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CINDERELLA TO ARRIVE

On the afternoon of April 9th, Cinderella will be at Sacred Heart school in the person of Joan Pepper. Her stepmother (Ann McNertney) and her wicked step-sisters, (Delores Coffey and Mary Jo Fitzgerald) will also be there to make her unhappy, but the fairy godmother (Miriam Fangman) with her messenger (Pat Rea) will save her, and the Prince (Robert Sumner) will find her.

One scene of the operetta will present the Prince's ball where Margaret Friel, Lorraine Conway, Frances McNertney, Dianne Shuster, Patsy Conway, David Schell, Pat Rea, James McDonald, Donald Ivis, and Roger Weigel will dance the minuet. The "symphony" rhythm band will play Beethoven's Minuet in G.

The Parent Teacher Association will be guests at this operetta presented by the first and second grades.

SENIORS PLAY LAST GAME

On March 3, in the last game of the season, Boone High, sectional champs, defeated a hard-fighting but outclassed quintet of Sacred Heart 41 to 18.

The contest was closer than the score indicated. The locals were getting the shots and playing a good brand of ball, but the gremlins seemed to be around, and the spheroid would not slide through the net.

This was the last game for four of the "Blue and White," Captain Don De Mouth, Lawrence Yegge, John Sandon, and Sylvester White. Yegge controlled many of the rebounds from ranger Maury Hagaleen, Sandon looked good as he hooked in two left hand hook shots, White was fighting hard, too hard in fact, for he had three fouls chalked up against him in the first quarter, and De Mouth came through with two long shots and a pair of free throws. Freshman Jim McDermott also looked good as he faked, passed, and dribbled through opposing players.

In this, the last game of the season the team went all out as they always did, sometimes to bring home a victory, and sometimes a loss, but wherever the boys went they left a good name if not a victory to be remembered by.

On the afternoon following the game the team met with Father Skahill to pick the five best players that they had played against or seen this year.



LONG MAY IT WAVE!

CONTINUE BEATITUDE DISCUSSION

The high school sodality met in the school hall at nine on Mar. 18. Helen Sherrard, prefect, opened the meeting, Martha Ericson was discussion chairman.

Discussion sheets had been distributed before the meeting. One side was a pictorial representation of the sending of "Life" from Christ in the Mass, through the student attending, to soldiers and sailors. The what, and how, and why of this was discussed.

Then followed a discussion based on the third beatitude--"Blessed are they that mourn, for they shall be comforted." Lawrence Yegge gave "suffering" as a synonym for "mourning." The three kinds of suffering--physical, mental, and "boredom" and their "escapes" were considered, and everyone agreed that none of these escapes is perfect, that a certain amount of suffering will always have to be borne; that heaven is the only perfect escape. Betty Koehler and Chloris Kobbe said that suffering could be a good thing in our lives, though according to Mary Judge, it sometimes seemed to be an evil. John Pestotnik summarized the discussion in these points: When I am in the state of grace, I am united with Christ. Then my acts are His acts. Then my sufferings, like His, redeem the world. By them I help myself and others get to heaven. I thus merit the reward of being called blessed. I am comforted because I know my sufferings are not fruitless.

P.T.A. BUSINESS MEETING

At the March meeting, held on the 13th, Mrs. J. J. Sandon, president thanked Mrs. W. Carver and her committee for the \$25 raised on a bake sale; and Mrs. H. Bennett and her committee for \$23 obtained on her project, a pillow slip raffle. The organization voted to purchase two fire extinguishers for the school, and a set of stage furniture.

LOCAL BANK EXHIBIT

The bookkeeping class, on March 23, enjoyed visiting the Boone State Bank where an exhibit of 75 checks is on display.

The checks vary in size, shape, and color; the first check form, dated 1791, being very simple. With the passing of the years the forms become more detailed. The writing on most of the checks is legible, on some it is beautiful. The smallest check is for 75¢, the largest is for \$10,000. This is signed by James Wilson, political economist and one of the signers of the Declaration of Independence.

With each check, there is a picture of the signer and a short paragraph on his life. Among the famous Americans represented are former presidents--Jefferson, Madison, Monroe, Harrison, Taft, T. Roosevelt; Gen. Robert E. Lee, Daniel Webster, Charles Carroll of Carrollton, Mark Twain, James Fenimore Cooper, Nathaniel Hawthorne, James Russell Lowell, Walt Whitman, and Ralph Waldo Emerson.

STUDENTS SEE HEALTH PICTURE

On the afternoon of March 19th, the high school and 7th and 8th grade students were shown two motion pictures--"Middleton Goes to War," and "Goodbye, Mr. Germ."

Both pictures were instructive and showed the efforts that are being made to counteract tuberculosis.

Mrs. Carolyn Carlson, school nurse, explained the tuberculin project and its importance, and expressed the hope that all students would be sufficiently interested to have the test made. The test will be given on March 30.

Stanley Hiatt and James Van Ness operated the machine for the afternoon's program.

SENIORS LOSE PRESIDENT

The Senior Class lost its president, and each Senior a good friend when Sylvester White moved from Boone to Peoria on March 20.

At farewell parties in the school hall, and in the home of Martha Finn and Mary Jane Sanderson, Sylvester was the honored guest. He will be missed at Sacred Heart as he not only had ideas, but had the determination necessary to carry them out.

The prayers and sincere good wishes of his former classmates go with him to his new home.

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DO THINGS FOR LENT

Our first reaction to Lent is that we don't like it, probably because we think too much of what we give up rather than of what we receive. It is so easy to see our sacrifices because they touch our bodies, and so hard to use the eyes of our soul, and see what we gain. Take the idea of daily Mass. How important is that extra hour of sleep we would have to give up? We'd never mind it if we just had the will power to get started. And how important is that Infinite Mass that can be ours with so little trouble. It will go on for all eternity giving glory to God, and increasing our merit. If we are going to Mass each morning, we are spending a good Lent--we are doing something. And the grace we carry away from the Mass will help us accept the little sufferings of life which are so small beside Christ's sufferings, and they will prepare us to share with Him in the glory of the resurrection on Easter.

RETREAT

Silence, prayer and meditation,
Busy minds, imagination,
Happy hearts, and souls set free
Jesus Christ to comfort me.

Thoughts of God, His grace, His
love,
Soaring dreams of heaven above,
Refuge from the cares of life--
Sorrow, worry, pain and strife.
--Helen Sherrard '43

FROM A SENIOR'S SCRAPBOOK (1932)

Sister: So you forgot your pencil
again, John! My! My! what
would a soldier be with-
out a gun?

John: An officer, I 'speat.
(1935)

Sister: Donald, can you tell the
class what a sawhorse is?

Donald: I guess it's the past
tense of seahorse.
(1938)

Betty Lou: What is an undertaker?

Mary Ann: An undertaker is a man
who follows the medical
profession.
(1943)

Bernadette: Sometimes my dad takes
things apart to see why
they don't go.

Sylvester: So what?

Bernadette: So you'd better go.

WHAT HAS RATIONING MEANT TO YOU?

Point rationing has affected me in several ways. There is no more fudge making at our house and not much cake-baking either though I have learned to use syr-
up and the other substitutes. Salads too have less variety since pineapple and other canned fruits take so many points. And I don't do the shopping now. Mother hasn't been willing to trust our precious ration books to me.

Rose Coffey '44
I can't get the supplies I want. Flash bulbs are frozen now and printing paper is getting scarce. Films are rationed two to a customer.

Bob Mockler '45
Butter is all that bothers me. I have to have butter on my pan-
cakes.

Dorothy Yegge '45

THERE AND HERE

The last pep meeting of the year brought out some of the hidden talent in the Junior class--Jack Robert and his trumpet. How about another concert, Jack?

For the first time in many a moon, a Senior girl steps up for highest average--Helen Sherrard with a 96%. The Seniors are ranking pretty high in Mass attendance these days too.

Orchids to T. Mahoney for his million-dollar idea of moving the altar from the south to the north end of the hall. With the new arrangement, about 30 more people can be accommodated.

Mrs. S. Schaffner donated two chickens to be raffled. The students invested their Lent self-denial money in chances; the proceeds, \$27, will help buy a bond for the school building fund. How many birds were killed with that one stone? And thanks to Mrs. Schaffner.

Mary Jane Sanderson has joined the ranks of part-time workers, having taken a position in the bookkeeping department of the Citizens' National Bank.

The 5th and 6th grade boys have organized a soft ball team with Jimmy Garvey as captain.

Coach Father Skahill is carrying on correspondence with the Athletic departments of some of the neighboring high schools. If transportation is not too difficult, the students can look forward to some baseball games.

We hear that the choir is practicing a new Mass which they hope to have ready for Easter.

MEET YOUR NEIGHBOR

Who am I? Why, I'm just a little town of some twenty of thirty thousand people where your basketball team plays some of the time. Our school is the only one in town, and we have a total enrollment of thirteen students. Yes? You ask where the extra one comes in--well, he's the one that was a Senior last year and is still a Senior this year. Our basketball team enters all the tournaments, but we never get even one score, and we're always eliminated in the first round.

From your town we are located 50 miles southwest. Want to come over and play basketball? Well, you drive three miles due north. You make a left turn at that right corner up there behind you and then you are far from it. You drive along until a big black building looms up white ahead of you. You then step on the starter and stop your car.

You enter the building, the black lights burn brightly. You hear the thunderous applause of eleven people. The other two have the measles. The team then goes into the dressing room where the coach sings them a peppy funeral dirge. Our three-man team crawls out on the floor singing: "Merrily we roll along." As the game backs up, for every ball that's thrown into the basket for us, the referee gives you two points. For that reason, we've had a different referee for every game, but it still works out the same. The gun goes off!!! Who won? Why, you did. The score was 33-0. Who are we? Oh, didn't we tell you? We're Bye, over east of Boone.

ALUMNI NEWS

Ensign John Martin, with his wife, visited his mother, Mrs. Nellie Martin last week. He had come from Chicago, and was on his way back to his base after having flown to Cuba with a squadron of planes. He visited the school, saw his former teachers, looked at the class pictures, and basketball trophy won by his class in '38. With him was a classmate, Lawrence Lohrer.

Another guest at the school was Richard Murphy '42 looking very handsome in his navy uniform. His father, also a US seaman, is home on furlough too.

Mary Mahoney '35, after several months' visit in Boone, joined the WAAC's March 16. She is the fourth member of the Mahoney family to enlist in the country's service.

James Fitzgerald '41 left Boone March 25 to join the country's fighting forces.



(left to
right)

Helen Jeanne
Yegge

Julianna Doyle

Jean Marie
Whalen

FANGMAN FOURSOME

Have you noticed four neat boys on the altar, two small ones, and two tall ones, all with a certain pleasing something about them. That is the Fangman Foursome. It doesn't happen often, probably it never happened before that four boys from one family served on the altar at one time. The Fangmans claim that distinction.

Robert, the eldest, a Junior, has served for six years; Charles, a Freshman, has served four years; and James and Tom are in their second year.

The Fangmans stand out, not only in number, but in service. The answer is always a cheerful "Yes" whether the call is for a low Mass or a high Mass, an early morning or evening service, and when they say they will be there, they are there.

GRADE BOYS TURN CARPENTER

Here is good news for those who go to daily Mass. To make the winter chapel as comfortable as possible especially for the adults who come, the seventh and eighth grade boys decided to demonstrate some of the skill acquired in their Manual Training class and make some small wooden kneelers. About twenty-five have been completed. The boys also built a 12-foot kneeler to be used as a communion rail and step.

The amateur carpenters are Dominic Belmont, Thomas Brierty, Joseph Burke, Charles Dunn, Ray Eppel, Gareth Ericson, Duane Klute, Eldon McManus, Ray Mestdagh, Donald Powers, Paul Eppel, Leo Fitzgerald, John Friel, Ray Karros, Joseph Krenz, Eugene Langworthy, Monty Langworthy, Dick Matt, Richard Sovereign, and David Yegge.

These boys and their girl classmates are "modern" Catholics. Knowing a good thing when they see it, they attend Mass in large numbers, and in the hands of each is a Stedman Lenten Missal.

The girls are enterprising too; they are making puppets which will be used to enact the reception of the seven sacraments.

JUNIORS BUY LIBRARY BOOKS

The members of the Junior Class, through volunteer contributions, week by week, have built up a fund large enough to make a sizable addition to the school library. The books that they have purchased since September are "Across a World," Considine; "An American Woman," Feeney; "Masterful Monk," "Pageant of Life," and "Coming of the Monster," by Dudley; Lieutenant's Lady, Aldrich; "Body in a Barrage Balloon," Curzon; "Here is Alaska," Stefanson; "The Gremlins Are Coming," Hogan; "Our Hearts Are Young and Gay," Skinner; and "Song of Bernadette" by Werfel. The Juniors, looking over their purchases, are (standing) Donald Mestdagh and John Pestotnik; (seated) Rose Coffey, Dorothy Wheelock, Thomas Mahoney, and Mary Judge.

THIRD AND FOURTH GRADERS ENTERTAIN

The pupils of the third and fourth grades, on the 12th of March, prepared a program for the entertainment of their mothers and friends. A play, by name "Terpsichorean Tidbits" represented a group of children preparing for a P.T.A. meeting. Joyce Matt, as teacher, was efficient in spite of the troubles that arose. Raymond Wilson opened the program with a welcome. Mary Helen Rea (ANNA) read an essay on vacation. Sue Carol Sovereign (JUDY) gave the ABC's in rhyme; Joan Duncan, Esther Hyland and Lois Eppel as MINNIE, SUSIE, and JULIE respectively, sang solos. Louis Anderson (SAMMY), Roland Weigel (JOSHUA), Jack Vest (HENRY), Richard Burke (ALBERT) and James Ballantyne (GEORGE) presented a dialogue on what they would be when they grow up. Mickey Conway (ELMER) told of his troubles with "Crums." Other characters were CAROL (Corine Phelan) and MARY (Susan Judge). Mary Kay Jacobson gave the audience a farewell speech. Then Julianna Doyle and Helen Yegge in colorful costumes presented a novelty tap dance.

The Glee Club contributed three numbers: "The Army Air Corps Song," "Marianina," and "Some Folks Do."

" THANKS FOR THE MEMORY "

OUR RETREAT MASTER

March 1, 2, and 3 will go down on the record as the year's most memorable days. On these three days, Reverend Charles W. Clark, S.J. of the Jesuit Mission Band of St. Louis University conducted a retreat for the high-school and 7th and 8th grade students, about one hundred students in all.

Each day began with a dialogue Mass at 8:30, and many received Holy Communion. There were two talks in the morning, and two in the afternoon each day, with a Holy Hour in the evening. In the course of the three days, practically every phase of a Catholic student's life was touched on--Mass, Holy Communion, confession, prayer, sin, death, the life of Christ, His Passion, vocations, boy and girls problems.

All the exercises of the retreat were given in Sacred Heart church, and the time between talks was devoted to saving the stations, the rosary, litany of the Sacred Heart, and other prayers from a booklet which became the "handbook" of the retreat--"In This Sign Conquer."

Since the basketball team was scheduled to play in the tournament on Wednesday night, the retreat closed with Holy Hour Wednesday afternoon. Father Ryan gave the papal blessing and final benediction. He thanked Father Clark for giving the retreat, and the students for their excellent cooperation.

On Sunday, Father Clark conducted a day of recollection for the women of the parish. About 300 attended. The day's talk took the mother of a son in service along the Way of the Cross and compared her sufferings with Our Lady's. Those present could not help but be comforted by his words and face the future with new courage.

OUR "CHAPLAIN"

The retreat was in progress but a short time when Father Clark's hearers knew the desire of his life, to be a navy chaplain, to wear the navy blue and white which are also Our Lady's colors. This desire and love of the service colored all his talks. The retreat was a "furlough with Christ." The war is real, and each has his and her part to play.

To the boys his message was to be brave to face physical pain as it cannot last long, and to be ready at all times to die. To impress on them that death can come quickly he told them the story of "Jerry" who crashed while practicing dive bombing. Father gave him conditional baptism, and his blood-stained helmet is one of Father's prized possessions.

Another impressive talk was the story of St. Dismas, and how he won heaven by an act of perfect contrition. Father then taught the beautiful prayer: "Jesus crucified, remember me," advising everyone to use it often, in time of temptation, and especially in danger of death.

Father Clark's idea of death is a glorious one, for, as he explained, what the boys will really die for is to keep Christ on our altars,

Father's war message to the girls was to pray for all the country's fighting men, living and dead--to offer Mass and Holy Communion for them, and to gain as many indulgences as possible, especially by saying the stations and rosary.

To place both boys and girls under the special protection of Our Blessed Mother he enrolled all in the five scapulars.

OUR FRIEND

"My Mother thanks you, my Father thanks you; my Brother thanks you; and I thank you." With these words Father Clark left the altar of the Sacred Heart Church for the last time Wednesday afternoon at 3:30. There was many a heavy heart, but not an unhappy one in the church.

All through the three days, inspired with the thought of helping boys earn heaven, especially boys who may die soon, he exerted himself to the utmost to help all make a good retreat. Never thinking of himself, he gave to the retreatants every minute of his time from 8:30 in the morning until the last person had left the church at night.

His conferences were heart stirring, and many a staunch soldier of Christ shed tears. His talks with the boys alone, and with the girls alone were most helpful as he devoted himself to solving the problems of each.

His counsel--"to be expendable" "to go the undemanded mile" was preached by his self-sacrificing service to the retreatants even more than by his words.

His campaign for freeing the souls in purgatory, especially the souls of soldiers, sailors, and marines is just another example of a love that shows itself in deeds.

No one who makes a retreat with Father Clark can ever forget him. He gives himself as a friend, and as a retreat master. His retreatants contract a debt that can be paid only by prayer, perhaps his favorite

prayer: Jesus Christ crucified, remember him."

