



A memorable date, November 1, 1950, for on that day Pope Pius XII will proclaim the dogma of the Assumption as a solemn doctrine of the Catholic Church. The ceremony will take place on the steps of St. Peter's Basilica in Rome and will be followed by a solemn Pontifical Mass. It is the first time in 80 years that a pope will have made an infallible declaration. The Holy Father wishes the faithful to be present spiritually, if not physically.

An appropriate name for the doctrine of the Assumption would be the People's Doctrine, for it was the belief of the people which really brought about this wonderful honor to Mary. On May 1, 1946, the Holy Father sent out the questionnaire *Deiparae Virginis* asking the Bishops to tell what their people believed about the Assumption and whether they would favor the declaration of the Assumption as an article of faith. The response was affirmative and unanimous. The astounding part of it is that neither the Councils nor the Holy Father would define it and theologians could not prove it, yet the people insisted that this honor was Mary's due and that it be given to her. The Dogma of the Assumption was really defined by the faith of the people. Nothing is found in the gospels or the letters of St. Paul or St. Peter or St. John, or even in the earliest documents of the Church that pertains to it, yet this obstacle was overcome by faith, and on November 1, 1950, the people will have their way. (next column)

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SACRED HEART HIGH SCHOOL, BOONE, IOWA

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## Class Officers '50

Sacred Heart High School classes held elections for class officers during the first week of October. The new officers of the Seniors are:

Pres.—Barbara Morgan  
Vice Pres.—Susan Judge  
Sec.—Treas.—Richard Burke

Junior officers are:

Pres.—Helen Yegge  
Vice Pres.—Julie Doyle  
Sec.—Treas.—Clarence Dittmer

Sophomore Class officers:

Pres.—Delores Coffey  
Vice Pres.—Miriam Fangman  
Sec.—Treas.—Patricia Conway

Freshmen:

Pres.—Lorraine Conway  
Vice Pres.—Michael Carney  
Sec.—Treas.—Margaret Friel

## Our Curate Abroad

The Reverend Everett E. Apt, assistant pastor of the Church of the Sacred Heart, Boone, left here August 20 for a visit with his mother, father, and friends before joining with the Iowa Pilgrimage which sailed September 13.

While traveling, the pilgrims saw many different places of interest including The Shrine of Saint Therese, "Little Flower of Jesus" at Lisieux, France; and Lourdes where the Blessed Virgin Mary appeared to St. Bernadette.

The pilgrims were scheduled to reach Rome September 28, where they carried out the historic indulgenced Holy Year visitations to the four major basilicas, St. Mary Major, St. John Lateran, St. Paul's Outside-the-Walls, and St. Peter's.

Mary is

As pure as the thought of God  
As sweet as the smile of God.

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The proclamation could not have come at a more opportune time, with the world in chaos as it is. It is to be hoped that this latest honor to Mary will alert people of the world and inspire them to heed her warnings, which we must do in order to procure world peace.

## Church Unity

"That they all may be one, as Thou Father, in me, and I in Thee; that they also may be one in us."

These words were the text of Father J. J. Ryan's sermon notes on September 24th in speaking of the unity of the Catholic Faith. The Latin "Credo" surging from the throats of the assembled group in the audience with the Holy Father, he stated, is the thrilling avowal of that oneness as well as the keynote of all the pilgrimages made Romeward this Jubilee Year of 1950.

Each Catholic heart yearns to swell the chords of that common Credo; to journey to the "common" center of Christianity, to assemble in audience before the "Vicar of Christ" upon earth; but are we not doing the very same when we send an advocate bearing the fruits of our penance, our prayers, our closer union.

No more symbolic act of our heart's union, our contact with our Holy Father, can be cited than the distribution of the Holy Year Medals. Father Ryan in person presented to each man, woman and child of Sacred Heart Parish and St. Mary's Mission this memento from him, their delegate. We have made our contact with Rome through him; have hearkened to the Jubilee message through his counsels; have received from him as our Shepherd, the symbol of our unity—that oneness that we must foster to make Christ's prayer a living prayer "that they may be one in us."

## Forty Hours

The Forty-Hours Devotion was opened by Father J. J. Ryan on Friday morning, October 6, at a High Mass sung by the school choir. The services continued Friday evening with the Rosary, a sermon by Father Columban, C.Ss.R., and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. Again Saturday and Sunday, High Masses were offered. Adoration was the keynote of the three days with closing services Sunday evening.

Many hearts drew closer to Jesus in the Eucharist assuring themselves of protection and guidance for the future.





Waterloo Station, London, is the scene of the above picture where Msgr. C. J. Ivis, Rev. J.J. Ryan, Gertrude LaVelle, Mrs. B. Greteman, Margaret Greteman, Rev. F. H. Greteman, and Rev. R. G. Sweeney are about ready to leave on the boat train to embark at Southampton on the Queen Mary before returning to the United States, concluding their pilgrimage.

## Along Life's Way

"But to every man there openeth  
A high way and a low  
And every man decideth  
The way his soul shall go"—Oxenham

As our paper goes to press we behold our seniors of 1950 trudging along this lonely highway meeting the burdens of life and learning more of the world each day as they are now "out on their own."

We find Madonna Miller studying to be a nurse at St. Joseph's in Omaha, while Gertrude is doing "home study" from Iowa State. Rosellen Koehler is studying, too, as a postulant at Mount Carmel.

Jim Bennett is working at People's Clothing and Dale Shell is selling meat at the National Tea. Roger Burke continues his services at the Standard Printing while Bill Biernatzki is attending Junior College and Bert Carney has traveled down to Texas where he is engaged in work at the Air Plane factory.

## Back to School

Eileen Ryan says there is nothing to do during vacation, so she is glad to hear school bells ring again. So are the other Fifth and Sixth Graders who have voiced their thoughts in serious words.

Fred Vitt says that school puts him on schedule and that he likes to see his playmates. Seeing playmates is also a joy to Patricia Dittmer and Marilyn Fitzgerald. Of course some like their teacher, but Bertha Walker thinks it's fun to work. Thomas Fitzgerald shows wisdom beyond his years in saying that school gives him a chance to learn the things he will need when he gets out of school.

What is your opinion on this subject? Quiet halls, orderly classrooms and studious pupils of Sacred Heart School are proof enough that sincere effort makes the beginning of the school year a very happy one.

I walked with some leaves that were blowing my way.



Patricia Fitzgerald, a graduate of Sacred Heart High School in 1949, and Rosellen Koehler, a member of the class of 1950, left Boone September 8, to enter the Congregation of the Sisters of Charity, of the Blessed Virgin Mary, at St. Joseph Convent, Dubuque, where they joined with 70 other girls in dedicating their lives to God.

Both girls attended Sacred Heart for twelve years, and were very prominent in all parish activity.

## They've Come From Afar

Two new students, Michael and Rose Marie Kemmerer, enrolled at Sacred Heart School on September 5. Last December they flew from Pearl Harbor, their former home, to San Francisco and proceeded to Boone by rail which incidentally was the first ride of that type for each of them. Opinions of life in their new homeland varied slightly:

### FIRST IMPRESSION OF AMERICA?

Michael: The traffic's heavier and restaurants are different.

Rose Marie: The buildings are so tall.

### HOW DOES BOONE DIFFER FROM YOUR NATIVE COUNTRY?

Michael: You have to pay a dime for pop over there, but you don't have to take the bottle back.

Rose Marie: Hospital service costs 25¢ daily. The medicine was free.

### WHAT DID YOU WANT TO SEE MOST IN AMERICA?

Michael: The carnival and circus.

Rose Marie: The carnival and animals of the circus.

### WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE SUBJECT?

Michael: English and civics.

Rose Marie: English.

### Opinions given by our students:

Dean Dittmer: Michael would do anything for anybody.

Bob Harder: He has a fine personality and is a good sportsman.

Pat Dittmer: Rose Marie is swell and always ready with a smile.

Coleen Bennett: She is nice to play with and she never quarrels with anyone.

### THE PUMPKIN



The night was dark and dreary  
Not a light was seen  
Only the eyes, nose, mouth  
Of a pumpkin gleamed.

—Karen Erickson, Gr. 8





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## OUR WEAPON

Sacred Heart's parishioners have joined in the fight for peace by praying the rosary to the Blessed Virgin Mary. We have heeded her pleas for prayers.

When the plan was first inaugurated on Aug. 15 only a few participated, but now the increased numbers attending force separate gatherings; one in the North, South, East and West. In this binding together of our prayers and rosaries, we are not only giving great honor to God and to the Blessed Virgin, but we are helping ourselves and securing a safer, and holier future for the next generation.

Why not all join in this prayerful fight for freedom and for the enlightenment of a world that has thrown God out of heart and mind!

## Martyr of Purity

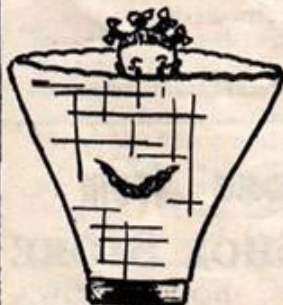
Maria Goretti, canonized on June 25, 1950, was only twelve years old; had received Holy Communion but four times in her life; and is a saint of the virtue of Purity.

Maria was born in 1890 to a family of fine culture, with five children. Her mother and father had a joint ownership in a farm with a Serenelli family, and both of them worked in the fields.

Being frightened of the Serenelli boy, Alessandro, Maria always tried to stay as far from him as possible. One day while she was upstairs alone, Alessandro came in. When Maria asked him why he was there, he replied that he wanted Maria to sin with him. Upon refusal he seized an awl which he had ground to fine sharpness and stabbed her eight times.

Maria Goretti's example of a childlike life is certainly one to follow.

## What's in the Basket?



A playlette presented by the talented cast of the first and second grades for their mothers at P. T. A. on Friday afternoon, Oct. 13, 1950.



If any of the Sacred Heart boys would like to make architecture a career, Sacred Heart presents the first stepping stone by having Manual Training on the high school schedule. With the courtesy of the faculty of Boone High, the boys arrange their courses at Boone High where facilities are available.

If one is interested in architecture, he begins to shape his career in high school by taking history, English, mathematics, art appreciation and drawing. The budding architect then goes to college for five years, where he learns more about history of arts, design, mathematics, physics, construction and engineering. In addition to knowledge the architect-to-be must have natural talent; such as, artistic talent, sense of design, and feeling for color. The architect must be able to visualize and carry out large projects and must have some degree of mechanical skill. Not only must he develop these natural talents, he must also have a thorough knowledge of engineering techniques and a working knowledge of art, air-conditioning and of plumbing.

Most young men, after completing their formal education, start as a draftsman and work for from three to five years before they try their wings independently. Most states require a license to set up an office.

Salary depends on initiative and skill. Beginners usually earn from \$30 to \$40 a week, while an experienced architect makes much more. Federal employees earn from \$3,000 to \$9,000 a year.

## Sports

On Mondays and Wednesdays the high school boys play football. The teams are each made up of five men.

The grade schools teams are entered in the Y. M. C. A. tough football league. They lost their first game and tied the second. They have four remaining games in their schedule.

## ECHOES FROM INITIATION

Initiation! That dreaded word, filled with terror and anticipation, provides the inexperienced Freshie with thoughts he tells to none.

—Clarissa Biernatski

Seniors must be smart else how could they ever get such clever and unexpected ideas.

—David Schell

Being a Freshman has many possibilities, privileges, and tough spots.

—Jim McDonald



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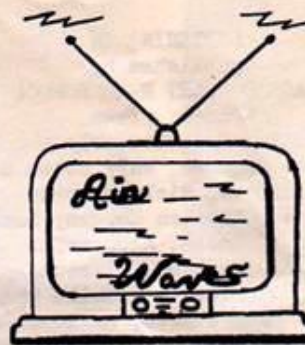
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Is poking at my back.  
Someday I'm going to put that friend,  
Thru the torture known as rack.

Do you have some paper I may borrow,  
Pen and ink and pencil too?  
And do you have your work done,  
That I may copy it from you?

Paper, pencil, pen and ink,  
I never think to bring.  
It's well I have a neighbor,  
Who will loan me everything.

Why yes! My darling pest,  
For you, nothing but the best.  
The answers all are very right,  
To get them I only study half the night.

Thank you friend, I hope you can trace,  
The bottle of ink that I spilled on your answers.  
For it requires artistic grace,  
To splash it in the form of dancers.

The parson told the sexton and the sexton toll'd  
the bell.  
Is that your own hare, or a wig?

#### First Days!

Did you see all the sport equipment Father Apt  
left us before he went to Rome? Three footballs!  
Bats! Baseballs!

#### Other Days!

Where's the football?  
Watersoaked! Forgotten on rainy nights.  
Lost! Who put it away last night?  
Roofed! Gotta get Mr. Burke, to get a ladder  
to get it down.

#### Whose Now?

Oh! let's use the Fifth and Sixth Graders.

#### Effects!

Energetic boys!!  
Out of mischief until our Assistant returns!!

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