "Probably a radio-active one!"

Rick Kearns duly informed me of the misspelling of his name. "Kerns" appeared in the column last month. I should have never made this mistake. After all, never before has anyone come between Kavanaugh and Keating—alphabetically that is!

Students found the melodic strains of music drifting through the cafeteria. Among the numbers our National Anthem spinned merrily. Everyone stood, toasting with good old American milk!



CHEER LEADERS: Pat Gaspers, Betty Obal, Jean Meysenburg, Carol Starostka. Not pictured—Judie Pillen.

Editors Voice Concern; Co-Editors Follow Lead

"I'll never find anything to write about." "What will I do?" "Gee that is next month!" "So soon?" "Let's plan now." Such remarks fell from the lips of editors and co-editors after the results of the drawing became known.

In a very special issue, facts about the new school term came from the pen of Pat Keating. This issue can be called the PRIDE OF PAT.

Mary Kavanaugh and Jane Mielak have spent much time on this Homecoming issue. To get good pictures of the king and queen has been Mary's big worry.

November or turkey talk will be the self-expression of Peg Gregorius ably assisted by Joan Legenza. No promises have been made, hence anything can happen!

Connie Cronin and Mary Kay Rediger will bring the joy of Christmas to every heart. Connie hopes the biggest hurdles of THE BONA VENTURE will have been passed by that time. Mary Kay will have a few surprises up her sleeve.

Ushering in the new year will be Margaret Mary Mrzak and Raymond Syslo. With everything brand new from which to choose, these two should encounter no difficulties.

During the windy month of March, Jane Woodwrth and Barbara Sokol will give one a breath of spring or an antidote for the fever prevalent at this time.

APRIL SHOWERS in preparation for May flowers will be ably handled by Marlene German and Phyllis Wruble. Marlene has high hopes of being an expert typist by that time and a graduate from proof-reading duties. These two also anticipate much help from the juniors getting in line for staff positions for the 1960-1961 VENTURE.

For the final issue in May, Pat Keating will reminisce. No predictions can be made because one can never tell what spirit will move Pat.

Annual Staff Meets For First of Series

At the first hint of Indian summer, the new annual staff met in the annual room for the first time in a long series of meetings. Since then the staff has been gathering regularly three times a week. Now the ball is rolling, the group has become well acquainted with the difficulties and rewards of editing a yearbook and they have also acquired a rather startling new vocabulary.

Sister M. Clara Agnes, the staff's very able advisor, reported the evaluation of the 1959 Bona Venture by a faculty member of the Journalism department of Creighton University. He commented on the professional qualities of the yearbook, praising particularly the quality of the photography and the hard cover of last year's book. Mr. Dick Jung, the Josten representative for our area, also praised the hard cover, mentioning the fact that 95 per cent of the schools in his district chose hard covers last year.

Sister M. Clara Agnes, Sister M. Osearia, editors Connie Cronin and Marlene German along with Pat Gaspers, Joan Legenza and Tom Thalken attended a yearbook workshop at "Golds" in Lincoln last Saturday.

Mr. Otto Quale, director of publications for the American Yearbook, conducted the workshop. He provided new ideas for 1960 yearbooks.

The group came back even more determined to make this year's Bona Venture the greatest yet.

Council Adopts New System

The Student Council has devised a new monitorial system under which the halls and cafeteria of St. Bonaventure's should operate more orderly. A committee headed by Michael Daddio and Joseph Swalek promulgated the idea.

Fifty-two juniors and seniors make up the group chosen by the faculty and the council.

The committee's Code of the Monitor will guide the student; this consists of five parts:

1. Monitors must never be prejudiced.
 2. Monitors must never play favorites.
 3. The monitor must co-operate.
 4. The monitor must set standards.
 5. The monitor must be alert.
- When the monitor finds a disobedient student, a report of this will be made to the office. In turn the office will mete out the penalty to the delinquent.

Happy Birthday Many Happy Returns

- October
- 1—Robert Koczer
 - Ronald Berni
 - 2—Jim Bator
 - Sheila Kosch
 - 3—Roxine Haller
 - James Placzek
 - 4—Janet Hilger
 - Jane Tooley
 - 5—Edward Siemek
 - 7—Richard Kearns
 - 8—Dianne Wheeler
 - 9—Larry Staroscik
 - 10—Shirley Dush
 - Jerome Gaver
 - 11—Mary Rediger
 - 12—Charles Pfaff
 - 13—Gary Jones
 - 15—Robert McCarty
 - 16—Louis Euteneur
 - 18—Leo Laska
 - 19—Thomas Watkins
 - 20—Phillip Kudron
 - 21—Margaret Jarecki
 - 24—Raphael Micek
 - 25—Jean Meysenberg
 - JoAnn Stavas

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Ring Time Arrives Class Makes Choice

Again that time of the year arrived when the juniors must make a momentous decision—ring time!

At first all the contents of the ring boxes dazzled the excited group. But knowing that one design must be the final choice, the juniors soon got down to business.

For a little change, a different design will grace the usual square setting.

Classmen hope to be able to show Santa Claus the new ring when that gentleman calls on the eve of December 24—only 69 days hence.

Students Look Forward To Teachers' Convention

All students look forward to the annual archdiocesan school teachers' convention to be held at Archbishop Ryan High in Omaha on October 8-9. This means two days away from regular class work for them, and it also means a big change in scenery for the teachers.

Dr. Urban H. Fleege, chairman of the education department at De Paul University, Chicago, will be the keynote speaker for the event. Dr. Fleege's subject will be: "What We Can Learn From Russia's Schools."

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BOB GOLONKA attempting to catch a pass. Gary Soulliere and an unidentified Shamrock coming to the rescue.

Shamrocks Tie Lincoln In Homecoming Game

The Shamrocks came from behind twice to tie a favored Lincoln St. Pius X crew 19-19. The Shamrocks, behind the able quarterbacking of Larry "Butch" Staroscik drew first blood by driving 67 yards with Jack Nosal running the last 12 for the payoff. The try for point missed.

The Thunderbolts came back hard driving 80 yards featuring fine running by John Bohaty and Dick Rademacher. On the last play of the quarter, Larry Arth scored on a two yard plunge. The try for point was stopped.

Then about midway through the second period Pius again scored, moving the ball 48 yards in 8 plays. Again the Shamrocks stopped the try for the extra point and the half ended with the Lincoln eleven leading 12-6.

Midway through the third period Larry Arth scampered 29 yards for an apparent touchdown, but a clip-

Seward Receives Bow From St. Bonaventure

St. Bon's Shamrocks bowed to Seward Concordia on Friday night 20-6 on the enemy's gridiron.

First blood was drawn by the Irish on a series of dive-bucks featuring a 25 yard scamper by Bob Golonka, an 11 yard pass from Butch Staroscik to Bill Backes and steady gains by Jim Bator and Jack Nosal. The drive ended with a 6 yard end run by Nosal. A try for the extra point failed.

However, the Raiders caught fire the second period, scoring twice, thus putting them in the lead 13-6.

Concordia first scored on a plunge a yard out by Monte Frohm. The try for point was also missed.

The Raiders went 44 yards for their next TD. Quarterback, Fred Kroger, led the attack with a 15 yard run, and ended the drive with a 5 yard plunge. Wells plunged for the point.

Early in the third quarter Hartner intercepted a Bonnies' aerial on the Raiders' 43. Kroger again sparked the offense ending the drive in a 7 yard run. Frohm ran for the point concluding the scoring for the game 20-6.

Coach Wolever plans to shift the team around until he finds his winning combination. Saturday night St. Bonaventure plays host to a perennial foe, Omaha Cathedral.

Shamrocks Down Guardian Angels

St. Bonaventure started off on the right foot by defeating Guardian Angel on their own field.

Typical opening game mistakes bothered both teams. The Shamrocks completely dominated the first half with three touchdowns to Guardian Angel's 0, but West Point made a strong comeback after the intermission to net one goal.

The Green and White opened the game by kicking off to Guardian Angel, and they had the ball four plays later when Tom Shonka recovered a fumble on the St. Bon's 40. Bob Golonka carried the ball to the Blue Jay's 34, and Larry Minette swung wide on the next play and went all the way for aTD.

Later in the first quarter the Shamrocks' punt downed on the Green and White 11, and carried it to the opponents goal line in seven plays.

A 20-yard pass from Larry Staroscik to Bill Backes, plus lengthy runs by Minette and Golonka, quickly moved the ball to the G. A's 25. After an incomplete pass, Jack Nosal covered the remaining distance for a TD.



Larry Staroscik meets with opposition from Pius X.

ping penalty nullified it. Two plays later Bob Koziol broke through and recovered a Pius fumble. Jack Nosal rambled to the Lincoln 10 on the next play from where Ron Kudron took it across. The placement was again missed.

Lincoln again came back strong getting fine running by Bob Anderson. With the situation four and 10 Larry Arth again scored on a 12 yard keeper. Bohaty scored on a plunge.

With the game virtually "wrapped up" Tom Thalken recovered a Pius fumble on the Pius 25 yard line. Ron Kudron scored five plays later on an end run. The same play scored the all-important point after touchdown and it was deadlocked 19-19.

Late in the fourth quarter the Shamrocks took the ball on downs. On the final play of the game Bob Golonka scampered 39 yards where he was finally downed.

Cathedral Gridsters Bow To Shamrocks At Home

The Shamrocks came from behind 6-0 to defeat the highly touted Omaha Cathedral club 19-6 in a belated home debut for the Irish.

The Omaha crew scored first on a series of dive bucks capping it with a 37-yard run by Ed Siemek. However, the spirited Bonnies' eleven came back early in the second period driving 76 yards on fine runs by Bob Golonka, Ron Kudron, and Jack Nosal. Kudron finished the drive with a 5-yard plunge. Rick Kearns kicked the point and the score was 7-6. Then, later in the period, Gary Soulliere, a rugged junior guard broke through a blocked and attempted punt. Ed Siemek picked the ball up and scampered 19 yards for the second T. D. The try for the point failed.

About midway through the third period Bob Golonka broke loose on an end run. It was good for 46 yards and the final touchdown. The try for point was again missed.

Omaha made a bid later in the quarter but a stout Bonnies' defense stifled the threat on the 4-yard line.

Coach Charles Wolever was well-pleased with the brand of ball the team played. He hopes to come up with another victory next week when the Shamrocks play host to the high-riding Lincoln St. Pius X.

Bulletin Board Becomes Object of Attraction

Bright and early Monday morning a group of students found the main bulletin board an object of attraction.

"Is my name listed?" "Please read the names posted, because I can't see over all the shoulders." "Don't tell me the pink list carries Connie Ebel's name."

These and similar remarks kept flowing through the crowd as other students congregated.

This pink list contains names of students who are not "up to snuff" in one or more academic subjects. As many students will testify, this list can and will prove quite embarrassing. Many students have already begun striving to better themselves, while others continue to blame the teachers for "mistakes." Many students may be disappointed when, after two weeks their extra-curricular activities are curtailed—which reminds me I've got to get busy on the English assignment.

Kids Make Hoopah!

This incident, retold in class, occurred years ago. One evening the children's parents left home for an enjoyable evening at the neighbors. After the parent's departure, the youngsters looked about for something exciting to do. No doubt some one had formulated plans as soon as dad and mom mentioned going out.

Now the big chance had come. "Quick," yelled one of the children, "get the tablecloth!" "Quickly take the leaves from the table and pull it out full length!" Clumsily, several little hands fastened the tablecloth to the edges of the table. "Now, let's have some fun!"

A child's dream of something he couldn't buy had finally come true, for at last they had made a trampoline. They jumped and jumped and had a jolly good time until one of them gave an unusually heavy bounce and the table collapsed. Oh! now what would they do? Someone ran after some stout cord—mother's wash line. Still another set about picking up the pieces.

After strenuous toiling the table looked as good as new except for the fact the children could not let go the ends of the rope. Time passed very slowly, but finally the fatal moment came when mother arrived home. What happened after they let go the rope, and after dad entered the home too, remains an experience and a secret that our senior boy will not divulge.

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MOCK UNITED NATIONS GENERAL ASSEMBLY in the St. Bonaventure Memorial gym. Connie Cronin, Chairman, at the podium. Delegates are seated at the tables; subdelegates are in the foreground. —Courtesy Landgren Studios

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Chartered Bus Takes Delegates To Rocky Mountain Youth Congress

Thirty-seven delegates to the Rocky Mountain Youth Congress in Colorado Springs took off in a chartered bus Thursday night at 10 P. M. After a sleepless night, marked by snow and sleet, the group enjoyed breakfast at Denver, going on to the Springs.

Six girls in a two-room motel unit sounds like fun—and it is if you're one of the girls and not a chaperone. Slumber parties, Pepsi Cola's, and good old pillow fights reigned in the Slumber Lodge where the girls had quarters. The boys overran the Antler's Hotel and reported excellent accommodations there.

Shopping Lures

Everyone took advantage of the shopping facilities in Colorado Springs before going to the four o'clock Mass Friday afternoon. Following a shrimp dinner the delegates heard Father McGlooin give the rules of the Congress.

Mayor William C. Henderson welcomed the sodalists, and an address by Scott Werner who is a special agent for the F. B. I. in Denver followed. Finally the keynote address given by Rev. Daniel Campbell S. G. voiced several challenges to the youth at the Congress.

The U. S. Army Air Defense Command Choral Group, nationally famous singers, wound up the first evening with sparkling renditions which delighted the sodalists.

Mass Opens Day

Mass at the auditorium opened the second day of the Congress on a spiritual note. Elective committee group meetings followed until two that afternoon. Sodalists discussed problems with guidance from moderators. A great variety of topics marked these sessions. They included writing and literature in your life, your part in parish activities, sports in your life and what you can do about delinquency.

Seniors Take Regents' Test

Twenty-two seniors took the Regents' test on Wednesday, November 4. These tests cover work in mathematics, science, vocabulary usage, English literature and English grammar.

Yearly the University of Nebraska sponsors this Regents' Test.

Chairmen Report

Chairmen gave reports on all sessions in order to acquaint everyone with the happenings on each sectional unit. A talent show held the interest of the delegates for the next two hours.

Gour Tour

The group from Bonnies toured Saint Francis convent where they met Sister Edwina's sister who is, believe it or not, smaller than Saint Bon's science teacher. They renewed acquaintances with Beth Daddio and several other Columbus girls.

A tour of the U. S. Air Force Academy intrigued all with modern buildings and impressive lighting effects.

Following dinner was a dance at the auditorium.

Air Force Men Sing

Sunday morning dawned a bright clear 70 degrees in the Garden of the Gods where Father McGlooin celebrated a High Mass. The Air Force Academy choir sang the Mass. A chuck wagon dinner culminated the activities scheduled.

Silence Reigns

One of the most impressive sights proved to be the profound silence and great respect. Absolute silence reigned over four thousand delegates during all those Masses and friendly respect was rendered not only to the priests and sisters, but also to the lay people connected with the congress.

Cheering Section Marches In Veterans' Day Parade

Not only the band paraded the main streets on Veterans' Day, November 11, but also St. Bonnies cheering section came out one hundred strong.

During the demonstration, all pep club members put forth much effort to boost school and town spirit for the Grand Island-St. Bonaventure game scheduled for the evening.

Ten cheerleaders led the group in school songs and yells from the beginning of the parade route to the end.

All members displayed the school colors by wearing green sweaters and white skirts.

In the evening the affair ended with the student body on the bleachers for the game.

Melody Masters Receive Warm Welcome Friday

A quartet, who call themselves, "The Melody Masters," received a warm welcome from the student body and faculty of St. Bonaventure on Friday, November 6.

Their program consisted of such old favorites as "Oh Susanna," "You'll Never Walk Alone," "Tom Dooley," "Medley of States," "In The Evening By The Moonlight," "Old McDonald Had A Farm," "Little Eyes," "I've Been Working On The Railroad," "Goodnight Sweetheart," and A Negro Spiritual.

This talented group included: Gordon Bruce, tenor; George Schmidt, tenor; Philip Harris, bass and Norris J. Stokes Jr.

In closing, Mr. Stokes told the assembled group, "Folks, I am the luggage carrier, the all-around boy who does the dirty work." In reality Mr. Stokes is the lead singer.

Grade School Children Practice The Little Blue Angel Operetta

Practice is now in full swing for the coming grade school operetta, THE LITTLE BLUE ANGEL, by Edith Quick and James Fluckey. Children from grades six to Kindergarten will be included in the cast. At present, December 13 has been set for the date.

In the story, the little princess is completely bored with Christmas gifts of every description received to date from her devoted daddy. Since the gala festivities of this feast have also become very tiring, she longs for something different.

CHILD APPEARS

Suddenly the Christ Child, in the guise of a little beggar boy named Billy, comes to the little girl. He promises her something she has never seen before—the sight of a little blue angel at the top of the Christmas tree. However, one condition is imposed. No one else may be present when the angel comes.

Of your charity, pray for the repose of the soul of

Rev. Fidelis Goetz, O.S.B. cousin of Sister M. Gerarda, O.S.F., librarian at St. Bonaventure High School.

R.I.P.

And for the soul of Mrs. Marjorie G. Wessel, Mother of Sister M. Cecilia, O.S.F., Principal of St. Bonaventure Grade School.

Students Hold Mock UN To Discuss Four Big Problems

To discuss the four big problems of the day—

1. Communist Infiltration into Laos.
2. Rebellion of Algeria.
3. Arab Refugees.
4. Nuclear Disarmament.

the St. Bonaventure seniors and juniors held the second annual Mock United Nations on October 28. During the morning session, each group conferred for an hour and a half on one of the above assigned problems. Underclassmen audited the problem of their choice.

Laos States Problem

Connie Cronin, chairman, with the aid of co-chairman, Mary Claire Messersmith, opened the Security Council meeting on Communist Infiltration into Laos. Connie first called on Laos to state the problem which has arisen in their country. The delegates discussed and decided upon a negative and affirmative proposal to set before the countries at the General Assembly.

Is Algeria Stable?

"Should Algeria be granted independence and is she economic-

ally stable enough to choose her own form of independence," stated the problem put before the Security Council on the Rebellion of Algeria. Margaret Mary Mrzlak, chairman and Jean Markhofer, co-chairman, narrated the choosing of a negative and affirmative proposal.

Can Anyone Comment?

Peg Gregorius, chairman of the committee on Arab Refugees, opened with the question, "Would anyone care to comment on the problem of the Arab Refugees?" The vital subject after thorough discussion moved to the General Assembly with an affirmative and negative proposal.

"Are we going to accept Mr. Khrushchev's plan for nuclear disarmament?" was the question set before the Security Council by Jane Woodworth, chairman and Judy Cregar, co-chairman. After a heated debate and some delay a negative and an affirmative proposal was formulated.

The affirmative proposal, offered as the Big Three Compromise, shocked the smaller nations and brought the problem to a deadlock.

Cronin Welcomes Students

Connie Cronin welcomed the students taking part in the Mock United Nations and called upon the countries chosen to give the affirmative and negative proposals from each Security Council. A maximum of two minutes gave the presentors of the proposals time to expound on the quality of their offerings. Discussion again fired for ten minutes on each of the four subjects. However, Connie allowed the disarmament issue, resulting in a tie vote, to continue for an additional ten minutes.

After all voting had been completed, the General Assembly of the second annual Mock United Nations of St. Bonaventure High School adjourned until next year.

KING ENTERS

Complications quickly set in when the King enters the room. Luckily he falls asleep. And the blue angel appears; the little beggar boy disappears.

Under the Christmas tree, the princess finds a surprise Christmas package. Its contents revealed a little blue angel, the only tangible item of what might otherwise be considered just a sweet dream.

Ventures to Come

November

- 1—All Saints
- 3—Jets Meeting, 7:00 p.m.
- 4—Highway Safety Assembly
- 4—Regents Test (seniors)
- 6—Melody Masters
- 7—Bishop Ryan, Omaha, Football
- 9—Voice of Democracy Contest
- 10—The Caine Mutiny Movie
- 10—Student Council Meeting, 7:00 p.m.
- 11—Veterans' Day (No classes)
- 12—Parent-Teacher Discussion Group
- 13—Central Catholic, Grand Island, Football
- 17—Aptitude Tests (Seniors)
- 17—Harvest Moon Dance (Juniors)
- 20—Sodality Corporate Communion
- 26—Thanksgiving Vacation
- 27—Thanksgiving Vacation

Cafeteria Announces Thanksgiving Dinner

- Roast Turkey . . . Dressing
- Mashed Potatoes
- Giblet Gravy
- Cranberry Sauce
- Celery-Carrot Sticks
- Chiffon Pumpkin Pie
- Chocolate Milk
- or Homogenized Milk

Classes Accept Challenge To Give Democracy Talk

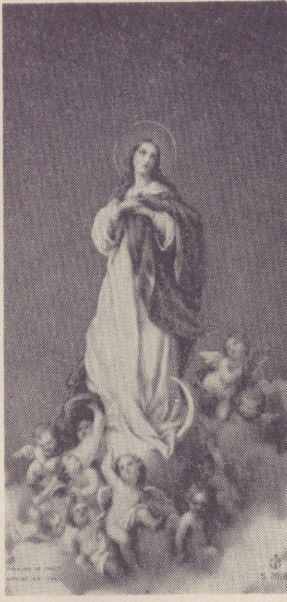
Both junior and senior students accepted the challenge to prepare and give a speech on the subject "I Speak for Democracy."

After rehearsals, under the direction of Sisters Edwina and Clara Agnes, an elimination contest took place on Nov. 9.

"I Will Put Enmity . . ."

"Potuit, deicit, ergo fecit"—These words summate the argument of Venerable John Duns Scotus, the great Franciscan Theologian and defender and promoter of the Immaculate Conception.

POTUIT—God could do it—it was possible to preserve the Virgin Mary from original sin. God in his eternal thought elected to send his Divine Son whether Adam sinned or not. Christ was the "first born" of all creatures as St. Paul tells us. Likewise, in his eternal plan was the process of natural generation—that is through woman. The choice of this woman was the humble Virgin Mary. Since God is Almighty and his plan was to have his Son take his rightful role as the Primate of all creation via the Mystical Rose, he could preserve the chosen One from any contraction of original stain.



DEICIT—It is becoming—it was only right and proper that the Virgin from whom the Son of God was to assume his human nature would at no time be tainted with any sin, much less Original Sin. Original Sin (not being a child of God) or personal sin (done with deliberation and consent) indicates that the person is opposed to God. Yet immediately following the "fall" God spoke his will to the serpent (Satan) "I will put enmity (opposition) between thee and the woman." (Genesis 3,15) God in his holiness (directly opposed to evil, especially sin) and in his eternal plan of Primacy would never permit that the Mother of his All-holy Son would ever be opposed to him (God). Consequently, it is only becoming that she should be preserved from Original Sin.

ERGO, FECIT—Therefore, he did it. Since God could preserve Mary and since it was becoming that he do just that (preserve her) he did it. Mary was born of Adam, like the other children of men, and yet she never contracted the stain of sin. Being preserved from the original taint, she received into her soul, from the first instant of its creation, the glorious light of an extraordinary sanctifying grace, and, instead of being an object of aversion to God, she was regarded by him with a special love. In the teaching of the Church the Immaculate Conception is a gift, not only of God the Creator, but also of God the Redeemer. The privilege was a gift in view of the future redemption by the Infinite Son of God. That is why Duns Scotus stated that the privilege of Mary, far from excepting her from the redeeming work of her Son, was the most excellent fruit of the Redemption. Mary is the most glorious work of Jesus Christ. On December 8, we once again celebrate the glorious privilege of Mary's Immaculate Conception. Considering the place of Mary's sinlessness in the eternal plan of God and the exalted role she played in the redemption, let us honor her in a special way on her feast day. Let us keep in mind that the Blessed Virgin accepted her position humbly. She strove to make herself worthy of her honor by cooperating with the graces given her. We should strive to make ourselves more worthy to receive the blessings of God by cooperating ourselves with the graces given us. Let us seek to immitate Mary in all her ways.

—Rev. Kenneth Schlessler, O.F.M.

Growing Pains

Funny, isn't it, when one suddenly becomes jolted with the thought, "I must be growing up instead of down!"

In everyday life, our maturity tries to reach its peak. Some of us never do mature, but others inevitably attain that goal.

It's something to stop and think about when someone suggests some stupid antic in study hall or during class. Are you going to grow upward or downward? Upward is **Heaven**, downward is **Hell!**

The Rift?

The padded curtain dazzles and mystifies few students of Saint Bonaventures.

A floating distinction separating those who play ball and those who don't has become the stumbling block between critical indifference and booming school spirit.

Understanding and simple friendship might readily ease this problem.

Thanks Be to God!

Thanks be to God for His goodness to me!
 Thanks be to God now and for eternity!
 Thanks be to God for the wonders He has done!
 Thanks be to God for His dear and only Son!
 Thanks be to God for His sweet Virgin Mother!
 Thanks be to God for becoming our Brother!
 Thanks be to God for His Body and His Blood!
 Thanks be to God for this Holy Precious Blood!
 Thanks be to God for His Sacred Heart benign!
 Thanks be to God for this treasure divine!
 Thanks be to God for my Guardian Angel bright!
 Thanks be to God in the morning, noon and night!
 Thanks be to God in all ages and all climes!
 Thanks be to God one hundred thousand times!
 Thanks be to God in my joy and in my sorrow!
 Thanks be to God for today and tomorrow!
 Thanks be to God in my illness and my health!
 Thanks be to God both in poverty and in wealth!
 Thanks be to God at my work and at my prayers!
 Thanks be to God in my troubles and my cares!
 Thanks be to God during life and at my death!
 Thanks be to God just when drawing my last breath!
 Then when lifeless, my poor heart Shall lie under the green sod, May my soul sing in Heaven, Oh! THANKS be to YOU, my GOD!

This Is Your Life . . .

By Keats

A surprise addition to a rural family near Platte Center, Nebraska took place on January 22, 1943.

A girl, the youngest of eight children took her place in an active, courageous, sardine eating family.

She often portrayed her childhood as a "working girl's dream"—milking cows with one hand and holding a baby bottle with another.

Over these dipping valleys she sailed with her older brother on horseback. The neighboring homestead offered companionship for her brother and make-believe rodeos for our subject.

Of days gone by, she still recalls the mornings when—"Dad hitched up the team of horses and away we'd go—to church—anywhere—when the weather was bad."

Her older brothers and sisters soon gone their separate ways, her family moved to Columbus. The seasonal walks to school in Platte Center passed by. Behlen road provided little natural beauty as she ventured to a new home of education—St. Bonaventure.

The seventh grade students swung around in their desks astounded, when a huge voice answered from the back of the room.



As usual, she opened her new role with overtones of untouchable comedy.

Our school took her to its heart and her many escapades have been retold time and time again.

Walking the Union Pacific railroad tracks in nylons at 8:00 p.m. began a parade of strange adventures. Visiting "haunted" houses, walking across our mile long city, driving lessons in ditches along Monastery Road, selling chocolate bars from Sears and Roebuck to the Silver Dollar Bar, witnessing the christening of an automatic washer, and decorating front lawns all sparked her relaxation hours.

A sodality officer, Homecoming attendant, and most important, leader of the squadron of green and white, she buzzes through a cycle of activities.

Anger and sorrow easily drowned by happiness arise only once a year when her brother's David City football team conquers the Shamrock gridsters.

Serious moments arrest her when the future grows dim and present useless, but a mild reminder of fun regains her completely and JUDY PILLEN sails into the clouds with a lighthearted air of perpetual happiness.

JUDY—I told you I'd do it! THIS IS YOUR LIFE!

Little Words

"Yes, you did, too!"
 "I did not!"
 Thus the little quarrel started,
 Thus by unkind little words,
 Two fond friends were parted.
 "I am sorry."
 "So am I."
 Thus the little quarrel ended,
 Thus by loving little words
 Two fond hearts were mended.

—Benjamin Keach

Are Your Shoes Shined?

Saturday afternoon always came too soon. That was the time set aside to polish the Sunday shoes for the entire family—dad's, big brothers, and four older sisters not counting myself.

However, the biggest problem was to make 'em shine! By eye comparison, other peoples' shoes always looked so black and bright. What was the matter with our shoe polish?

Perhaps other people used stove polish to get that high gloss! Now I'll give that a try, too! After painstakingly shaving the stove polish stick into a little pan and mixing the black shavings with warm black coffee, the paste looked just fine. The results of this shine pleased me beyond words. But, when dad returned from High Mass on Sunday he said: "Everyone looked at my shoes as I walked down the middle aisle. I'm sure they thought: 'Jake can't afford to buy regular shoe polish.'" Never a word did I say, but away I went confirmed in the knowledge that stove polish wasn't the answer.

For the next several weeks all went well. No comments came from any quarter. As a result, a

feeling of complacency took possession of me. On Saturday, a desire to go strolling had a greater appeal, but those shoes had to be shined!

Well, folks can only see the front of their own shoes anyway. Why shine the back of them? In double quick time this boot-blackening chore was finished for another week, and the great wide-open spaces allured me.

Too soon came the day of reckoning—Sunday after High Mass, dad again spoke but this time directly to me. His words filled me with shame and confusion. "Today, your father was almost forced to walk down the middle aisle of the Church backwards, because I did not want people to see the back of Jacob's shoes!" Was my face red?

Ever after a goodly supply of elbow grease plus plenty of Shinola was used on the entire leather surface of every shoe standing in that Saturday afternoon row!

Happy Birthday . . . Many Happy Returns

- November
- 1—Richard Novotny
 - 5—Jean Markhofer
 - 6—Delores Roddy Paul Corcoran
 - 8—Elizabeth Rediger
 - 10—Dennis Schuster
 - 11—Marvin Henggeler
 - 22—Gilbert Theewen
 - 23—Margaret Mary Mrzлак
 - 29—Thomas Thalcken
- December
- 3—Dennis Hilger
 - 4—Janet Hilger
 - 6—Rosemary Costello
 - 8—David Kampovitz
 - 12—Lois Morgan Donald Mostek
 - 13—Ronald Kudron
 - 14—Vernon Jakub
 - 16—James Dvorak
 - 18—Sharon Meyer
 - 20—James Tylle Jane Mielak Barbara Nosal
 - 21—Karen Kuta Loretta Rupprecht
 - 24—Jerry Hilger
 - 29—Gerald Schmid
 - 30—Robert Golonka
 - 31—Judy Coufal

Red Recommends Seven-Day Diet

- Monday
- Breakfast: scraped crumbs from toast
 Lunch: weak tea, 1 bullion cube, ½ cup diluted water
 Dinner: 1 pigeon thigh, 3-oz. prune juice (gargle only)
- Tuesday
- Breakfast: shredded egg shell skin
 Lunch: 1 doughnut hole (no sugar)
 Dinner: breathe deeply in passing delicatessen.
- Wednesday
- Breakfast: 4 cookie crumbs
 Lunch: ½ orange
 Dinner: bee knees and mosquito knuckles
- Thursday
- Breakfast: boiled stains of tablecloth
 Lunch: ½ dozen poppy seeds
 Dinner: 2 eyes from Irish potatoes (diced)
- Friday
- Breakfast: 2 French fried frog leaps
 Lunch: 2 lobster antennae
 Dinner: 1 guppy fin
- Saturday
- Breakfast: pickled hummingbird tongue
 Lunch: Bar-que ribs of tadpole
 Dinner: Aroma of empty custard pie plate
- Sunday
- Breakfast: 4 chopped banana seeds
 Lunch: broiled butterfly liver
 Dinner: filet of soft crab claw.
- This is guaranteed to cure all aches and pains permanently.

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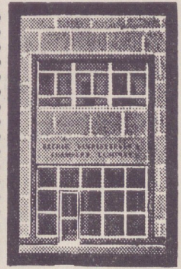
The Blue Flame Sport Sheet Diablos Dump Duds

Los Diablos showed plenty of scoring punch in racking up their third and fourth straight triumphs by margins of 31-8 and 27-10 over the Duds. Pushing for intramural recognition, the No. 2 ranked Diablos were all business in disposing of their hapless victims.

Reliable Ron Bernt turned in a fine all around game, but the real stars were Bothersome Bothe and Bubbling Brooks.

By Gregg McGoon

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REV. FATHER MCGLOOAN DISTRIBUTING HOLY COMMUNION to the delegates to the Rocky Mountain Youth Congress in the Garden of the Gods. Air Force Academy choir, to the right, sang the High Mass. —Courtesy Sharon Schaefer

Folks to Imitate During November

November 3

Like all men, Hubert enjoyed hunting. He enjoyed this sport so much that even on Good Friday, instead of going to church services, hunting took precedence.

All of a sudden a big stag came into sight. As Hubert aimed, the stag turned and the man beheld a cross between its antlers. Simultaneously a voice said: "Unless you turn to the Lord, Hubert, you shall fall into Hell." As a result of this vision, Hubert became a priest, a hunter of souls and a Saint.



November 16

This date brings to mind the life of a girl who at an early age went to live with the Sisters. Later she became a religious and frequently Jesus spoke to her in the depths of her heart. St. Gertrude never feared to undertake difficult tasks for the love of God.



November 19

This woman could well be the patron of every lady with time hanging heavily on her hands. St. Elizabeth led a life of voluntary poverty. Until her death at the age of twenty-four, she devoted her life to the needy. "Idleness is the devil's workshop," but Elizabeth constructed a new phrase, "Activity is God's achievement store." To verify this statement, St. Elizabeth now dwells in Heaven.



November 22

Little is known about this patron saint of musicians. She offered her prayers, works, joys and sufferings to Christ; one day that meant the offering of her blood as a martyr for Him. St. Cecilia daily receives mention of her name in the Canon of the Mass.



Bonnies Boast 'Ham' Operator

From the day he took his sister's radio apart, Gary Mielak has been interested in ham radios. Right now he has his own "rig" which includes a Knight Kit transmitter and a SX-99 receiver. Gary bought a kit which included all the parts necessary for a transmitter to make his own "anti-brew" set up. Right now Gary has a novice license. This permits him to telegraph messages and to use the radio phone on a very high frequency. Through telegraphy Gary has contacted over 500 people in 36 states. He's working for contacts in 48 states. When he contacts a new person he asks them to send a "QSL" card. These are standardized cards which prove the extent of his contacts. Gary boasts having 150 cards.

Gary's station keeps odd hours. He is on the air after school from 6:00-7:00 P. M. and often at night from 1:00-5:00 A.M. He has found that those early hours are not always the best. One night when he was on he was so sleepy that he mistook a station in Scottsbluff for Japan.

Gary's goal is getting his general class license which will enable him to use radio phone facilities.

Whosit?

A whole new set of nicknames have been introduced for some of the students at St. Bonaventure. Perhaps you yourself have heard these, but though the titles seem familiar, you cannot quite place the true meaning. The following contains the confidential names from the original unabridged list. "Dandy Dan and Jungle Jim" puzzle many, while still more wonder about "Honest Lew, Crafty Cal and Reliable Ron." Undoubtedly, to your amazement someone has called a friend with the title "Jolly Joe or Jessie James."

As you walk through the hall a crowd might buzz information such as "Kurlly Keuter, Kid Kudron, Menace Thraen, and Ready Ruprecht."

In the study hall voices often whisper, "Laddle Rat Rotten Hut" and "Plain Jane," while from another corner comes, "Cozy Costello or Carol, the Server".

At cafeteria, certain people have been addressed as, "Sluggo Obal, Speed Jarecki, Bashful Barb, and Tom-Tom." Others go by, "Big Bob or Mad Maggie."

Do you recognize the person described by pondering over the strange titles given to familiar faces? Perhaps this person happens to be "Yowling You" (if you can't find a reason for the change).

Solicitous Parents

Directly in front of me in church knelt a boy and a girl of nine and ten with a boy of four between them. For convenience sake I'll call them the mother, the father, and the child for they certainly reminded me of a family.

The mother, with her nails long, her hair fizzled back, and wearing a stylish fall jacket, held the child close to her with one arm and held a missal with the other hand. She periodically fussed with his hair, his clothing, and his appearance always drawing him closer.

Occasionally the sharp suited father would play with his son by twisting the ribbons of his missal through the youngster's fingers.

But the mother with a quick glance brought the enraptured son and errant father back to the attention of the Mass.

They left church being bumped and unthought of by taller families scurrying down the sidewalks with mother on the outside.

Shamrock Shenanigans

Sister Cyril: "Richard, where is your blue slip?" (absentee slip).
Richard Kearns: "Sister, I didn't wear it today." * M *

Hurricanes bear women's names because they are hurricanes. If they were himitanes they would be named Fred, John, Patrick, etc. * M *

Sister Bernardis: "Can someone tell us how to remove parenthesis?"
Jane Mielak: "Erase them." * M *

Jim Bator: "Who is that man walking with a mustache?" (What a wonderful companion!) * M *

Sister: "Connie, put Mrs. Herrod's paper first."
Connie Iwanski: "I did put her first—on the bottom." * M *

Mr. McArdle: "What was your great-grandfather?"

Marvin Henggeler: "A housewife." * M *

Mary Kavanaugh took Larry Minette's place in typewriting—Mary was counted absent; Larry present. * M *

Can some of the seniors tell us the CURRENT ASKING PRICE FOR REAR WINDOWS IN CONVERTIBLES? * M *

Current hearsay—Longshot Cronin is now handicapped with horses out at Ag Park. * M *

'Tis said Jim Bator's and Ron Kudron's current theme song is: "THEY SAY I'M ROBBING THE CRADLE." And someone else loves to sing: "Land of Make Believe." * M *

Mrs. Herrod: "The Taming of the Shrew is now being presented in a Broadway hit called: "Kiss Me Kate." * M *

Jack Nosal: "Boy, you know it!" * M *

Judy Cregar (at Rocky Mt. Youth Congress): "Hi! Where are y'all from?" * M *

Texas Girl: "Amarillo."
Judy: "Where's that?"
Texan: "Ain't you all got no smart?" * M *

In Religion class, Sister was describing how Lot's wife looked back and suddenly turned into a pillar of salt.

"My sister, Carol, once looked back" said brother Teddy, "and—and—she turned into a trash can!" * M *

D. M.: Doesn't cold blood have something to do with temperature of blood?"

Sister M. M.: "No, is it dieing cruelly!" * M *

Sister Michaelene: "Ted, what are hoofed mammals?"
Ted: "They are overgrown toenails." * M *

The First Family Quarrel—Eve raised Cain because Adam wasn't Abel. * M *

Recently Pope John XXIII was asked how many people are now working at the Vatican.

Nonchalantly he answered: "About half of them." * M *

Older Daughter: "Mother you are beginning to look old."
Younger Daughter: "No, not old, Mother, just a little bit faded." * M *

Young Love

The piercing winds of winter, weary and wounded as a soldier returning from war, finally surrendered to the gentle zephyrs of spring. But these peaceful zephyrs seem to contain a very potent element which is fatal to all. It is love—evidenced in all of spring.

I watched love in action—one afternoon at the park.

At first they stared—only stared at each other with tender awe. She was so dazzling in the warm sunlight—her blonde hair and innocent azure eyes. And he was so timid—afraid to smile or move—for fear of frightening her.

But at length he smiled—very timidly but friendly. She answered his smile with more than just a smile, it was a light laugh of happiness.

Overcoming part of his timidity, he reached out and touched her cheek. Again she laughed and, at last, love had conquered all barriers.

As they laughed, terror struck their young hearts, for as they laughed their mothers departed—pushing their baby strollers in opposite directions.

This I thought would undoubtedly remain a very young love.

Patrick Publicizes People

Expert technician, Jack Nosal, mistrusted his film projection skills when he ran off 200 feet of film for the chemistry class—right on the floor. * P *

Mr. McArdle flatly asked his modern problems' class what they considered the greatest threat to their security.

A hoarse whisper echoed, "Sister Rayneria." * P *

After three straight wins, the Shamrocks footballers zinged into action in preparing for the Holy Name - St. Bonaventure game. Captain Tom Shonka brilliantly suggested a "one week rest up" from 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. each day. Those boys really go, go, go! * P *

"In India four out of seven juveniles are delinquent," said a St. Bonaventure teacher. "In the United States five out of seven are delinquent—maybe six out of seven," he continued.

Connie Cronin piped up, "Why not make it eight out of seven." * K *

Going deeper into foreign land of India our star teacher told the class of age-old tradition of the sacred cow.

"Ancestors' spirits come back in forms of animals," he said, "The cow is the highest form. Now, if they see a rat running around—well, that's good old Uncle George and * K *

Jim Bator eloquently told the chemistry class of an oxygen experiment in the eastern part of the United States that blew out one whole wall in the laboratory. "Well," said Sister Edwina, "That's our next experiment." * K *

An outspoken student grabbed Margaret Mrzlak's locks. "Id like your hair better right back here." "You'd like it on my chin!" Margaret howled. * K *

Mrs. Herrod in testing her old English literature class asked what ancient King Duncan had given Lady Macbeth in reward of her great hospitality.

"Was it a vase? Or a set of precious china, a string of pearls"

"Or maybe a Tappan gas range," Judie Pilleen sighed. * K *

The north exit of Saint Bonaventure's church added two years ago caught my attention last Sunday as it groaned opened every few minutes before Mass.

It seemed to say to the ageless oak barracks in the back, "I have just begun to squeak."

Mary Kay Rediger stated that she would "just die" if she couldn't leave journalism class early one day.



Marks of appreciation left on my forehead by the girls who get mentioned in Patrick Publicizes People.

"Well, you'll get a respectable burial," Sister said.

"Where?"
"In the waste basket, Red. In the wastebasket," a bright colleague replied. * K *

Those precious moments: David and Dorothy Minette skipping to school; and a second grader with a broken shoe string abruptly approaching his teacher to mend the calamity in the middle of Mass.

Teachers Advise . . . Correlate to Aid Memory

MODERN PROBLEMS:

- Rawhide
- Have Gun Will Travel

CHEMISTRY:

- Gunsmoke
- The Untouchables
- Men Into Space

PHYSICS:

- Broken Arrow
- Whirlybirds

ENGLISH:

- 77 Sunset Strip
- Lamp Unto My Feet
- Bourbon Street Beat

ALGEBRA:

- Mr. Mystic
- Concentration
- Truth or Consequence

BAND:

- Name That Tune
- Look Up and Live

BOOKKEEPING:

- The Price Is Right
- Man Hunt

TYPING:

- Ding Dong School
- On The Go

ART APPRECIATION:

- The Thin Man
- Masquerade
- Queen For A Day

TRIG:

- Treasure Hunt
- Small World

LATIN:

- Wanted Dead or Alive
- Huckleberry Hound

SPANISH:

- Hobby Lobby
- El Popeye

GEOMETRY:

- Mighty Mouse
- Captain Kangaroo

RELIGION:

- Father Knows Best
- Adventure In Paradise



GOVERNOR BROOKS Signing the Proclamation declaring State Newspaper Boy Week. Charles Pfaff is looking on. Charles has been named Daily Telegram's Outstanding Newspaper Boy of the Year. Charles began his fourth year of delivering papers to 195 customers last month. The State's newspaper boys met at the State Capitol to have pictures taken with the Governor and to attend a luncheon at his mansion.

Irish Trim St. Cecilia After Temporary Lead By Hastings' Blue Hawks

Early in the first stanza the Blue Hawks tallied six points to lead temporarily. In the waning seconds of the first half, the fighting Irish had a sustained drive of 40 yards for a touchdown. With the able running of Golonka and Nosal, "Reliable Ron" Kudron managed to break through four yards to pay dirt. This tied the score 6-6.

Kearns Pilfers

Linebacker Rick Kearns set up the tie-breaking TD in the closing seconds of the third quarter by pilfering a flip at midfield and returning the ball to the 32. Again after lengthy runs by teammates, Kudron digs 15 yards to the goal line for a 12-6 lead.

Backes Intercepts

Two plays after the ensuing kickoff, "Little Billy" Backes intercepted a pass on the St. Bon 48 and the Irish began rolling again. Nosal reeled off heavy yardage with Kudron picking up his third TD to make it 18-6.

The Green and White men ended the ball game with a 4-2-1 record.

Shamrocks Upset O'Neill With Good Offensive Unit

St. Bonaventure Shamrocks came up with a well-organized offensive unit to offset a fast O'Neill eleven. Jack Nosal paced the Irish, scoring three TD's. Ron Kudron, Bob Golonka and Ed Siemek also hit pay dirt for the Irish. "Butch" Staroscik contributed his usual fine game by tossing for a touchdown and setting up another.

Team Drives

The home team drove 52 yards on the initial kickoff to score. The try for point failed. The Shamrocks came back hard moving 59 yards in seven plays featured by a thirty yard run by Nosal. Nosal then rammed the middle for the remaining five yards and the tying score.

Shonka Recovers

Early in the second period, Tom Shonka recovered an O'Neill fumble on the O'Neill 21. The Irish scored again with Ron Kudron carrying the mail the last four yards. The placement for point failed. "Butch" Staroscik then completed an aerial to Ed Siemek who raced 38 yards for the third Irish TD, but a penalty nullified it. Nosal rammed the final eight yards. Kearns kicked the placement. Golonka contributed heavily to the next TD by ripping off yardage of 32 and 11. Nosal bucked the middle for the final 17 yards. Midway through the fourth period Gary Soulliere intercepted an O'Neill aerial and ran it back to the O'Neill 26. A pass from Staroscik to Nosal set up the final TD. Golonka plunged over from one foot out. Final score showed Irish 38, O'Neill 19.

Chorus Girls Aflutter For Coming Cantata

Members of the girls' high school chorus are now all a-flutter preparing for the coming high school cantata—THE CHILD OF BETHLEHEM, by Louise E. Stairs. This musicale contains both solo and chorus selections, fourteen in all, five of them being solo numbers and the others a combination of solo and chorus.

Tentative date set for this event now circles December 22.



FOURTEEN ST. BONAVENTURE SENIORS will be playing their final game Wednesday night against Grand Island Central Catholic. The above photograph was taken just prior to the Omaha Holy Name game in which one senior, Jack Nosal, suffered an injury which sidelined him for the rest of the season. Another senior who won't be in the lineup is Joe Liss, a regular at the beginning of the campaign, who had to drop out of the sport because of illness. Pictured in front row, from left, are Bob Koziol, Rich Kearns, Dave Melcher, Larry Minette, Bob Golonka, Tom Shonka and Jim Bator. In the back row from left, are Tom Thalken, Ray Micek, Ron Kudron, Jack Nosal, Jim Huhman, Larry Staroscik, Gilbert Theewen and Dave Kampovitz. (R-D Photo)

Judie Offers Cheer

When you're down and out
And feelin' sort of blue—
Read Judie's CHEER COLUMN
It'll be GOOD for YOU!

As cold November days arrive, football season slowly draws to a close. The Class of '60' will have their last opportunity to cheer the fighting Irish football team on to victory November 11. Total representation of all students will be expected at this, our last game. Because of much hard work, and co-operation, the Shamrock team should be complimented on their splendid teamwork, their will to win, and every hard-earned victory. Bonnies can be very proud

Volleyball Makes Debut As New Intra-Mural Sport

Volleyball, a new intra-mural sport for St. Bonaventure students, made its debut on Monday, October 19. Both boys and girls participate and the responses to this sport, verge on enthusiasm and panic. However the little difficulties illustrated in quotes such as "I never played before," and "What's a volleyball?" have been overcome simply by ignoring the howlers.

By now, playing participants either help the ball over the net or just watch other players at an extra close range.

The eight teams, sponsored and named by Mr. McArdle, go by the following titles. For the seniors, Norbert Peterson captains the In-laws, while Larry Odgaard and Luke Hanke, lead the Teddybears and Los Diablos to victory or defeat in the junior group. The two sophomore teams, the Chokers and the Outcasts, have been directed by Jane Gregorius and Carolyn Pieters. The freshmen boast three teams: Half-Wits, with Bill Shonka as captain; Outlaws, with Jim Borer as captain; The Duds, captained by Mike Demko.

So far, the program has been keeping each group busy and on its toes in preparation for the approaching tournaments.

of this team of 1959-60.

Mr. Wolever deserves a big hand for his tremendous job of coaching. With the assistance of Mr. Soulliere and Mr. Brock, Coach Wolever performed his duties well. Now Cats, let's give our cool team and coaches a cheer.

Best Team

We've got the B-E-S-T—best
We've got the T-E-A-M—team
We've got the Best Team in the land
St. Bon's High School — Amen!

Coach, Team, Pep, Steam

We've got the Coach, We've got the team

We've got the pep, We've got the steam

Let's all give a cheer for St. Bon's team

Say Ra, Ra, Ra, Ra, Ra — Say Ra, Ra, Ra, Ra, Ra

Say Ra, Ra, Ra, Ra, Ra—Say Ra! (loud).

Cooks Serve Dish A la German Style

While walking through the halls one certain Thursday afternoon, this comment gave food for thought: "A delicious meal one day, and sour potatoes the next day!"

Thinking Bonnies to be comprised of German heritage, cafeteria employees decided to prepare something different. Diced potatoes, celery seed, salt, onions, vinegar, water, and bacon strips comprised the ingredients. Cooking diced potatoes in vinegar instead of lard, gave them a sour flavor. With onions added, it didn't give an extra delicious savor.

Watching students return plates to be washed, you could see that hardly anyone had eaten potatoes for dinner. Why? German hot potato salad did not go over with the POLISH and IRISH at Bonnies.

This final annotation to come from the cooks: "Well, that's that! No more of it!"

Tank Talkins'

—By Tank

Football Food

The Irish did a fine job Saturday night by blanking Omaha Holy Name, 19-0. It was the teams' best showing so far this season. This was the first setback for the Ramblers, from the Irish, in ten years; to be exact 1952 under Coach Cletus Fischer. This win gave the Irish a 5-2-1 record so far this season.

Gregg McBride of the Omaha World-Herald has the Irish ranked seventh in Class "B" this week; the Lincoln Star has the Irish rated as eighth in Class "B".

Jack Nosal sustained a cracked anklebone in the game Saturday. Jack will be out for the rest of the season, which means Jack's football days for the Irish are over. Jack has played excellent ball for the team. Bob Golonka suffered a pulled knee during this game, but Bob will be running with the pigskin Saturday night against Bishop Ryan High.

A new foe, but perhaps not too formidable, will be met Saturday night when the Shamrocks meet Omaha Bishop Ryan at Creighton Stadium. So far this team has a record of 0-8, but it is a young school with just frosh and sophs on the grid.

Crusaders in 25-6 victory over Irish

By RAY GATTERMEYER

An inspired Grand Island Central Catholic team defeated St. Bonaventure Wednesday night, 25-6, in the season finale for both squads.

Consistently outchargin' the Shamrock forwards, the invaders rolled up a 13-0 lead before the home team "snapped out of it" late in the third quarter, only to have the loss of key players spoil hopes for a comeback.

St. Bonaventure felt keenly the absence of the injured Jack Nosal, both on offense and defense, and the ax really fell in the opening minutes of the fourth quarter after the Irish had rallied to trim the Crusader margin to 6-13.

The home team lost the services of Rich Kearns, star guard, on a leg injury, and offensive star Ron Kudron went to an ejection along with a Grand Island Catholic player.

Final Bid Stopped

Nevertheless, the Shamrocks made one final bid before the Crusaders scored two late touchdowns to nail down the decision. Larry Minette scooted 35 yards to the Grand Island 29 to put the home team in position for a tying touchdown, but two running plays netted only a yard and a pair of passes went incomplete.

Held without a first down in the opening half, the Irish still went within a couple of seconds of being in a 0-0 tie at intermission. It was the final play of the second quarter when the Crusaders' hard-running fullback, Frank McNelis, plunged two yards into the end zone to give the invaders a 6-0 margin.

Midway in the third quarter, guard Ben Wassinger intercepted a pass and returned the ball 29 yards to the St. Bonaventure 1-yard stripe. Mel Simon drove across on the second try, and Jerry Tyma flipped to Jim Celmer for the extra point.

The Shamrocks took the ensuing kickoff and drove 63 yards to score. Kudron ripped off heavy yardage in the march, backed by Minette and Bob Golonka, and Larry Staroscik fired a 17-yard aerial to Bill Backes to keep the drive going.

Minette climaxed the advance in the first minute of the final quarter by spinning across from eight yards out, but a fumble spoiled the run for the EP.

McNelis Gets Clincher

The Crusaders clinched it midway in the last period when, gambling on a fourth-and-one, McNelis broke off tackle and raced 63 yards to paydirt.

The invaders put the frosting on the cake a couple of minutes later, after Jack Buettner pirated a Shamrock pass on the St. Bonaventure 33. Aided by a roughing penalty against the home club, the Crusaders moved to the 11, from where Tyma scored on a keeper.

The victory was the seventh for Grand Island Catholic against one tie and one setback. Coach Chuck Wolever's Shamrocks finished with a 6-3-1 record, best St. Bonaventure mark since 1954. The loss snapped a six-game unblemished streak.

—The Daily Telegram



Paul Kudron running the ball with three Holy Name players close at his heels. In the center rear Tom Shonka and Rick Kearns (33) can be seen. Courtesy Landgren Studios

Students Will Be Given Special Class Assignment

"Tomorrow each student, in this class, will be given a special assignment. It will be to keep a scrapbook or to write a term paper on a specified news event." This statement from Mr. McArdle was accepted with groans and sighs by members of the modern problems class.

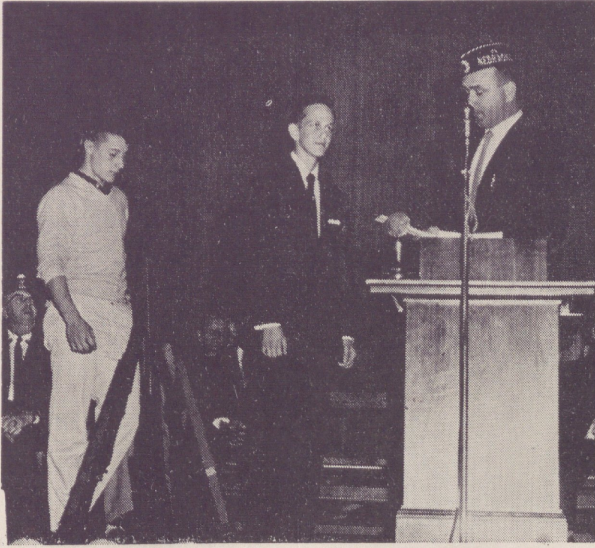
However, as a consoling word, a member of the class said: "At least a handy shoulder will be available now if one is overcome by distress, but after college entrance one will have to weep alone."

According to reports from freshmen in college, today's profs show little sympathy. The order of the day is to get your work as best you can and on your own.

The group can look upon this assignment as a preparation for things to come.



ST. BONAVENTURE Fullback Ron Kudron, No. 9 rips off a lengthy gain in the Shamrocks' 19-0 victory over Omaha Holy Name.



VETERANS DAY PROGRAM Wednesday morning at the city auditorium included presentation of awards to Ray Syslo, center, first place winner in the VFW-sponsored Voice of Democracy contest, and Larry Minette, the runnerup. Millard Thompson, right, master of ceremonies, made the presentations. Ray's entry will now be judged in the state contest. (R-D Photo)

Venturettes to Read

Illness has caused both Ray Syslo and Joseph Liss to spend a considerable amount of time at St. Mary's Hospital this first quarter. Joe continues to find home the most comfortable place to recuperate.

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Due to an oversight, the co-editor's name for May was omitted in the last issue of *The Venture*. Accept the editor's apologies, Julie Litjen.

* M *

An estimated group of 225 youths attended the Day of Recollection on Sunday, Feast of Christ the King.

* M *

The *Lincoln Star* included Ron Kudron, St. Bonaventure senior fullback, on the "Star of the Week" list.

Kudron was cited for his play in the 19-19 tie with Lincoln Pius X, scoring two touchdowns and an extra point.

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An invitation to attend the Fall Press Conference, November 19-20, at Loretto Heights College, Denver, came to *The Venture* staff.

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Have you noticed the large supply of new books that has arrived in the library? These books enrich the curriculum in fields of science, art, literature, social studies and the useful arts.

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Nancy Boettcher, 1956 graduate of St. Bonaventure, now teaches remedial reading to third, fourth, and fifth graders at Doull School in Denver, Colorado.

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Mrs. Judy Olivetti Pratt, also a 1956 graduate, has been named to Who's Who in American Universities and Colleges. Mrs. Pratt attends Marymount college, Salina, Kansas. Selection was made by a faculty-student committee on the basis of scholarship, character, leadership, citizenship and personality.

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Beatrice Eutenauer, a 1956 graduate, has assumed a nursing position at the Good Samaritan Hospital, Kearney, Nebraska. She recently graduated from Sacred Heart School, Yankton, South Dakota.

* M *

Jim Bothe, a student of Norfolk Junior College, came home for Halloween.

Be Nonchalant When . . .

You realize you threw away all the notes that are badly needed for Mr. McArdle's Modern Problems Test. (A problem in itself).

* M *

Mrs. Herrod "lightly" taps you on the head with a prayer book; Ron!

* M *

Your friends call you "Ubangi lips."

Ray Syslo is winner of contest

Ray Syslo, senior at St. Bonaventure High school was announced today as first prize winner in the annual Voice of Democracy Broadcast Scriptwriting Contest sponsored here by Post No. 7304. Ray, who stands well in his class scholastically, makes his home with his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Syslo.

Gets Savings Bond

He will receive a \$25 U.S. Savings bond as local winner, with presentation to be made at the Veterans Day program Wednesday morning at the city auditorium, and the transcription of his winning entry will be sent to the state contest in Grand Island.

The top winner in each state receives a free trip to Washington, D.C., next February for the national awards ceremonies and four days of activities around the nation's capital. The national winner will receive a \$1,500 scholarship to the college of his choice, and four national finalists receive gold recordings of their scripts.

The local contest attracted a large entry list from senior high students at Columbus High and St. Bonaventure, and from the original list 18 recordings were chosen for final hearing Tuesday night.

Judges

Judges were six members of the Toastmasters Club: Walt Miessler, Harold Bryan, George Burdine, Bernie Schwenck, Les Theisinger and John Wink.

The judges chose as the second place winner Larry Minette, son of Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Minette, Larry is also a senior at St. Bonaventure and an excellent student.

Larry received a \$10 cash award at the Veterans Day program.

Contestants prepared and delivered three-to-five minute scripts on the theme, "I Speak for Democracy," with scripts in the style of radio or television commentaries. Judging was done on the basis of content, delivery and originality.

Ray Syslo's winning presentation was heard over station KJSK.

The VFW committee in charge was composed of John Wink, chairman, Leonard Iwanski, and Don Keuter. Mr. Wink extended thanks to Charles Farnham of the Columbus Senior High faculty, Sr. M. Rayneria of St. Bonaventure, and personnel of station KJSK for their cooperation in making the contest a success.

The competition is sponsored nationally by the National Association of Broadcasters, Electronic Industries Association and State Association of Broadcasters, in cooperation with the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

Fred Agerbashen Talks To St. Bonaventure Group About Safe Car Drivers

"Only you teenagers can rebuild your reputation as responsible, safe drivers," stated Fred Agerbashen, technical advisor and former speedway champion, in his recent talk to the students of St. Bon's.

A movie depicting the 1959 Indianapolis, Indiana 500-mile speedway race stressed the courtesy, caution and alertness that make up safe drivers.

Mr. Agerbashen followed up this film with an entertaining as well as educational talk on safe driving. He stressed the fact that only a small per cent of the teenagers are violating these principles of safe driving. But unless it improves, effective steps will be taken to raise the age of obtaining a license from 16 to 21.

"If you teens want to burn rubber, lay it on a supervised strip where it will not endanger lives. There you can burn as many as five or six tires a day and no one will care," pointed out the driving expert.

Car owners received extra well urged words of caution to check even the smallest items on the vehicles now being driven.

"Girls as a rule show more carefulness at the wheel than do the boys. Because of this fact, insurance for girl drivers is not as high as that for boys."

In conclusion, the speaker warned the boys not to try to show off before the girls because in doing this they might lose their gear box.

Fightin' Irish Band Shows Morning Practice Results

Showing the results of numerous early morning practices, the little band of fightin' Irish joined in the Veterans' Day celebration. Marching with true precision, the high steppin' band kept going throughout the parade route, playing **Activity and Mutual marches.**

Again that evening at the Grand Island Catholic - St. Bonaventure football game, the band took part in the flag ceremonies and gave a program of intricate formations at the half time under the appropriate title, **American Heritage.** Formations including the Liberty Bell, Bill of Rights, church scene, school scene and as a finale the Shield of the United States of America.

Using red and white streamers stretched through the shield, the band exited from the field displaying the colors.

St. Anthony's Sets Scene For October Moon Dance

St. Anthony's Social Hall set the scene for the October Moon Dance sponsored by the Catholic Council of Youth of that parish at 7:30 p. m. Columbus young people, accompanied by representatives from Genoa and Lindsay, arrived to be stamped at the door. The inky blob went unnoticed until one by one the dancers' read during the course of the evening the letters on their hands, "Father John Bosco."

Decorations consisting of bright orange and dark brown crepe paper transformed the social hall into a beautiful fall scene. Short strips of paper hung gracefully from the lights and others criss-crossed the tables. A gourd or a squash rested in the center of each table.

As a special attraction, music for the dance was furnished by two bands.

Students-Faculty Enjoy Free Days During Term

During the school year students as well as faculty joyously look forward to many holidays.

Sometimes the enthusiasts count on days which in the end become regular "out" days anyway. For example, in November the Holy Day, "All Saints" occurred on a Sunday. This deleted an anticipated free day.

Other times folks think classes will meet on every day of the month, but to the surprise of everybody a free day rolls around. November 11, Veterans' Day, exemplifies this, marking a vacation day for all!

And before one is aware of it two more days loom on the horizon—Thanksgiving Day and the Friday following.

Again Tuesday, December 8, offers another special for students attending a parochial school.

The essence of a good life—PRAYER, MEDITATION AND TRIALS.

People seldom grow better when they have no model but themselves.

Monopolize your conversations with one thing—TRUTH!

Honor Society Plans Harvest Moon Ball

According to President, Jack Nosal, the Honor Society plans to give the annual Harvest Moon Ball on November 20.

At this time, members report that ideas for this gala event are underway. In the memorial hall will be found plenty reminders of the time and season.

To lure many to attend this first dance of the winter season, induce friends to circle that date now.

Can You Say?

Can you say in parting with the day that's slipping fast,

That you helped a single person of the many you have passed?

Is a single life rejoicing over what you did or said?

Does someone whose hopes were fading, now with courage look ahead?

Did you waste the day or lost it was it well or poorly spent?

Did you leave a trend of kindness, or a scar of discontent?

As you close your eyes in slumber, do you think that God would say—

You have made the world much better for the life you've lived today?

—Selected.

Local girl is recognized in Merit tests

Connie Cronin, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Cronin and a senior at St. Bonaventure high school has received recognition from the National Merit Scholarship Corporation.

The test for the 1959-60 Merit program was given to 550,000 students in 14,500 high schools last spring, and from that original group 27,000 students were chosen to receive "Letters of Commendation" for



CONNIE CRONIN

their superior performance in the qualifying test.

These 27,000 students all show unusual promise and are encouraged to continue their education. They are a distinguished group, who constitute less than 2 per cent of all secondary school seniors.

Word was received from Supt. A. A. Oberhauser of Duncan public school that two seniors there, Lorelie Livingston and Kenneth L. Cheloha, were also selected for Letter of Commendation.

The annual Merit Scholarship competition offers the largest system of privately financed scholarships in the United States, and is open to all high schools in the United States and possessions.

The Merit Scholarship program is now in its fifth year. Founded in 1955 with grants of \$20,000,000 from the Ford Foundation, and \$500,000 from the Carnegie Foundation, it now has more than 100 sponsors including business and industrial organizations, foundations and other groups.

More than 1.5 million students have been tested in the annual academic competitions. Currently 3,000 of the country's most able students hold Merit scholarships at 400 colleges and universities. Fifteen million dollars have already been committed for these awards.

Semifinalists and Commended students receive many scholarships apart from the Merit program. NMSC estimates that over \$9,000,000 in scholarships for the freshman year alone will be awarded these students in addition to the regular Merit awards.

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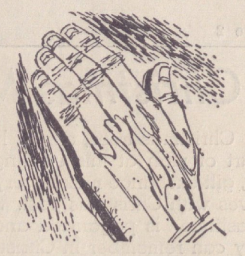
THE COLUMBUS OPTIMIST CLUB STAGED ITS ANNUAL CHILI FEED Monday night at the city auditorium for football players and coaches from Columbus High and St. Bonaventure, with about 65 in attendance. Men of the club prepared and served the "feed", with Dr. R. B. Rundquist as chairman of the committee in charge. An informal program followed, with a talk given by Robert (Moon) Mullen, former University of Nebraska and professional football player and now an assistant coach at Nebraska Wesleyan University. (R-D Photo)

THE VENTURE

St. Bonaventure High School

December 15, 1959

Columbus, Nebraska



IT IS OUR PRAYER
that 1960 bring lasting
peace to all the world.

Staff Members Become Determined To Meet December 6 Deadline

All annual staff members became quite excited and determined this week as the first deadline to meet for the 1960 yearbook loomed into view.

Saturday, December 6, marks D-Day as far as the staff is concerned; for on this day a multiple of 16 pages must be sent in to the Yearbook Company. This spells a lot of painstaking work for all concerned.

But to demonstrate the ability of this ambitious staff, instead of sending 16 pages, a total of 25 pages will be mailed.

After this hurdle, the group will be able to breathe easier for the next assignment.

In looking over past annuals, the present planners have discovered this year's book will be bigger. And to keep spirits high, another word must be added — BETTER.

Nurses' Club Begins Sessions for 1959-60

With the intention of giving girls a better understanding of the nursing profession, the future Nurses' Club began its 1959-60 sessions.

Karen Behlen presided at the first meeting, held at the public library, on Wednesday, November 4, at 4:00 p. m.

Miss Ruth Herr, President of the Platte County Nurses' Association and Mrs. Faye Anderson, anesthetist at Lutheran Hospital will sponsor the group.

According to the club's constitution, both president and secretary will be chosen from St. Bonaventure High members. Candidates include seniors, Kathleen Borer, Patricia Gregorius, Margaret Mary Mrzlak, Mary Kay Rediger, and sophomore, Dorothy Minette.

Religious Event Will Come Immediately After Exams

An event of religious importance will be coming in January immediately after the semester exams. What? It will be the annual retreat for all students of St. Bon's High School.

This retreat gives all students a chance or opportunity to take off time to give a backward look; to note if the spiritual side grows apace with the natural life.

During the retreat no classes will be held. Instead, conferences given for spiritual guidance will be heard during the two days. Silence and spiritual reading will occupy the free time between conferences.

On the last day of retreat, a plenary indulgence may be gained by going to confession, hearing Mass, and receiving holy Communion. After a last conference, in the afternoon of the second day, Benediction with the Most Blessed Sacrament will be given. At this time, another Plenary indulgence may be gained by receiving the Papal Blessing and praying for the intention of our Holy Father, Pope John XXIII.



CHRISTMAS CRIB AT ENTRANCE to St. Bonaventure Rectory.

Choirs Jubilantly Announce Birth of Christ In High Masses Celebrated On Christmas

"Gloria in Excelsis Deo," will ring out throughout the Catholic world on Christmas Day as the choirs jubilantly announce the birth of Jesus in every high Mass celebrated.

Feast Climaxes Advent
Here at home and elsewhere, this great Feast climaxes the weeks of Advent during which time the faithful make ready for the coming of the Savior. A crib scene, at the entrance to the parish rectory, awaits visitors to pay tribute to the Infant King, Mother Mary, St. Joseph, and to contemplate in wonder the stupendous miracle wrought over nineteen hundred years ago. Another picturesque scene transforms a side altar in church into a miniature Bethlehem. Here, after every service, mothers and dads bring bright-eyed little ones to see the Babe of wondrous beauty.

Opportunity Will Be Given
An opportunity to go to confession in preparation for the Holy Day will be made available to parishioners beginning Monday.

Plenty of time will be available, since the following time schedule will be posted:
Monday, December 21—7:30-9:00 p.m.

Tuesday, December 22—3:00-6:00 p.m.; 7:30-9:00 p.m.

Wednesday, December 23—3:00-6:00 p.m.; 7:30-9:00 p.m.

Thursday, December 24—2:00-6:00 p.m.

After this last-named hour, the church will be closed to further penitents.

Services Will Begin at 11:30

On Christmas Eve, the services in church will begin at 11:30 p.m. with the singing of Christmas carols by the adult choir. Just before the hour of midnight, the vested clergy, acolytes, and little children will go in procession to the crib. At the crib, a little girl will offer the Infant to Rev. Father Roch. After prayers and a blessing, the Babe will be placed in the prepared manger. Solemn High Mass will follow immediately. There will be only one Mass at midnight, because a new church ruling prohibits another Mass at this time.

Noon Mass Will Conclude Services

Low Masses on Christmas Day will begin at 4:30 a.m. and follow in hourly sequence until 9:30. Following this last named hour, the next Masses will be at 11:00 a.m. and 12:00 noon. This noon Mass will conclude the services at St. Bonaventure Church for Christmas Day.

Season Will End January 6

To the commercial world the Christmas season will end on December 25. However, the Church will continue its spiritual celebration through New Years or The Circumcision of Our Lord, until January 6, the Feast of the Epiphany, commonly called the Feast of the Three Kings.

To Mrs. Mildred Herrod, Daniel and Ann, the faculty and student body offer profound sympathy and prayers during this time of great sorrow in the sudden death of the husband and father, Mr. Carl Herrod. May his soul and the souls of all the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace.

Juniors Can't Wait However, They Do

"Oh, I just can't wait until fifth period." "Did you know we're getting our rings next period?" "Good deal, the last payment just came in!" The enthusiasm of the juniors poured into the school as the anticipated moment—the distribution of class rings drew near. (The seniors smiled a knowing smile and said: "Remember last year, when . . .?")

Elegant became the only word fitting to describe the new arrivals. White and grey mother-of-pearl, the almost unanimous choice of the class, holds the traditional school crest. Scrollwork frames the stone with a delicate effect.

After the "ohing and ahing" subsided, the juniors agreed that this year's class ring shows the best choice ever.

Vocalizing Now Becomes Regulation of the Day

Vocalizing now has become the order of the day if one judges from the harmonious sounds issuing from various corners of St. Bonnies.

Senior and junior girls have formed a triple trio. Spirituals, Christmas Carols, and novelty numbers keep this group in tune.

From the freshmen class, a sextet has come into being. All practice thus far has been a dark, dark secret. One of these days a surprise will come.

Not to be left out, the senior boys, Jack Nosal, Jim Bator, Tom Shonka, and Norbert Peterson have been having a try at harmonizing "Down By the River Side."

Still in hiding and not saying a word are the frosh, soph and junior boys.

Seniors Make Money To Boost Class Fund

To add more money to the steadily increasing senior class treasury, this group sponsored a bake sale on Sunday morning.

Breakfast and dinner rolls, cookies, doughnuts, beautifully frosted cakes, home-made bread, pumpkin pies, constituted some of the enticing food which appealed to the people as they ventured down into the Youth Center.

Now the chairman announces that an approximate sum of \$136 has been deposited to this account. It is an approximate sum because some of the boys are not too good at baking, and perhaps the hard cash has not been submitted as yet.

For the next money-raising project, the class plans to serve coffee and rolls in one of the downtown department stores to the busy Christmas shoppers.

To Keep In Tune Band Will Give First Concert

To keep in tune with the strains of the oncoming season, St. Bonaventure's High School Band will give its first concert of the year on December 22, under the direction of Mr. Robert J. Pendlay.

The band, 56 members strong, has spent many weeks practicing in preparation for this event. By the date set, it is hoped all members shall have sufficient preparation to make the concert a success.

Majestic strains from the march, "Father of Victory," will open the program. Other selections on the agenda include: "Waves of the Danube"; "South"; "Green Cathedral"; "Cantique de Noel." The selection, "Happy Christmas Holiday," will conclude this year's program.

Junior Hi Will Sing

Also desiring to express Yuletide sentiments, grades seven and eight will sing Christmas Carols. These numbers will include such old-time favorites as: "Bring a Torch"; "The Christ Child is Born"; "We Greet Thee Heavenly Dove."

Boys Will Contribute

Richard Willis' "It Came Upon a Midnight Clear" and John Henry Hopkins' "We Three Kings" will be the junior high boys' contribution to the program.

A mixed choir of these same two classes will also sing: "O Little Town of Bethlehem"; the old French tune, "First Noel"; and the old Welsh air, "Deck the Halls."

Flash!

Students Take Ribbons

At the Creighton Prep Invitational Speech Meet, St. Bonaventure entrants took four Blue Ribbons—Judy Pillen, Humorous Interpretation.

Patrick Keating — Humorous Interpretation.

Margaret M. Mrzlak — Poetry Reading.

Connie Cronin — Poetry Reading.

Red Ribbons
Jack Nosal — Two for Original Oratory.

Ray Syslo — Original Oratory.

Joseph Swalek — Oratorical Interpretation.

Patricia Gregorius — Two for Dramatic Interpretation.

Judy Pillen — Humorous Interpretation.

Margaret Mary Mrzlak — Poetry Reading.

White Ribbons
Ray Syslo — Original Oratory

Dennis Hilger — Oratorical Interpretation.

Robert Golonka — Two for Dramatic Interpretation.

Norbert Peterson — Radio Newscasting.

James Bator — Radio Newscasting.

Patrick Keating — Humorous Interpretation.

Thomas Thalken — Extemporaneous Speaking.



MEMBERS OF THE ST. BONAVENTURE BAND who will appear in the forth-coming Christmas Concert.

Christmas Means to Give

Christmas trees, carols, house visits, misletoe; all warm the heart of man at this exciting Christmas time. Christmas yule log, gift exchange make every youth in this school identify themselves with Christmas past. Students notice that this wonderful "festtime" is paganized and commercialized far greater than they can remember in Christmases of bygone years. St. Bonaventure students aided by Church and Liturgy such as vestments, days of fast, exhortations of the Baptist, sacrifice and self-denial are truly preparing themselves for a spiritual Christmas in which Christ is the Host and Special Guest. But here is the big change—

Giving—is recognized as the true virtue for the season. In the past and throughout the years as students, they are on the receiving end of waves of gifts and remembrances. Now as a resolution and declaration that they are old enough to pay back for these parent-guided happinesses, the students of this school wish to make this Christmas the GIVING ONE. Letting the folks and friends know that realizing the true meaning of Christmas can only be the meaning the Christchild gave it—GIVE. Perhaps this time it will have to be a card, a few prayers, a cheap necktie, or handkerchiefs. But by tokens such as these all students will declare that they have come of age to the true meaning and are returning a little thoughtfulness to those who made past Christmases so enjoyable.

—Rev. Timothy Healy, O.F.M.

Christmas --- A Time of Love

"I wonder what Marie's getting me for Christmas. If I only knew, I'd know how much to spend on her present." These words sound very familiar, don't they?

To most people, Christmas has become a nightmare. It's a hectic rush from one store to another in search for something nice for dear Cousin John or sweet Aunt Lucy. But let's stop a moment and think. Why do we really celebrate Christmas?

Many years ago a little baby was born in an old stable outside Bethlehem. This tiny baby was Our Blessed Lord, of course. Why did He, the Son of God, choose to be born in a stable? He did this out of love for us.

Christmas, then, should be a time of love. Gifts continue to be wonderful ways of expressing our love, but the commercial world has made a nightmare of Christmas.

So let's get the true meaning of Christmas back in our lives and remember: It isn't the cost of a gift that counts, but the love with which the gift is given.

—M. G.

Two Ideas

Hi, Everyone!

Thank you for the invitation to express an opinion concerning Christmas in The Venture. At present Donner and Vixen appear to be the very best secretaries available, but as you can see their writing does resemble reindeer tracks.

There are many ways of spending Christmas. Two outstanding things which appeal include, for one, staying at home to help with the family celebration. A taffy pull may be sticky, but it would provide fun. And now Jamie has taffy on her face, doesn't she usually?

On Christmas Eve, carols sung around an inviting hearth really enhances the spirit of the holidays. If a hearth is not available, try a living room register.

Even before Christmas comes, all can help mother and dad in many ways; mother will be doing much baking. Why not help to make those decorated cookies and delicious fruit cakes—ah, ah, ah, the old excuse that you're already nutty as a fruitcake won't work either. You can help dad move the furniture and hope that during the process of arrangement he will abandon all the old furniture for the new and lighter models so mom can rearrange her own furniture.

For a second thought, putting up decorations can add to the family's fun. And why not some of the unique, self-thought of ideas to charm the folks? Who knows when completed, the miracle of a white tree with red or blue lights and silver and gold ornaments may startle you.

Ole' Santa doesn't care too much about the tree's color—it's Christmas joy and spirit that counts.

Speaking of Christmas spirit, why not visit some of the sick people? Some don't have anyone at Christmas and the Season's joy can be shared. There is an old saying that reads: "It's better to give than to receive."

Well boys and girls, Prancer's foot got stuck in the assembly line so I have to run. Be good and a very Merry and Blessed Christmas to all!

Ho! Ho! Ho!
Santa Claus

—M. R.

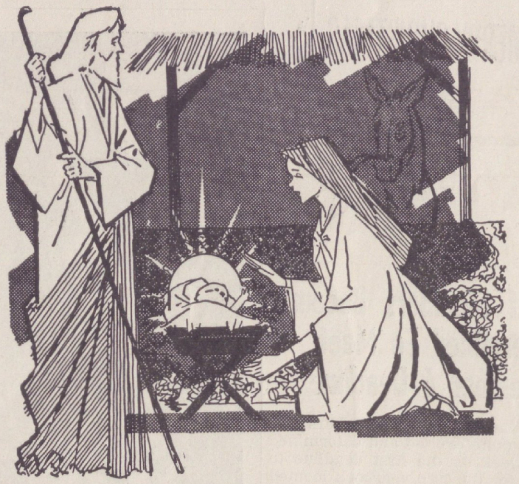
Happy Birthday Many Happy Returns

- December
24 Jerry Hilger
29 Mary Agnes Kavanaugh
Gerald Schmid
30 Robert Golonka
31 Judy Coufal
- January
2 Judy Woodworth
3 Carol Zerr
4 Germaine Sliva
5 Barbara Sokol
John Reuss
11 Carol Starostka
13 Donald Nosal
17 Robert Liebig
19 Gary Soulliere
22 Judie Pillen
Agnes Kosiba
- February
3 Harold Cockson
4 Calvin Corcoran
8 Gerald Langan
11 Charles Stone
Marilyn Kuta
14 Rosalie Moritz
15 Joseph Liss

PRAY THAT ALL MAY BE ONE
Chair of Unity Octave
January 18-25

This Is Your Life . . .

By PAT



Darkness melted over the Holy-land, deep blackened waves of the Dead sea lapped the hobbled sand, as a woman named Mary and a man named Joseph stepped uncertainly into the underground passage that led them to the stables of Bethlehem.

Mary lit a lamp, as Joseph followed with the donkey. Cattle and traveling animals lined the stable but in one only an oxen brooded. Into this cavern Mary and Joseph entered.

Barley straw quilted the bed Mary prepared. Her goat skin

cloak served as a coverlet. By contemporary standards Mary had a good bed—all classes assumed the custom of sleeping in day clothes without any material change of garments. With a stuffed saddle at her head, Mary rested.

The lights of the land flashed on and soon Bethlehem as well as Jerusalem and other towns blazed in celebration of the second dedication of the Temple.

The service over, the people had departed to their homes for feasting until the time came to retire. Still, the lamps burned through the night. Jerusalem presented a strange spectacle of streets silent and deserted but brilliantly illuminated by rows of lamps.

Only the poor shepherds keeping watch over the flocks of their employers, remained in a state of alertness.

In the cavern with the sheep huddled about them, three shepherds squatted around their fire of thorny brushwood warming their bare legs and pulling their fleeces mantles closely about their shoulders.

The red firelight flickered on the smoke blackened walls and the many rounded backs of sheep.

Suddenly the flame seemed to sink and fade, every stone in the rough wall and every tuft of wood upon the backs of the sheep stood out distinctly.

An angel of God stood beside them. Wild, ignorant men though they were, the shepherds could not misunderstand the significance of the phrase "Christ the Lord."

The shepherds looked out of their sheep folds and saw not one but thousands of angels. Over the flock Tower above their heads, over the bare fields, over the flat roofs of the town, over the hills of Bethlehem circled the glittering choirs of heaven and the exquisite voices of angels sang the triumphant strains of "Gloria in Excelsis Deo!"

When the yawning keeper of the clan opened his gates at dawn, he was surprised to find three shepherds waiting outside in the cold morning air.

When he let them in they hastened across the crowded courtyard and down the steps to the stables. By means of the lamp still burning dimly on a ledge, they saw the oxen, the donkey, the solemn Joseph, the radiant girl mother, and "Christ the Lord wrapped in swaddling clothes and laid in the manger."

A Child whose life molded the history of the world. A life recorded minutely and translated for all times. A life well worth remembering at Christmas time.

Sportsmanship

The Shamrock Booster Club and the whole student body here at St. Bonaventure goes on record as favoring, encouraging good sportsmanship. Many fans at our games yell "Kill the Ref". We know this is not only brutal and wrong but a false sense of the game of basketball. "Refs" never decide games—it's a matter between the different skills of the players. We are tearing down the name of the school by booing . . . Let's be "sports!"

—Rev. Timothy Healy, O.F.M.

It's Here --- Retain It

To compare reactions, this little test took place. From an exchange school paper, the caption Guest Editorial was shown to different students. At the beginning of the perusal of the editorial, each countenance displayed a questioning look, a grave attention, and a rather thoughtful mien.

But after a few seconds, each reader reacted the same. All gravity gave way to a broad grin, then an audible smile.

This proves only too well the pride, love, and real school spirit that grips each one attending St. Bonnies.

The "Guest Editorial" written by Elaine Boettcher in THE VENTURE was a reprint in the October 21 issue of THE PRELATE from Cardinal Dougherty High School, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Be Nonchalant When . . .

... One biology classmate goes BARK, BARK, after Sister asks what the outer covering of a tree is called besides epidermis.

... Three senior typists forget to remove the pink insert sheet on a Master copy.

... Your teeth click because of the cold and someone accuses you of owning dentures.

... You can't for the life of you remember how to set the margins on an IBM.

... Someone scribbles all over your assignment five minutes before Sister asks for it.

... A small child asks the grandmother of a baby being baptized: "Did you ever have any children?"

... The feeling comes that you'll be called upon to read Chapter 14 in bookkeeping.

... Someone pulls your wobbly foundation (a step ladder) from under you.

... Dad threatens to put a parking meter in the driveway.

... You forget there are six vertical lines to an inch, and you tell Sister you have no ruler at the typewriter.

... According to your way of spelling a shorthand character it means one word, but the class manages to decipher an altogether different one.

... To type an exercise on a half sheet of paper means to begin it 33 lines from the top. (That is according to my way of thinking.)

God's Love

Once the artful God of night
Sent down a star
With light so bright
It outshone the other stars.
Across the foothills of night,
An Angel came
In robes of white,
To announce the Son of God.
In midst of cold and night
A King to set
The world aright
Was born in Bethlehem.
In early light of morn
A baby lay,
A Baby born
By Love of God for men.

—Connie Cronin

'Why Didn't They Go to Grandma's?'

"I was telling my little granddaughter the story of the Nativity," a friend of mine told me, not long ago. "And the child kept saying, 'But I don't understand why Mary and Joseph had to go to a stable . . .'"

"Don't you see? There was no room for them at the Inn. I said that before, darling. And they had to have a place to stay. That's why they went to the stable."

The child looked more and more bewildered, and she began to look troubled, too.

THE MODERN STORY OF BETHLEHEM—"Joseph and Mary couldn't find any place to stay because all the motels and cabins were filled."

QUEEN OF THE WORLD . . . the tabernacle of God, the celestial ladder by which the King of Heaven is descended to earth, and man to Heaven.

—St. Peter Damian.

"I still don't understand," the little girl said again, and this time her voice trembled a little, "Why didn't they go to Grandma's? . . ."

Quoted from Frances Parkinson Keyes' book, St. Anne, Grandmother of Our Saviour.

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Patrick Publicizes People

"What have we got to be thankful for at Thanksgiving time?" became the old, forever repeated question in the last days of November.

"How about my great abundance," Mary Kay Rediger offered.

Sister Rayemria snaps her early morning religion class into consciousness with such exclamations as, "Let's have a resurrection in here," and "It is now 8:22. Please do not look again."



"I suppose you called the house and woke my father up this morning," Joan Legenza rasped at Gilbert. "He was trying to sleep."

"Yes, I called," Gilbert replied. "And he was mad at you for not waking him up."

"Well!" said Joan, "I left him a note!"

When asked the different objects made of steel that he came in contact with, Tom Shonka answered: "Cleats."

A quick solution by Bill Brown for in-law troubles: "Buy a dog—or marry your mother-in-law."

"What we need in this school," said Mr. McArdle, "is a little more trust."

According to the coach, football players can't even trust their own teammates. "The minute you can't see one of them, you can be sure that he's carving his initials on your back."

Leo Laska swings into sheer coolness when after placing a coke bottle into his cornet he plays nothing but "pop music."

If anyone has a faded lily, please give it to Margaret Mary Mrziak. She would like to "Say it with flowers" when a good retort is needed in Spanish class.

If Din Bothers You Listen For Awhile

If the din arising from the south wing of St. Bon's ever produces an awesome headache, listen for awhile and before long sweet strains will flow from the former chaos.

Sometimes the question, "Why study music?" comes from a disturbed listener. Here are a few answers to ponder:

Edgar Hoover, Criminologist, says: "The child who receives music training and who finds joy in singing and making music will not make mischief. The girl who sings and plays the piano does not pick the pocket; the boy who sings and draws the violin bow is not the boy who draws the gun."

J. H. Moore, a doctor, gives this advice: "Singing helps to develop and strengthen the lungs and respiratory organs and helps the entire body resist disease."

Going back as far as 320 B. C., the great philosopher, Aristotle offers these words of wisdom: "Because music has so much to do with the molding of the character it is necessary that we teach it to our children."

Tank Talkin's

By Tank

Special congrats go to Rick Kearns for being selected as an ALL-STATE in Class B football. This honor comes to Rick through the Lincoln STAR-JOURNAL.

Coach Dick McArdle has only two lettermen back this year at the start of cage season. They are Larry Staroscik and Gary Soulliere. Later in the season another letterman may join the ranks. Jack Nosal, who sustained an injury during the football season won't be in action for another month or so.

Staroscik, a 5-10 senior, was a standout last year and was the team's third high scorer. "Butch" will be a real asset to the team this year.

Soulliere, a 5-5 junior, saw most of his action during the latter part of the '58-'59 season. He was a big help during the tournaments last year.

Nosal, a 5-9 senior, was fifth in scoring last year. This forward will give the team a big boost if he returns to action.

This year's team will be composed of the following players: The teams' biggest problem to face this year is inexperience. Most of the boys, with a few exceptions, have never played varsity ball. These boys may be a little green and small in size, but they possess a fighting spirit which is way above the average.

The Shamrocks will open their cage season against Madison on the Madison court on December 1. Those to see most of the action on Tuesday will be Staroscik, Siemek, Soulliere, Ritter, Torczon, Jones, Backes and Koziol. (Jones is a returnee to St. Bon's after being at Duncan High for the first quarter).

The odds are against the Shamrocks for a winning season, but win or lose, let's all get behind the team and show them and everybody else the SCHOOL is with 'em. That's REAL SCHOOL SPIRIT IN ACTION!

Coach McArdle will also start the intramural basketball league again this year. All the games will be played on Sundays. The first game is scheduled for December 6. Those boys not having the ability to play varsity basketball, really enjoy the intramural games. Take care! Gregg McGoon will be writing on the walls again!

Folks To Imitate During December

TO SHOW DISBELIEVERS they're not extraordinary, take a look at St. Thomas, the unbeliever, whose Feast is celebrated on December 21. St. Thomas said: "Unless I see the marks of the nails in His hands and put my finger into His side, I will not believe that He is risen from the dead." Jesus took Thomas at his word and by a special apparition changed the unbelieving disciple to one full of faith. "My Lord and my God" contains the words of Thomas' act of Faith. Imitate him, by using these words at the Elevation in every Mass you attend.

"Say it With Flowers," voices a slogan used by florists. St. Frances Cabrini, the first citizen of the United States to become a canonized saint, said her message with flowers by sending little cargos of flowers down the streamlets and at the same time telling Jesus these blossoms signified the many souls she desired to save for Heaven. St. Frances founded the Missionary Sisters of the Sacred Heart. Near Denver, Colorado, a beautiful shrine in this Saint's honor has been erected and yearly thousands of people make pilgrimages here. All of these people drink from a miraculous spring on the mountain top.

St. John, known as the beloved disciple, had entrusted to his care the beloved Mother of Jesus, John also has the privilege to recline on the bosom of the Saviour at the Last Supper. From St. John we learn the beautiful lesson of love—"Children love one another." Think of these words often, then sarcastic retorts will never fall from your lips. December 27 is the date of the Feast of St. John, Evangelist and Disciple of Jesus.

The Feast of the Holy Innocents has been kept since about the fifth century. The massacre of these infants demonstrates in one way the royal characater of Jesus. It is because Herod believed the words of the Magi and those of the High Priests whom he consulted that he sees a rival in the Infant of Bethlehem and jealousy pursued Him "that is born King of the Jews," but the Church sings, "O Cruel Herod, why thus feareth King and God who comes before? No earthly crown comes here to take, who heavenly kingdoms doth bestow." By the holiness of our lives we should bear witness to the divinity of Christ as these innocent children did by their death.

Ventures To Come

- December**
- 1—Betty Crocker Test (Senior girls).
 - Basketball, Madison.
 - 4—Basketball, Schuyler.
 - 8—Feast of Immaculate Conception (No classes).
 - 11—Basketball, Blair.
 - 13—Elem. Grade Program.
 - 18—Basketball, St. Pius X. Sodality Corporate Communion.
 - 22—Christmas Concert.
 - 23—Christmas Vacation Begins.
- January**
- 4—Classes Resumed.
 - 5—Jets Meeting, 7:30 p. m.
 - 9—Basketball, Holy Name, Omaha.
 - 15—Basketball, Howells. Sodality Corporate Communion.
 - 16—Basketball, St. Patrick, Fremont.
 - 19—Jets Meeting, 7:30 p. m. Mid-Term Exams.
 - 20—Mid-Term Exams. Twirl Dance (Juniors).
 - 21-22—Retreat.
 - 22—Basketball, St. Mary's, David City.
 - 25—Assembly, De Yit Lo.
 - 26—Science Fair.
 - 29—Basketball, Central Catholic, Grand Island.
 - 30—Basketball, St. Joseph, Omaha.

Donkey's Recompense

I am a little donkey
I did not wish it thus
For a donkey is a servant
At whom most people cuss.
Yet I can live on memories
That cannot be denied
I had my day of glory
I've had my hour of joy
For I carried the Queen of Heaven
And my God—her un-born Boy.
She fed me with sweet clover
All fragranced in her hand
And all my stubborn nature
Knelt waiting her command.
And now the trip is over
I'm back here in my stall
The work is hard, the hay is coarse,
Fatigue is over all.
Yet I shall live on memory
And I shall wait His call.
And somewhere in green pastures
Her Son will set me free
For once in time I served Him
Who reigns—eternally.

—Fr. Gerald, S. P.

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Christmas Eve comes not one bit too soon for our family. After hurriedly gulping down that steaming oyster stew, all make a mad rush for the Christmas tree. At last the long awaited moment arrives to open presents from relatives and friends. Those which haven't already been shaken to pieces or identified are now utterly shredded. Informing a bewildered onlooker that one of the kids opened his gifts out of sheer curiosity always proves to be quite difficult, but it seems even more embarrassing when one thanks the wrong person for a gift whose tag has been misplaced in the confusion.

The night continues in a merry spirit. After the younger members have fallen over from exhaustion, Santa Claus makes his entrance. Each year a few more join St. Nick's crew; a few less peek through the key-holes to learn a top secret.

Midnight Mass offers the older folks and teenagers a true and sacred spirit of Christ's Birthday. A deafening shotgun "bang" or a chemical explosion usually initiates another Christmas Day.

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THE ST. BONAVENTURE HIGH SCHOOL basketball team will open its home cage schedule Friday night against Blair. Varsity squad members pictured above are: front row, from left, Gary Soulliere, Bill Backes, Ed Siemek, Bob Koziol, Dave Kopetzky, Jerry Keuter; back row, from left, Brian Hughes, Gene Jones, John Torczon, Larry Staroseik, Dennis Ritter and Jack Nosal, now sidelined as the result of a football injury. Dick McArdle is head basketball coach, and Dean Soulliere, reserve coach. (R-D Photo)

Creighton Prep Attracts Sixteen St. Bon's Seniors To Newly-Built Doorsteps

Creighton Prep attracted 16 Saint Bonaventure seniors to its newly-built doorsteps on December 8 for a speech meet.

As participants, the students entered all available divisions of the contest. These included oratorical, dramatic, and humorous interpretation; radio newscasting; original oratory; poetry reading; and extemporaneous speaking.

The contest, open to schools in striking distance of Omaha, offered first, second, and third place awards in each division. A sweep-stake trophy went to Mercy High the school boasting the largest number of highly rated speakers.

Participants from Saint Bonaventures include: Patricia Gregorius, Connie Cronin, Jack Nosal, James Bator, Judie Pilleen, Thomas Thalken, Patrick Keating, Margaret Mrzлак, Dennis Hilger, Robert Golonka, Joseph Swalek, Richard Kearns, and Ray Syslo.

St. Bonaventure Boasts Twenty-Two Lettermen

Besides ranking Number eight in the State Class "B" circles, St. Bonaventure now boasts twenty-two lettermen. Sixteen seniors receive honors. These include: Gilbert Theewen, Tom Thalken, Tom Shonka, Jim Huhman, Ray Micek, Dave Melcher, Larry Staroseik, Dan Kampovitz, Ron Kudron, Jim Bator, Bob Golonka, Jack Nosal, Larry Minette, and Bob Koziol.

Juniors number four in this group: Bill Backes, Ed Siemek, Dennis Ritter, and Gary Soulliere. Bryan Hughes and John Torczon represent the sophs and frosh classes.

Because of an injury at the start of the season, Adrian Krzycki could not letter this season.

To round out the season with the word success shining forth, the Green and White's scoreboard registers 6-3-1.

Sour Note Opens Shamrock Season

The St. Bonaventure Shamrocks started out the 1959-1960 basketball campaign on a sour note Tuesday night by being defeated by a potent Madison crew, 56-37.

Madison Leads

Typical "first game errors" proved costly as the alert enemies capitalized on them. Madison led through the whole game with the exception of the first few minutes. The Madison five led the first quarter 18-11 but the Bonnie defense tightened in the second canto to let the Bulldogs score only twice. However, the limited shooting ability of the "green" Irish was also costly. Madison led 22-13 at intermission.

Schaeffer Pours

During the third period Madison, sparked by Jack Schaeffer, poured in the points. Madison led at the end of the third period 45-28.

Staroseik Contributes

The scoring was well divided among the Irish. "Butch" Staroseik set the pace with 11 points and contributed a fine floor game. Gene Jones cashed in 7 points while Bill Backes and Gary Soulliere each put in 5 points. Jack Schaeffer was the high scorer of the game with 20 points.

Coach Dick McArdle and his crew next travel to Schuyler to face the perennial foes, Schuyler High.

Assemblies Occur During School Year

During the course of the school year, many different and entertaining assemblies occur.

On Monday, K. P. ("Cap") MacKenzie gave a demonstration of liquid oxygen. Through a series of experiments the assembled group witnessed the results of liquid oxygen on various substances.

Mr. MacKenzie's talk contained many humorous anecdotes as well as educational information.

CYC Sponsors Talent Contest

Under the auspices of the CYC, the annual talent contest made its appearance at Memorial Hall on Friday evening, November 24.

Students through grade and high school participated in this event. Tom Thalken, CYC president, introduced Larry Minette as master of ceremonies for the evening. Larry in turn introduced the 16 contestants led by Alice Micek, singing "Blue Moon" and closing with Jack Nosal's "Deck of Cards."

Judging was based on a musical and dramatic scale. In the high school division the following took prizes:

Musical: Jack Nosal, Thomas Shonka, Alice Micek, The Triple Trio.

Dramatic: "Cow Skit" — The sophomore group, Jack Nosal, Kathleen Stone.

Judges for the talent show consisted of Mrs. William Boettcher, Mrs. Evelyn Kusek, and Mr. Francis Haney.

Black Pontiac Takes Excited Group To NCCY At Kansas City, Missouri

An excited group of six students and Rev. Timothy Healy, O.F.M., took off in Father's black '49 Pontiac for Kansas City, Missouri on November 12, at 8:30 a. m. These delegates rumbled into the site of the National Council of Catholic Youth seven and one-half hours later. Muehlebach hotel proved to be especially enticing to those who had spent fifty miles of the trip seated on a suitcase.

Bishop Cody Presides

After registering with the other 25,000 present, Saint Bonaventure members attended the Opening Plenary Session. Here the Most Reverend John P. Cody, Bishop of Kansas City-St. Joseph presided. Mr. John J. Hearn, Irish Ambassador to the United States, addressed all youths, and Chaplain William J. Clasby, U.S.A.F. gave an excellent speech. Out-of-town delegates concluded the first evening session with a social mixer.

Cardinal Cushing Talks

The climax of the convention drew near as the banquet got under way. This may be called the largest dinner ever served in the United States. Here Catholic youths enjoyed the privilege of seeing and hearing His Eminence, Richard Cardinal Cushing. On the lighter side, Danny Thomas gave a hilarious rendition of his childhood.

Sunday opened with a Plenary Session conducted by Monsignor Whalen. Members of St. Bonaventure then learned the views of a teenage panel on Science and Sanctity: Modern Challenge.

At 4:00 P.M. Archbishop Leo Bing celebrated a Pontifical Mass. Cardinal Cushing delivered the sermon.

The N.C.C.Y. closed with the hymn "For Christ the King," thus ending an educational and unforgettable event in the lives of six St. Bonaventure students.

Archbishop Hunkeler Speaks

Holy Mass and Communion provided an appropriate opening for another day of the convention. Archbishop Hunkeler of Kansas City, Kansas offered a Second Plenary Session, after which thousands viewed exhibits in the little theater. At 2:30 each group split to attend various teen-age panels. A most interesting discussion on "Publicizing the Parish Youth Program" was given. Questions asked by everyone contributed to the success of this program.

Danny Thomas Entertains

Kansas City's Municipal Auditorium witnessed a mass of youths at the convention Cotillion. Friday night, as a very special offering, Danny Thomas entertained the group. The "Merry Macs" also furnished several selections.

Truman Relates Facts

Saturday dawned a dark and dreary day, but the Hotel Muehlebach bustled with activity. After the Archbishop of Indianapolis celebrated Mass, all delegates attended the convention breakfast. Insignificance reigned over every individual and small group. However, innumerable dioceses distinguished themselves with school cheers. The toastmaster introduced former President Harry S. Truman, who offered many unusual points on United States history.

Saturday afternoon marked a regular political campaign. At this session voting delegates elected new National Officers. St. Bonaventure received honor when Thomas Thalken received mention for nomination.

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Phyllis Roschynialski

Postulancy Prepares Girl For Happiest Day of Life

The Postulate is a time during which a girl is instructed and prepared for the happiest day of her life; the day she becomes the spouse of the most perfect Bridegroom, Jesus Christ.

High school graduates are eligible for entrance into the Postulate. A year of Postulancy is not required by Canon Law, so postulants may be received until February 12, but those who enter in September have the advantage of many spiritual benefits, as well as one year of college before they receive the habit. During this time of preparation, the postulant is introduced to convent life, and to the study of the rules and customs of her particular community. She is under the guidance of a postulant Mistress, who is God's instrument for helping her to adjust to her new life.

The postulant starts her day with morning prayer, meditation, Mass, Holy Communion and the chanting of the Divine Office. Breakfast follows, and is accompanied by spiritual reading. The remainder of the morning is spent attending college classes at the Mount. Recreation is granted during the dinner hour and each postulant contributes to the hearty enjoyment of this period of relaxation. Chanting of the Divine Office and recitation of the rosary follow. Classes, choir and music practice,

and time for study occupy her afternoon. The Way of the Cross is made privately, and time for spiritual reading is allowed. Other prayers may also be said before the evening meal.

The postulant ends her day in a perfect manner by the chanting of Compline, the official night prayer of the Church. The postulant is then allowed another period of study before retiring.

—Miss Elizabeth Daddio.

Poets Have Opportunity To Make Talent Known

Once again the opportunity has come for all talented poets to get out plenty of paper, a pen, and a keen sense of rhythm and rhyme. The event—the annual poetry contest sponsored by the Court of the Little Flower, the Saint Bonaventure division of the Catholic Daughters of America.

Winners in each of the three divisions will receive prizes of \$5 for the first prize, \$3 for the second prize, and \$2 for the third prize.

Besides giving everyone a chance to manifest his poetic abilities, it also provides the opportunity to make some extra spending money.



Miss Elizabeth Daddio

Hoping to Become Sisters Girls Enter Aspiranture

The aspiranture is a school exclusively for girls of high school age who hope to become Sisters of the Community to which the aspiranture belongs.

These are the sentiments of the aspirants:

We are aspirants because we believe we have a vocation to the religious life. Here we can be very near to our Lord and the religious whom we hope to join in the service of God. By living with the Sisters, under the guidance of the aspirant mistress, we aim to acquaint ourselves with the Franciscan spirit and to preserve our vocation against the empty allurements of the world.

By having only one motive for living, our prayers, work, study, and recreations are sanctified and meaningful. We feel we are called by our Lord, and to become worthy to be His chosen ones, we welcome and accept the opportunities and graces the aspiranture offers.

—Phyllis Roschynialski.

ON THE FEAST OF ST. JOSEPH, MARCH 19, the Sisters from St. Bonaventure School, St. Anthony School, St. Stanislaus School, Duncan and St. Mary Hospital will receive their espousal rings during fitting ceremonies in St. Mary's Hospital chapel.

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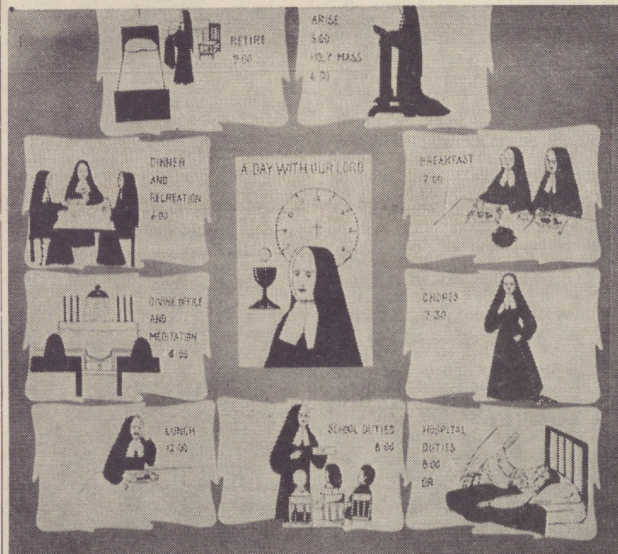
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THESE POSTERS DEPICTING A "DAY WITH OUR LORD" are on display in Omaha, Nebraska, at the annual Vocation Exhibit. Morning prayer, breakfast, household chores, caring for the sick or teaching, lunch, meditation and Divine Office, recreation, and retiring make up the day's activities.

Juniors Will Take NMSQT March 8

On March 8, the juniors will take The National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (NMSQT)—the preliminary screening device in the National Merit Program. The NMSQT consists of five tests of general educational development and is administered each spring to students in the junior year of high school. By adding the standard scores on the five subtests, a Selection Score for each student can be obtained.

On the basis of the Selection Score:

1. Approximately 10,000 top-scoring students across the nation will be named semi-finalists.
2. A second group, totaling approximately 25,000 students (those next in line in each state) receive letters of commendation.
3. Other high-scoring students, meeting certain special qualifications, may receive unsolicited offers of financial assistance to enable them to continue their education.

All semi-finalists take a second examination usually in the fall. If the results of the second test substantiate the results of the NMSQT, these finalists are candidates for Merit Scholarships.

Saint Bonaventure Wins Washington Honor Medal

Saint Bonaventure High School has been announced a winner of a George Washington Honor Medal award from Freedom Foundation at Valley Forge, Pennsylvania.

Freedoms Foundation was founded in March 1949. It is a non-profit, non-political, non-sectarian organization created to bring about a better understanding of the basic principles underlying the Republic. The Foundation annually honors American citizens, organizations, and schools throughout the United States for their contributions "in helping bring about greater appreciation and understanding of the American way of life during 1959."

Saint Bonaventure was one of only five schools in Nebraska to be designated for an award in the current recognition group.

Awards are based on what has been done in a school to promote Americanism, and St. Bon's carried on an enterprising and informative program in this regard.

The activities included a Mock United Nations program in which all students participated; Voice of Democracy and Optimist speech contests; Citizenship Day, designated to bring out qualifications of citizenship; Career Week, during which visiting speakers discussed careers; the panel, Youth Wants to Know; participation in County Government; Boys' and Girls' State programs; and a study of current events in social studies.

Formation Does Not End At Conclusion of Novitiate

The Sister's formation does not end with the termination of her novitiate. The newly professed enters the juniorate for an additional period of two or three years. Here she prepares herself for the active apostolate by deepening her inner prayer life and broadening her intellectual abilities. Her spiritual and mental training are closely interrelated to effect a well-balanced personality and character.

After she has obtained her baccalaureate degree, she begins to assume responsibility in the apostolate. Her type of work depends upon her ability, her choice, or that of her superiors. The sisterhood engages in a wide range of activity. The Sister may undertake teaching on the elementary, secondary, or college level. She may do administrative or supervisory work in the school or college. She may do research work. The hospital also offers a diversity of activity: pharmacy, X-Ray or laboratory technician, actual bedside nursing, administrative or supervisory positions. The Sister may lean toward a preference for other work in the Community, such as, sacristan, seamstress, laundry or kitchen supervisor.

The Sister's interior life with God is one of continuous growth; so is her professional life. In both she does advance work in the summer, or she may be given leave of absence to pursue that advance work during the year.

—Sister M. Earlinda Mark

Instrument Undergoes Many Tests Before Use

Every precision instrument must undergo a series of tests before it can be fit for use. So it is with a Novice. A Novice is an instrument to be used in God's service and the Novitiate is her proving grounds. In our community the Novitiate consists of a period of two years during which the Novice leads the life of a genuine religious. The first year usually finds the Novice engaged in domestic activities while during the second year she enters into preparation for her future apostolate. However, her daily spiritual activities are the recitation of the Divine Office, meditation, rosary, spiritual reading, and private devotions. To Saint Benedict's motto: "Ora et Labora" should be added "et Recrea" for the Novice has periods of recreation. The Novices enjoy lively hikes, invigorating softball games, tennis and mountain climbing. As the instrument, the Novice is testing the life of a religious from her view point; so are the Superiors moiding, testing and preparing her to be a fit instrument in God's service. Just as our holy Father Saint Francis prayed, so do we Novices pray, "Lord make me an instrument of your peace."

—Sister M. Therese Mayberger.



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Sister M. Earlinda Mark



ST. BONAVENTURE PARISHIONERS REPRESENTING FAMILY LIFE—The Shadle Family. Left to right, seated: John, Mr. Bonnard Shadle, Mrs. Bonnard Shadle, Marcia. Standing: Rita, Jean, Steven. Not pictured, Mary, born February 3, 1960.

More People Assume Family Responsibilities

More people assume the responsibilities of family life than any other vocation. This is wonderful and as God intended it to be; however not all people take these duties seriously.

To be a closely knit family requires cooperation, love, and understanding from each member. Sacrifice and unselfishness constitute the keystones to real success. For a perfect picture of unity, contemplate a family praying together, taking meals together, and generally helping each other wherever and whenever possible.

To argue over minor points under discussion and to wrangle to attain one's way come easy, but what is gained? A kind word here, a helpful deed there, and a cheerful attitude bring much more happiness.

It's wonderful to belong to a family—a real family that includes God in each activity it performs. It carries with it the greatest sense of security and love man can enjoy on this earth, but it can only be as perfect as each member of the family makes it.

—M. M. Mrzlak

Be Nonchalant When . . .

- you suddenly find your car stranded on a snowbank. * M *
- you're caught hiding by the person from whom you're hiding. * M *
- someone in the cafeteria asks you if you "wan'na neck" and you say: "No, I'd like a gizzard." * M *
- as candidate for King of Sweetheart Ball, you are refused admission to the event because your activities fees are not paid up to date.

- you start to say grace at the dinner table and you say: "Bless me, Father for I have sinned . . ." * M *
- you try to pick up the typewriter instead of your school books. * M *
- your friends call you "Centipede". * M *
- you come to school with a new hair style and someone asks: "Who did it to you?" * M *
- one of the maids in the senior class play calls you "Mama" instead of "Ma'am."

Millionaire's Lament

So I'm down to my last million
And also my last yacht,
A factory and a railroad
That's really all I've got.

The unions want more money
And better pensions too,
I've developed such a headache
I don't know what to do.

When I go out to parties
It's very hard to smile,
Guess I'll jet to Europe
And stay there awhile.

—John Nosal.

Happy Birthday . . . Many Happy Returns

March

- 16—John Kuntz.
- 17—Marcia Morgan.
Kenneth Wennekamp.
- 20—Marvin Finkeral.
- 23—Frances Luetkenhaus.
- 25—Richard Kuta.
- 27—Jeraldine Harris.
- 29—Mary Claire Messersmith.
- 30—Donald Petermann.

April

- 3—Michael Demko.
- 6—Jerome Michaelson.
- 11—James Jonas.
- 13—Mark Kudron.

Folks to Imitate During March

March 7

On this day honors go to the Patron of Schools. Among other titles that he bears are Confessor and Doctor of the Church. When this man became of age to choose his state in life, St. Thomas, full of disgust for the things this world offered and indifferent to opposition from his family, resolved to become a Dominican. In 1243, when seventeen, he joined the Dominicans of Naples. All means to prevent him were resorted to by the members of his family; they even sent an impure woman to tempt him. But through all this St. Thomas persevered and for his faith he merited the title Angelic Doctor. At the age of thirty-one, he received his doctorate. He left the great monument of his learning, the "Summa Theologica" unfinished; for on March 7, 1274 he fell ill and departed from this world to God.

March 19

St. Joseph, the pure spouse of our Blessed Mother Mary and foster father of Jesus, is also Patron of the Universal Church and Patron of a Happy Death.

After the Mother of God, not one of the children of men was ever so gifted and adorned with natural and supernatural virtues as was St. Joseph. He reveals to us the perfect type and model of the head of a true Christian family.

From his place of glory in heaven he guards the Church. Pray to him for a happy death.

March 22

In 1947, this Saint was proclaimed the Patron of Farmers.

St. Isidore was born at Madrid, Spain, in the latter half of the 12th century. Most of his life he served as a laborer on a farm. During his life many marvelous happenings accompanied his work in the fields and even after his death. He was favored with celestial visions and it is said, the angels sometimes helped him in the fields.

March 25

On this day the Church commemorates the coming of the Archangel Gabriel to announce to the Blessed Virgin that she was to be the Mother of the Promised Redeemer. On this day also, God the Son, the Second Person of the Blessed Trinity, by the power of the Holy Spirit, assumed a human body and a human soul, and became the Son of Mary.

Limericks

There once was a man had a cow
To milk her he didn't know how
He bought a machine
That he could keep clean
And thus made money on cream. * M *

There once was a girl named Kate
Who was a sad victim of fate
Oft did she sigh
I wonder why
'Tis harder to live than to die. * M *

Many melodies sweet in the spring
Provokingly in ones head do ring
Then comes a grim day
When they vanish for aye
"Oh woe is me," lamentingly you say.

Come Follow Me

"Come follow Me". Christ said these words as He chose His apostles. These words echo through the generations to you, followers of Christ. Answer His plea as the apostles did. Drop everything and pursue a rewarding life.

An error results, when young people assume the idea that a vocation descends from heaven escorted by and encircled with white doves and sweet organ music permeating the atmosphere. Instead a vocation resembles an interior decorator. A difference lies in the fact that the interior decorator beautifies rooms and the religious, souls. Consequently, as a result, both become interior decorators.

Of course, there are many possibilities concerning your future life. One thing to remember in considering these possibilities: How can you reach your ultimate end, namely, heaven through following a calling such as: marriage, single life, or the religious life? Hence you look the situation over. What specific fields are open? The religious life, for example needs workers in every field of endeavors especially the missions. As you follow the globe you'll find pagans in line to be baptized. But who instructs them? The good Sisters, of course. Who baptizes them? The representatives of Christ, the priests, naturally.

You don't have to be a saint to start with. God will attend to that. Most vocations have qualifications. The religious life has signs:

1. Good health.
2. Ordinary talents.
3. Reasonable independence.
4. Normal piety.
5. Spirit of sacrifice
6. Spirit of zeal.
7. Spirit of detachment.
8. Desire to be a religious.

Shakespeare once said, "All the world is a stage and we are actors." Don't disappoint Him; at least try out for a part. —Barbara Sokol

Do You Know That . . .

Two new maintenance people have joined the St. Bonaventure staff in the persons of Mr. and Mrs. Hastings?

Mike Daddio once took ballet lessons?

Chuck Stone is bold?

Jim Tylle is a music composer?

Coke signs make excellent toboggans?

Tom Shonka knows how to ski?

Jerry Hilger parks his car on top of snow banks?

Jane Woodworth is the only senior Latin II student?

Joni Legenza hates peanut butter?

The senior boys pray the litany at the beginning of trig class?

The Lincoln Star gave Rick Kearns a trophy for his room?

Connie Iwanski knows how to make a Maltese cross?

Larry Minette just loves a certain little mouse?

Latest misnomer for Pat Keating is William P. Kesting?

Marlene German doesn't like those crazy little women in Kansas City?

Jean Markhofer has a special liking for certain kinds of rings?

Patrick Publicizes People

The statue of Saint Francis on the second landing of memorial hall draws the attention of many passersby. I doubt if the kind saint minds having his halo tipped a bit, but when the girls decide that his tonsured head is their personal "Blarney Stone" it's going a trifle too far!

Ever take on six at a time? Rick Kearns and Joe Liss did. Six freshmen boys in a wrestling match, that is. Looks as though it's time for the age-bent seniors to bow out.

EXODUS seems to be the book to read. A paper-back version has been split into four parts with Peg Gregorius, Connie Cronin, Dennis Hilger, and Bob Koziol each devouring his salvaged section.

THE RED HOUSE MYSTERY roared into rehearsal with howls of laughter from the cast as they read through the first act. It isn't a comedy but did you ever have a girl friend whom you called, "Old thing?" or lose your bearings . . . ? For more be sure to see the play—it's very British.

Dennis Hilger's latest ambition is to model for those "sick cards" by Hallmark.

People in the millions are located in Tokyo, London, and New York. To increase foreign relations, the class of '60 is planning a party for the entire population of the three cities. The digging of a basement as the center of activities is taking place in the Grand Canyon.

When sweet, innocent Margaret Mary Mrzlak was asked why the United States wasn't winning the Olympics she answered shyly: "We just didn't have enough practice."

Advanced science students are promised work involving beryllium, cesium, erbium, gallium, and nurses.

Check the cracked bottom window in N-5. Its been ingeniously mended with chewing gum.

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Peace on Earth

Do you know what God has promised you—

Protestant, Catholic, or Jew?

He's promised peace for each on earth,

No matter his color, creed, or birth.

Behold, the wonders of God given to man—

An earth on which to build and plan,

With everything contained therein To make an engine or a pin.

A beautiful spot to build a home, With hills and dales where man may roam,

Fine rivers, broad acres, mountains and trees

Where man can live in peace and ease.

But few, it seems, can grasp it all As nations rise, only to fall.

Yet through man's mind there moves a plan

Seeking to express Brotherhood of Man.

St. Therese

Flower of the celestial garden
Thy petals mark the sinner's rebirth

Thy constant prayer invokes God's pardon
Thou "spend'st heaven doing good on earth."

Dear Prodigy of Miracles, hear
The cry of souls who have lost their way.

Lead from the path of despair and fear
To the Shepherd, the sheep gone astray.

Look from thy throne in the home of God
At evil and hypocrite poses

Pity the sinners as they thus tread
And "let fall a shower of roses."

—Mary Kavanaugh.

—John Nosal.

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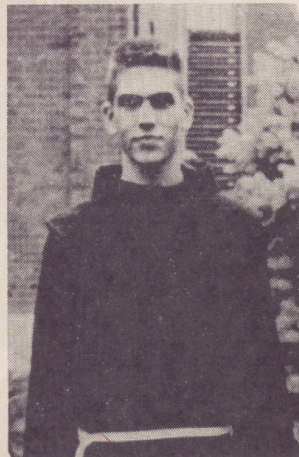
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Clerics Move to Cleveland For Philosophical Phase Of Priestly Education

After their year of novitiate, the clerics move to the province's house of Philosophy in Cleveland, Ohio. Although we call this place a house of philosophy, its purpose is broader than just philosophy. In addition, it is a house of Franciscan character formation.

A priest must be a fully developed man in order that he might confidently face and alleviate the conflicts that these times present. With this goal in mind, it is here in Cleveland that we strive especially to develop the spiritual and intellectual elements.

During the novitiate we learned the principles of the Franciscan way of life. Here we stamp those principles more firmly upon our conduct. Likewise facilities are convenient whereby we can deepen our insight into the extensive beauty of this life we have chosen. The house of philosophy therefore proves to be a secondary house of that character formation begun in novitiate.



Frater Ivan Wemhoff, O.F.M.

In harmony with this spiritual development is the intellectual. We strive to become fit ministers of God through our studies and not simply learned. Studies consist in building superstructures upon those foundations of the liberal education that we received at St. Joseph's Seminary in Westmont, Illinois. We investigate the most fundamental questions of life in order to appreciate it more fully. Correlating our various branches of philosophy with the natural sciences, we endeavor to obtain the correct perspective of life so we can be of greater service later on. Our studies have a twofold purpose; first, to prepare us for the study of sacred theology and second, to prepare us for the apostolate later on.

Although it is not of primary importance, physical fitness goes hand in hand with a sound mind. Consequently sports are encouraged in order to strengthen our physical stamina under the press of studies. Other means of exercise can also be found in the many work shops available.

In conclusion, therefore, we would say that this phase of our priestly education concentrates and focuses principally on that goal of forming our priestly character. It is with such a character that we wish to approach solemn profession upon the termination of these three years.

—Frater Ivan, O.F.M.

To Say Mass, To Absolve Constitute Main Powers

The two main powers and works of any priest are to say mass and hear confessions. But the work as such of a priest is really to be an example to all men, as St. Paul says and as I have found out in the eight months since I left the seminary. Our Lord offered the first mass and He forgave sins. He also was the Good Shepherd, the teacher, the healer, the Consoler. And when people did not come to Him, He went to them. The priest continues the entire mission of Christ.

My first assignment was to a parish in Texas for nine weeks as a substitute. The parish was as big as St. Bonaventure's and more spread out, but had only two priests. So there were strayed sheep to be helped, children attending public schools to be taught catechism during the summer, societies to encourage, sick to be visited. And especially, in this area where bigotry against the Catholic church is strong, there were yet many people interested in the church. In the words of Our Lord, the harvest for converts was great, but there were not nearly enough laborers to reap that harvest. Though Texans may give a different impression at times, Texas is part of the United States. Still, the work of the Church there is to a great extent mission work. There are thousands of people there who have not only never met, but have never even seen a priest.

My next stop was in Quincy, Illinois, for almost six months. The purpose of this assignment was to give me a taste of practically all the kinds of work a priest engages in. Here, besides saying Mass, hearing confessions, and preaching, I taught in the grade and high schools, acted as part time hospital chaplain, worked with youth groups, and attended our fine Quincy college part time, taking courses to make my work as a priest more effective.

After this introduction to the various phases of priestly work under the guidance of experts, I was transferred to Cleveland, Ohio. Here I am teaching philosophy to our Franciscan students for the priesthood. It is an important work. Practically all colleges now demand that students take some philosophy, to learn to think straight and develop some convictions on the meaning of life. For a priest a training in philosophy is even more important, especially as a basis for his study of theology. And during this time, the students must also draw close to God, if they are to be good priests later on. We must also help them in this all we can.

This teaching is also a specialized work. That is, it leaves little time for helping out in parishes, for instructing converts, for visiting the sick. As such it is hardly the work of the typical priest. But it is carrying on part of Christ's work—that of preparing and training the priests who are to go into the world in His place, just as He trained the Apostles.

It might be mentioned that one of the students here is Frater Ivan Wemhoff, O.F.M., who is preparing now that soon he too may go forth into the world to continue some phase of the work of Christ.

—Rev. John Joseph Lakers, O.F.M.

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Who Will Be Winner Of Mathematics Pin?

"Who will be the winner of the 1960 high school mathematics pin?" That's the \$46,000 question being asked currently.

On March 10, during the first and second periods of the school day, fifteen brave math students will try for this coveted place by endeavoring to solve the brain testers in the 1960 National Mathematics Contest.

To the highest scoring student will come the math pin, while the three highest scoring participants make the school's team score. Anyone meriting a perfect score will receive a gold math medal. And a three-year winner will merit a silver math pin.

Thomas Thalken, Larry Minette, Raphael Micek, Gilbert Theewen, David Kampovitz, Norbert Peterson, Tom Shonka, David Melcher, John Nosal, Vernon Jakub, Larry Starosiek and Jim Bator make up the senior team. Jean Markhofer, Connie Ebel and Calvin Corcoran carry the torch for the junior group.

Quill-Scroll Membership Will Be Given to Seniors

New membership in Quill and Scroll, International Honorary Society for High School Journalists, will be granted to Mary Kavanaugh, Margaret Mary Mrzak, Thomas Thalken, Jane Woodworth, and Phyllis Wruble. These students have fulfilled all requirements.

Other staff members meriting journalism key pins for outstanding work on The Venture include Joan Legenza, Julie Litjen, Mary Kay Rediger, and Barbara Sokol.

Franciscan Course Requires Fourteen Years If Candidate Begins Study After Grade Eight

The study for the Franciscan priesthood requires about fourteen years if the candidate begins immediately after the eighth grade. Here at St. Joseph's, a student completes his minor seminary studies in six years. This consists of four years of high school and two years of college. Upon completion of these six years he goes to Teutopolis, Illinois, for a year of Novitiate, at which time he studies the Franciscan rule and is introduced to the Franciscan way of life. From there the candidate goes to Cleveland, Ohio, for three years of Philosophy. He then returns to Teutopolis for four years of Theology. In his fourth year of Theology he is ordained.

Since I entered the seminary after high school, I am listed as a special student. The foremost requirement for a "special" is to become as well acquainted with the Latin language as possible. In addition to special Latin, I also had a special Greek course. To these were added the regular courses for a freshman in college: English, history, speech, religion, music, and college math.

Right now I am a sixth year student, or college sophomore, here at St. Joseph's. This means, of course, that in a few short months, I will be in the Novitiate. I am in the regular sixth year Latin class and in addition I also have a special Latin class twice a week. At least I have the consolation that I have made some progress so far as my Latin is concerned. Of course, I am also taking the other required courses for a college sophomore: English, religion, biology, music, and speech.

The minor seminary here in Westmont, Illinois, embraces a three-fold education program: the development of a strong body, a strong mind, and a strong character—a liberal education. A strong body is developed by the scheduled life here at the sem. and by a rigorous physical education program (I can personally vouch for its rigorosity!). Secondly, a strong mind is effected by an academic program which is basically a broad liberal arts course. Furthermore, there is great stress placed on Latin, so necessary for the priest. And in view of this, the seminary curriculum is streamlined to point toward the study of Philosophy and Theology rather than toward specialization in the fields of arts and sciences. Lastly, a strong character is attained by holy Mass, sacraments, prayer, and sacrifices. In general, character formation is accomplished by seminary discipline (pleasing or otherwise) and spiritual training.

The major seminary strives to show the seminarian how the various branches of studies fit together. In Philosophy my mind will be forced to find the ultimate cause of everything. (That should prove to be interesting!) And in Theology I will realize things that only faith can solve. By the time I reach ordination, the essential knowledge and ability to use it should have been imparted to me by my teachers.

—Paul Langan.



Paul Langan

Archbishop Requests TV In Catholic Homes

Through Father Roch, Sodality Spiritual director, the request of Archbishop Bergan: "A TV should be in every Catholic Home in the Archdiocese of Omaha," came as a surprise to all sodalists at St. Bon's.

This statement was immediately clarified by these words of Father: "The Archbishop does not mean everyone should have a T. V. set in his home, but rather have a copy of the True Voice coming weekly by mail." However, the follow up on this requires reading on the part of the students to keep up-to-date on current Catholic news.

Father also said: "A good Lenten sacrifice would be to give a nickel each week for a True Voice, since many copies remain unclaimed in the rear of the Church."

During the meeting, members of the different units gave reports on Catholic Doctrine, sacrifice during Lent, and frequently receiving the sacraments.

Before the meeting was adjourned, Father Roch bestowed his priestly blessing.

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Miss Josephine Savage

Tarnov Receives News Savages Have Daughter

The whole town of Tarnov, Nebraska quickly received the information that a little daughter was born to Stanislaus Savage and Mary nee Augustine. The famous day was Good Friday, April 13. The school of St. Michael was the scene of Josephine's (as this new citizen of Tarnov was named at baptism) grade-school education. Her business skill was acquired at a noted business College in Chillicothe, Missouri.

With this ability the young lady tried various jobs—she worked in Kansas City as a typist in the credit department at Wards Department store; she then transferred to an advertising firm in Omaha. But the town of Columbus was beckoning this young business woman. Here Josephine tried her luck at managing a novelty store. The experience acquired in meeting people was thereafter put to good use upon accepting a position as saleslady in a local department store.

All these varied experiences proved to be a preparation for a very important advancement Miss Savage was to receive. In 1950 she accepted the position as secretary of St. Bonaventure's Parish. Since then she has assumed practically every post in the office from receptionist to bookkeeper.

Miss Savage is an "Unclaimed Jewel". Though she had many opportunities to marry she decided to stay single to assist and take care of her dear mother who is still in fair health. Her life is far from being dull, even though she has experienced several periods of inactivity because of sojourns in the hospital, she still enjoys a wholesome social life. Her hobbies consist in the raising of exquisite flowers, collecting rare coins, and china dogs.

Though this Belle does not give forth such loud tones as the church-tower bell, she still voices a cheerful ring when anyone steps into the Rectory or telephones. St. Bonaventure is proud and happy to have such an accomplished and efficient secretary to welcome parishioners and friends to the Parish Monastery.

By A Friend.

Roving Reporter Reports Reports

To get an inkling as to the impact of lenten mortifications, the roving reporter handed out slips bearing the question—What will you do for lent 'N why?

Answers came thick and fast but with this injunction: "Don't advertise my name."

Receive sacraments daily—For God's honor.

Attend devotions—I need, a lot of grace.

Get up early in the morning—Been missing something.

Discontinue bad language—It'd be a good feeling.

Be nice to my brothers—They'll live longer.

Study harder—I like that honor roll.

Be happy rain or shine—Keep people curious.

Skip cokes—Gained more than I realized.

Give up shows—They're money-eaters.

Walk—Give the car a rest.

Pay attention in class—It'd be a big sacrifice.

Rosary every day—For the sins of the world.

Stay at home a little more—Meet the strangers.

Candy—Makes me break out.

Shows—New outlook on life?

Girls—Have enough of them the rest of the year.

School—It'll be hard and different.

Giving detentions—Biggest sacrifice I can think of.

Peanut-butter—I love it.

Parties—I'd be the only one there.

Chocolate—Eat barrels of it.

Singing—Shattered enough windows.

Working—It bugs me.

Venturettes To Read

Gene Ball, Marine Head Recruiter, described life in the Marines to the senior boys on March 3.

Sighs of relief came from the Annual staff members because all editing on THE BONA VENTURE has been completed and the finished article should arrive for an autographing party at the end of April.

Twelve Optimist contestants will give their speeches on "The Voice of Optimism" on March 17, 24, and 31 at Optimist Club luncheons.

March 1—Jets meeting, 7:00 p.m.

2—Ash Wednesday

4—First Friday-Corporate Communion

8—Merit Test (juniors)

9—Seratoma Club (seniors)

10—Mathematics Contest

14-18—Career Week

14—Jets meeting, 7:00 p.m.

17—St. Patrick's Dance (juniors)

Sodaloty Corporate Communion

22—Business Education Day

24—Home and School Association Meeting.

'Oh Those Last Acts' Echoes Through Class

"Oh, those last two acts get one!" This familiar comment echoes through the senior class frequently since the recent casting of characters for the annual play. A. A. Milne's "The Red House Mystery" will be given during the first or second week of April. Meanwhile plenty of hard work and memorization of lines will keep the participants busy during the sixth and seventh periods. Those chosen to display their acting abilities include:

Dennis Hilger—Anthony Gillingham, an amateur detective.

Paul Scharff—Major Rumbold, a silent ex-army officer.

Peg Gregorius—Betty Calladine, a vivacious 18-year-old guest.

Joan Legenza—Mrs. John Calladine, an attractive widow and Betty's mother.

Kathy Borer—Angela Norbury, a serenely beautiful guest in her early twenties.

Pat Gaspers—Mrs. John Norbury, Angela's domineering mother.

Judy Pillen—Ruth Norris, a very self-confident former actress, who is trying to make a comeback.

Pat Keating—Mathew Cayley, Mark's solid, dependable cousin.

Tom Thalken—Mark Abbett, owner of the Red House, he is rich, vain, and selfish.

Gilbert Theewen—Bob Abbett, Mark's loud, crude twin brother.

Tom Shonka—Bill Beverly, a good-looking medical student, who loves Betty Calladine.

Alice Micek—Audrey, a pretty little eighteen-year-old housemaid.

Virginia Hembd—Elsie, a pert and inquisitive twenty-year-old housemaid.

Julie Litjen—Mrs. Stevens, a competent cook-housekeeper.

Jim Bator—Joe Turner, a young policeman, interested in Audrey.

David Melcher—Inspector Birch, a blustering police inspector.

This play offers tantalizing situations concerning a murder at Mark Abbett's house. Suspense and an eerie atmosphere contribute to the mystery of the production.



So many people have written about self in this issue, there is no one left for me. I'll just have to wait and see what next month will bring! —Keats

To Honor St. Patrick Juniors Will Give Jig

To honor the great patron of the Emerald Isle, the Irish, Polish, German, Dutch, Italian, and French of St. Bonaventure will join the leprechauns and fairies in an "Irish Jig" sponsored by the junior class.

In observing St. Patrick's feast day students will remember him as a slave. Pirates captured him and brought him to Ireland at the age of 16.

There his Christianity exceeded that of many. For six years he tended his master's pigs, thinking often of God and His world. He determined to free the people of their ideas concerning false gods. Furthermore he resolved to make Christians of them, which he did.

Wearing of the green on March 17 immediately reminds all of the Shamrock, St. Patrick's favorite flower. It grows only in Ireland—he used it often to illustrate the Triune God.

As a saint he is said to have founded 365 churches, each with a school. Among other relics, he left for us a written account of the major part of his life.

Today the Irish receive credit for bringing the custom of observing St. Patrick's Day to America. So when dancing a jig with a Frenchman, remember the man, gentle as he was, making other folks' lives happier and better.

Senior Girls Will Take Merit System Exams

Twelve commercial senior girls will take the Merit System Examinations come April 6. These examinations will be given to students desiring to qualify for beginning Merit positions, Typist Clerk I and Stenographer Clerk I.

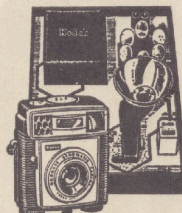
Approximately 1200 Nebraska high school seniors participated in these examinations last year, representing nearly 150 schools.

Important points regarding the examinations include the following:

1. Examinations centers are planned in schools with five or more participants and where a monitor is available.
2. Pupils from schools with less than five participants will be scheduled in a nearby center.
3. Former graduates who are interested in the examinations are eligible.
4. Monitors will be paid for administering the examinations.



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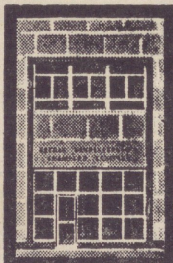
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St. Bonaventure High Students Listen to Experts In Various Fields of Endeavor During Career Week



Dr. Keith Abbott, DDS

During the annual Career Week, March 29 to April 1, the students of St. Bonaventure High listened to experts in various fields of endeavor. March 29, solely devoted to religious vocations, listed Rev. Armand Lubanski, O.F.M., and Sister M. Hugolina, O.S.F., as guest speakers.

Saint Anthony's pastor stressed the importance of knowing when a call from God is valid. Father continued his talk by outlining life in a seminary. He told of his personal contacts with those who found their life's work in the mission of spreading God's word.

Sister Hugolina, Superintendent of nurses in St. Francis Hospital, Grand Island, Nebraska, gave down-to-earth suggestions on entering the life of a religious. "Among the necessary conditions for becoming a religious are good health, moral stability, and an inclination toward the humble way of life," said Sister Hugolina.

Mr. Kosch Tells Experiences
For the following three days, the merits of numerous occupations became the subjects to be explained and expounded. Mr. Joe Kosch, of the Kosch Manufacturing Company, pointed out the employment opportunities in his field of manufacturing. Patterns,

Rev. Robert Gass Explains Plans - Problems - Goals Of Catholic Youth Club

Rev. Robert Gass, Archdiocesan CYC Director, explained to the high school division of the Home and School Association the plans and problems confronting the CYC and the goals set.

Three main activities to be carried out by this youth organization include the social, spiritual, and cultural. "Through these activities," said Father Gass, "high school students should learn to become leaders for later life. This program, primarily designed to demonstrate the innate ability of each member, offers an opportunity to everyone by changing office holders frequently."

Later in the evening, Mrs. Rossie spoke on school uniforms for the girls. Others present gave opinions relative to this proposal. Finally Mrs. Theisinger moved to table the discussion.

Mrs. Carmen Cregar and Mrs. Glenn Shonka constituted a nominating committee for next year's officers. Officers named include, Dr. F. J. Wolpert, chairman; Mrs. Helen Crisp, treasurer; Sister M. Cyril, secretary.

Missions Ask Sacrifices Not Needful Family Funds

"The missions do not want the money you need for your family, your parish, or the Catholic education of your children. Contributions you make through little sacrifices, such as giving up a package of cigarettes, a show, a drink, or even a piece of bubble gum, will be of more assistance." Thus the Most Reverend James Ryan, Franciscan Bishop from Santarem, Brazil, appealed to St. Bonaventure parishioners on Sunday, March 27.

During Bishop Ryan's seven years as a priest and two years as a bishop, he has begun in the heart of Brazil an establishment of missions throughout an area the size of Texas. There the largely Catholic population suffers from a scarcity of priests. With God's help and the financial aid of his benefactors, His Excellency has begun the erection of a seminary for native priests.

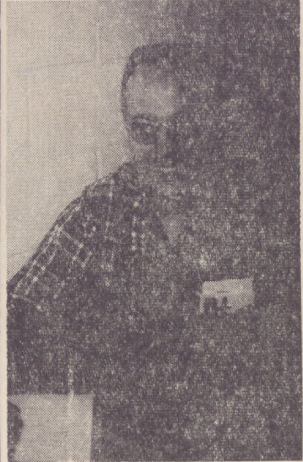
Previous to Bishop Ryan's visit, the C.Y.C. staged a school-wide campaign encouraging contributions to this worthy cause. Mission boxes were circulated through the student body March 24. Offerings amounted to the sum of \$27.44.



MRS. BOETHENE SMOOTS

trends in business, advertising, and distribution arose as topics for discussion from the group. Mr. Kosch narrated his personal experiences in finding, improving, and developing a product.

Simultaneously, for those interested in the dental profession, Doctor Keith Abbott, D.D.S., briefly covered the highlights of dentistry. A beautician, Mr. Ben H. Myers, of Lincoln, Nebraska, brought helpful tips in the art of facial crea-



MR. JOSEPH KOSCH

tion. Many beautiful drawings of the RIGHT and WRONG coiffures supplemented this talk. Mr. Myers spoke of his own beauty school, telling of the training and final placement of the graduates.

Mr. Theisinger Explains
Mr. Leslie Theisinger explained the intriguing world of electronics to future scientists and mathematicians. Radar, other products of electronics, and the history of the electrical field focused attention



MISS JERRY HAUK

on both the past and the future. Some boys had a special session with Mr. Theisinger after this period.

On this same day, March 30, Mr. J. O. Peck, Nebraska Senator, gave his views concerning government. Mr. Peck took his audience into our State Legislature to see Senators at work, how bills are introduced, and how lobbying is carried on. These subjects stand



MR. J. O. PECK

out as the most striking mentioned by the Senator.

Mrs. Smoots Talks Business
Mrs. Sandra Howell and Mrs. Boethene Smoots visited St. Bonaventure's on Thursday, March 31. The topics of secretarial experiences and business education received apt coverage by Mrs. Smoots. She outlined the routine duties of a good secretary, and gave many helpful suggestions for making that first interview a profitable venture.

Mrs. Howell, presently employed at Saint Mary Hospital, enlightened students in the skills of laboratory technicians. Her illustrations of blood testing started wheels turning in the heads of chemistry-minded listeners. These students brought the subject to science class the following day.

Teacher specialist, Mrs. Dee Wibbles, also on the program this day, delivered a short message that enlivened listeners' concern for the world of education. "Contact with the students, the influence of teachers, and the human product are the reason teaching is so rewarding," she said. "Don't be just a teacher!" Mrs. Wibbles warned. "Teaching is a profession equal in greatness to the medical field," constituted her final remark.

Mr. Tooley Shows Film
On April 1, the concluding day of Career Week, a film with a question and answer session following was given by Mr. Dick Tooley, Jr., of Tooley Drug Company. By indicating the different kinds of pharmacists, Mr. Tooley told of the retail drug store man, those others who work with doctors in research on new drugs for treatment of hospital patients, industrial pharmacists, and the professional service representative who introduces new drugs to doctors and pharmacists.

During this same period, Miss Jerry Hauk of the Gas Company centered her groups attention on homemaking. "Home Economics has more to offer in the professional field than any other vocation," Miss Hauk affirmed. This statement could be verified by making a study of the bulletin board display of recipe books, table settings, cooking school pictures, scouting materials, drawings, and news articles. If one likes to travel, if one likes to work in a large city, or if one prefers a small town, the graduate in home ec can find a place just to suit her desire," concluded Miss Hauk.

McCurry States Facts
Mr. C. J. McCurry, the third speaker of the day, explained at length the expanding world of communication. Mr. McCurry represented the General Telephone Company. His information pertained primarily to the telephone as one of the chief means of communication; however, Mr. McCurry also covered telegraphy and electronic communication by use of satellites and missiles. He offered a wide range of job possibilities to boys and girls in construction, maintenance, operator service, secretarial work, research and administration.

When asked about the future of the television-telephone, Mr. McCurry stated that it would be used commercially, but not to any great extent in private homes because it would not be feasible.

Career Week, begun in 1958, now stands as a yearly event and one which all students have proclaimed to be interesting and educational.

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Good News Arrives On Time For Press

Good news, in the form of a newspaper rating and contest results arrived just in time for press notice.

THE VENTURE received FIRST PLACE rating from the Columbia Scholastic Press Association. This news came through a Press release. Soon the rating booklet will arrive and then the points given, with good and otherwise criticisms can be learned.

From FACIT, Inc., medals for typing for five minutes without error came to Connie Iwanski, 46 w.p.m.; Marlene German, 45 w.p.m.; and Elaine Mueller, 42 w.p.m.

O.G.A. membership certificates from the International Gregg Shorthand contest arrived on April 4 for the entire shorthand and secretarial training classes. Special recognition — an O.G.A. gold pin for the best shorthand specimens submitted — will be displayed by Peggy Hilger, Virginia Swirczek, Virginia Swolek and Jeraldine Harris.

Schools Should Instruct Students In Points of Governmental Rules

Some years ago it was determined that schools should instruct the student body in the points of governmental rule and that an actual government official should do the instructing. The underlying idea of County Government Day is that an informed citizen will strive to create a more perfect and effective country, state, and national government. Because eleventh grade students display more maturity in judgment, still have an additional year in school to develop leadership qualities, and will soon attain working citizenship stature, this group was selected for the initial experiment.

Campaign Takes Place
Prior to the choosing of County Government officials this year a heated campaign took place. On every available bulletin board and hall way space, placards heralding the proper qualities of each candidate could be found. These candidates displayed eagerness to win because it means a day in the County offices away from the usual offerings on a regular class day.

Election Shows Results
As a result of the election on April 6, these students will show the town "Big Stuff" in the following positions:
County Clerk Jean Meysenburg
Clerk of District Court Marlies Heimann
Register of Deeds Betty Obal
Treasurer Connie Ebel

FLASH!

ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE FINALISTS IN THE OPTIMIST CONTEST HAVE BEEN MADE KNOWN. JAMES BORER CARRIED FIRST PLACE with a \$25 U. S. Savings Bond and a three day trip to St. Joe, Missouri for the district meet. Peter Theisinger took second place and also received a \$25 U. S. Savings Bond.

Dr. Hughes Gives Talk On Country of Austria

Dr. Leslie Hughes, head of the Department of Geography at the University of Nebraska, delivered an interesting and educational talk on the country of Austria by means of beautiful color picture slides.

Dr. Hughes had received a Fulbright scholarship and served as an exchange teacher in Austria for a year.

"Austria," he stated, "is a country of seven million people and is even smaller than the state of Nebraska. It possesses such world famous features as the Blue Danube River, the Vienna Woods, and the beautiful city of Vienna itself."

County Sheriff Ronald Bernt
Home Demonstration Agent Jeraldine Harris
County Agent Bob Storz
County Judge Larry Odgaard
County Assessor Mike Daddio
County Attorney Larry Hanke
County Assistance Director Charles Stone
County Probation Director Calvin Corcoran
County Highway Engineer Jerry Michaelson
County Supervisors John Kuntz
Bob McCarty
Charles Pfaff
Jerome Gaver
Roxinne Haller
County Superintendent Judy Feilmeier

Classes Strive to Meet Deadline By April 13

In order to meet deadlines by April 13, both the bookkeeping and shorthand classes have put the best foot forward.

For the International Bookkeeping Contest, a Balance Sheet must be submitted after finding and correcting errors in a Trial Balance and completing the Work Sheet and the Profit and Loss Statement.

From Esterbrook Pen Company the annual Gregg Shorthand Contest offers students an opportunity to demonstrate skill in writing beautiful shorthand.

Organizations Offer Scholarship Opportunities To 1960 Graduating Class

Various organizations and businesses offer a number of opportunities for scholarships to the 1960 graduating class.

First, Becton-Dickinson gives two \$2,000 scholarships to any two seniors passing special examinations. Also the candidates for these scholarships must rank in the upper half of the class. Students wishing to apply for this aid must also write a personal letter, and enclose a photograph. One of these scholarships can be acquired by the son or daughter of a B-D employee.

Platte County Agricultural Society also gives \$2,000 to deserving graduates. To apply, contestants must be in the upper third of the class.

Columbus service station dealers award each year a \$100 scholarship for students in nursing or hospital technician fields. Applicants must be in the upper half of the class.

The Volunteer Fire Department and Auxiliary of Columbus, Nebraska aids high school graduates of sons or daughters of Volunteer Firemen. This scholarship of \$100 may be used to attend any accredited or approved university, college, or trade school in the United States. The receiver must be in the upper half of the class and a son or daughter of a Volunteer Fireman having served the community for three past years or holding a five-year certificate.

Other scholarships from colleges become available through personal request of the applicant.

Department Conducts Full Swing Sessions

Because of the scheduled District Music Contest in Wahoo on April 21 and 22, the St. Bon's music department has been conducting practice in full swing for the past weeks.

"Beside Still Waters," by Bernard Hamblen will be the chorus number; "Velvet Shoes," by Louise Evans, a composition for the triple trio, gives the impression (from the name) that it's going to be something soft and flowing; "Evening Pastoral," by Wilfred Shaw will be the contribution by the mixed quartet; "Enchanted Canyon Overture," by J. Olivadotti and "Washington Post March," by Henry Sousa will be the band's prepared numbers. In addition to the last two named selections, the band will be required to play one number by sight. Margaret Mary Mrzlak will play a piano solo — "Humoreske," by Rachmaninoff.

The Case of the Whispering Voice

By SANDRA CONRAD

Phone Call
 Department of Sherlock Holmes had a small gathering of friends who had descended upon him to congratulate his very close friend Dr. Watson on his recent success in solving a large jewel robbery.

As Mr. Holmes was serving tea to his guests, he was interrupted by the ringing of the telephone. He lifted the receiver and said, "Mr. Holmes speaking. Hello? Hello? Can you speak louder please, I am unable to understand you?"

Holmes replaced the receiver and returned to his guests with a puzzled frown upon his face.

Dr. Watson inquired of his friend as to what was troubling him and Holmes related the event of his phone call. He knew the call was from Three Corners because the operator had mentioned it as the call was put through.

"Well, who called you and what did they want," asked Watson.

"I do not know as I was unable to catch most of their conversation," said Holmes. "All I could make out was something about murder and that they needed my help. Whoever was calling was either very emotionally upset, crying or very frightened; as they spoke only in a whisper."

"I think someone is pulling your leg," said Watson.

"No," said Holmes, "whoever the caller was, they were in need of our help. It would not take us long to motor up to Three Corners for a few days and see just what is in the wind. It should be a pleasant change from London right at this time anyway, as the next few weeks in the city will be very warm."

As Holmes guests were taking their leave of him, they joshed him and Dr. Watson about leaving London because they were running away from reporters, but wished them both a pleasant trip just the same.

Someone Missing

At the small Inn where Holmes and Dr. Watson had registered in Three Corners, was a pub where they served meals and drinks. This was also the gathering place for the people of Three Corners.

Mr. Holmes and Dr. Watson were having their tea in the pub and could not help but overhear the conversation of the rest of the customers at the Inn. The townspeople of Three Corners were having a heated debate over the prolonged absence of Lord Elsworth and his daughter Lydia, when the Harvest Festival was so near.

Lord Elsworth was the owner of a very large estate in Three Corners, and had always acted as one of the Judges for the Harvest Festival as well as donating most of the prizes to be awarded the winners. His lovely young daughter, Lydia, was to be the queen of the Festival this year. It was now only three days before the start of the fete and they had not returned to the Manor, which was extremely unusual.

Miss Potts was in a terrific dither, as Miss Lydia was to have had her final fitting yesterday for her gown. The gown was to be worn at the dance that took place on the last night of Harvest Festival. Poor Miss Potts was loudly lamenting her failure to show up. She'd never finish it on time if Miss Lydia didn't come soon and it was truly the loveliest gown she had ever made for a Festival queen.

Sherlock Holmes stated that he had received a call for help from Three Corners, did anyone there know who had placed such a call to him?

The Townspeople all denied any knowledge of such a call, so Holmes and Watson decided to make inquiries at the estate of Lord Elsworth.

Upon arriving at the Elsworth Estate, they made inquiries at the Caretakers Cottage. Mr. Evans, the Caretaker, said he had not heard from either Lord Elsworth or Miss Lydia since they left for London two days ago. Miss Lydia had wanted a new gown for the dance on the last night of the Festival, so they had gone up to London in search for just the right dress for her.

Holmes thanked him very much for his help and asked if he might be allowed to inspect the property before he left. Mr. Evans told him that he would not be able to as Lord Elsworth was not there at this time and he did not want any strangers prowling around his property.

Sherlock Holmes and Dr. Watson took their leave and returned to the Inn at Three Corners.

Night Sounds

As darkness fell, and the Townspeople were settled for the night, Holmes and Watson were ready to leave the Inn for a return visit to the Elsworth Estate. Holmes had

decided he would investigate the property in spite of Mr. Evans's wishes.

After reaching the estate and going over it thoroughly, they were about to return to the Inn when Holmes and Watson felt the hairs prickle on the back of their necks.

Whatever in the world was the eerie sound they had just heard? They stood quite still in their tracks and then it came again. Holmes moved quickly toward the sound and it became more distinguishable. It sounded as though it were the winds crying to them to find the hidden room.

"Hurry, oh, please hurry, find the hidden room," was whistling out on the wind.

Holmes's eyes ran over the top of the house for a moment, then he ran to the house and using an odd-shaped piece of metal he unlocked the door and entered. Dr. Watson was close behind him. They turned their flashlights on and searched from room to room.

Finally Holmes centered his attention on the large library room where there was a huge fireplace. Both Holmes and Watson looked minutely at the fireplace and touched each and every ornament they found on it. At last their patience was rewarded, they heard a grating, squeaking sound and the fireplace opened out from the wall.

They turned their flashlights into the cavern that opened in front of them and entered into the room. There they saw a lovely bedraggled young lady tied to a chair, and on the floor beside her lay an elderly gentleman.

Holmes bent to release the young lady while Dr. Watson attended the man on the floor. He had been struck on the side of his head, and needed medical aid in a hurry.

The Culprit

Dr. Watson treated Lord Elsworth's injury and saw to it that he received some nourishing, but light, food. He then allowed Sherlock Holmes to speak with him for a moment or two before he gave him a sedative to put him to sleep.

Holmes learned that Lord Elsworth had motored into London two days before to bring the money from the bank to be given as prizes for the best produce shown at the Harvest Festival. Elsworth had returned early the same evening and, as he entered the grounds of his estate, he had been attacked by an unknown assailant. There was some fog at that time, and he was unable to tell anything about who had attacked him. Lord Elsworth had made the trip to London by himself.

Holmes spoke next to Miss Lydia. She had remained at home, alone, the day her father had gone to London, making last minute arrangements for the caterers to prepare the food for the banquet that preceded the dance. This was also the time that Lord Elsworth presented the awards to the rightful winners. Then came the dance and that was the conclusion of the Festival.

Early in the evening she had seen the lights of the auto as her father had returned to the estate. She had seen the attack made upon him, but was unable to see who had done it. Being alone in the Manor, she was terrified. The only thing she could think of to do at the time was to call Mr. Holmes. She had been listening to the radio reports that day telling of the marvelous work he had done in solving the big jewel robbery.

While she was making the call to him on the telephone, her father's assailant must have entered the house and overpowered her. He must have then placed both her and Lord Elsworth in the storage room behind the fireplace.

Miss Lydia asked Holmes how he had ever managed to find that room, as very few people outside the family even knew it existed.

Sherlock Holmes told her that after that first startling moment, he could tell that the only place it could come from was somewhere near the chimney. It had to be near some kind of a vent in order to carry up and into the wind the way it did. So he looked for the fireplace where he thought the sound was carrying from.

Holmes then inquired why Miss Lydia was alone in such a large Manor. Surely they had servants.

Miss Lydia informed him that their caretaker, Mr. Evans, always received their vacations just prior to the Harvest Festival. They would return in time to help at that time.

Miss Lydia was very tired but thanked Mr. Holmes for answering her call for help so readily. She would not want him to leave with a wrong impression of their townspeople. It surely must have been a tramp who had attacked and

robbed them of the prize money.

Holmes gave her his promise and left.

He next walked to the telephone to call the town Constable. Holmes asked Constable Grimes if he would come immediately to the Lord Elsworth Estate on an urgent matter and to come prepared to make an arrest.

Constable Grimes and his deputy arrived in a very short time, and with Sherlock Holmes and Dr. Watson went immediately to the Caretakers' cottage and placed him under arrest. Upon making a thorough search of the premises, they discovered the missing prize money. That made the case against Mr. Evans airtight.

Harvest Festival

The day of the Harvest Festival dawned bright and clear and sunny. Everyone was all adither over the wonderful stalls of produce that had been raised this year.

Lord Elsworth and the other Judges had a hard time choosing the winners this year, as all the displays were really outstanding. They finally did make their choices and the awards were made at the banquet held on the estate grounds that afternoon.

Everyone then took their leave to go and prepare themselves for the dance that evening.

When the musicians started to play the Townspeople were lined up along the path from the Manor; down which Lord Elsworth escorted his lovely daughter, Miss Lydia. She was breath-takingly beautiful, and her gown was a master piece of airy loveliness.

Miss Lydia insisted on starting the dance by dancing a round with Mr. Holmes and one with Dr. Watson. They were then forced to give her up to the clamoring young men of the town.

Sherlock Holmes and Dr. Watson found themselves sharing the honors this evening with Lord Elsworth and Miss Lydia.

Holmes soon found Miss Potts and asked her to do him the honor of dancing with him. She was second only to Miss Lydia in her dress for the evening.

Miss Potts was very happy to accept. While dancing, she asked Mr. Holmes how he ever solved the mystery he had found in Three Corners.

Sherlock Holmes said it was all due to that good lady herself. After having seen the clothes she wore herself, he was certain no young lady would ever bother to go to London to find a dress. He knew Mr. Evans, the caretaker, had to be lying.

Miss Potts was dancing on a cloud for the rest of the evening.

Folks to Imitate During April

April 10

One of the principal lords at the court of the Emperor Louis the Mild and Charles the Bold, successors of Charlemagne was **St. Bede**.

To him, life as a lord did not merit him enough treasures in heaven; therefore he abandoned the world.

Joining the monastery of Gavel, he applied himself to the religious practices with much fervor. His great virtue of humility caused him to refuse titles. This Saint Bede must not be confounded with his English namesake, "Venerable Bede."

April 14

On this day we honor the Patron of Lecturers, **St. Justin**. Earlier in life, this martyr was a pagan philosopher. When converted to Christianity, he still retained the garb of a philosopher. Thereafter, his whole dedication to life was propagation and defense of the Faith. His known works consist of "Apologies" and "Dialogue with the Jew Tryphou."

In the year 165 he died a martyr.

April 23

Devotion to this martyr can be traced to the fifth century. However, it is said Constantine the Great built a church dedicated to George. If this is true the patron of England has been honored at a much later date.

Among the Greeks, he is called "the Great Martyr", and his feast is kept as a holy day of obligation.

St. George is generally represented as engaged in combat with a dragon; thus his intercession is implored greatly in battles. He died about the year 303.

April 25

The author of the second Gospel, who is sometimes called John Mark in the New Testament, had his mother's home as a meeting place for Christians.

Tradition tells us that **St. Mark** was requested by Romans to set down the teachings of St. Peter. In his gospel, he records the life of Jesus as seen through the Prince of the Apostles, St. Peter.

HE WHO CHATTERS CONSTANTLY ABOUT FRIVOLOUS THINGS, WHO FEARS BEING DESPISED, WHO IS WEARY OF LIFE, WHATEVER MARVELS HE MAY WORK, IS NOT A PERFECT MAN: HE WHO CANNOT SUFFER IS READY FOR A FALL. — St. Thomas Aquinas.

MICKEY

By JOHN NOSAL

In those first days when we lived under the semi-tropical sun of Miami, everything was as peaceful as a windless bay. We were one happy little family. I was just at the age when I found out that china made a delightful clang when it hit the floor. In fact, things were so peaceful the stork decided to give us a taste of the rougher side of life. So he dropped Mickey from the heavens (as I was told).

I can't recall, but Mom tells me that the first day Mickey came into the house I took my firm and final stand. Mickey was usurping my privileged position in the family. My gallant fight was futile, however; they wouldn't even let me get close enough to give him a good left to the nose. So I dejectedly, my hands thrust into my pockets, decided to withdraw to the background, another Napoleon.

My exile was not on an island, but under a bush in the back yard. It was there that I impishly planned my comeback strategy. The unfortunately new center of attraction set Mom, and especially, Dad, into a whirl of joy. All his "goo-goo's" and "da-das" meant, "Try and Get Me Back." I already had his character analyzed down to his last gurgle; he was fifty percent cherub and fifty-percent dart-tailed devil. His "goo-goo" and "da-dar" didn't thrill me in the least. But Mom and Dad would never believe any of my childish chitchat; they claimed to be green with envy. Later on those childish judgments gained a little more support.

Dad was the first to defend my cause. When Mickey had grown old enough to walk, talk, and bite, Dad was his first and ever-after victim. In the wee hours of the morning, a tiny shadow could inevitably be seen creeping to the senior bedroom. My brother and I, awakened by his exit from our bedroom, would listen expectantly for the approaching climax. Pretty soon a loud, husky "umph" would sound from the senior bedroom. It appeared as though Mickey wanted to play hobby-horse, and Dad's chest proved to be an inviting saddle. But even Mickey decided to give up and go to bed. In his own bed? Absolutely not. When the alarm clock sprung into action at 7:00 a.m. Mom and Dad would find their little imp curled up beneath the covers at the end of their bed. This ritual continued every morning, rain, sleet, or sunshine. At first Dad balked, refusing to let Mickey disturb his few hours of sleep. "Now," I rejoiced, "I have someone on my side."

Farm Girl Submits Idea

Something new? Everybody should be interested. Wouldn't it be nice not to have any homework? Everyone would say YES to that, I suppose, but what would you do at night if no such task had been assigned? Would you watch TV, call a friend for a hour's chat, or chase around town?

Why do teachers give homework? Here are some reasons:

1. Teachers want to help us to keep our minds alert and occupied with good thoughts.
2. This extra study helps us to understand our lessons better.
3. Homework keeps us at home and perhaps out of mischief.
4. Gives us something to do in our pastime.

But do farmers have any pastime? This is the point I'm trying to bring out. If there is a great deal of homework, a pupil living on a farm has to stay up late each night in order to get these assignments finished. However, pupils in town can probably finish studying before the farmers have the chance to begin.

Let's have some consideration on this point. Why not have special classes for pupils living on farms? Have all of the farmers' sons and daughters in class together and teach them in school only and omit the daily carrying of books home in the evening. No homework would take a heap off the farmer's mind.

Folks, this is just a passing thought, but maybe in the future it will be arranged—this homework deal—to better suit the farmer.

— F. L.

Be Nonchalant When . . .

Jean M. calls you big mouth.

* M *

Sister tears your article apart.

* M *

Someone tells you to shut up and you haven't said a word.

* M *

You're asked to join "Fungo."

* M *

You don't know the answer to the current question, "What married man has the most girls running after him?" (St. Joseph, most chaste spouse.)

* M *

Mr. McArdle asks you politely, "Isn't there a rule around here that says you're not supposed to chew gum?" Blushing lightly you reply, "I'll bring my fifty cents Monday."

* M *

Mrs. Herrod calls you "old leather lungs."

* M *

You shakingly go to the office wondering "What have I done now?", only to find out you were

Sin

Why is this, which is the darkest of all?

Why comes it, with sign absent coloring?

Being truly black, barren, becoming

Of nothing in His immaculate hall,

Why doesn't it yield the spectrum—seven?

Why the destruction to evil from good

Taking from them, the almost endless brood,

The happiness of eternal heaven?

Being within God's realm of good with bad,

Rose it with defiance, permit displayed,

Resistance to which full-merit relayed

Eternal virtue, grace, all-good to clad.

—Larry Minette

chosen for Girls' State.

* M *

You're put in the jug for two days though being home with the flu.

* M *

You hear this remark about your baby picture, "Too bad he didn't stay this way. He's cute here."

Let's Look At Fashions

By CONNIE CRONIN

Spring's arrival always marks the unveiling of fresh new fashion for spring and summer. The clothes for 1960 are highlighted by an abundance of soft yet vivid colors. Muted greens predominate the field of color with golds and browns close behind. Blouses contain gay exotic prints while skirts tend to be solid colors.

The cool, coquettish cropped-top appeared again this spring. Trimmed with embroidery, ric-rac, or lace these versatile tops can be worn with skirts, shorts, or slacks.

Into spring's dresses has crept the French influence. Frocks in checkings with flouncy, lace-trimmed skirts often with crisp aprons added lend sparkle to the new fashions. Silks play more and more important roles in dresses. This season, they glamorize the shirt-waist and lend elegance to the simplest dress.

Play clothes are bright, gay, and require little care. Slim slacks and bermudas have not lost popularity. Applique, ric-rac, braid, and many other do-dads add special interest to these easy going separates.

Swim suits put old fabrics in a new light this year. One example—suits of pillow ticking, cleverly designed.

If this spring is any indication of 1960's fashions, they will prove to be a bumper crop of lovely clothes for young Americans.

Current Theme Song

Fair spring has sprung,

Green grass has riz,

But, gosh, I wonder---

What this white stuff is!

Witherby That Open My Love?

By MARC SEIDLE

I Free Wed

"I, Dennis, take thee, Dawn, for my wedded wife, to have and to hold from this day forward, for better or for worse, for richer or poorer, in sickness and in health, till death do us part."

It was actually happening at last. After all her hopes and dreams and the many nights she had lain awake and visualized Mr. "Prince Charming." And here he was now slipping the diamond silver band on her finger and looking just as she had always pictured him. He stood a few inches taller than she, with wavy blond hair that curled over his forehead as well as a child's, and beautiful brown eyes. His skin was a smooth olive tan with a slight pinkish check and a big broad smile that made her heart melt. But mostly, all he was was sweet and to her he was symbolic of a love and a lovely little boy she had had her only consolation in.

"Now you can have your own wife."

"Thank you, Mr. Witherby, you will work on just this. Dawn lay sprawled across the floor, evidently unheeding the comforting words of Sherlock Holmes. Gave her sympathetic pats on the shoulder, he walked over to the window overlooking the street. He glanced at the scrawny little man standing near the doorway and after a few minutes deliberation, he spoke. "Tell me, Mr. Witherby, do you know about the situation?"

Red faced and stammering, he began in a squeaky, high pitched tone. "Well, sir, I do say, not much, Mr. and Mrs. Chateau registered at the Riviera around seven this morning. They just arrived in Nancy for their honeymoon. I could tell at a glance they were newlyweds by the stars in their eyes. Ah, I remember when Maggie and I once."

Obviously this was getting them nowhere, so he said, "Reassure Mr. Witherby."

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"Warning At Shadow Mesa"

By GARY MIELAK

The swing open, the creaking door, the several packages into the main shack, they came to an abrupt halt. They stared, transfixed, at the message lettered crudely on the dust on the floor. BOWAWAY TURN BACK!

"It probably doesn't refer to us," said Ben. "I don't know," said Howard. "I got a feeling." He glanced about and used our own cooking equipment and bed rolls.

"Speaking of that," said Ben. "Let's check the jeep park the stuff in here and get down to work. The sooner we finish charting the platinum deposits in Shadow Mesa, the sooner we can get back to civilization."

Shadow Mesa was indeed well named. The towering peaks on the fringe of the rocky desert, causing ominous and mysterious shadows to be cast. Ben and Howard moved along efficiently, noting the responses on their geiger counters.

Night fell and they were back to the shack. Even before they entered, Howard said, "Something has happened again."

This time it was on the wall, etched in the circle of light from Ben's flashlight. HEED MY WARNING! FLEE BEFORE IT'S TOO LATE.

The grease that had been used to inscribe the message dripped down the wall. Ben lit a lamp, and they searched the place for the culprit, but no luck.

Were these supposed to be sacred Indian grounds at one time?" asked Howard, with a tremor in his voice. "I seem to recall something like that."

"I don't know, but that was only a superstition malarkey to keep the Indians in line," said Ben. He yawned and stretched his arms. "It's been a long day. I'm for fitting the sack."

"How can you think of sleep with this?" Howard waved a hand toward the writing on the wall.

"Ask me in the morning. Good night," said Ben settling himself in his bed roll.

Howard had grimly made up his mind to stay awake, but the fatiguing day took its toll, and soon he was asleep too. When a third message of similar content appeared on the door next morning, Howard stubbornly insisted on remaining behind to learn who was writing the mysterious messages, while Ben resumed work in Shadow Mesa. When Ben returned at dusk, there it was, etched in the dust on the kitchen table: YOU HAVE FAILED TO HEED ME! NOW IT'S TOO LATE.

"How could that appear when I was just outside all the time?" said Howard. "Our lives are at stake, Ben. We're pulling out first thing in the morning."

Both men slept uneasily that night. Towards dawn, the concussion of a nearby explosion sent them sprawling from their sleeping bags. Ben staggered to his feet, glanced out the shattered windows at the smoke. Howard, too, began to rise and stumbled toward the window. "What happened?" he asked half awake.

"What's that crawling around out there in the dust?" asked Ben.

"Looks like an old man," replied Howard and both of them shot out of the door.

Then suddenly everything was clarified by the stranger's appearance. "He's the one who's been trying to scare us by writing on the table and wall, I'll bet," said Ben.

Howard was pushed into action. He walked fast and menacingly toward the man.

"Hold on a mite, said the man, "I did write 'em because I didn't want you messing around with my diggings. There was gold in those hills years ago, and I aim to find it."

"But how did you manage to get in here?" snapped Howard.

"I was here all the time," said the stranger, kicking the wood shambles, "hiding in this secret wall. Years ago we used to keep our gold stored in here safe from

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When Watson awoke next morning, Detective Holmes was already pacing the floor, muttering to himself. Watson surmised he hadn't slept all night as he felt tired when he was working on a peculiar case. He said to Watson, "As soon as you're dressed, we'll go over to the hotel and look around."

Within a half hour they were on the steps of the Riviera. No sooner had they entered the lobby when they were greeted by Mr. and Mrs. Chateau! "Mr. Holmes, why there you are," cooed Mrs. Chateau. "I wanted to tell you that Dennis had come home this morning. I'm sorry to have troubled you. Dennis had gotten lost. It's his first visit to France. Some nice policeman brought him home. Thank you, Mr. Holmes, Good bye."

Then Mr. Witherby came along looking as if he carried the world on his shoulders. "Excuse me, sir," he stated. "I just wanted to tell you about old Cyrus, our janitor. Don't bother about his tips. He always wanted to become a detective, but he's blind. Maggie would say..."

"Good day, Mr. Witherby. Come Watson."

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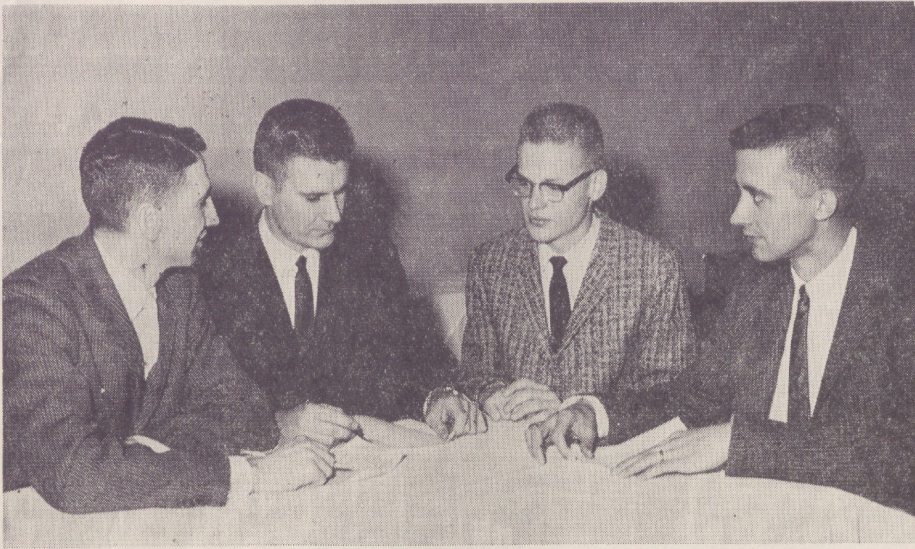
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 - Charles Gregorius
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- Patrick Abbott
 - Diane Bartholomew
 - Joan Fellmeier
 - Diane German
 - Michael Haney
 - Douglas Head
 - David Heiser
 - Ann Herrod
 - Carol Raemaekers
 - James Reuss
- These students received all 1's and 2's.

Happy Birthday . . . Many Happy Returns

- April
- 17—Carolyn Fix
 - 18—Michael Daddio
 - Eileen Heimann
 - Elaine Heimann
 - 19—James Mimick
 - Linda Brock
 - Eugene German
 - 22—Allan Brewer
 - 25—Dorothy Kroenke
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 - 30—Michael Stachura
- May
- 2—Elaine Braun
 - Beverly Boesch
 - 4—Lawrence Minette
 - 5—Sharon Schaeffer
 - 6—Theresa Jarecki
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 - 8—Connie Blahak
 - 9—Connie Moersen
 - Joan Micek
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By Poll, Bonnies' Students Pick Popular Pupils

	SENIORS		JUNIORS		SOPHOMORES		FRESHMEN	
	Boy	Girl	Boy	Girl	Boy	Girl	Boy	Girl
Best Host—Hostess	Pat Keating	Jane Woodworth	Gene Jones	Marlise Heimann	Jim Koziol	Kathy Mimick	Larry Ekholt	Judie Woodworth
Best Actor—Actress	Pat Keating	Judy Pellen	Lou Odgaard	Jean Markhofer	Jim Mimick	Jane Gregorius	Jim Borer	Linda Brock
Fastest Talker	Tom Thalken	Marty Mrziak	Mike Daddio	Connie Ebel	Jim Albright	Dorothy Minette	Eugene Tworek	Kathy Micek
Best Singer	Jack Nosal	Marty Mrziak	Ed Siemek	Judie Fellmeier	Paul Corcoran	Jane Gregorius	Jim Micek	Connie Blahak
Most Thoughtful	James Bator	Marty Mrziak	Gene Jones	Marlise Heimann	Ted Starostka	Marie Borer	Larry Ekholt	Adrienne Odgaard
Most Fun	Tom Thalken	Judy Pellen	Jerry Michaelsen	Janice Brooks	Jim Mimick	Dorothy Minette	Peter Theisinger	Barbara Shonka
Fastest Walker	Bill Brown	Judy Pellen	Ron Bernst	Elaine Mueller	Mark Kudron	Sheila Kosch	Tom Byrnes	Jane Frazer
Biggest Eyes	Ray Syslo	Virgie Hembd	Jerome Gaver	Elaine Mueller	Mark Kudron	Jane Gregorius	Lourin Swolek	Genevieve Ebel
Biggest Eater	Tom Thalken	Mary K. Rediger	Lou Odgaard	Virginia Swolek	Mark Kudron	Carolyn Pieters	John Torczon	Betty Rediger
Sportiest	Larry Staroseck	Yvonne Adams	Bill Backes	Virginia Swolek	Brian Hughes	Kathy Stone	John Torczon	Connie Blahak
Loudest Gum Chewer	Bob Koziol	Rosie Costello	Mike Daddio	Janice Brooks	Dave Koptczyk	Maxine Mrziak	John Torczon	Connie Blahak
Kookiest	Ray Syslo	Rosie Costello	Lou Odgaard	Janice Brooks	Jack Reuss	Carol Zerr	Jim Micek	Marilyn Kuta
	Bob Golonka	Rosie Costello	Lou Odgaard	Donna Bothe	Mark Kudron	Bonnie Brooks	Tom Byrnes	Barbara Shonka



JAMES H. BORER, second from right, emerged winner in the local finals of the Optimist oratorical contest for boys who have not attained their 16th birthday. James is a freshman at St. Bonaventure High School. Other finalists were Peter C. Theisinger, awarded runnerup honors; John Torczon and Larry Eckholt. All are from St. Bonaventure. James received a \$25 U. S. savings bond and a trip to the District 10 competition in St. Joseph, Mo. The runnerup also earns a \$25 bond. The contest started out with 21 entries, and from that group 12 boys were chosen to present their original orations on "Voice of Optimism" at regular Optimist Club meetings. Through these eliminations, the field narrowed down to the quartet who competed last night. Judging was done by members of the Toastmasters Club, and pictured with James are three judges, Glenn Carter, Ron Salestrom and Fred Arndt, giving the winner pointers on further polishing his talk in preparation for the District 10 competition. The district winner goes on to the national finals in Grand Rapids, Mich.

Tom Sawyer Will Be Given By Junior High Group

Tom Sawyer, an operetta in three acts, dramatized and adapted by Theodosia Paynter with music by G. A. Grant-Schaefer, will be given by the junior high group the latter part of April.

This dramatization, based on Mary Twain's story, Tom Sawyer, offers many solo, duet, and chorus numbers. Nine major characters—Aunt Polly, who tries not to let Tom see how much she thinks of him—Mary Ann Wilhelm; Tom Sawyer, a real American boy, full of pranks—Edward Pieters; Joe Harper, one of the terrible pirates—Charles Gregorius; Amy Lawrence, Tom's first ideal—Sonja Riley; Becky Thatcher, Amy's rival—Jane Michaelson; Huck Finn, a homeless boy—William Tooley; Injun Joe, a savage half-breed—Franklin Fowler; Muff Potter, a harmless loafer—David Nansel; Widow Douglas, the kindest woman in town—Jane Mimick, receive the support of other minor characters and the chorus.

Acts I and III depict a scene outside the homes of Tom Sawyer and Amy Lawrence. These houses are connected by a board fence which figures in a white-washing job. Act III offers a graveyard scene, with tombstones and moaning skeletons to provide a spooky atmosphere.

Since Tom represents a truly American chap, many pranks will be in evidence, many humorous and exciting encounters will occur, and many redeeming qualities will be made manifest.

That all ends well can be judged from Huck's final words: "I'll stick to the Widder, Tom, an' if I get to be a reg'lar dandy, an' ev'rybody talks about me, I'll bet she'll be glad she snaked me out of the wet!"

Mr. Richard Pendlay, band instructor, directs the operetta; Sisters Alberta and Michaelen have charge of the choreography; Marilyn Rupperecht fills the post of accompanist; Rita Egger has the important task of reader of the poem.

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SENIORS

Name	Points
Patrick Keating	4.8
Lawrence Staroscik	4.8
Thomas Thalken	4.8
Connie Cronin	4.7
Jane Woodworth	4.7
Mary Kavanaugh	4.5
Phyllis Wruble	4.5
Lawrence Minette	4.3
Margaret Mary Mrzlak	4.3
Patricia Gregorius	4.2
Robert Golonka	4.2
Marlene German	4.1
America Gaspers	4
Raphael Micek	4
Barbara Sokol	4

JUNIORS

Jean Markhofer	4.8
Michael Daddio	4.4
Connie Ebel	4.4
Judith Feilmeier	4.2
Jeraldine Harris	4.2
Calvin Corcoran	4
Jean Meyenburg	4
Elizabeth Obal	4
Virginia Swolke	4

SOPHOMORES

Dorothy Minette	4.8
Marguerite Langan	4.7
Carolyn Pieters	4.7
Jane Gregorius	4.4
Brian Hughes	4.4
Marcia Morgan	4.4
James Albright	4.2
David Kopetzky	4.2
Maxine Mrzlak	4.2
Agnes Kosiba	4
Loretta Rupperecht	4

FRESHMEN

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Kathleen Micek	4.7
Peter Theisinger	4.7
Jo Ann Stavas	4.4
Mary Lou Altmanshofer	4
Dorothy Kroenke	4
Rita Wruble	4

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Ventures To Come

April

- 1 First Friday Corporate Communion
- 4 Movie
- 5 Assembly (Geography of Austria)
- 6 Merit Exams (seniors) County Government (juniors) Track Meet (here)
- 8 Senior Class Play
- 12 Scholarship Exams
- 13 St. Bon's Invitational Track Meet
- 14 Holy Thursday (Easter Vacation Begins)
- 15 Sodality Corporate Communion Good Friday
- 16 Holy Saturday
- 17 Easter Sunday
- 19 Classes Resumed Track Meet (here)
- 23 Science Fair (Lincoln)
- 26 Junior High Operetta
- 28 Track Meet (here)
- 30 Senior Trip Begins

New Scheme Afoot

The seniors have a new money making scheme—a "Box Social." No definite date has been set for the event. However excitement will soon be running high. "That's the time you find out if your steady is really steady," Sister Rayneria Commented.

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Students Hold Elections To Choose Candidates

Politics flared up in St. Bon's during the latter part of March when Bonnies' students held a mock primary and a mock general election to choose presidential candidates. The elections prove to be of keen interest to all the students as they walked down the corridors glancing at the multitude of posters and campaign slogans displayed on the walls. The voting booths, borrowed from the county, added a realistic touch to the elections.

Managers Get Busy

During the week that preceded the primary election, campaign managers busied themselves by displaying party policies throughout the buildings. Students helped matters along by wearing slogans designating party affiliation.

Finally the day arrived for the primary, and students made ready for their choices for the offices of president and vice-president. At the close of the school day the computation of the ballots began with the results showing a sound thrashing dealt the Republicans by the Democrats. Kennedy and Loveless emerged as the Democratic nominees and Nixon and Seaton came forth as the Republican winners.

Managers Work

After the announcement of the nominees, the campaign managers again worked ceaselessly to achieve victory for the best men. With the coming of the general election all campaigning ceased. And again all students made a path to the polls.

Kennedy Wins

Kennedy and Loveless, as chosen by the student body a 195 votes strong, will be the next president and vice-president respectively of the United States.

Shamrock Club Sponsors Sportsmen's Banquet

To honor all sportsmen at St. Bonaventure a banquet, under the auspices of the Shamrock Athletic Club, was given on April 5. Mr. Lester Pillen acted as Master of Ceremonies.

Mr. MacManus graduate of St. Ambrose College, Davenport, Iowa, former coach at Iowa U. and present basketball coach at Creighton U. gave the principal talk.

Mr. Charles Wolever introduced members of the football and track teams; Mr. Richard McArdle gave the names of the basketball players; Mr. Dean Soulliere had the pleasure of calling attention to the freshmen, the important men of tomorrow.

HOLY WEEK PROGRAM

Palm Sunday, April 10

- 1) Blessing of Palms at the Rectory door before the 9:30 a.m. Solemn High Mass.
- 2) Palms to be distributed after the Blessing.
- 3) Procession to the Church with Palm in hand.
- 4) After the Mass blessed Palms will be placed on a side altar in Church.

Monday, April 11—Ferial Day

Masses: 5:45, 6:30, 7:15, 10:45, 11:25 a.m.

Tuesday, April 12—Ferial Day

Masses: 5:45, 6:30, 7:15, 10:45, 11:25 a.m.

Confessions: 7:30 to 9:00 p.m.

Wednesday, April 13—Ferial Day

Masses: 5:45, 6:30, 7:15, 10:45, 11:25 a.m.

Confessions: School children—in the morning.

Others: 3:00 to 6:00 and 7:30 to 9:00 p.m.

Holy Thursday, April 14

- 1) Masses:
 - a) 11:15 a.m. for Grade and High School only. NOTE: Kindergarten, First and second Grades will not attend School on Holy Thursday. From Third Grade through twelfth Grade all must be in school at 8:00 a.m.—After the Mass all will return home.
 - b) 5:30 and 7:30 p.m. for the Parish. Holy Thursday Solemn Services will be held at the 7:30 Mass.
- 2) Adoration Hours:
 - After the 7:30 Mass until 10:00 p.m. - Volunteers—10:00 p.m. to 6:00 a.m. Nocturnal Adoration Society.
- 3) Confessions: 3:00 to 5:00 p.m.

Good Friday, April 15

- 1) No morning service.
- (2) Adoration hours and services throughout the day:
 - a) 6:00 to 8:00 a.m. Volunteers
 - b) 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.—High and Grade School.
 - c) 4:00 to 5:30 p.m. Volunteers.
- 3) 3:15 p.m. Stations of the Cross.
- 4) 5:30 p.m. Good Friday service—Holy Communion will be distributed at this service only.
- 5) 7:15 p.m. Sorrowful Mother Novena service.
- 6) Confessions:
 - a) 3:00 to 5:00 p.m.
 - b) 7:30 to 9:00 p.m.

Holy Saturday, April 16

- 1) No morning service.
- 2) Confessions: 2:00 to 6:00 p.m. NOTE: Church will be closed from 6:00 to 10:00 p.m.
- 3) Vigil Service - 11:00 p.m.
- 4) Midnight Mass - 12:00 NOTE: a) Midnight Mass fulfills the Sunday obligation. b) Those receiving Holy Communion at this Mass may not receive again in the morning.

Easter Sunday, April 17

Masses: 5:30, 6:30 7:30, 8:30, 9:30 11:00 a.m., and 12:00 m.

Easter Monday - No Classes

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Waiting Comes to Close When Junior Girls Hear Pleasant Announcement

Suspenseful waiting by the junior girls came to a pleasant close with the announcement that Jean Markhofer was chosen to represent St. Bonaventure at Girls' State this year. Her alternate will be Connie Ebel.

Court Little Flower, Catholic Daughters of America, annually bestows this honor upon a junior who displays outstanding qualities of character, service, and leadership with a serious attitude toward an intensive citizenship.

Takes Collegiate Course

Jean, who is taking a general collegiate course, has participated in various school programs this year, including the Democracy and Constitution speech contests. She was a sub-delegate to the Mock United Nations held at Duchesne College.

Holds Class Position

In extra-curricular Jean holds the position of the secretary of the junior class, membership in the Pep Club, Youth Club, Choir and Sodality. She also was a delegate to the Rocky Mountain Youth Congress, Archdiocesan Council of Catholic Youth delegate to the Boys Town Workshop, and had a part in the junior class play.

Active In Scouts

As a Senior Girl Scout during the last two years, she has served as troop president and on the Senior Scout Planning Board and at the present is President of the Planning Board.

Girls' State which will again be held in Lincoln from June 11-17 is a school of government designed to bring to girls a knowledge of American government through actual participation in the State offices during the week.

Venturettes to Read

Julie Litjen and Alice Micek visited Saint Mary College in Omaha.

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Robert Golonka and Tom Thalken took College Board Exams at Lincoln.

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Bishop Ryan who recently visited our parish, studied as a fellow seminarian with our parish priests.

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These St. Bonaventure alumni visited with parents over the weekend: Judie Bator '58, sophomore at Kearney State Teachers College, Joan Badstieber '57, Kathi Shonka '58, and Patty Badstieber '59, students at St. Mary College, Omaha, Lenore Nosal '59, student nurse at St. Catherine Hospital, Omaha, and David Altmanhofer, freshman at Rockhurst College, Kansas City, Missouri.

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Wedding Bells Will Ring—Joan Catherine Minette '56—Leon Harold Eckman April 23, Rosemary Siemek '57—David Korus, May 23, Jo Ann Matya '55—Duane H. Pietzmeier, June 25, Michael Tooley '54—Nancy Lee Copeland of Norfolk, July 9, Michael now attends the Graduate School of Business at the University of Chicago, and Patricia Babstieber '59—Thomas Lakers '55.

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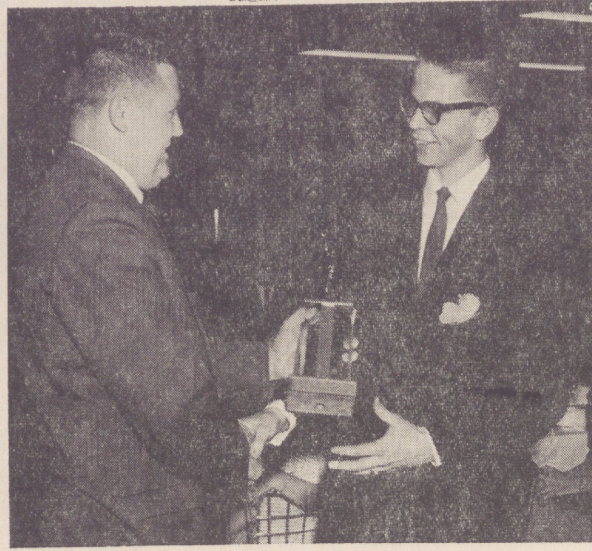
Patricia Gregorius and Mary Kay Rediger took entrance exams in Omaha at St. Catherine School of Nursing and Margaret Mary Mrzlak at St. Joseph Creighton Memorial on the same day.

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Tom Thalken has been announced winner of the Elk Club's "Most Valuable Student Award."

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Gayle Kruse, a member of St. Bonaventure sophomore class last year, has been chosen to represent Platte Center High at Girls' State.



Larry Starosiek receives Sportsmanship Trophy from Coach Charles Wolever. (R-D Photo)

Bonnie Thinclads Take First In Opening Meet

Coach Wolever's thinclads came through with a first place in their competition of the season with Central City and Sacred Heart of Norfolk on April 6.

In the first event, Larry (Butch) Starosiek came through with the opening points in both sets of hurdles with Brian Hughes trailing closely to capture second place. Robert Golonka made a good showing of raking in 16 1/2 points with first's in the 100 and 200 dashes and in the broad jump. Pushing Bob at all times was Bill Backes who came in tied for second in the 220 and 100 yd. dashes.

Mitera Runs

In the distance running and relay events, Jim Mitera of St. Bon's took third in the mile with Widholm of Sacred Heart winning. In the 440 and 880, St. Bon's captured third and first respectively. In the 880 relay, St. Bon's captured first place with a time of 1:24.4. This team consisted of Bill Backes,

Jack Reuss, Ed Siemek, and Bob Golonka.

Golonka Jumps

In the field events, the Green and White again took first place. In the broad jump Bob Golonka managed 18:10 to set a new school record. In the discus throw, Joe Liss threw it 122.3 feet to take first place with Moates of Central City coming in second with 121.5 feet.

A clean sweep was made by Bonnie's cindermen in the high jump with Jim Tylle and Ed Siemek tying for first at 5:3; Larry Starosiek capturing second and Jim Schmitt coming up third. Third place was taken by Joe Liss in the shot put and Munn of Central City took first with a 41.10 1/2 throw.

At the end of the meet, the scores chalked up as follows:

St. Bon's	65	points
Central City	45 1/2	points
Sacred Heart	38 1/2	points

135 Teachers Attend B-E Day Program

About 135 teachers from the public and parochial schools in Columbus attended the Business Education Day program sponsored by the education committee of the Chamber of Commerce.

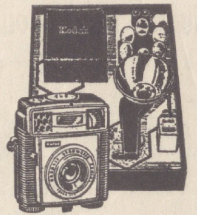
Some eighty business and professional people dined with the teachers at the Columbus High School cafeteria.

Panel discussions on various business fields by four panels of business personnel followed the luncheon. Areas of business discussed include: industrial, financial, public power and retail.

In order to gauge the reactions of teachers in attendance, the education committee sent out forms later in the week to the teachers, asking for personal views concerning the program for future use by this committee.



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JOHN NOSAL, center, won first place in the American Legion National High School Oratorical Contest eliminations held Thursday at St. Bonaventure High School. Jack and the runnerup, Ray Syslo, are shown being congratulated by Walter Miessler, general chairman for this Legion Americanism project. John received a \$10 prize and qualifies for the district contest at David City, and Ray earned a \$5 award. Topic for the contest was "The Constitution of the United States," with a prepared oration of 10-12 minutes and extemporaneous talk of 4-6 minutes. Six St. Bonaventure students and one Duncan student took part, with judges from the Toastmasters Club: James Preston, Virgil Hughes, and Bruce Gilmore. A similar competition was scheduled for this afternoon at Columbus High School.

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Entire Student Body Will Participate In Science Fair



HIGH SCHOOL SCIENTISTS WITH THE PROJECTS SHOWN AT THE LINCOLN SCIENCE FAIR. Left to right—Connie Ebel, Thomas Watkins, Robert Golonka, Larry Minette. Not available at picture-taking time—Thomas Shonka and Robert Koziol. —Landgren Studio

Chem Students Will Give Program

Come May 14 the St. Bonaventure grade and high school will sponsor a science fair. On display will be science projects by entire classes and individual students. Much time, energy, and enthusiasm has been expended by the participants. As an added attraction, the chemistry students will give a special program from 2-3 p.m. From the following program, a good idea of the day's offering can be obtained.

Grade 1 A
Sponsor, **Sister M. Consuelo**
Display of Rockets—Tom Heiser
Leaf Collection—Kim Haferland
Sea Shell Collection—Kathleen Meysenburg, Debra Melliger.
Living and Non-Living Things—Girls.

Grade 1 B
Sponsor, **Mrs. Micek**
Plants—Class project.

Grade 2 A
Sponsor, **Sister Mary Ann**
Plants Need Water and Light—Class Project.
Magnets Attract—Class Project.

Grade 2 B
Sponsor, **Mrs. Egger**
Weather Chart for March—Class Project.

Grade 3 A
Sponsor, **Sister M. Teresita**
Animal Life—Class Project.
Insect Collection—Jo Ann Heilmann.

Grade 3 B
Sponsor, **Mrs. Soulliere**
Miscellaneous—Class Project.
Cinder Plant—Nancy Nosal.

Grade 4 A
Sponsor, **Sister M. Ruth**
God's Gift of Air, The Atmosphere—Class Project

Grade 4 B
Sponsor, **Miss Cockson**
Brain and Conscience—Right and Wrong—Susan Bothe, Shirley Kurtenbach.

Grade 5 A
Sponsor, **Sister M. Hermelanda**
Geography of the Moon—Louis German.

Grade 5 B
Sponsor, **Mrs. Pekarek**
Simple Machines—Donald Rowlands, Mike Tom Micek, Bill Thalke, Michael Braxmeyer, James Shank, Margaret Van Ackeren, Leslie Altmanshofer.

Grade 6 A
Sponsor, **Sister M. Cecelia**
Electric Motor—Rolyne Kafka.
Insulators—Conductors—Diane Kresha, Phyllis Hembd.
Simple Telegraph Set—Class Project.

Grade 6 B
Sponsor, **Mrs. Schumacher**
Chemistry and Molecules—Michael Strong.
How Electricity Reaches Your Home—John Rossie, Tom Wunderlich.

Grade 7
Sponsor, **Sister M. Osearia**
Before Man Lived on the Earth—Class Project.

Grade 8
Sponsor, **Sister M. Michaelene**
Roots and Gravity—Group Project.
Leaves, Stems, and Gravity—Group Project.

Grade 9
Sponsor, **Sister M. Michaelene**
Ant Farm—Judy Koci, Claudia Wachholtz.
Conducting Fibers—Jim Mitera
Comparison of Animal Brains—Jane Gregorius, Kathie Stone.
Tropisim—Dorothy Minette.

Advanced Science Class
Sponsor, **Sister Edwina**
Carbon Arc Lamp; Solenoid Motor; Photo Electric Cell—Don Mostek, Robert Liss.

Chemistry Class
Sponsor, **Sister M. Edwina**
Laws of Accelerated Motion—Gilbert Theewen.
Estimation of Vitamin C in Fruit Juices—Margaret Mary Mrzлак.

Mathematics
Sponsor, **Sister M. Bernardis**
Irregular Solids—Carolyn Pieters, Marguerite Langan, Loretta Rupprecht.

Chemistry Demonstration
2:00-3:00 P.M.
Participants—Bob Golonka, Larry Minette, Jack Nosal, Tom Thalke, Connie Cronin, Peggy Gregorius, Jane Woodworth, Joan Legenza.

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President John Nosal Reminds Assembly 'Admission to Organization Great Honor' Principal Cites School Privileges

National Honor Society President, John Nosal, at the assembly on May 10 reminded the invited parents and student body that: "Admission to this organization is the greatest honor that can come to a high school student." After the introductory remarks, the president called upon Sister M. Rayneria, Principal.

Sister Rayneria spoke of the privileges a school possesses to confer honors upon students—to graduate those successfully complying with given requirements; to reward contestants for oratory or debate; to present letters for accomplishments in sports—. "In all the instances named, we recognize either ordinary ability or some limited talent or skill. Furthermore, we now have the means of honoring those most truly educated by granting membership in the National Honorary Society of Secondary Schools. This Society knows that real education is the product of Scholarship, Character, Service, and Leadership" said Sister. In summarizing, the Principal gave the requirements and objectives of the society.

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With Sister M. Winifred directing, the triple trio sang—"O! Man River," by Jerome Kern; "Isle of Capri," by Will Grosz; "Look for the Silver Lining," by Jerome Kern.

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Members Light Candle

After the songs, Sister M. Rayneria said: "As I call your name, you will come forward, take a candle and light it from the 'Candle of Life' then stand by a chair placed on the stage for you—Jim Bator, Calvin Corcoran, Michael Daddio, Patricia Gaspers, Jeraldine Harris, Leo Laska, Jean Markhofer, Jean Meysenburg, Elizabeth Obal, Norbert Peterson, Paul Scharff, Edward Siemek, Joseph Swalek, Thomas Thalke."

After all fifteen new members of The Bonaventure Honor Society had been called forward, Sister Rayneria concluded the afternoon's assembly with the following remarks: "You have lighted your candle from the 'Candle of Life' indicating your desire to strive toward a well-rounded life. May there be nothing in your path to prevent you from attaining this goal. Sometimes in the struggle, there may be things to hinder you, but if you keep ever before you the 'Candle of Light' signifying the four fundamentals of the National Honor Society, I believe you will reach a high standard of living for God and Country and as worthy citizens of your Country now, you will be worthy citizens some day of Heaven."

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JUST EXACTLY ONE DOZEN OF THE ORIGINAL FIRST GRADE CLASS to begin school at St. Bonaventure remain to graduate on May 27. First row—Barbara Sokol, Larry Minette, Janet Hilger, Marilyn Kretz. Second row—Mary Kavanaugh, Margaret Mary Mrzлак, Louis Euteneuer, Gerald Schmid. Third row—Dennis Hilger, David Melcher, Paul Scharff, Patrick Keating. —Landgren Studio

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THE MRZLAK CHILDREN POSE WITH MOTHER . . . Sitting left to right, are Terry, Rose Marie, Polly, and Gregg. Standing, left to right, are Jim, Betty, Maxine, Margaret Mary, Carol, and Barbara. Little Susie sits on mom's lap. Margaret Mary, the oldest in the family will graduate from high school on May 27.—(R-D Photo).

Seniors Cite Class Quirks

- Professional ivory tickler.—(Mrzlak). * M *
- Man with the boy-scout legs.—(Brown). * M *
- Ella Fitzgerald of the white race.—(Rediger). * M *
- Ma Kettle of the Humphrey clan.—(Kavanaugh). * M *
- Boy in search of cat gut for badly mangled tennis racquet.—(Koziol). * M *
- The big meece.—(Cronin). * M *
- Florence Nightingale of the 20th Century.—(?) * M *
- A chunk with lots of spunk.—(Legenza). * M *
- Needs a translator.—(R. Micek). * M *
- Gay philosopher possessing a dry sense of humor.—(Keating). * M *
- Has become an addict to those habit-forming ice cream bars.—(Nosal). * M *
- The daisy of the middle west.—(Golonka). * M *
- President of Leather Lungs, Inc.—(Fillen). * M *
- Cat with the shock-proof guitar.—(Tylle). * M *
- Hot wind through the banana trees.—(Kearns). * M *
- The boss man.—(Shonka). * M *
- The only girl who could make corn plasters sell like cokes.—(Sokol). * M *
- The southside alley rat.—(Swalek). * M *
- The nomadic pathfinder of the wilds of St. Bon's.—(Syslo). * M *
- Whose motto is "Early to bed, early to rise, makes a man healthy, wealthy, and wise."—(Bator). * M *

That time now swiftly approaches for the annual rest from daily classes in school. This presages a time for relaxation, sports, and for some it's a time for work too.

Vacation Time Relaxation Time

What tasks confront you during these months? Don't relax too much because that tends to make one lazy, inert. Go out, find some occupation; keep busy so no time will hang heavily upon your hands—avoid idleness. Don't shirk tasks because of the desire to have fun swimming, hiking, picknicing, and indulging in sports of all types. Plenty of time for these extras can be found in the evenings or on Sunday afternoons. Enjoy yourself, but also help yourself by keeping busy.

Time and time again you have heard this, but a repeat will not hurt in the least, hence here goes. This is VACATION! Vacation from what? Primarily it's a deviation from daily school work only. Put forth a little effort to attend daily holy Mass and the daily reception of Holy Communion. If a daily visit to church cannot be accomplished, go as often as time permits.

God doesn't go on VACATION and He really will appreciate a daily remembrance during care-free summer days. F. L.

Who Rules?

Have you ever gone up to an average American male and told him, "Women rule the world." If the person doesn't hit you first he'll give you ten good reasons why women don't rule anything. I would like to agree, but I think the way of life at Saint Bonaventure only proves that girls have taken over quite a lot.

For instance, girls pay better attention in class and show more interest than the average boy. The girls do more hard studying and take on extra assignments. The result, high quarter marks, demonstrates that, all in all, girls know more.

Girls have more enthusiasm for extra-curricular activities. The Pep Club yells louder than the male student body in the stands. C.Y.C. meetings have almost twice as many girls attending than boys. More girls go to dances than boys. Girls participate more fully in journalism and band than boys.

Another example could be found in Church. Most of the girls always use the Daily Missals reciting the Mass prayers aloud. Girls number highest in Daily Communicants also. J. G.

My Mother

Who wiped away my first tear?
 Who kissed each tender hurt?
 Who stayed up each long night I was sick?
 Who prayed for my success?
 Who cried when I failed, but cheered me on?
 Who praised my every good deed?
 Who rejoiced when I did succeed?
 Who scolded me—only for my good—when I was naughty?
 Who laughed with me when all was well?
 Who helped me over the rough road to growing up?
 Who never stinted the least bit in my regard?
 Who gave her love—her ALL?
 Why, none other than—MY OWN MOTHER!
 —Jean Markhofer

The Red Lamp

Passing by church one day,
 I stopped one little prayer to say.
 And kneeling down, I saw it there,
 That little red lamp so warm and dim.
 It burns all day and through the night
 Reminding us that God's in sight
 Keeping God company day after day,
 Inviting us to come and pray.
 —Linda Brock



Patrick Publicizes People

Ho hum, too much vacationing have I done.
 Therefore, no publicizing comes from me
 To bring to a close most fittingly
 This column which has been much fun.
 Next year, perchance you may see
 Under another name, this column to be.
 Something like this it may read—
 "Daddio Discovers Deeds—"
 OR
 "Markhofer Mutilates Music—"
 Or, to fill you with elation—
 "Cregar Creates Consternation!"

Seniors Want--Heaven!

This 1960 senior class, can you imagine
 Want to crash the Pearly Gates
 Ten years hence in a bandwagon!

What sentences will St. Peter give
 As this bunch comes up
 For that final quiz???

"For you, the hard-working VENTURE staff—
 Connie, Peg, Marlene, Mary, Patrick,
 Joan, Julie, Margaret, Mary Kay, Barbara,
 Thomas, Phyllis—
 "Take a nice soft-cushioned seat
 "For giving readers all those laughs."

"You thought trig was a time
 "For pretendin' to pray, hey you there—"

Melcher, Staroscik, Peterson, Theewen,
 Micek, Nosal, Shonka, Minette—
 "Go back to St. Bonnies' Church
 "And make up time there."

To Tylle, Euteneuer, Syslo, Huhman
 Koziol, Watkins, Kudron, St. Peter'll say:
 "How about those hours squandered
 "Year after year, day after day
 "Make up by polishing 'Gates of Pearl'
 "No more hall walking with that girl."

"Poise pens, take dictation, what's your speed?—
 Kathleen, Phyllis, Lois, Janet, Josephine,
 Barbara, Judy, Lois, Marilyn, Jane, Connie—
 "In Heaven," you say, "there's no such need?"

"Next, to the farmers I'll say a word—
 Virginia, Marvin, Dennis, Vernon,
 Margie, Theresa, David, Joe, Robert,
 Paul, Edna, Y'vonne—
 "What's the status of the cattle herd?"

"For some I just don't have room—
 Bogus, Golonka, Mostek, Romanek,
 Bator, Schmid, Stachura, Swalek, Badstieber, Kearns—
 "Don't you think you came too soon?"

"Whew, what a group—68 complete
 "They gave a hard job to poor St. Pete.
 "But now they'll be quiet for apace,
 "Till 1980, another ten-year space."

Be Nonchalant When . .

Mr. McArdle asks you to enumerate the splendors of spring.
 * M *

You're caught picking up paper for a certain chubby redhead.
 * M *

You're kindly asked to bring your rake to school.
 * M *

You (a senior) trace back through the years and remember the things you shouldn't have done.
 * M *

"Pepsi Cola" marries "Coca Cola" and "Dr. Pepper" brings them a little "Squirt."
 * M *

A certain teacher states that you are young and handsome.
 * M *

You are penalized six hours make up work even though you were actually sick the day following Ben-Hur.
 * M *

Find your coin purse empty after ordering a coke at Tooley's.

Any Samples Today?

"Good afternoon, Mr. M. and W. W. Wooley, have you any samples today or perhaps blotters that we can use in school?" This constituted the usual greeting of the school girls as they made their bi-monthly call to the Wooley Drug Store.

Mr. M. or Mr. W.W.—(the girls never knew the brothers apart)—would take a good look in the hiding places and finally emerge with hands laden.

"Now children, these samples will be very helpful to your mothers. Take them home to her."

"Yes, Mr. M. and W. W. Wooley, we will do that."

Scarcely had the children left the store when throwing all caution to the wind, Ann would sample the contents of each item received. A good lesson was learned when an entire sample of "Syrup of Figs" was gobbled because it tasted so good. However the after effects proved to be not so good.

LET US BE DRAWN TO MARY BY A VERY POWERFUL IMPULSE, and trust to her confidently all that is ours; joys, if we rejoice; woes, if we are in trial; hopes, if we endeavor to rise to better things.—Pius XI.

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