

# HI-LIGHTS

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**1954-19**



*For You*

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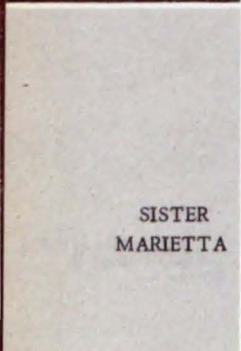
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SISTER MARY KEVIN

TO

# SISTER CLAUDIA

- ... the artist of Mater Dei
- ... the faithful bookstore keeper
- ... painter of the classroom Madonna's
- ... who is never too tired to make another trip to school
- ... never too hard-hearted to take a student back in class whom she has sent out
- ... has kindness and manners of a princess

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# ADMINISTRATION

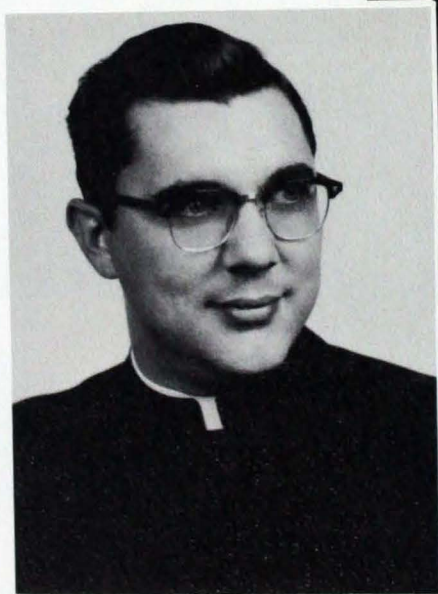


Rev. William A. Lautner  
Superintendent

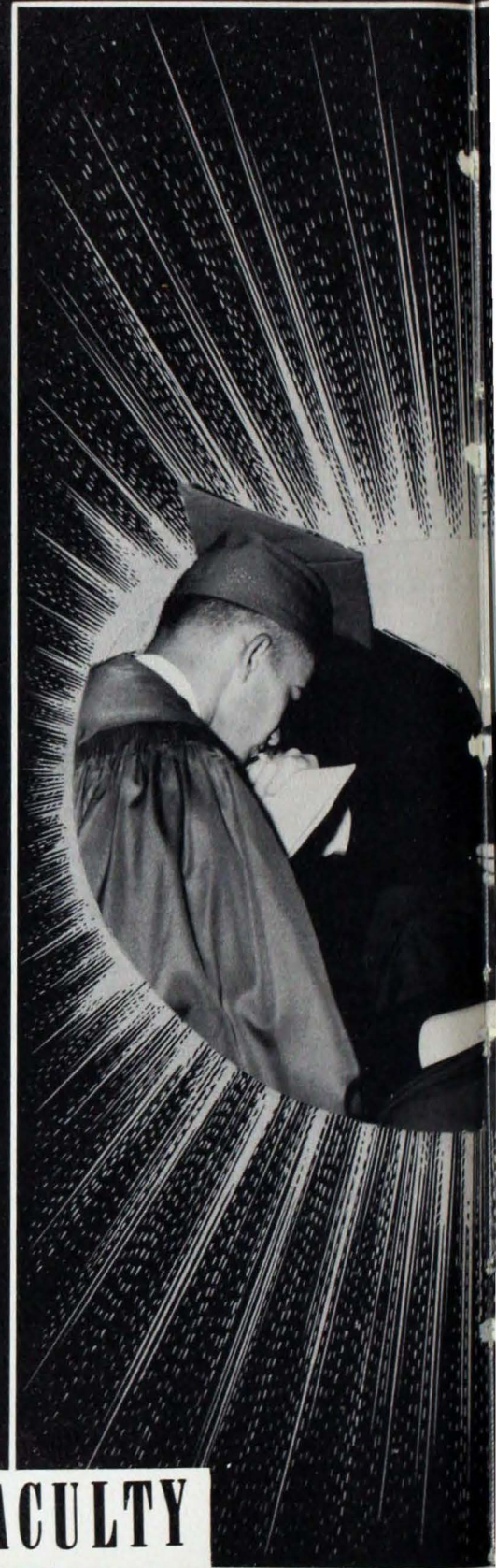


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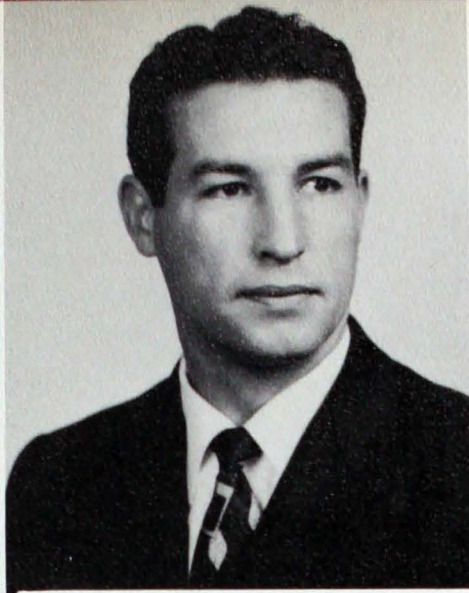


**Bishop Grimmelsman  
Completes 10th Year  
In Evansville Diocese**

The Most Reverend Henry J. Grimmelsman, S.T.D., observed his 10th Anniversary as Bishop of the Evansville Diocese, Monday, January 3. Bishop Grimmelsman was formally installed as the first Bishop of Evansville on January 3, 1945. The installation took place in the Assumption Cathedral.

The Diocese was established on November 11, 1944. Assumption, being the oldest parish in Evansville, was appropriately selected Cathedral of the Diocese. The Right Reverend Thomas J. Clarke is the first Chancellor of the Diocese.

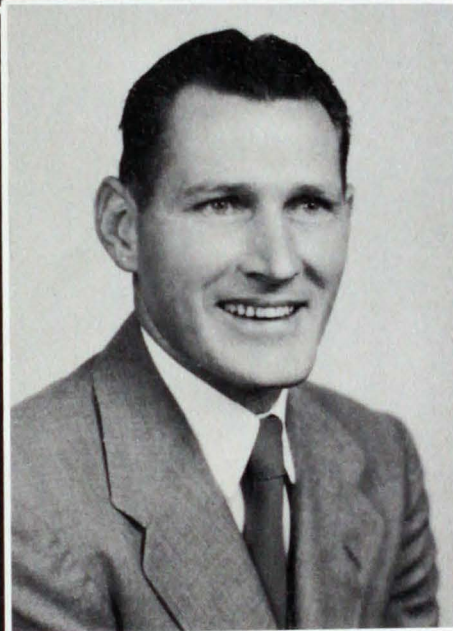
Through the influence of His Excellency, Mater Dei West High School became a reality. Bishop Grimmelsman, with his Board, approved of our present site in 1947 and construction was begun. The choosing of a name was also of great importance, but again the Most Reverend Bishop came through. Mater Dei was chosen—a name long to be remembered in the city and diocese of Evansville.



Mr. Gene Logel

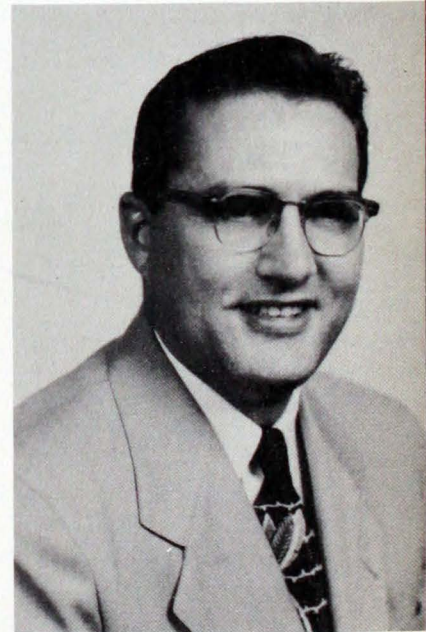


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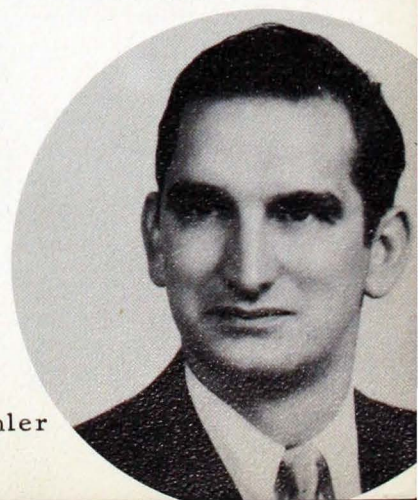


Mr. Len Will

Mr. Ralph Joest



Mr. Robert Hormuth



Mr. Meinrad Schoenbachler



# SPRING

This volume of Hi-Lights is offered as a YEAR FOR YOU--Mater Dei, Mother of God and our Alma Mater too. A YEAR FOR YOU our teachers, friends, and schoolmates at Mater Dei and finally a YEAR FOR YOU, dear reader, whoever you are.

Here are the Hi-Lights of a year (March 1954 to March 1955) which is a great one for us, the class of '55.

We the staff present this YEAR FOR YOU, edition by simply giving a more picturesque presentation to the Hi-Lights of this year as recorded in our companion publication the school paper.

OUR YEAR FOR YOU begins on March 8, 1954 the day on which we received the School sweaters and jackets which mark us as Seniors of Mater Dei.

It was a great day for us (Incidentally it is the date on which last year's yearbook was completed.)

So here it is A YEAR FOR YOU--Season by Season, Month by Month, Day by Day.

--The Staff









# MARCH '54

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*It Wasn't Blue . . .*  
**Monday Was  
Red and Gold Day**

A great day of joy was Monday, March 8, when the Juniors received their jackets and sweaters. Nine a.m. saw the upper classmen in Sacred Heart Church preparing for Mass and Communion. After Mass the whole group proceeded to the Mater Dei Cafeteria. The Juniors were then treated to breakfast by the Seniors.

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The FIGHTING 69TH a nationwide crusade for purity in speech, dress and manner, was organized at Mater Dei by Sylvia Metzler, M.D. Hi-Lights editor. Sylvia was elected captain at the first meeting held in the cafeteria on Tuesday, March 23.

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**Honor Society  
Slates Induction  
For March 29**



Joe Stofleth

Patti Happel



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### Don Niemeier Wins Award

Don Niemeier, Mater Dei's high-scoring forward, today was named winner of the Kiwanis Award at a special assembly. The presentation was made by Don Rauber, Kiwanis president.

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Twenty-one carefully chosen contestants represented Mater Dei in the annual High School Achievement Program Contests held at Central March 27. This was Mater Dei's first entry in the Achievement program.



### Our Pride and Joy

I got something new today, of which I'm very proud. It's something you will notice, the color's rather loud. They told me to be careful, at places where I wear it. They should have known, that I'd take care, I promised not to tear it. "But," they said, "we do not mean the way you care for it. We mean the way you care for you, the way you stand and sit. The way you talk in public, where everyone can hear. The way you act and how you look, your conduct's what we fear. My friends said, "Let's all wear them, they make us look so hep." And I said, "Yes, but look kids, we'll have to keep in step." And now we're wearing them, you see, the '55 is clear. We really are grown-ups now, we graduate NEXT YEAR.



MARIAN YEAR



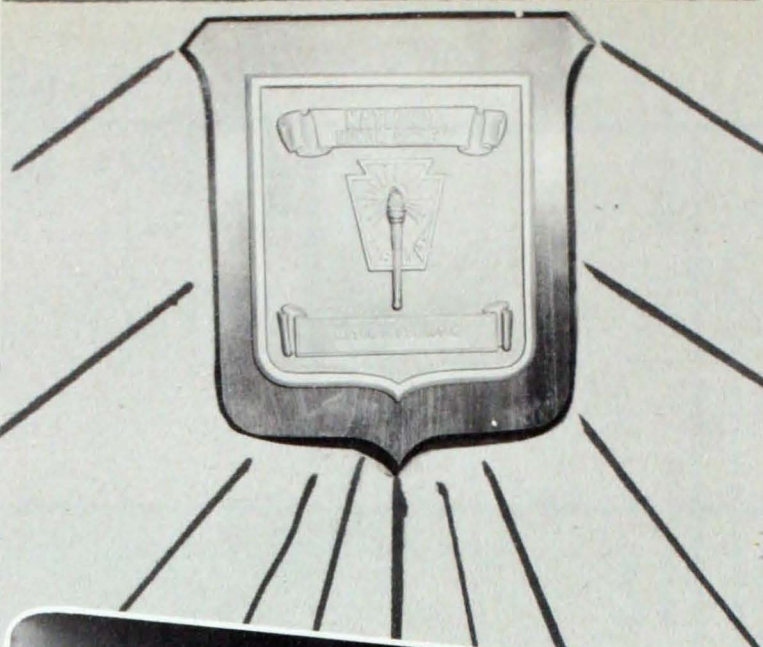
## Honor Society Holds Impressive Ritual

The faculty and student body witnessed one of the most important and impressive assemblies ever presented at Mater Dei when the M.D. chapter of the National Honor Society held its first official meeting on March 29, in the school gym. Presiding at the meeting with the officers on the platform was Reverend William Lautner. The officers are Roselle Roy, Clara Nurrenbern, Marilyn Schnur, and Millie Hertel.

Five of the thirty members laid the foundation of the arch and told of the colors and their significance as to what the Honor Society holds as its ideals. The speeches were some of the finest in the school's entire history. The student speakers of the day were: Mary Rita Laubner, Montez Vrabel, John Rebstock, Jim Miller, Ruth Ann Gries and John Lorber.

Father Lautner eloquently pointed out to the students that the Honor Society is strictly a student affair and that there's room for anyone willing to work and bring themselves up to the standards of the society.

The main object of the program was to explain in detail the four qualities, of character, scholarship, leadership and service, upon which membership in the Honor Society is based.



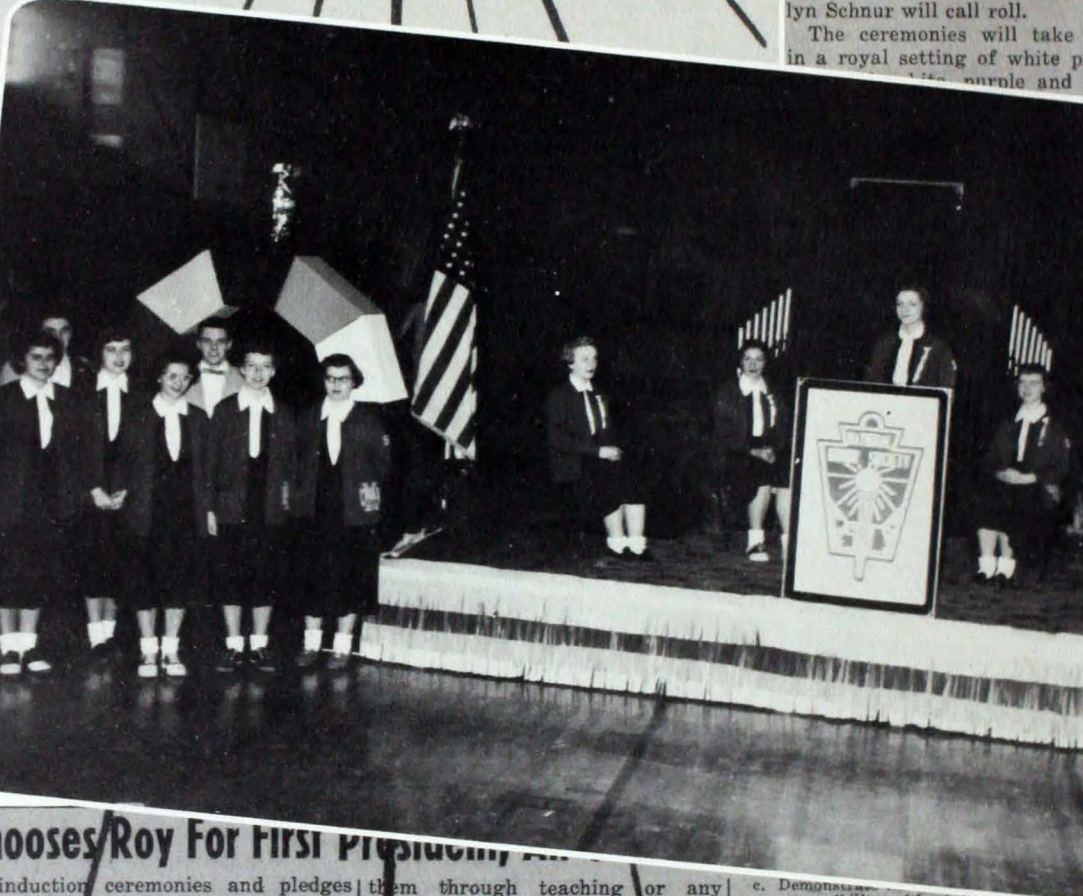
## Honor Society Slates Induction For March 29

The Mater Dei Chapter of National Honor Society will induct its first members in an impressive ceremony Monday, March 29, in the school gym.

Twenty-five select members will receive their membership cards, recite their pledges, promising to uphold the ideals of the Society. These pins bear the national emblem of the keystone and the flaming torch, and the four letters significant of the four requirements for membership, namely, outstanding Character, Scholarship, Leadership and Service.

Father Lautner will induct the four officers and then present the candidates to President Roselle Roy for induction. Secretary Marilyn Schnur will call roll.

The ceremonies will take place in a royal setting of white pillars, purple and gold.



## New Honor Society Chooses Roy For First President

The National Honor Society which has been established at Mater Dei had a real beginning Tuesday, February 9, as its first members were announced by the faculty.

The group held its first meeting under the supervision of Sister Irmingard on the very day that membership was announced. The members promptly elected officers for their organization.

Future meetings of the club will be presided over by Roselle Roy, the President who will be assisted by Millie Hertel, vice-president; Marilyn Schnur will serve as secretary; Clara Nurrenbern was elected first treasurer. The officers have been given booklets to read. From these book-

lettings they will learn the meaning of induction ceremonies and pledges to be used for the new members.

The other twenty-one members looking forward to the future Honor Society events are: Martha Baeh, Betty Hamilton, Mary Rita Laubner, Ruth Ann Gries, Pat Wolf, Sylvia Metzler, Martha Lee Becker, Darlene Elpers, Charlie Wergel, Montez Vrabel, Marlene Eising, Helen Gene Rode, Jerry Trainer, Jim Miller, Johnny Rebstock, John Lorber, Martha Miller, Helen Kormelink, Rita Patry, Rose Marie Kuhn, and Nancy Williams.

Membership, now numbering twenty-five students, is limited to upper-classmen in the upper third of their class. In addition to scholarship the students are rated according to character, leadership, and service by all members of the

Society. Membership will also have to be approved by the existing membership.

**CHARACTER** is evaluated by checking the following points:

- a. Meets promptly pledges and responsibilities to school and teachers.
- b. Demonstrates highest standards of attitude toward honesty and reliability.
- c. Constantly exemplifies desirable qualities of personality (cheerfulness, friendliness, neatness, poise and stability).
- d. Cooperates by complying with school regulations.
- e. Upholds principles of morality and ethics.

**SCHOLARSHIP** requires that candidates be in the upper third of their class.

**LEADERSHIP** is recognized in personalities who:

- a. Demonstrate leadership in promoting school activities.
- b. Are thoroughly dependable in any re-

sponsibility without the presence of the teacher.

- c. Demonstrate leadership in classroom or organization work.
- d. Exemplify the qualities and attitudes which are a silent influence on others for good.

**SERVICE** includes the following factors:

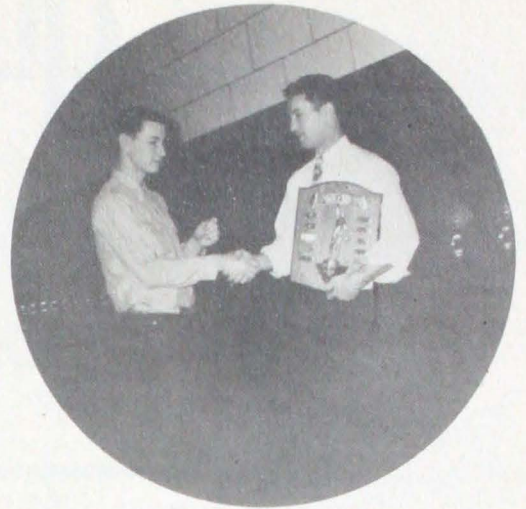
- a. Willingness to render any service to the school or community, when called upon.
- b. Willingness to do committee or staff work.
- c. Readiness to show courtesy by assisting visitors, teachers, and students.

Regular evaluation of candidates will take place after the next grading period. Each student will be evaluated by each faculty member having any dealings with the student; once the Society has been established each member evaluates every candidate seeking admission into the Society. The average of scores given by teacher and members determines admission into the Honor Society.



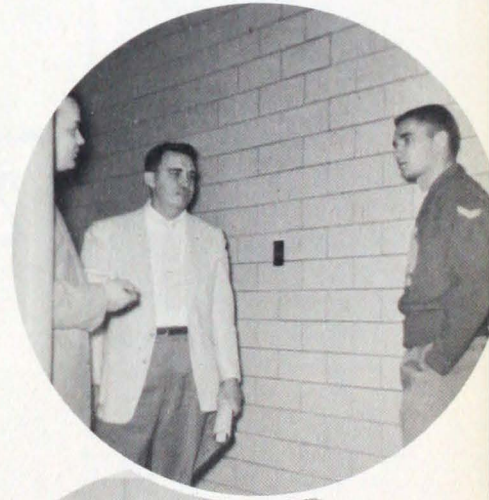
**MARCH  
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**BASKETBALL AWARD**



Don Niemeier accepts the congratulations of Mr. Gene Logel, upon being chosen as the outstanding basketball player of the year.

**VOCATIONAL GUIDANCE**

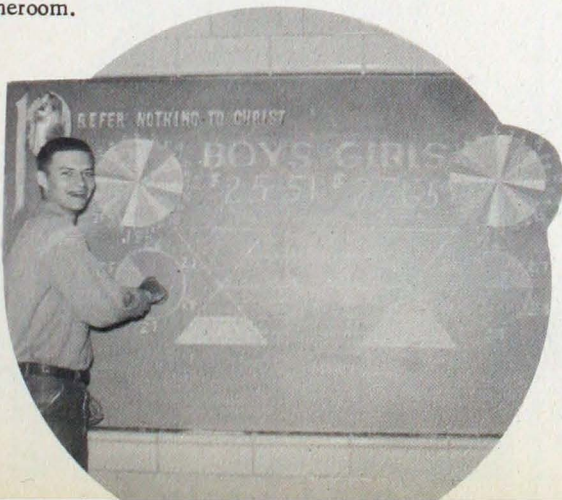


**RELIGIOUS ACTIVITIES**



The Seniors acted as host to the Vocational Speakers who visited school during March.

Lent began March 3, and with it the Bishop's War Relief Fund. Tom Folz managed the Lenten collection in his homeroom.





# APRIL '54

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The Latin students presented their talent to the student body on the Kalends of April. Each of the 135 students enrolled in Latin classes took part.

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Bill "Randy" Skelton, an ambitious Senior, won first prize of all city entrants in the Speech Contest held Sunday, April 11.

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It was a thrilling sight to see five husky fellas, C. Wargel, A. Wolf, D. Pyle, Don Deer, Bill Backes, lift the statue of the Virgin Mary to her pedestal to be queen of all minds and hearts here at Mater Dei.

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*Delegates Attend Student Council Meet*

Four members of the M. D. Student Council attended the Student Council Convention held at Bosse High School, Saturday, April 24.

Jerry Trainer, Charlie Wargel, Jim Miller, and Tom Hamilton



She stands there seeing . . .  
 Our laughs and sighs  
 She stands there seeing . . .  
 With love in her eyes.  
 She stands there waiting . . .  
 For someone to pray  
 She stands there waiting . . .  
 She wants you today.  
 She stands there watching .  
 Over us all  
 She stands there watching .  
 Strong and tall.  
 She stands there listening . .  
 To all we say  
 She stands there listening  
 In a motherly way.







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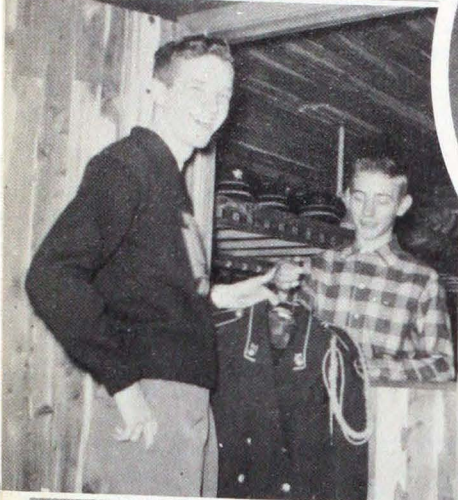


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gave a report on jet-prop planes.  
The Latin Club also did some electing. They chose as Consul Bob Hamilton, with Fred Thompson helping him as Scribe.  
An assembly in honor of the Immaculate Conception is scheduled for December 7. Sharon Mer-

ferred to the Recreation Committee. An ordinance was also passed whereby any homeroom that loses a councilman shall select one by a vote of that room only.

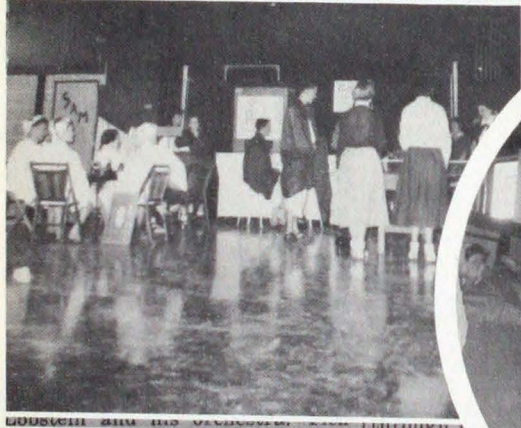
The Honor Society is making plans to conduct a study hour for students who are failing in their grades. It will be held during E.C.A. periods, with Honor Society

Grannan, Susie Frazier, Marty Loehr, Sharon Dillman, Clarice Merimee, Gail Brack. The clean-up committee was Shirley Folz, Darlene Hoffmeister, JoAnn Lindenschmidt, Bonnie Wink, Barbara Elpers, Susie Frazier, Joyce Knapp, and Wilma Grannan. Those in charge of door tickets were Shirley Frank and Charlotte Cas. Attendance prizes were Darlene Kissel and

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# ACTIVE

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Second concert Evansville Philharmonic will be at 8:15 p.m. on December 6 at the Coliseum. Likova, soprano star of the York City Opera Company, as guest soloist.  
Minas Christian will conduct. The orchestra will open the program with "Symphony No. 1, in C Major," Beethoven. Miss Likova will sing the aria, Air de Lia, from "L'Enfant Prodigue," Debussy and Micaola's aria from "Carmen," Bizet.

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# Council of Catholic Women To Hear Head of Mater Dei

The Rev. William Lautner, superintendent of Mater Dei High School will be principal speaker at the Eighth annual convention of the Evansville Diocesan Council of Catholic Women.

Father Lautner will speak on "The Evansville Diocese, Our Responsibility," during the afternoon session of the convention which will be held in Mater Dei High School on April 27.

A native of Tell City, Father Lautner was ordained in St. Meinrad's Abbey Church in June, 1938.

and held his first pastorate at St. Joan of Arc Parish, Indianapolis.

He also served short assignments as an assistant pastor in St. Celestine's Parish, Celestine, Ind., and St. Mary's Parish, Washington, Ind., teaching school at the Washington Catholic High School while at St. Mary's.

Father Lautner served as assistant director at St. Vincent's, Vincennes, for four years, later coming here where he taught at the school for four years.

The Most Rev. J. Grim- Evansville in a first superintendent of Mater Dei High School in 1948.

ession of the convention devoted to work in different phases of Christian Doctrine will be opened at Mass.



FATHER WILLIAM LAUTNER

Mrs. Marvin Evans is general chairman in charge. She will be assisted by Mrs. John Sheridan and Mrs. John Clark.

The convention is open to all Catholic women in the Evansville area. Reservations should be made at once.



Afternoon speaker, Father Lautner, superintendent of Mater Dei, host to the convention, chose as his message "The Evansville Diocese, Our Responsibility." Father made definite plans not only for the 64,079 Catholics who live in the Southern tip of Indiana, but the 417,327 people who live in this area are our responsibility. All should know "but how can they know if they are not taught." The duty of teaching those who do not know is shared by the Bishop, the Clergy, the Religious and the Lay Catholics of the diocese, but many of us have been asleep to this duty. A practical example was pointed out in the survey of religious news contained in publications of the area, in which a comparison of the Catholic news with that of non-Catholic Religious coverage was made. Father Lautner who made this survey, and gave his report of it standing before a display of the

# RELIGIOUS ACTIVITIES

**NCCW CONVENTION**

**Speaker Banquet, April 25**  
Ryn Weber, Research chemist for U. S. selected as the speaker for the banquet to be held in the cafeteria

**NCCW Chooses M.D. As Convention Site**  
"The Works Of The Confraternity In"

**'Achievement Is Not Limited' Say Schaeffer at Annual Honor Banquet**

**ACHIEVEMENT BANQUET**

Year in the formation of a... they ende... During the past months, although not a professional speaker, Mr. Schaeffer has been in great demand as a public speaker at many Catholic affairs, in and around Indianapolis. This will be Mr. Schaeffer's first public appearance in Evansville.

The students meriting an invitation to the Achievement Banquet as guests of the school include class officers, elected members of the Student Council, recipients of honor monograms and Red and Gold Ratings, officers and Senior award winners of the G. A. A. Also invited are varsity athletes, Hi-Lights staff members, Yearbook staff members, members of the senior band and cheerleaders, who have at no time fallen below 90 in conduct and effort and have failed in no sub-

...master, Father Lautner will... "The Evansville Diocesan Council of Catholic Women" at...





# MAY '54

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The Homemaking Club's current projects emphasize charity for children. The Senior club plans to sponsor a birthday party for the boys and girls at St. Vincent's orphanage. The Junior division made Easter favors for the children at St. Vincent's Day Nursery.

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Six students from Mater Dei were chosen to go to St. Louis for the Marian Year Congress on May 1, 2, and 3.

John Lorber is next year's Mayor as a result of the elections held May 4. Paul Hayden was chosen for Judge and Jackie Muehlbauer is the new Clerk.

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Five members of the nationally famous "Silvertones" entertained the entire student body on May 5, in the school gym.



The '54 edition of the Hi-Lights, scheduled to arrive May 24, turned Tuesday, May 11, into a great day, by coming about two weeks early.

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The Mater Dei Band and Girl's and Boy's Choris attended a formal breakfast in their honor Sunday, May 16. The program began with 7:30 Mass at St. Agnes Church. The students then returned to the school where they were served by the mothers of the band members. Both the band and the two choirs were in uniform.

Nine Juniors took over various city and county offices in observation of Youth Appreciation Day, Wednesday, May 19.

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The P. T. A. elected new officers on May 26. Mr. Irvin Seng, president; Mrs. Cletus Muehlbauer, vice-president; and Mrs. Henry Brandsasse, secretary-treasurer. They will take office





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Helping represent the West End, with Reitz, at the Evansville Journalism Day activities, on Saturday, May 1, were a few nosy news students from Mater Dei.

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The Mater Dei students had the privilege of hearing the Public School All-City Band, Thursday, May 6.

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The Mater Dei Agriculture Club held a skating party for members on the night of May 7, at the Mt. Vernon Skating Rink.

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Playday was held Saturday, May 8. The girls participated in volleyball, softball, basketball and relay races.

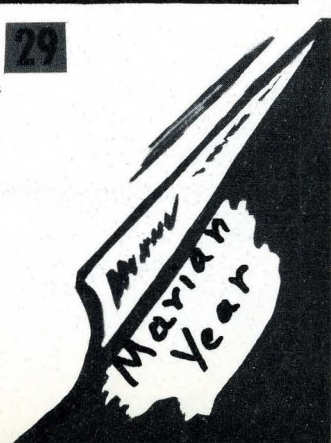
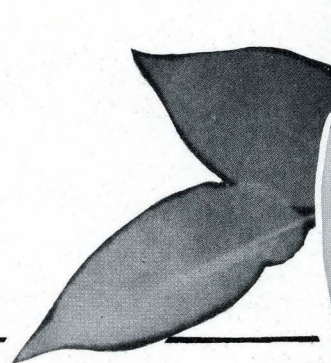
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The Evansville College A Cappella Choir gave the sixth of its current schedule of ten concerts here on Friday, May 14. The program of Sacred and Secular music was directed by Mrs. Margaret Taylor Shepherd.

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The Mater Dei Booster Club sponsored the driving road-e-o for Mater Dei students on Thursday, May 20, at 9 o'clock. Don Smiley, State Patrolman, supervised the event.

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After the May Queen placed her crown upon "the brow of one far more fair" and proclaimed the Mother of God our only true Queen of May; then, the student Queen led her retinue to a formal breakfast. The Cafeteria was decorated by the Juniors in blue and white with May baskets of carnations for the occasion. The Juniors received their class rings at this breakfast, at which the Seniors were their guests.

A handful of  
**THANK YOU'S**

I've a few "Thanks" to hand out to some very deserving people concerning the recent Prom. First of all, to Father Lautner, thanks for brightening the place with your presence, and for the encouraging comment: "the biggest and best." To the Junior Class homeroom sponsors, for their hard work and helping hand, and to the Juniors who took a roomful of crepe paper and a pinch of fun to produce the decorations. Thank you, chaperones for your watchful eyes. "Thanks," all in all, to the MEN and WOMEN who conducted themselves in such a way to make this the best prom ever.





# Spring Concert Offers Choice Program In Double Performance, Opening May 18

## Boys Choir to Make Choral Debut With Religious Numbers At Musical

by Sondra Barth and H. G. Rode

The Sixth Annual Spring Musicales of Mater Dei High will be presented Tuesday, May 18, at 8:00 p.m. in the school gym. Admission will be \$.80. Proceeds will go for the purchase of a Baby Grand piano for the Music Department.

Over 250 students will participate in this "greater than ever" concert. The Girls' Choir composed of 42 girls will sing, "Sleeping Beauty Waltz" by Tschaiakowsky. "Lost In The Stars" by Anderson, and others. The newly formed Boys' Choir makes its debut singing Ave Verum, a Gregorian Chant number and will combine with the Girls' Choir to sing, "No Man Is An Island."

The band will play a number of selections, marches, overtures, and the novelty "Three Bears."

The entire Chorus will present a variety program including "The Heavens Are Telling" by Hayden. There will be a grand finale in which the band and entire choral group will raise the roof of the gym presenting the inspiring melody, "The Nation's Creed."

The men of Mater Dei need no longer feel slighted. The girl choir now has a counterpart in the new 43 voice men's choir.

The week of April 3 served as tryout week for choral positions. The young men met in the Glee Club room; Seniors and Sophomores at third period and Freshmen and Juniors at fourth period. The applicants auditioned by Sister Kathleen and Mr. Hormuth; being judged according to musical ability and tone-quality.

Results were announced on April 22. This is the beginning arrangement for the male choir.



### PROGRAM

Mr. Robert Hormuth, Director      Sr. M. Kathleen, O. S. B., Instructor  
Star Spangled Banner . . . . . Chorus, Band, and Audience

#### GIRLS' CHOIR:

- Sleeping Beauty Waltz . . . . .
- Lost in the Stars . . . . .
- A Mexican Serenade - Folk Song . . . . .
- Frog Capers . . . . .

#### BAND:

- Tioga - March . . . . .
- Vincent Youman's Fantasy . . . . .
- Three Bears - Novelty . . . . .
- Narrator - Neale Kullman

#### CHORUS:

- With a Hey and a Hi and a Ho, Ho, Ho!
- Louisiana Hayride . . . . .
- Roll Call - Bill Lintzenich

#### CHORUS:

- Ave Maria . . . . .
- The Heavens are Telling -  
From "The Creation" . . . . .
- Nightfall in Granada. . . . .
- Polly Wolly Doodle - Old Folk Tune

#### BAND:

- Thunder Song - March . . . . .
- Roman Forum - Guest Conductor,  
Fr. Wm. Lautner . . . . .
- Appalachian Suite . . . . .
- Cielito Lindo (Beautiful Heaven)

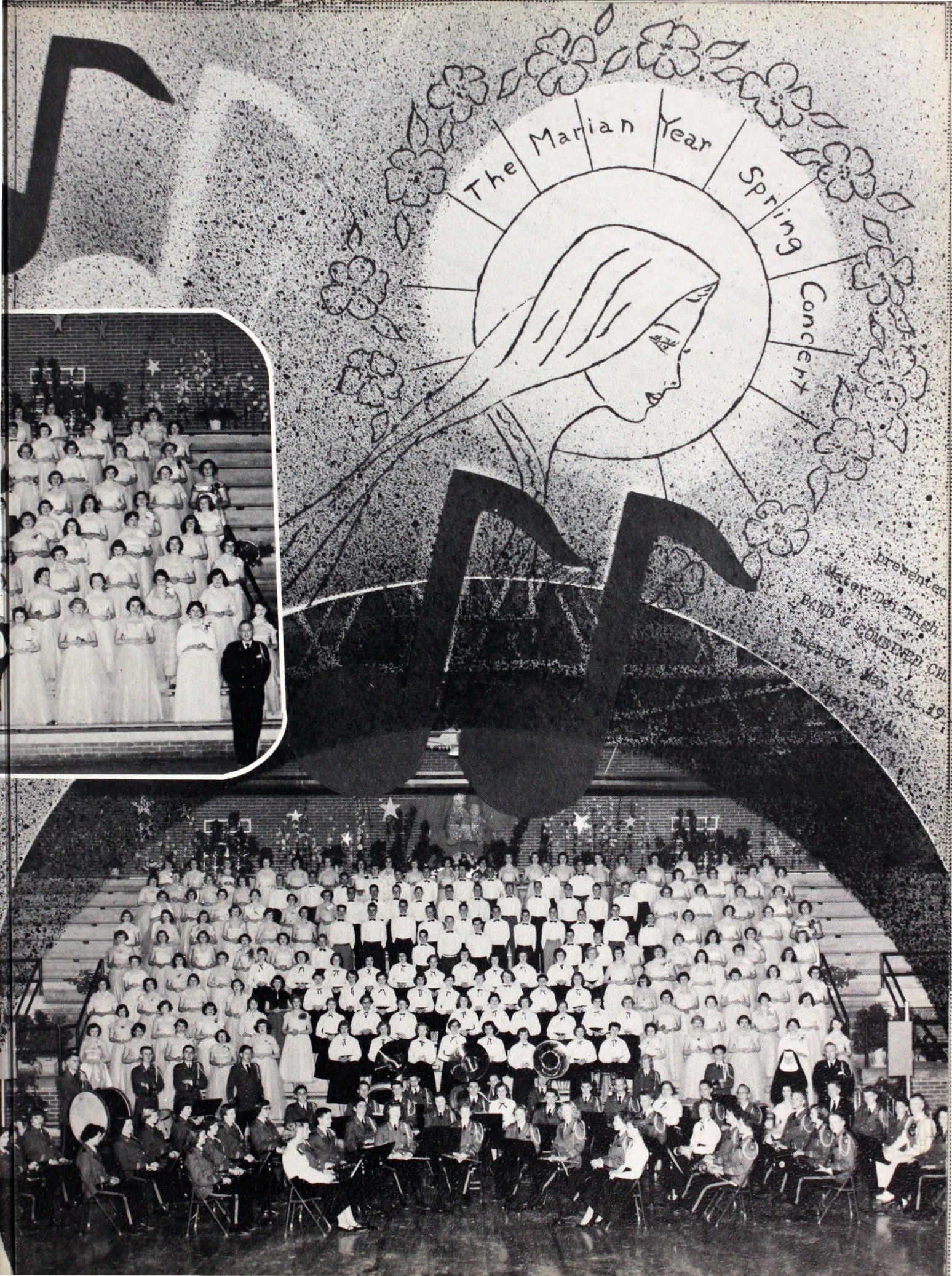
#### COMBINED CHOIRS:

- Ave Verum. . . . .
- No Man Is An Island-Arr. Fred Waring

#### FINALE - BAND AND COMBINED CHORUS:

- The Nation's Creed. . . . .

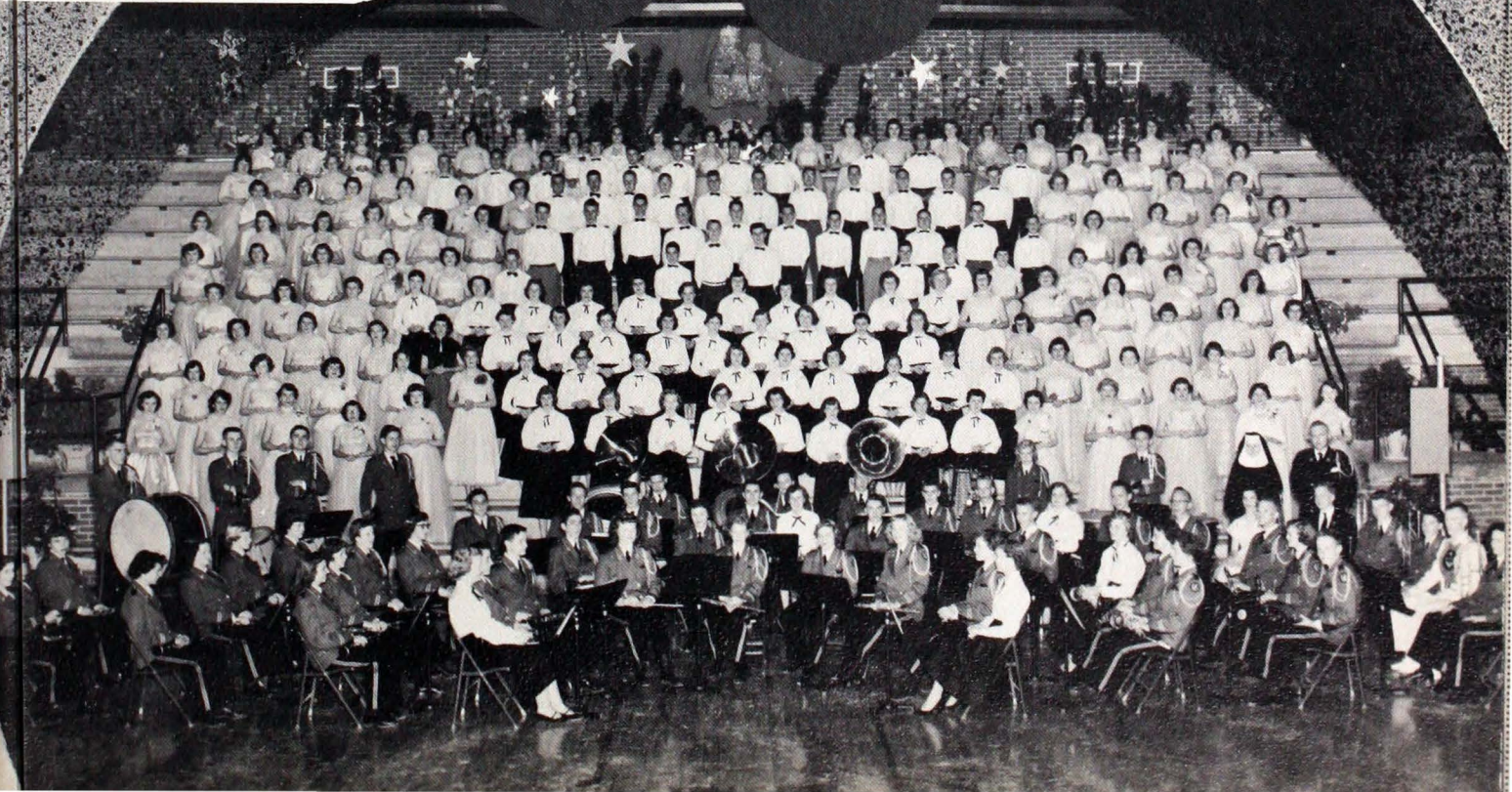




The Marian Year Spring

Concert

presented by  
Water, Del. High  
BAND & GOMBERG CH.  
Tuesday, May 18, 1954  
8:30 P.M.





# 'Rhapsody in Blue' Chosen as Theme For Junior-Senior

"Rhapsody in Blue" was chosen to be the theme for this grand ball, which will be held in the MD gym on the evening of May 5 from 7:30 to 10:30 P.M. All Juniors, Seniors and one year graduates from Mater Dei and Memorial are invited.

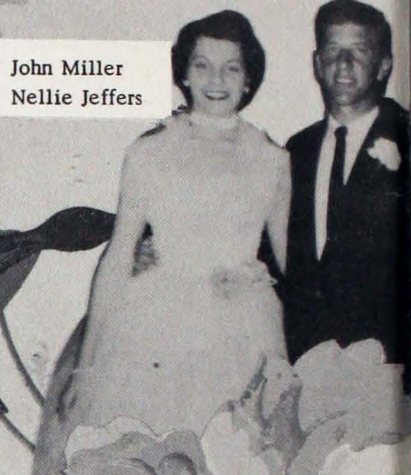


Before the Prom:

Wilma Rexing, as every other prom-going beauty, pins a flower in her boyfriend's lapel. Ralph Weinzapfel watches the operation.



Jackie Parkinson  
Charles Schmitt



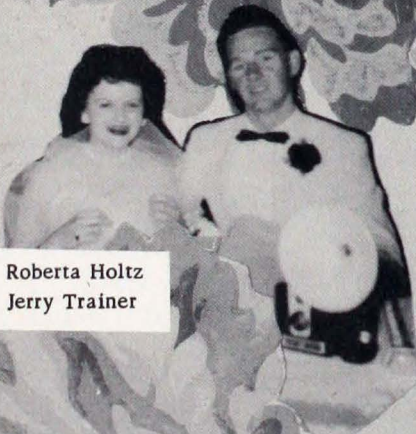
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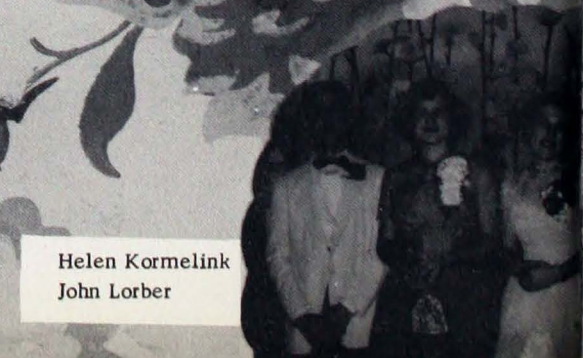
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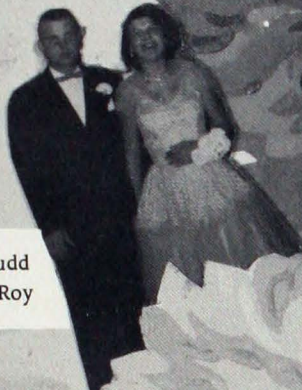
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John Lorber



May 5

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**CONGRATULATIONS**  
"It's wonderful to be Superintendent on days like May Day and this year on Junior-Senior Prom night. Congratulations, kids, we are proud of you and know your parents must be also."  
**FATHER LAUTNER**



Helen Gene Rode  
Tom Porter



Wilma Rexing  
Ralph Weinzapfel

JoAnn Rudd  
Charlie Roy

Carolyn Hummel  
Norman Ray

The entire decorating scheme will be carried out in varying shades of blue. Blue hollyhocks of various shapes and sizes are rapidly taking form in the hands of the Junior girls.

Patti Happel  
Bob Hawes



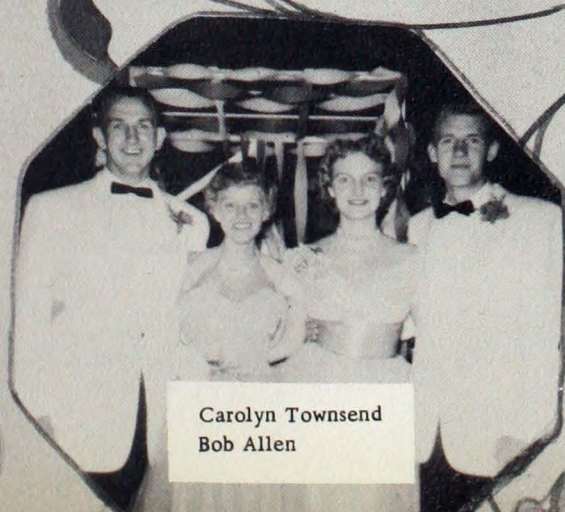
The Junior class officers will serve as general chairman; Susie Laib, Invitations and reservations, Pat Happel, decorations, Jim Miller, set-up and Mike McAtee, clean-up.

Chairmen for the other committees involved are: Helen Gene Rode, invitations and reservations, and Darlene Berendes, dance books. Decorating the stage, Joan Berendes, bandstand, Maonna Muensterman, tables, Deanna Lamble, statue, Pat Dillman and entrance, Kathryn Webb, Chairman for the heavy work include: set-up, John Lorber, light, Tom Preske, refreshments, K. Coudret and clean-up, Bob Sbert.

Susie Laib  
Ronnie Durbin

Jackie Muehlbauer  
Mike McAtee

**After the Prom:**  
The after-the-Prom gatherings like this one were held in the homes of the students.



Carolyn Townsend  
Bob Allen





# MILLIE HERTEL REIGNS AS QUEEN OF MAY



Outdoor ceremonies were cancelled because of weather, so Millie crowned Our Lady at an indoor shrine.



the May Queen placed her crown upon "the brow of one far more fair" and proclaimed the Mother of God our only true Queen of May;



Queen Mildred Hertel poses before the new Madonna Statue, during a chance moment of sunshine, on this year's rainy Mayday.





**SIX BELLES SERVE AS HER ATTENDANTS**



The honor of crowning the Mother of God, was the crowning event of Queen Mildred Hertel's very eventful high school career. The title of May Queen was added to Millie's long list of achievements in the election held April 23. The friendly blonde fulfills every requirement of loveliness for a queen; however, her key to the throne is hard work rather than glamour or popularity.

Crowning Mildred as May Queen was Sylvia Metzler, Maid of Honor, who wore a full length dress of pale blue as she accompanied Queen Mildred



her the homage of the students of Mater Dei and proffered



Other attendants to the Queen were: Hilda Martin, Carolyn Townsend, Roselle Roy, Carol Sue Halbig and Darlene Berendes.



# JUNE

## Baccalaureate Day To Bring Blessing of Statue, Breakfast To Open '54 Senior Week

Priest-Journalist Named Commencement Speaker

by Millie Hertel

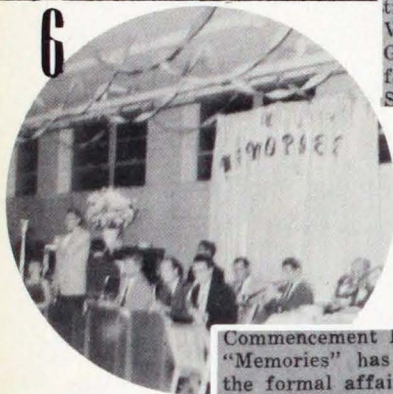
The Seniors will don their royal maroon caps and gowns for the first time on June 1, Baccalaureate Day which will open a full week of Senior Activities. The blessing of the Marian shrine, the gift of the Senior Class, will be a unique feature of this day.

After the traditional Mass, Sermon and Flag-raising, the Seniors will meet at a Communion Breakfast in the cafeteria. Carol Kollker has been chosen as Toastmistress for the occasion, with Montez Vrabel thanking the Juniors, Joe Goelzhauser paying tribute to the faculty and Bob Allen toasting the School Board.

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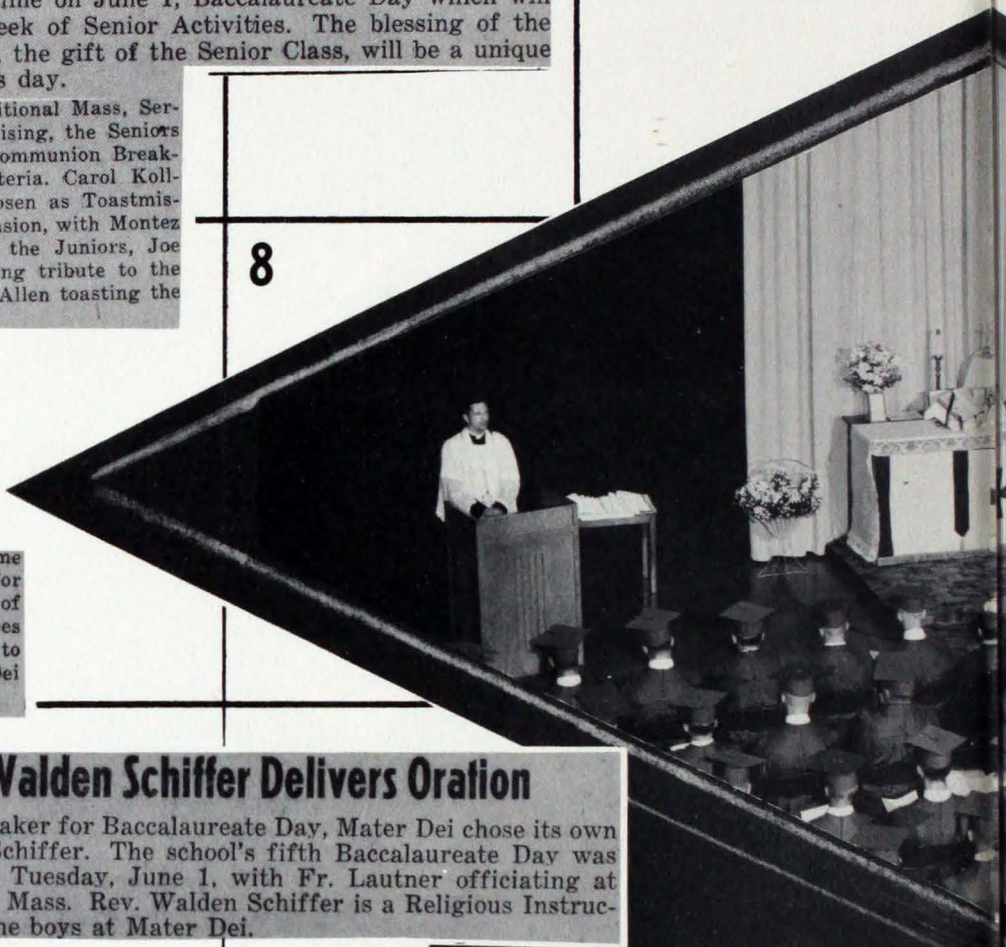
June 2 and 3 are to be picnic days at Lincoln Park and Shakamak.

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Commencement Dance. The theme "Memories" has been chosen for the formal affair on the night of Graduation Day, and committees are busy preparing decorations to recall MEMORIES of Mater Dei Days.

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## Rev. Walden Schiffer Delivers Oration

As speaker for Baccalaureate Day, Mater Dei chose its own Father Schiffer. The school's fifth Baccalaureate Day was held last Tuesday, June 1, with Fr. Lautner officiating at the High Mass. Rev. Walden Schiffer is a Religious Instructor for the boys at Mater Dei.

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### THEY DIDN'T REALLY MEAN IT

Did you ever hear the words:  
I'll be glad when I'm out??  
Or hear somebody fuss of school  
And see the way they pout??  
Well, the Seniors have their wish  
Of school there is no more.  
Graduation means they'll leave,  
Through our famous door.  
And have you heard them lately.  
The silly things they say??  
"I wish I was just starting school  
NOT leaving MATER DEI"

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Senior Week

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Seniors' Playwright Begins Last-Day-Show

The last assembly given by the Seniors will feature an original play written and directed by Jackie Parkinson. The assembly is scheduled for June 4 and is entitled, "FOUR YEARS OF HEAVEN."

The Class Will and Prophecy are also on the agenda for that day.

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Informal Social activities of Senior Week will include a Class Party to the swing of the Brenners fare. This party is a popular request number on the Senior agenda.

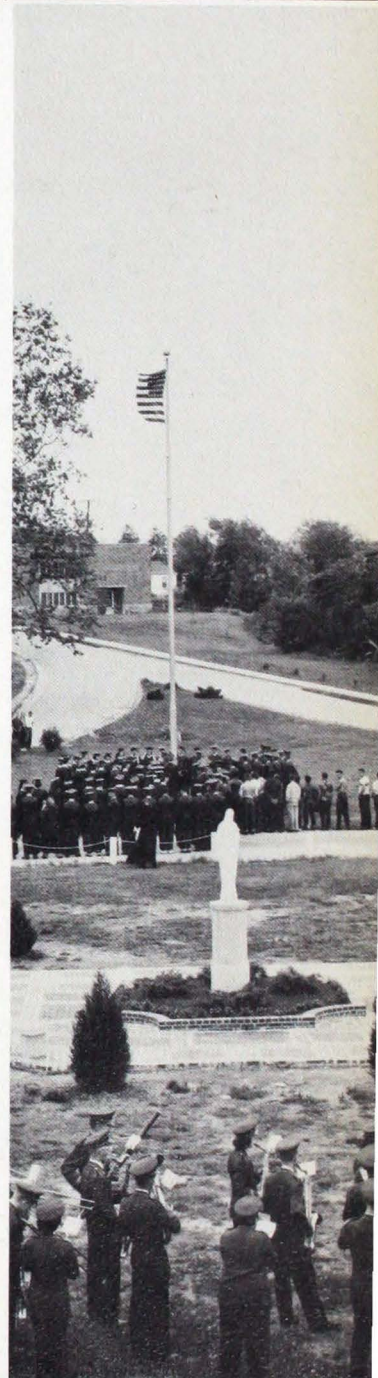
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BYE SENIORS

By Patty Happel

We really hate to see you go,  
To leave your Mater Dei.  
But we'd like to wish you luck,  
For each step of the way.  
For you who think of Marriage,  
We wish you one that's sweet.  
And hope that maybe soon you'll hear,

The patter of little feet.  
For you who think of Religious life,  
We wish you one that's swell.  
And hope, no matter what you do,  
You always please GOD well.  
For you who have not decided,  
We wish you inspiration,  
And hope whatever life you choose,  
Will make a brighter Nation.



The feature event of the day was the blessing of the Senior Class gift, the beautiful Blessed Virgin statue now reigning in all its glory on the campus.  
Charles Wargel presented the shrine of Our Lady, the Class Gift with a short but very appropriate speech. Father Lautner accepted the gift in the name of the school and blessed the statute according to the rites of the Church.





# Bishop Presents Diplomas To Fifth Graduates



Fr. Bosler To Give Address

The Graduation Address will be delivered by the Rev. Raymond Bosler, S.T.D., Editor of the Indiana Catholic and Record, the Catholic newspaper of the Indianapolis Province.

## Charles Wargel Ends Busy Year As Valedictorian



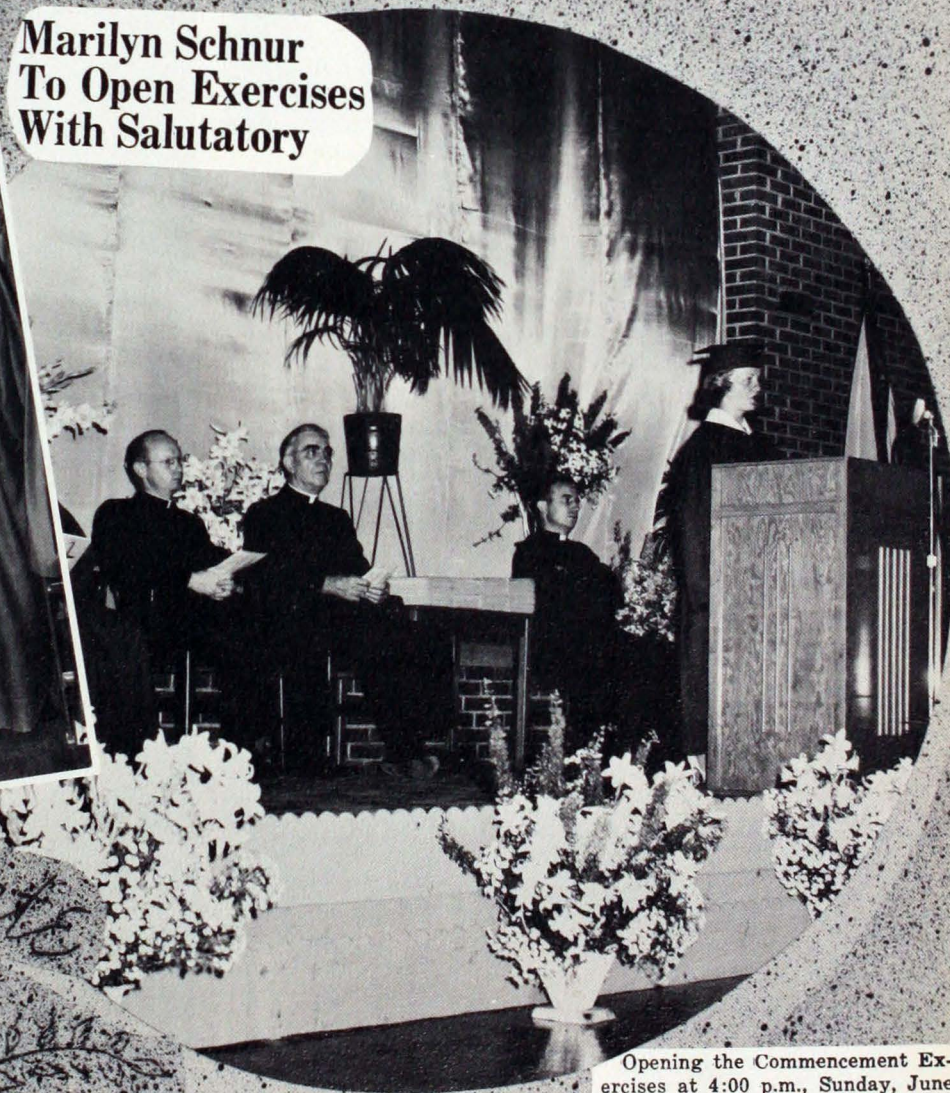
Charles Wargel, Senior Class President and School-City Mayor, will speak for his class as valedictorian, thus maintaining to the end his place as Mr. Distinction of the Class.







**Marilyn Schnur  
To Open Exercises  
With Salutatory**



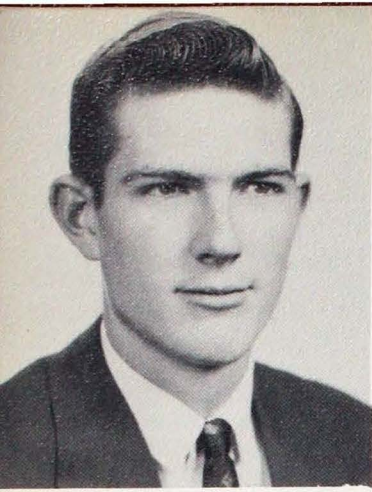
Opening the Commencement Exercises at 4:00 p.m., Sunday, June 6, will be Salutatorian, Marilyn Schnur. The short blonde, who leads her class, will extend a genuine Marian Year invitation to the crowning event of the Class' Career.

*Baccalaureate  
1954*



...AND THEN WE BECAME...

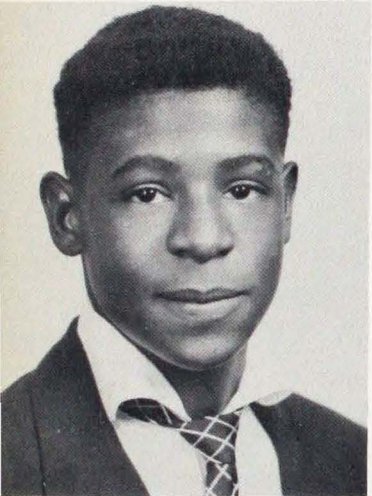
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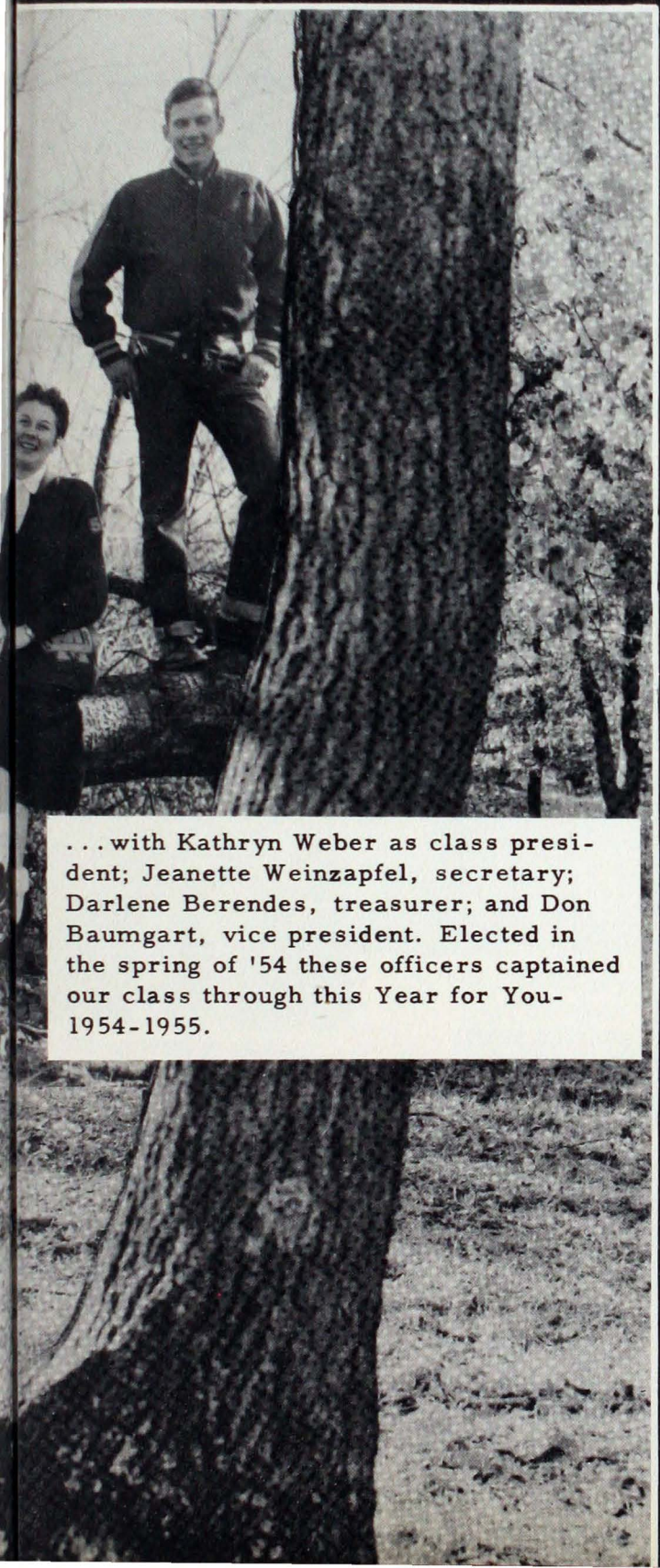


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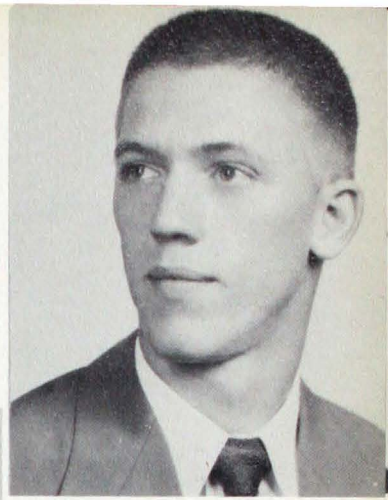




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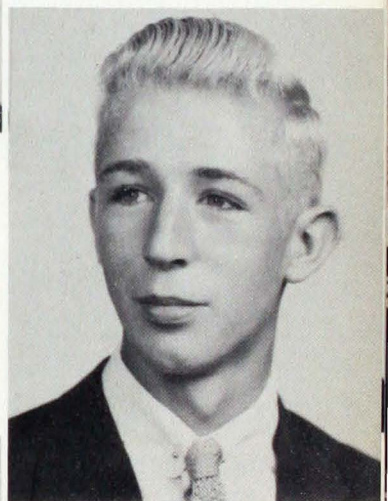
...with Kathryn Weber as class president; Jeanette Weinzapfel, secretary; Darlene Berendes, treasurer; and Don Baumgart, vice president. Elected in the spring of '54 these officers captained our class through this Year for You-1954-1955.



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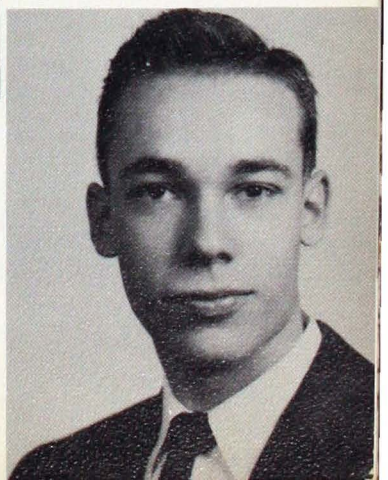
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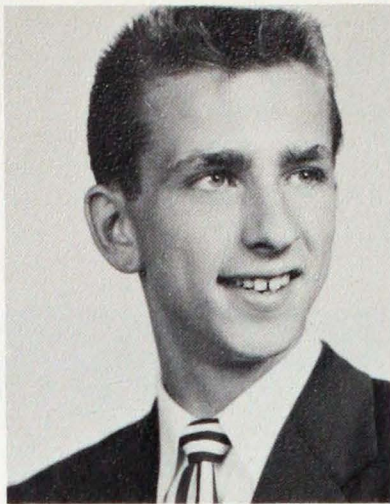


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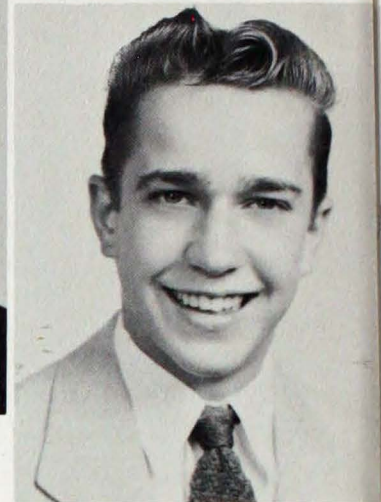
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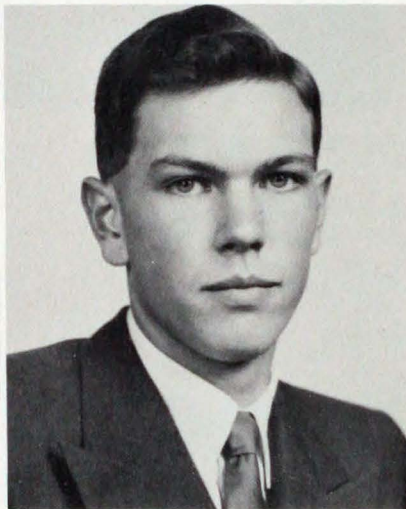
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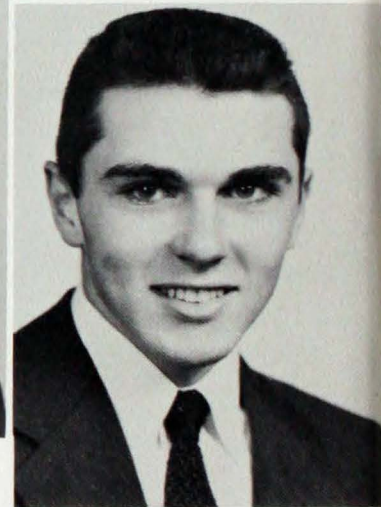
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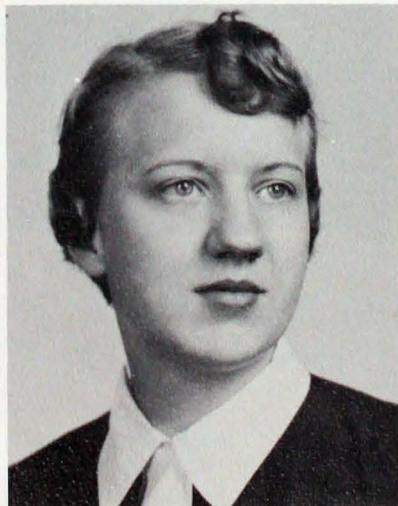
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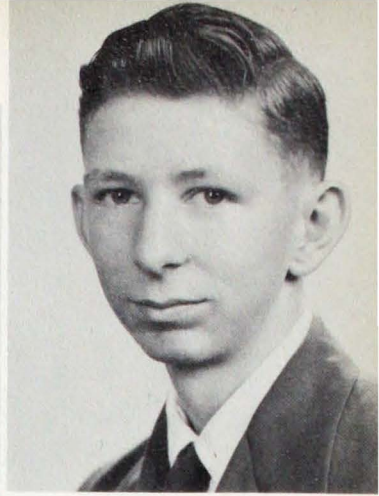
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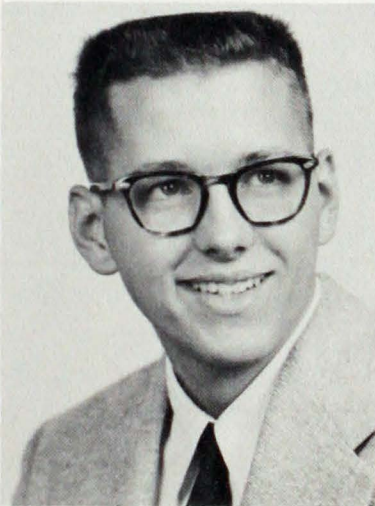
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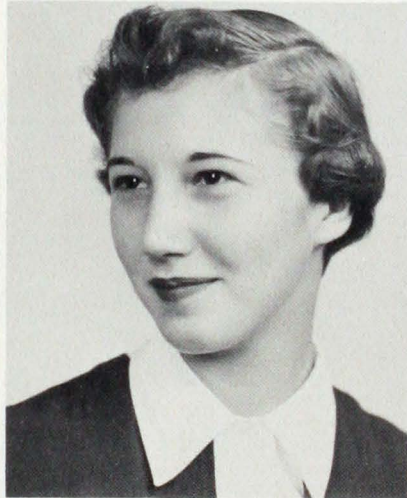
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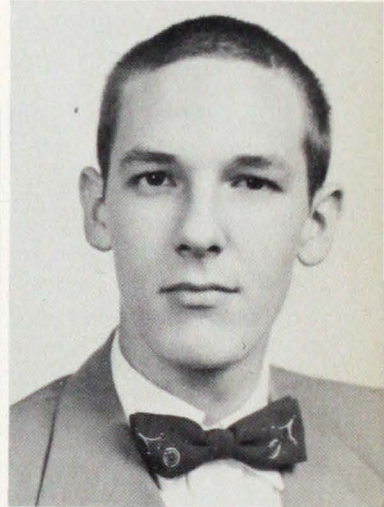
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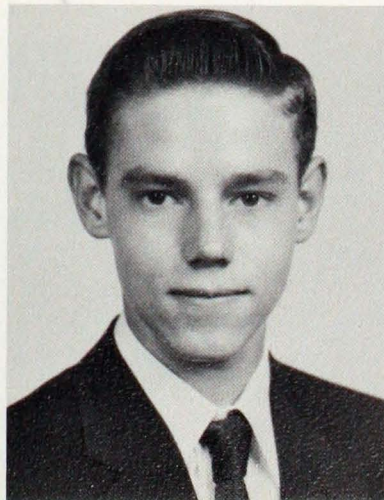
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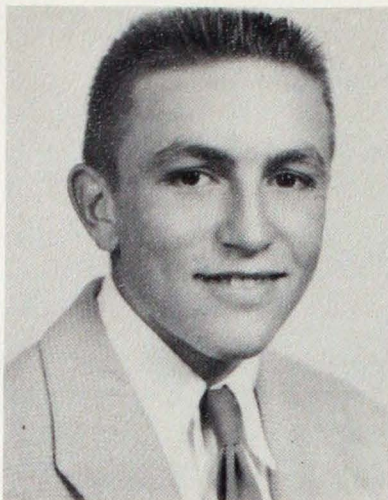


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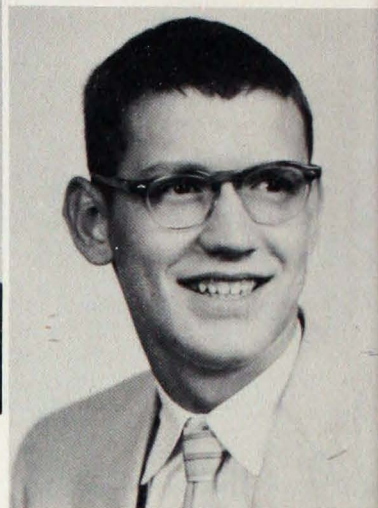
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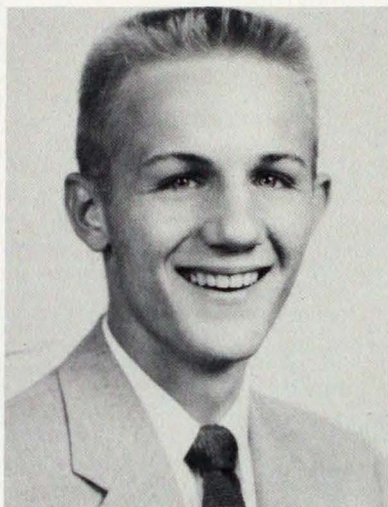
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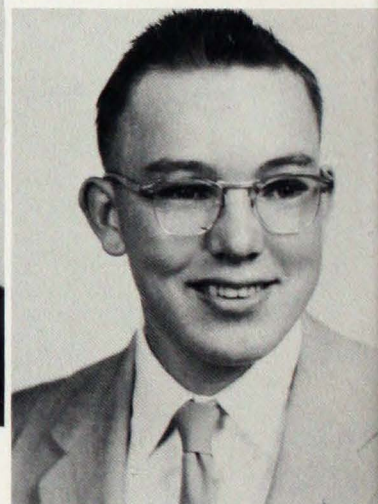
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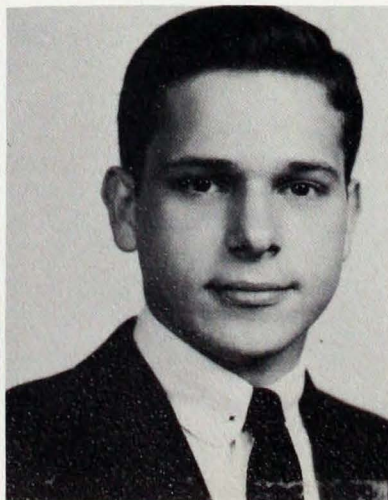
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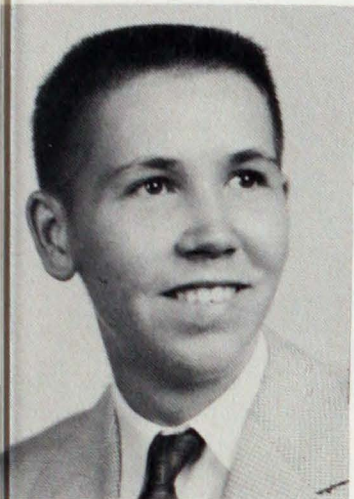


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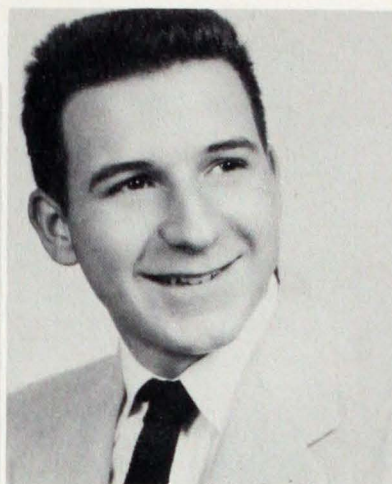




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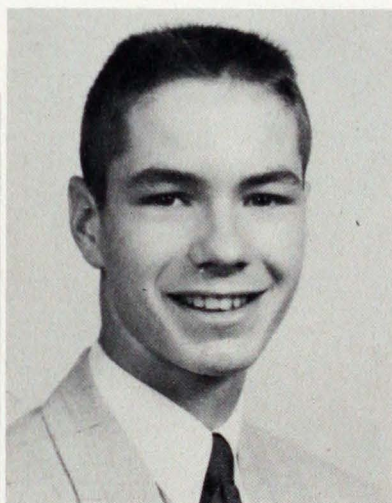
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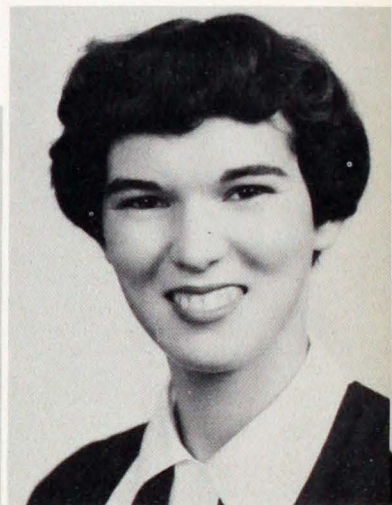
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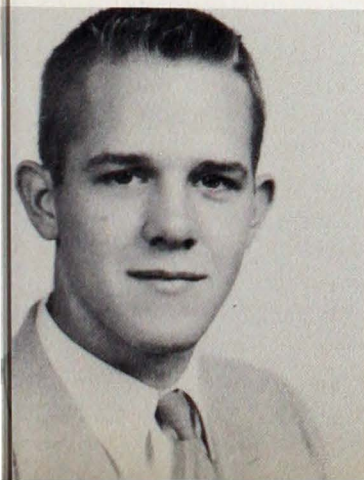
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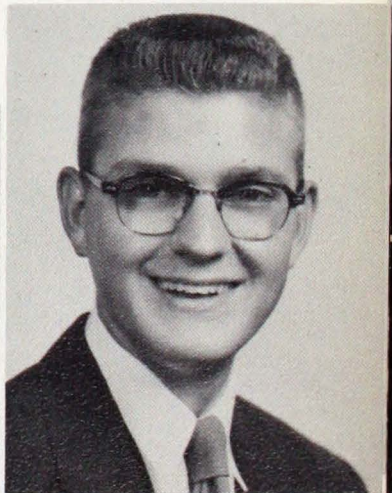
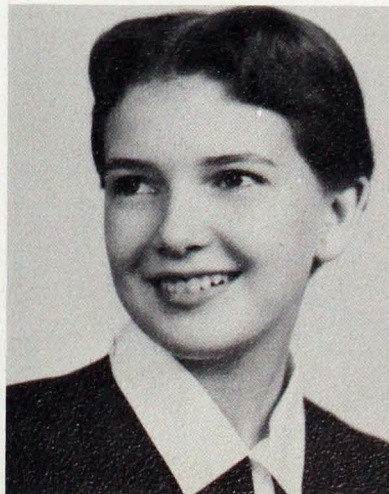


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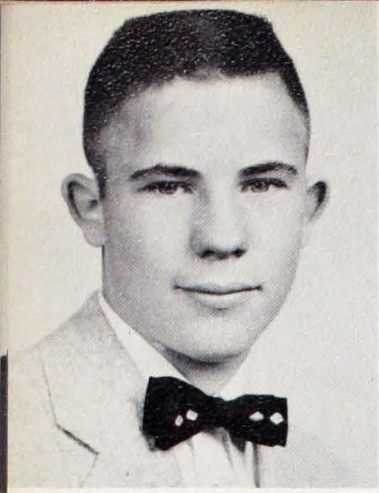
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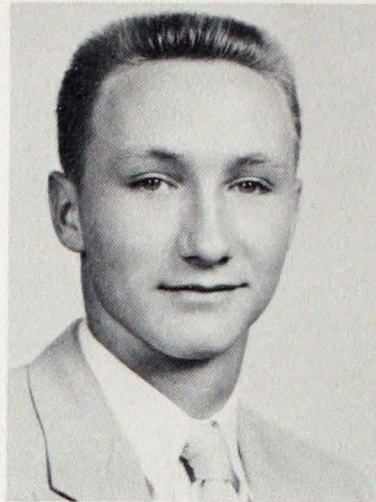




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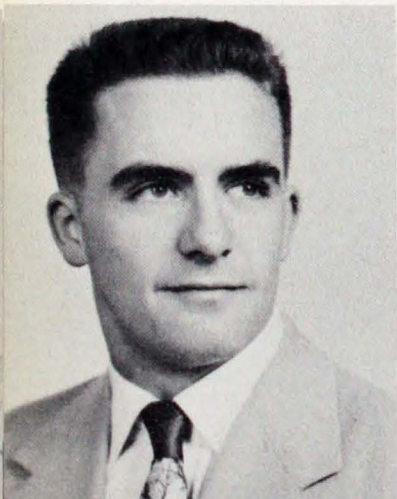
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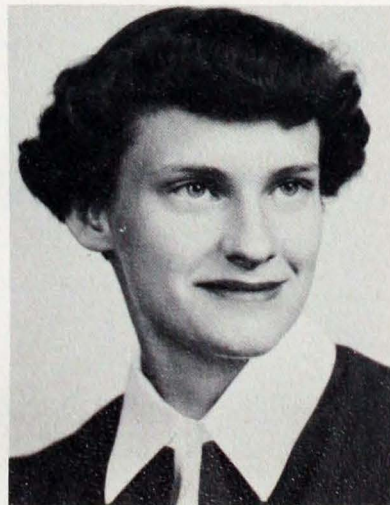
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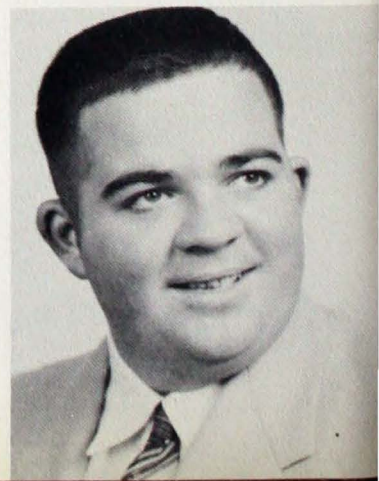
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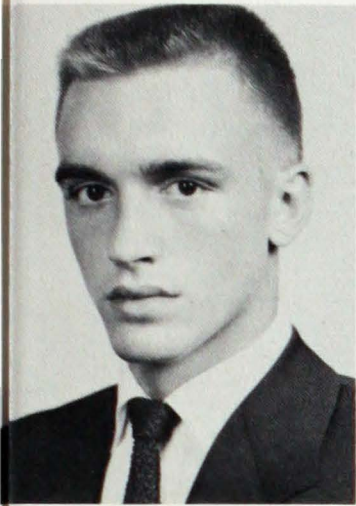


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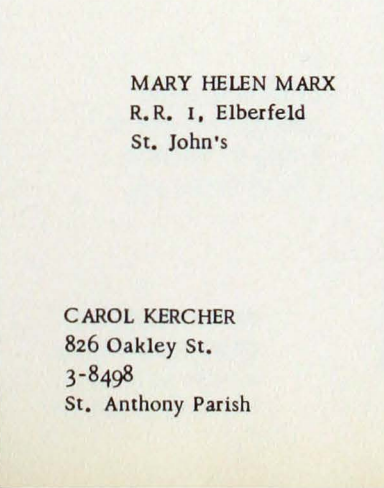
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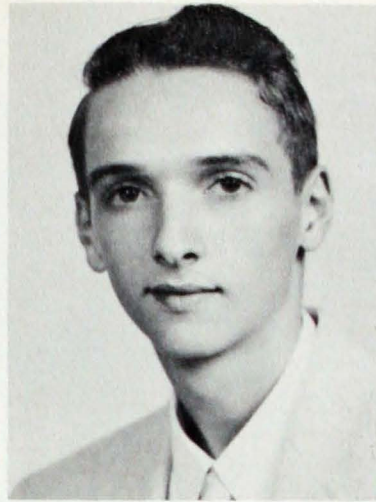
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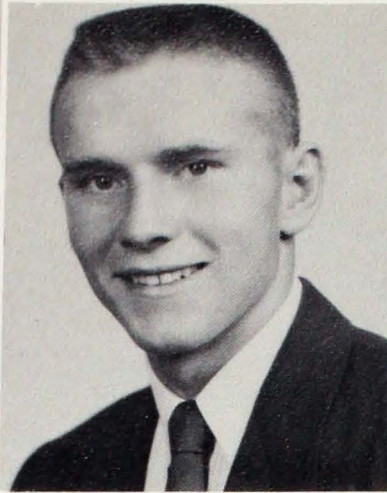


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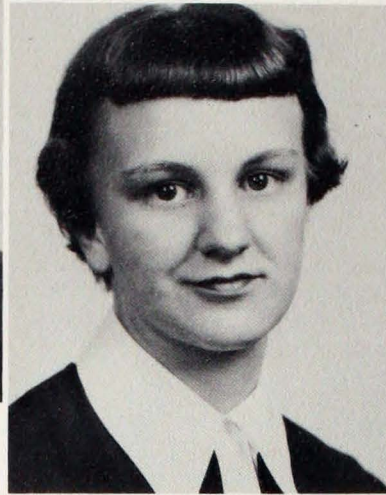




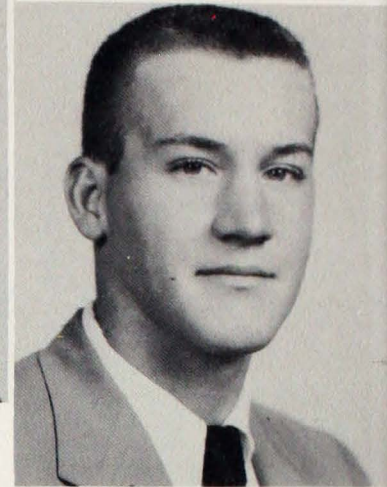
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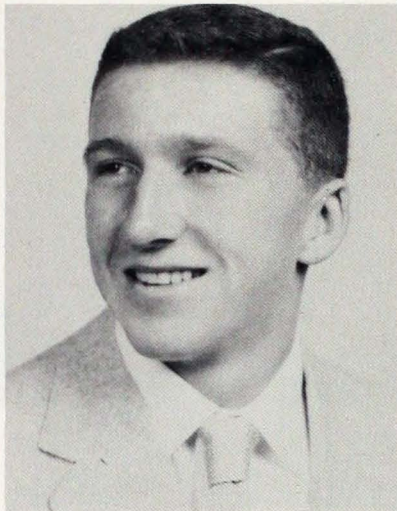
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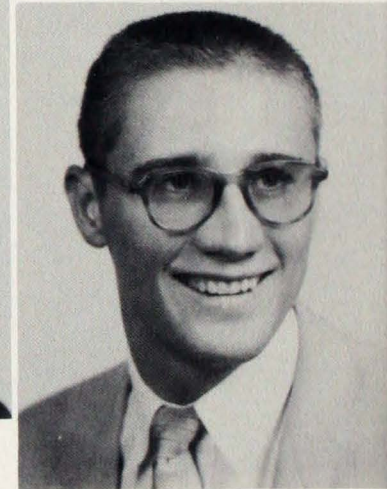
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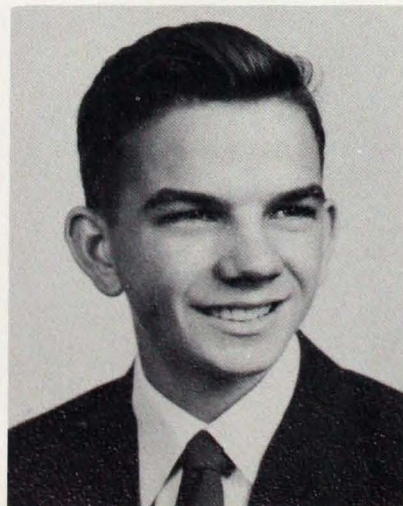
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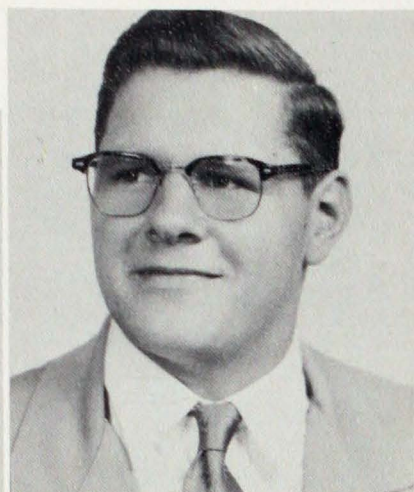


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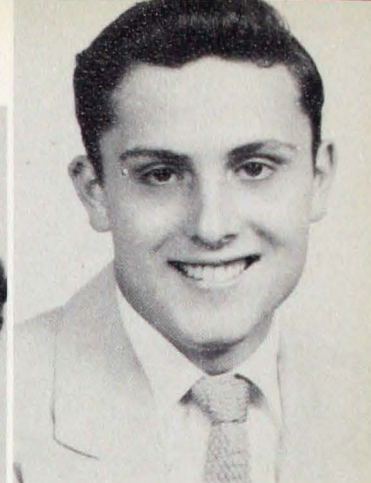
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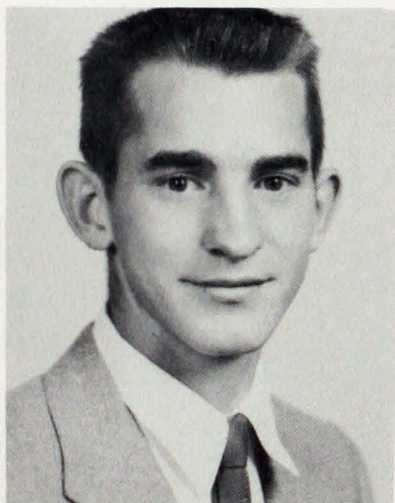
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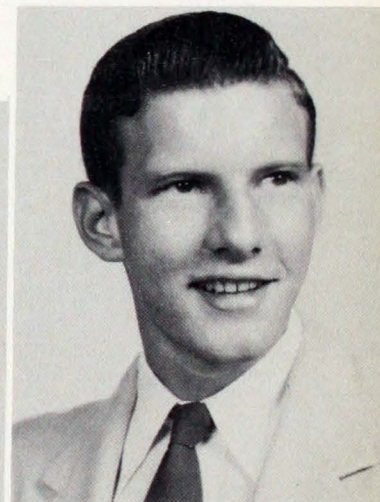
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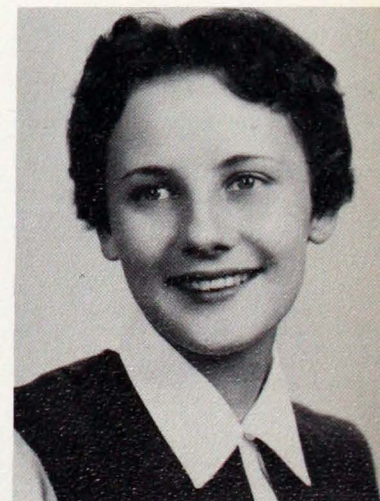


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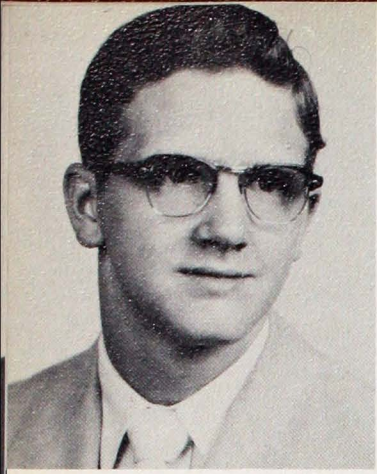
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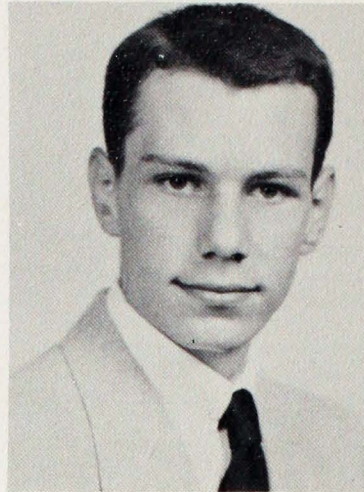




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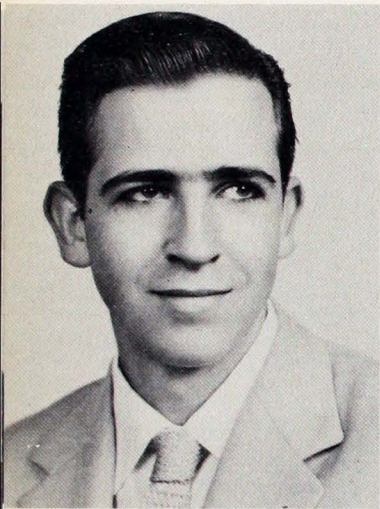
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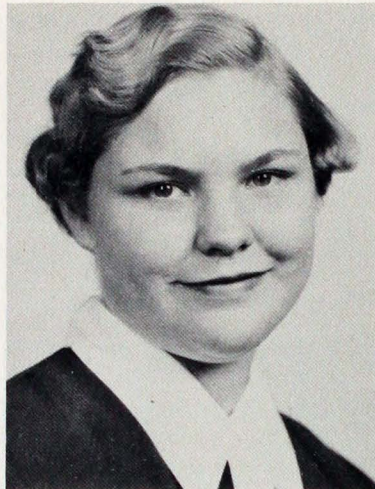
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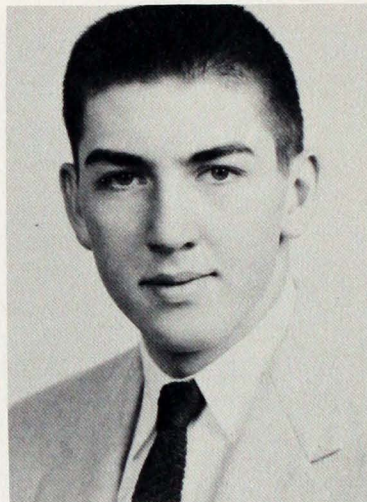
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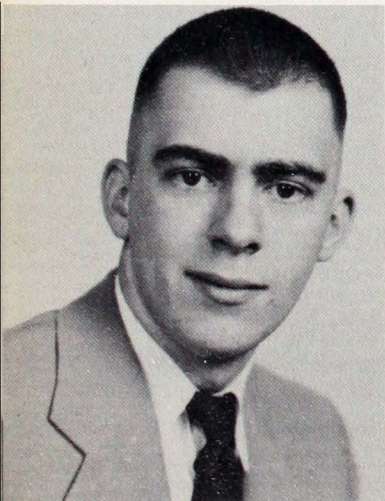
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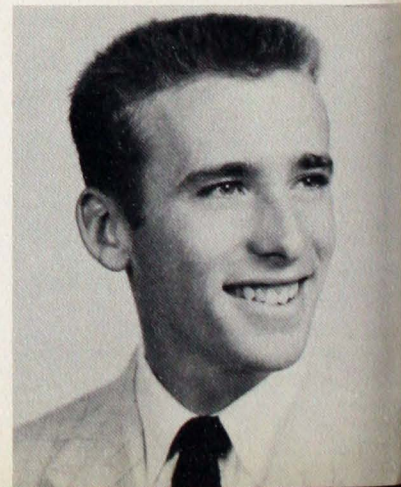
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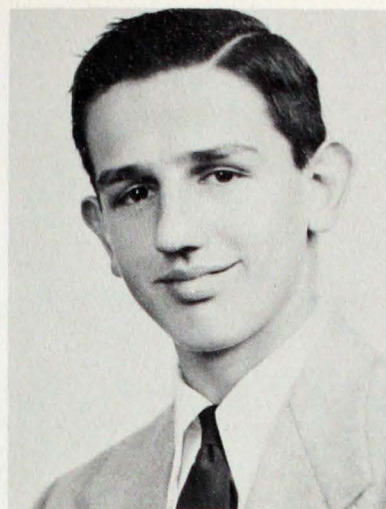




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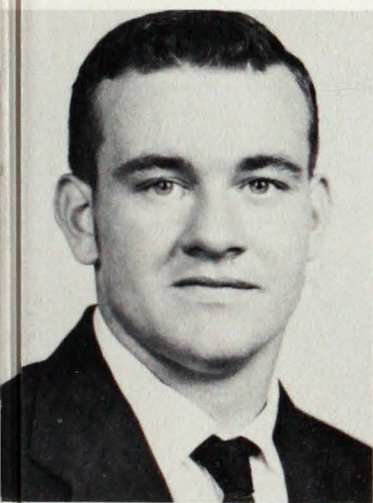
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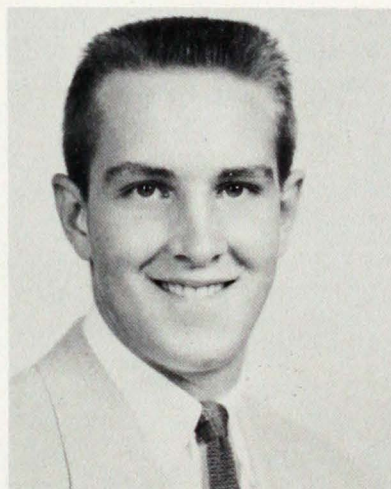
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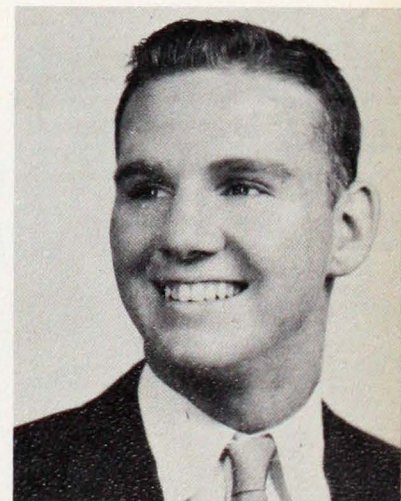
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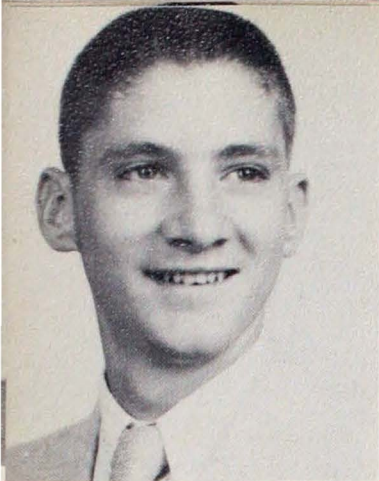


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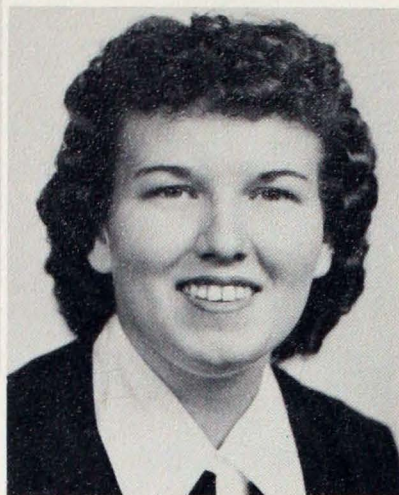


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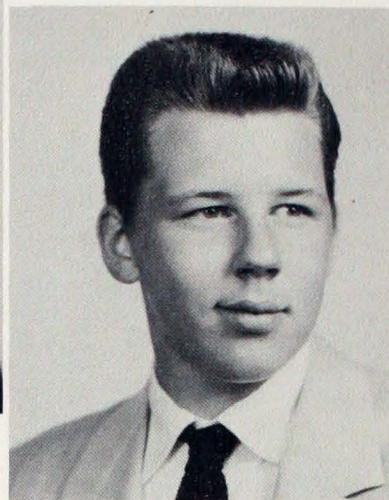




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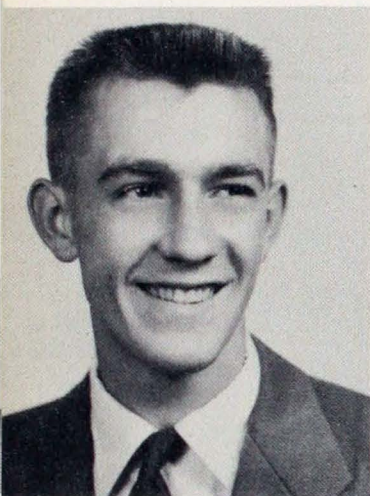
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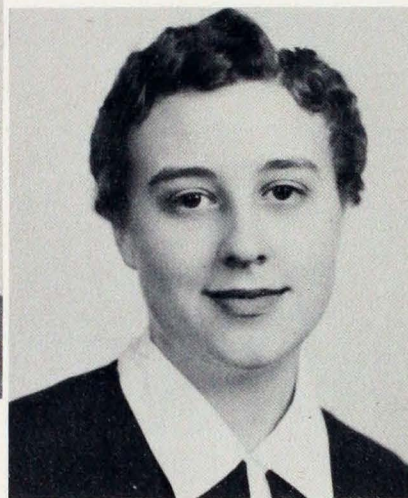
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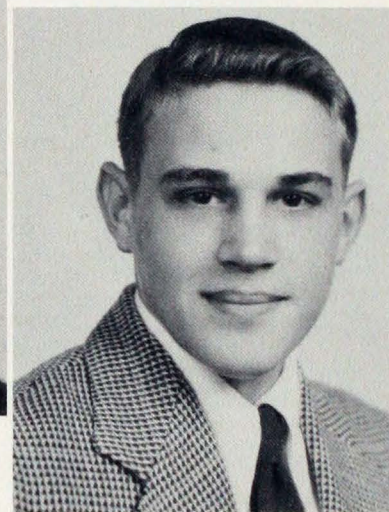
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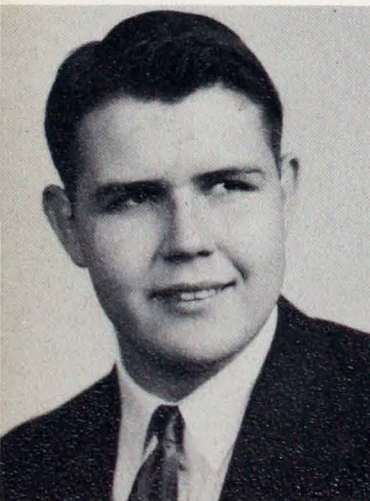
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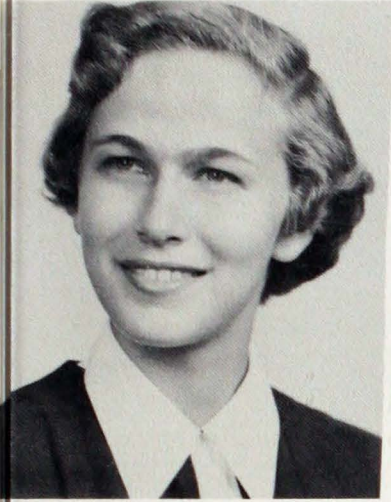


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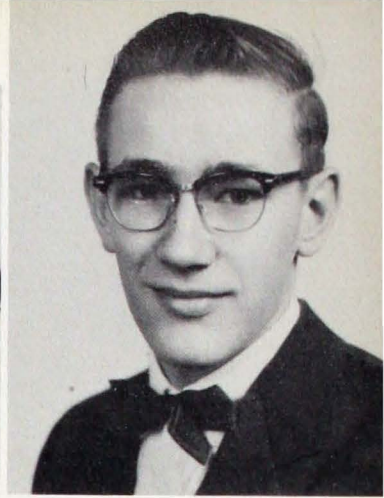
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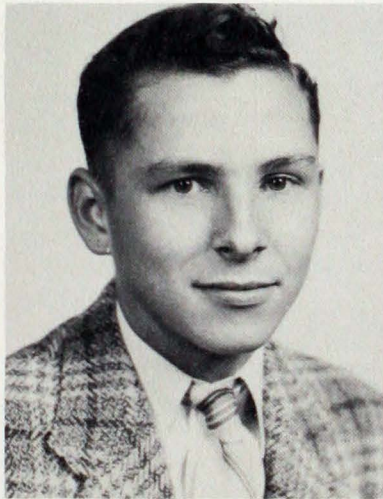
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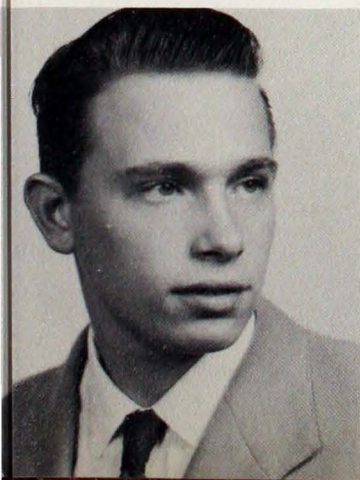
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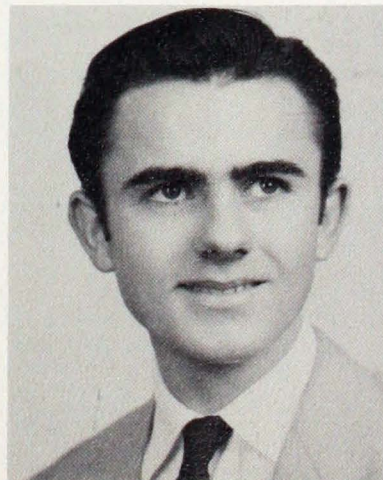


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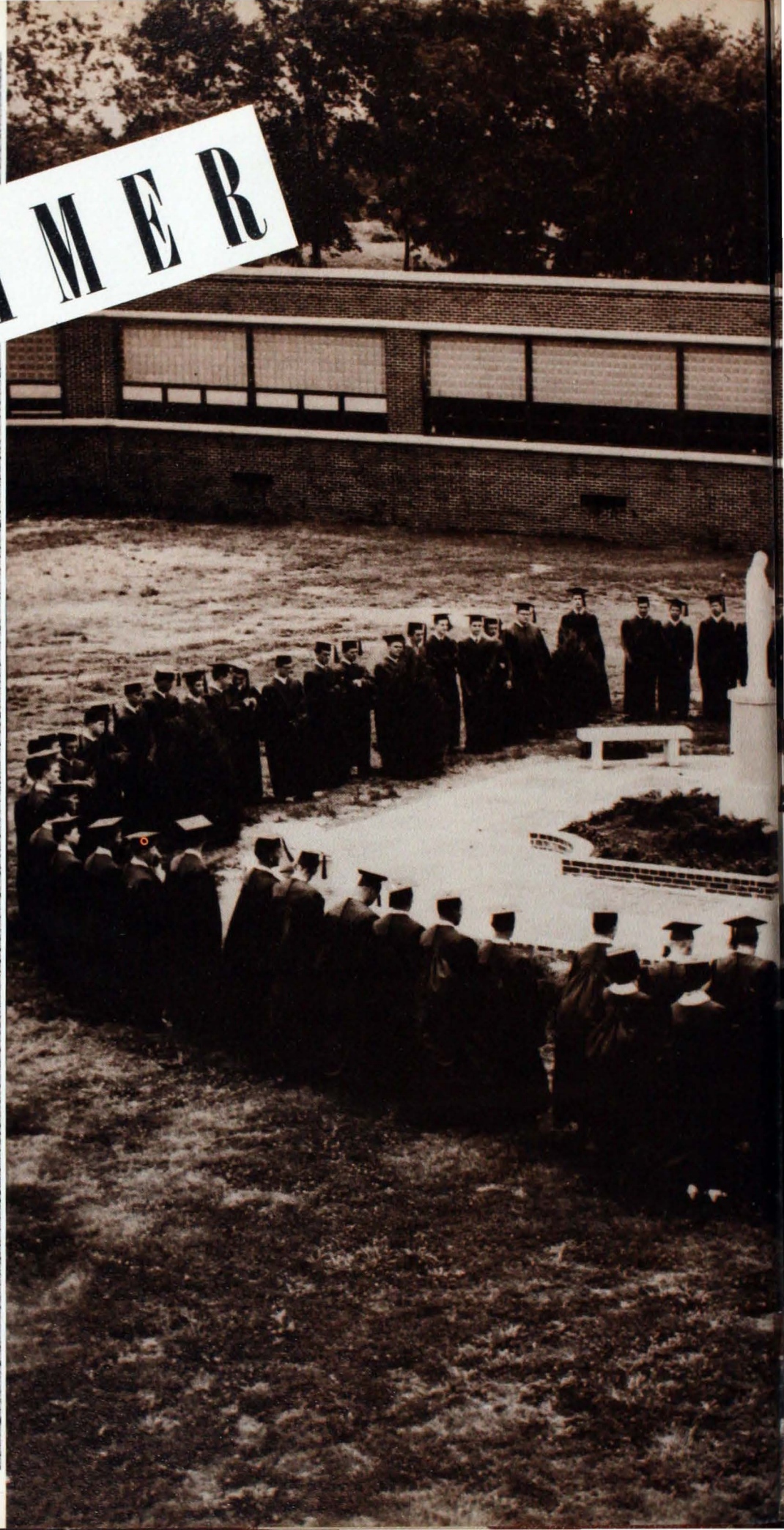


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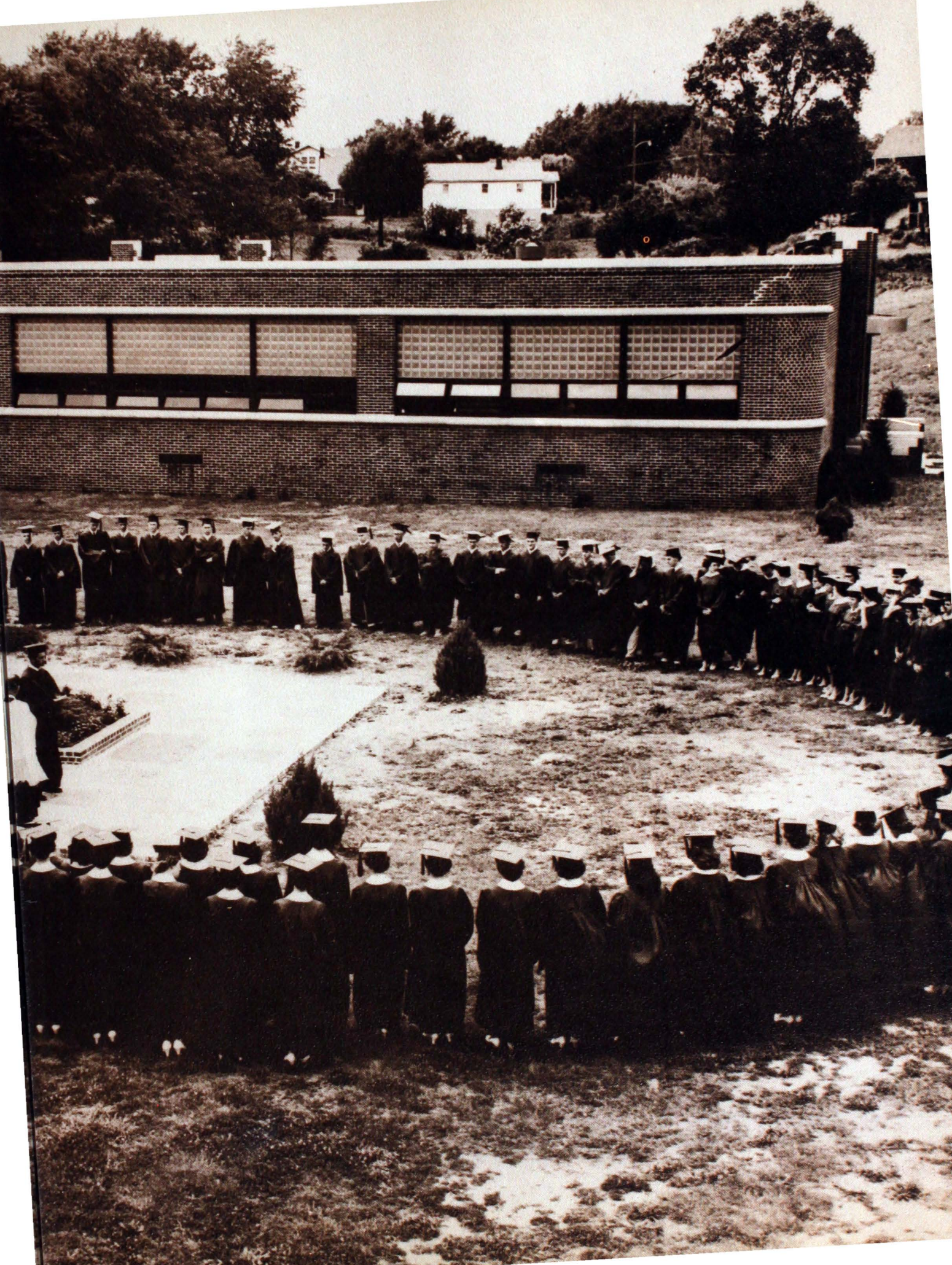
## Baccalaureate

The feature event of the day was the blessing of the Senior Class gift, the beautiful Blessed Virgin statue now reigning in all its glory on the campus.

Charles Wargel presented the shrine of Our Lady, the Class Gift, with a short but very appropriate speech. Father Lautner accepted the gift in the name of the school and blessed the statute according to the rites of the Church.











# 25th ANNIVERSARY

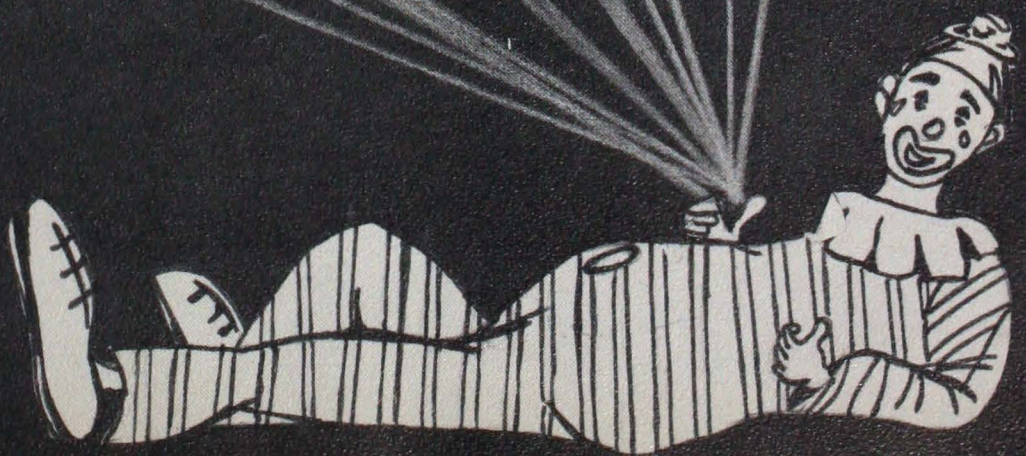
A surprise appearance at Ferdinand, Indiana, on the evening of July 25, honored Sister M. Irmingard. The Band presented "A Summer Evening Concert" to put the finishing touches to the memorable day which marked the twenty-fifth anniversary of Sister Irmingard's profession as a Benedictine Sister. Father Lautner, who conducted the concert, expressed the reason for the Ferdinand appearance by saying: "We wanted to come here and present our tribute in honor of Sister Irmingard to her whole community, for we know that a Sister Principal, cannot do her best unless she has her religious community to back her. We want this concert to express the gratitude of Mater Dei to the Benedictine Community at Ferdinand for giving us teachers of high quality and the best Principal in the world." The concert was a complete surprise to the audience and was received with overwhelming approval and followed by many favorable compliments. The band which presented the Ferdinand Program was a composite of members who had played in the band during the years that Sister Irmingard has been Principal at M.D.







# SUMMER FUN





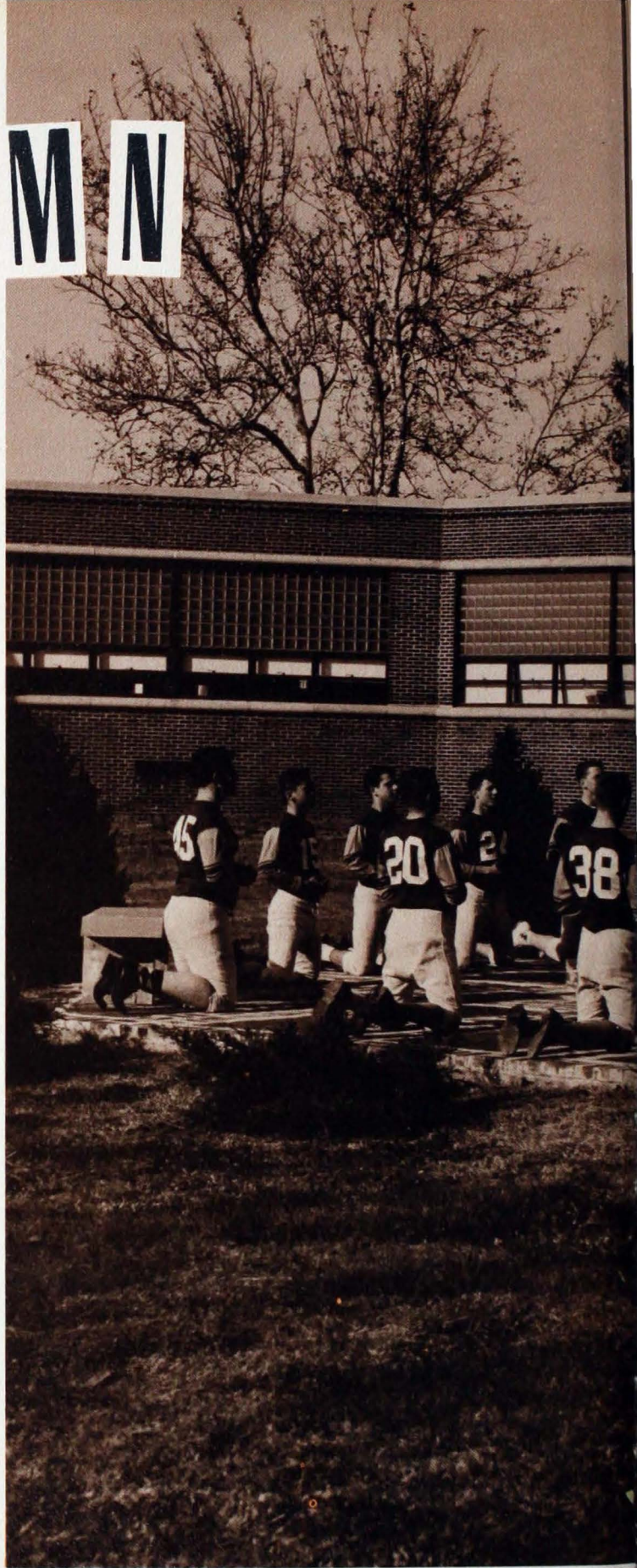
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# MEN

Note From the Office:

We don't care what others may say or think, but in our books the Seniors on the squad this year were the finest and the best we ever had. We look back with a great deal of pride to our first squad; they were a loyal and courageous group. We sincerely hope that our words of commendation for the "men" this year will do nothing to dim the memory of those "pioneers". We certainly haven't had anything nearly as good as that first squad and this year's seniors when it comes to a "class of MEN".

Father Lautner.









# SEPTEMBER

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- 7 School opens half-day session
- 8 Our Lady's Birthday
- 9 Safety Assembly
- 10 Anderson Football Game

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- 12 Holy Name of Mary
- 13 Day of Recollection
- 14 Mass of Holy Spirit
- 15 P.T.A. Meeting

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## Senior Hop

Jean-clad guys and gals turned out for the Senior class party Sunday, September 19. It all began with a wiener roast and a watermelon feast at 6:30 p.m. Mr. and Mrs. Brenner were again present and led everyone on to an evening of real fun.

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26 Junior Class Party

20) Freshman Initiation

All Classes Join For In Magazine Sale For Deceny In Reading Campaign

Mater Dei's first annual Deceny in Reading Campaign opened Monday, September 27, and will continue until October 12. All four classes will participate in the Sales Campaign.



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Again the school of firsts—Mater Dei—presents another First. Through the courage of your editors and the unselfishness of the staff, the M.D. Hi-Lights is brought to you today, the first full day of school, with news galore of coming activities and past summer events. Another First for you.

weeks ago Father Lautner improved Dorothy's suggestion for the Nut Club's theme on a float. She was appointed chairman of the float project which she carried out very well. Dorothy and her mother, George Schaefer made the float. They helped with costumes and general decorations of the float. Schaefer...

October Hi-Lights classes the annual showing their... from all classes October 1st to get some practical experience in advertising salesmanship. It has... of Sisters getting things parade. M. Schaefer...

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24 Inauguration Day dinner—Ball

28 Freshman Nominations  
30 Freshmen Officers elected

## To Teachers

Did you ever have the urge—  
To bang them on the head?  
When they can't learn a thing,  
Do you wish that they were dead?  
Would you like to drill a hole,  
In their crazy-mixed-up noodles?  
Or break their flimsy fingers,  
When you catch them making doodles?  
Hold that hammer! Hold that drill!  
Don't fuss so much about them.  
For really, teacher, stop and think,  
You'd have no job without them.



A hidden package of musical enthusiasm is gracing the halls of our Alma Mater (and has been doing so for sometime—). Father Lautner, above and beyond the call of duty, gives out with more music appreciation than would a Hi Fidelity recording on "how to appreciate the 'Beer Barrel Polka' by Liberace."

After a bit of delving into the little known past of our Superintendent we came up with the following facts, happenings, and musings that make up the music box of Father Lautner.

'House on Harmony Way'  
Has Music-Loving Master





Janet Abernathy



M. L. Horney



S. Crockett



R. Drennen



B. Moss



M. Offerman



C. Lincoln

Juniors not pictured:

Donna Ferguson, Judy Goergen, Anita Jost, Barbara Strange, Joann Wingerter, Larry Bennett, James Liggett, Bernie Nunning.



Tom Hamilton was the general chairman of the "Third Year Bounce" assisted by Gil Wannemuehler, Justin Clemens and Ann Rollett and a large group of peppy volunteers.

# JUNIORS

## Ultra Modern Trend Breaks At Class Party

The Junior Class went all out to be "Katty" at the "Third Year Bounce" on September 26. The big deal was a "Smorgasbord" featuring any food concoction available topped off with pink and black ve-talk decorations and dozens of mobiles.

Mr. and Mrs. Brenner, who are most popular at Mater Dei, called the plays for "the kats," decked "Levis" and pink shirts. Parts of the class officers acted as aperones while the lay teachers are invited as special guests.



B. Hosick



M. Bumb



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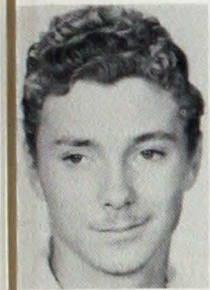
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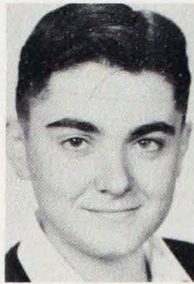


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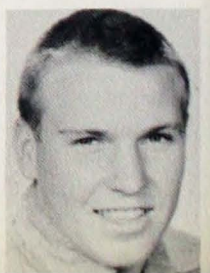
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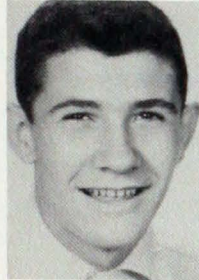
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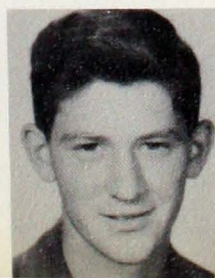
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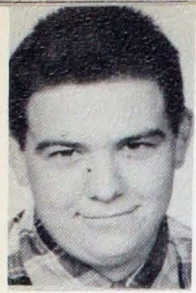
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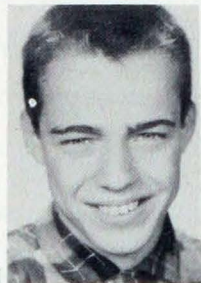
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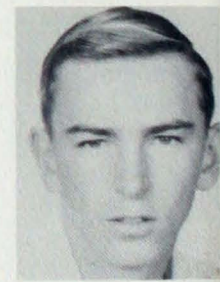
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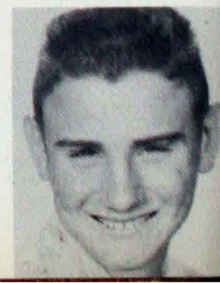
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# SOPHOMORES

## Sophomore Shindig

The Sophomore Shindig got underway at 7:30, Sunday, October 3, in the gaily decorated school cafeteria.

Welcoming the Sophs with a smile, at the entrance, were their officers (l to r) Mary Rollinson, Darlene Riley, Bob Hamilton, Rich Seib.

The Brenner's led the evening in fun calling square dances in a fall setting. Besides square dancing, the Soph's played two games with oranges. The winners of the two games were: Doris Jean Knapp, Ron Thompson, and Colleen Adams. The scene for the the Shindig consisted of various fall colors.

About midway through the evening, hotdogs and cokes were served. The gala affair ended much too soon for the students.

Chaperones for the evening included: Mr. and Mrs. Rollison, Mr. and Mrs. Becker, Mr. and Mrs. Seib, Dr. and Mrs. Eisterhold, Mr. and Mrs. Len Will. Father Lautner and Father Vollmer were most welcome guests.



Sophomores not pictured:

- D. Hawes, M. Kelle
- R. Weber, D. Mayse
- R. Hardesty.

Wilfred Weinzapfel

Wayne Gerteisen Bob Scott Nola Barron Glen Hartweck Doris J. Knapp Mike Greenwell



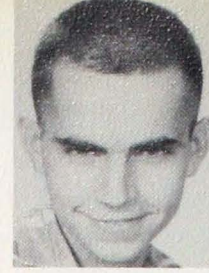




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John Hertel



Ken Kissinger



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Susie Farney



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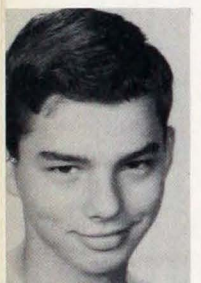
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Ted Lutz /



J. Fitzgerald



Jack Funke



E. Bassemier



R. Altstadt



James Lorber



Ruth Ann Bates



Ed Rehrman



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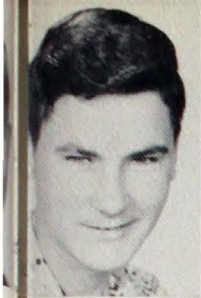


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Norman Purdy



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Tom Osterman



Mary Guy



Gary McGee

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Evelyn Payne



Suzanna Orth



Shirley Frank



Alice Paul



Darlene Riley



Don Gottman



C. Witmeier



Dee Ann Autry



T. Seiler



Anne M. Marx



Sammie Mullen



M. Schmitt



Bob Hamilton



Carl Massey



M. Boarman



David Smith



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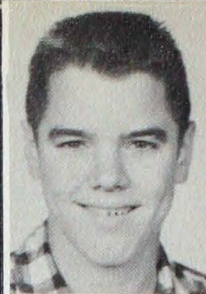
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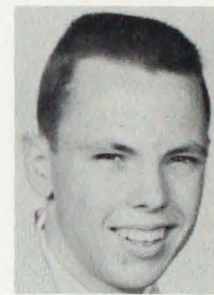
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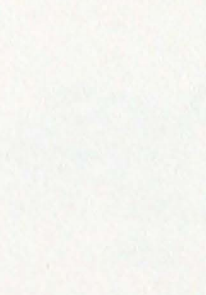
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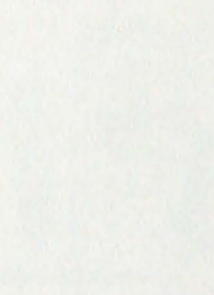
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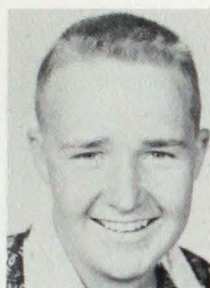
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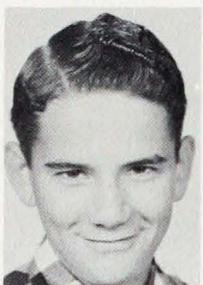
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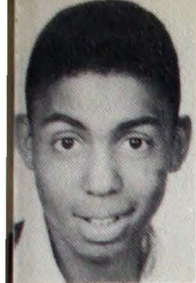


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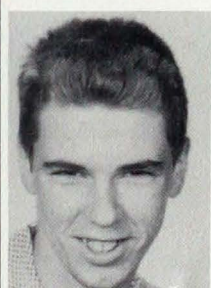
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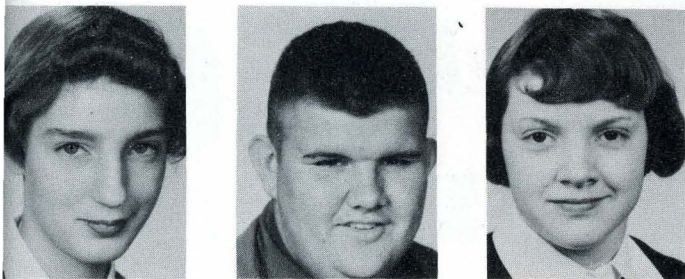


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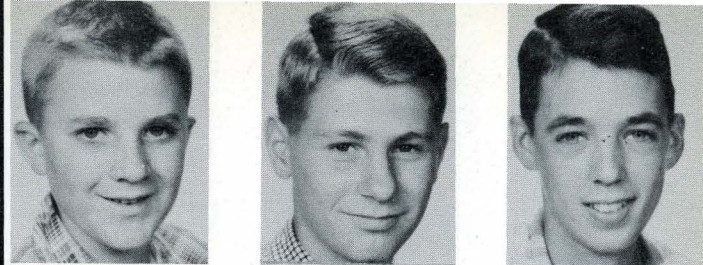




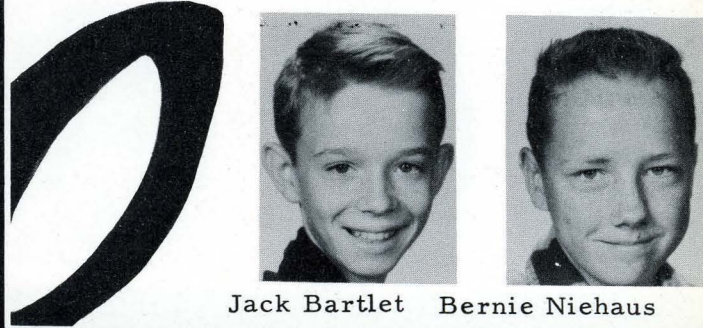
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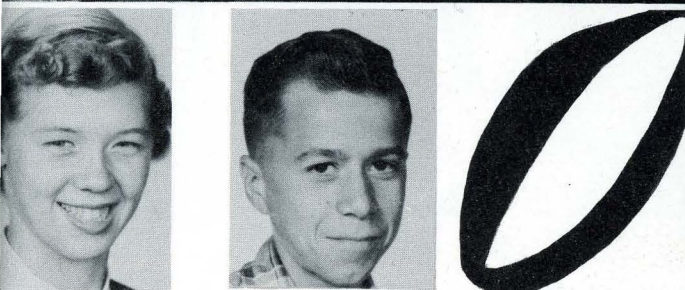
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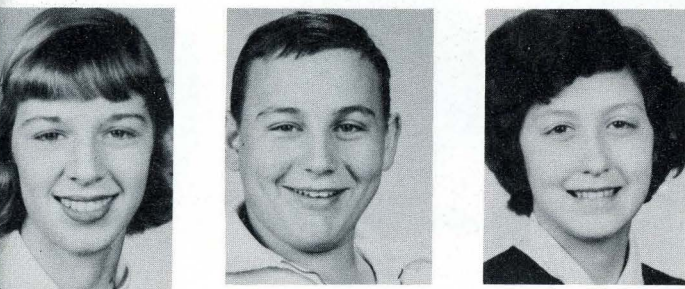
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M. Schulz James Kock



Paul Ball Mary A. Wolf J. Reidford



Judith Wolf Rich Horner Theresa Ewers

Freshmen not pictured: Caro Mary Lou Reginer, Paul Becher, Lawrence Brenner, Carl Points, David Rieber, Gene Stolz, Robert Wade, and George Weimer.

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OFFICERS



Freshmen Foremen (l-r): Robert King, Dorothy Doerr, Mary Kay Koch, Judy Wolf.

Freshman Officers are still quite new in this school year. The following foursome was elected on September 30. Mary Kay Koch stepped right into her brother Bob L. Koch's place as Freshman President of her class. She is capable, highly efficient, and lots of fun. Although softspoken, Mary Kay, no doubt, is a natural as leader for the class of '58.

Dorothy Doerr, the school's newest class secretary has a sister Mary in the Freshman class also. The two dress alike, look alike, act alike, but they are not twins. Dorothy is quiet, smiling and well liked, which suits her well for her office even if she doesn't rack up top grades.

Judy Wolf, the ultra-blonde Vice President of the '58ers, is reported by Freshmen teachers to be an excellent student. The Freshies know her as an able leader, a friendly, helpful classmate and a kid with good ideas. The Veep served as head of the decorating for the Jean Jamboree last Sunday.

Bob King, the only man of the foursome, has been given the Freshman money matters to manage. Public opinion marks the "King" as a very wide-awake fellow. His keen interest is noted by teachers in school work, and by fellow-Frosh in every student affair. We have heard that Bob is often found "just reading the big dictionary"; he finds it very interesting.





Sarah Townsend



Bobby Holtz



Judy Townsend



Ken Wolf



Irma Lannan



L. Fulkerson



Bob Shaefer



B. Lackey



Bob Pace



Sandra L. Folz



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Chester Schum



Judy Keown



F. Thompson



R. Zenthoefer



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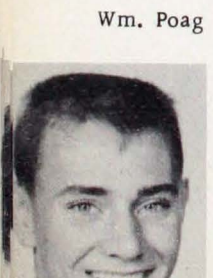
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Martha Moers

M. A. Hayden

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David Tornatta

G. Glass



Mary Buckman

Kathy Steckler

Mary Smith

Donnie Vowels

Bonnie Wink



D. Zirkelbach

K. McBride

Jo R. McCaslin

Rhema Willis

Tom Hayden



B. Pendley

David Morris

Mary Doerr

Judy Ritz

J. Ahlering

Rosa L. Koch



Gail Strange

D. Barron

Faye Reisz

JoAnn Bone

D. Nurrenbern

Barbara Martin

C. Steinhauser

Walter Nunning

P. Moore

Joyce Moore

Charles Wigger

Mary C. Mohr



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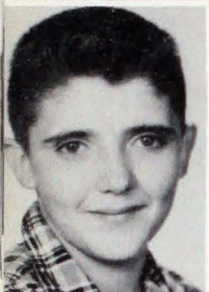


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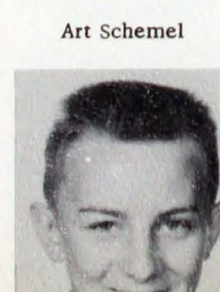
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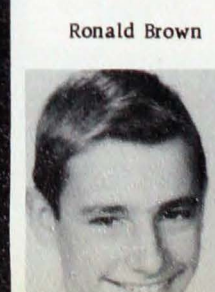
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M. J. Boarman



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JoAnn Woods



Jack Kinsler



Gary Cobb



R. Clausheide



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LeRoy Prange



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Robert Drain



Emily Mann



Maurice Duncan



Mary J. Gries



L. Kempf



Carol Skeels



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M. Fendel



Ann Parker



S. Griffis



Rose Wolf



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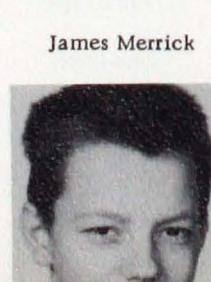
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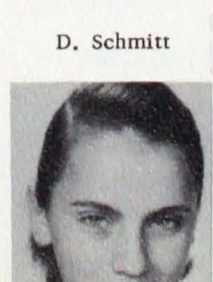
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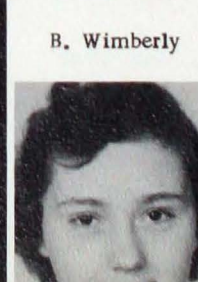
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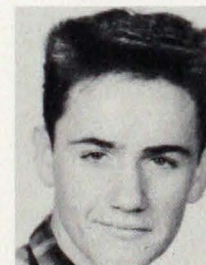
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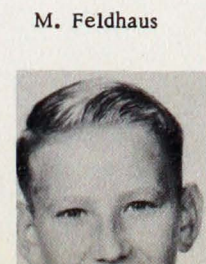
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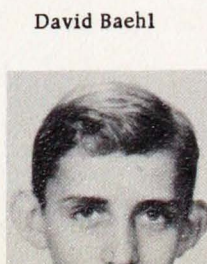
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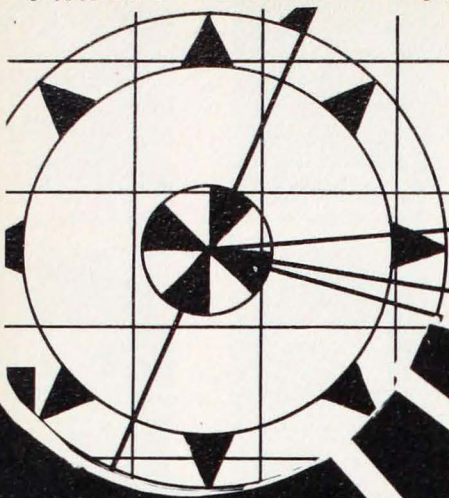
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PARENT-TEACHER - STUDENTS

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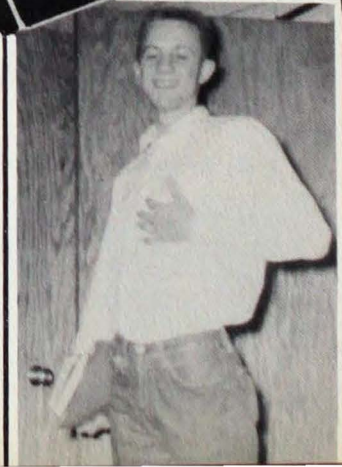
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# Red Cross Sponsor, Leaders Chosen 'We Will Help' Motto for Year



Red Cross at Mater Dei: Mr. Paul Cantner accepts packages from Sherrill Kokie and Marilyn Bumb, Mater Dei's Red Cross Representatives.

by Sherrill Kokie

Red Cross workers at M.D. led by Home Economics classes, and volunteer students, under the supervision of Sr. Dolorita have been doing "the most" in the field of Red Cross activities.

Two dozen soft toys were made representing "Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer" and "Cupie-Doll". The toys were given to the childrens ward at St. Mary's Hospital. Plans for many more gifts are being discussed.

The Home Ec. food department also found work to be done, namely, supplying the sick and aged with assortments of freshly-baked cookies. Christmas being just around the corner, the baking will continue, for the motto of the Red Cross enthusiasts is, "We will help." Good food at such a time as Christmas is a "must" in helping the holidays to be a lasting memory to the people who are not fortunate in having constant cheer going on about them.

## An Open Letter to Teens of Evansville

Dear Teens of Evansville,

This message to you is of grave importance, and should be read thoughtfully, and carefully, with your fullest attention given to every detail.

Teens, the Junior Red Cross needs you! Yes, each and every one of the teenagers in Evansville is needed to accomplish vital tasks throughout the city, conducted by Red Cross instructors, and their Junior representatives from each high school. There is so much to be done, and so few who are willing.

Older individuals help to combat homelessness, starvation, men dying in service, and community failures; and, in their slow, cautious way, are doing a good job. Still, they need youth, eagerness, vitality, and the aid of every young person capable of learning to serve others. All this, is the main reason why the Junior Red Cross was established — In hopes that the best would be made better, and the better turned into perfect.

The American Junior Red Cross has joined together to help achieve its aims by working together with its members everywhere, in our own, and other lands. Service for others, for country, our community, and our school is their chief aim.

Help them out! See your high school representative today, and find out how you, too, may become an active member in the Junior Red Cross.

Thanking you in advance for the service I'm sure you'll find time to give, I remain . . .

Sincerely,

Sherrill Kokie

President of the American Junior Red Cross of Evansville. (Mater Dei representative)



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## P.T.A. Elects Officers Announces Program

The Parent-Teachers Association held its first meeting of the 1954-55 school season Wednesday, September 15, in the school cafeteria.

Taking the President's chair for the year was Mr. Ervin Seng with Mrs. Catherine Muehlbauer to serve as Vice President. Mrs. Henry Brandsasse will continue as Secretary-Treasurer.

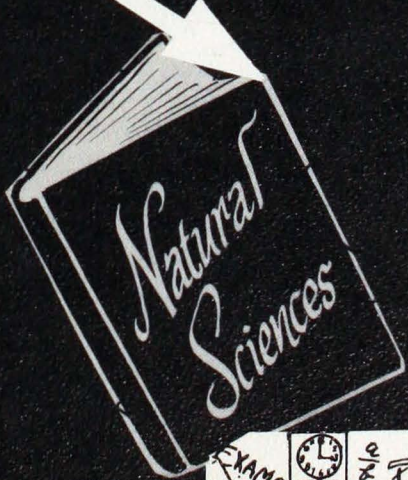
The Program for meetings this year was announced: The October meeting will feature a panel discussion on Teenagers Problems as presented by a group of Catholic Clergymen of the city.

November will find a parents-go-to-school night programing the regular meeting. The Christmas Party will be the main P.T.A. effort of December.

The January meeting will consider Mental Health as a theme. "Sound mind in a sound body."

The Catholic Press Month (February) meeting will give attention to Literature and Life. During March the P.T.A. will meet to hear representatives speak on various vocations, "Doctor, Lawyer, Merchant, Chief."

The program for April will center around college life and opportunities. Mother's Day and Father's Day will be celebrated at the May meeting with election of new officers completing the bill.





# Mayor Lorber, Judge Hayden Take Oath Clerk Jackie Muehlbauer Opens Ceremony At 3rd School-City Inauguration

Mater Dei's annual inauguration ceremonies were held Friday, September 24, in the school gym on the feast of the Ransom of the Captives, a feast dedicated to the Blessed Virgin Mary.

## Fr. Lautner Speaks at Official Mass

The program opened with Father Lautner officiating at the Inaugural Mass. All officials received Holy Communion in a body. The school superintendent also gave an inspiring sermon.

"Our school cannot be better than the effort you give to its government" was the theme around which Father centered a very effective explanation of Mater Dei's Unique Student City, its purpose, and objectives.

## Civic Ceremony

When the civic ceremonies began Jackie Muehlbauer, the clerk, swore in the judge, the judge swore in the mayor and he in turn swore in the councilmen. Mayor John Lorber's inaugural address concerned not only his position, but the responsibility of each and every student in the school. (The complete text of his speech is appended to this article).

Chief-of-Police, Jerry Duncan, also gave a talk with very much emphasis on the coming year's safety program. He urged the students to help him make the program a success in safety.

Other officials on the platform included: Bob Hawes, public defender; Nancy Williams, comptroller; Marilyn Berendes, health commissioner; Rita Patry and John Miller, recreation commission; Richard Grannan, city attorney; and Norman Humpert, fire chief. Tom Wolf has been appointed

Commissioner of Public Parks. These members of the city government were sworn into office. They were the fifteen council members. The homeroom has a representative on the council. It elects the seven council members in the homeroom rooms in the school.

The Mater Dei Band and Glee Club combined to add music to the gala affair as they gave out with "Our Nation's Creed" from last year's spring concert. The program ended with a spirited rendering of the school song with the band leading.

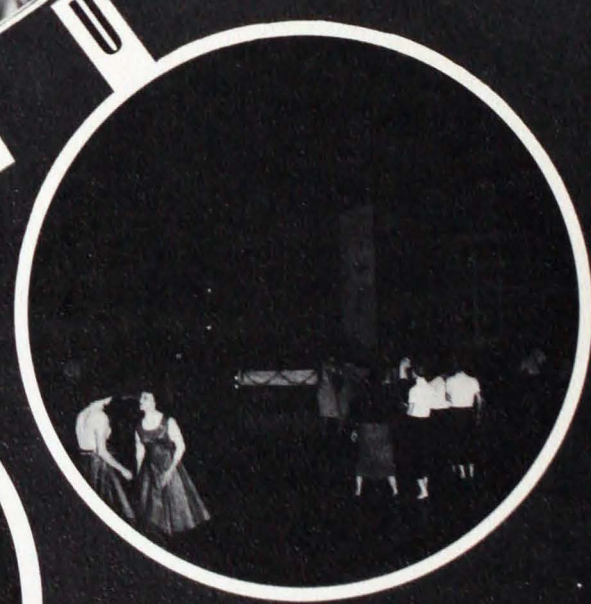
## Inaugural Ball

The Inaugural Ball took on even bigger dimensions than in previous years. The gym was decorated with a red, white, and blue festoon studded with stars rising two and a half feet from the gym floor. Back Mike Robb's dance orchestra. From her patriotic shrine in the bleachers, the Mater Dei overlooked the room, which vied any other.

The Juniors and Sophomores of Mater Deiville came, and dates, to the semi-annual ball which, for the first time, was held from Memorial Day to the end of the year.

## Committee

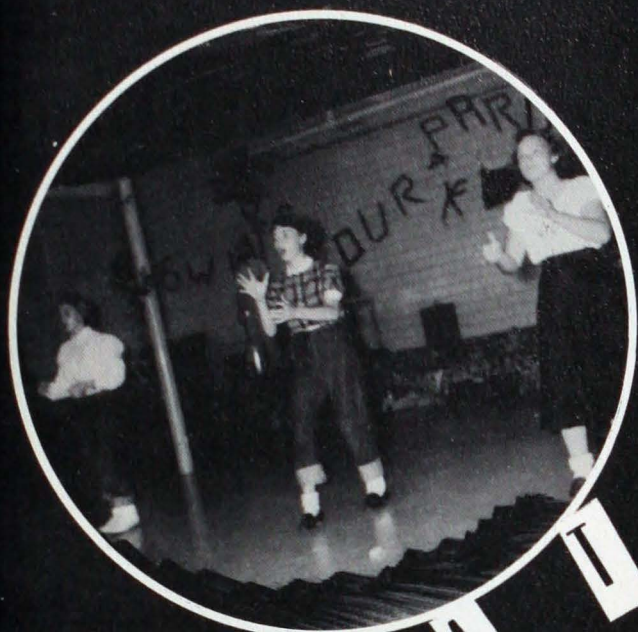
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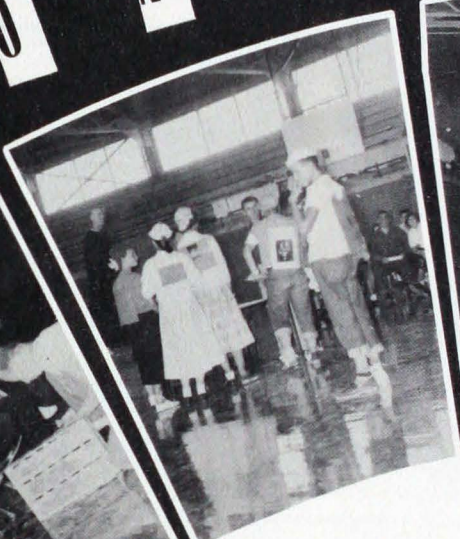
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# INITIATION



## A Great Game — Initiation

Seniors versus Freshmen! Place of battle: Mater Dei High School. Date: September 20 to 21. Outcome: good sportsmanship among all.

The Freshmen kicked off to the Seniors on Monday morning when they approached the fifty-yard line outfitted in gay costumes and make-up.

The initiation proved to be a wonderful game when the guilty were brought forth and penalized.

Cheers filled the auditorium as this year's Freshies were congratulated on being the most cooperative and sportsman-like Freshies in the history of initiation at Mater Dei. After the assembly all were happy because both were declared victors.

The committee of Seniors in charge of initiation included: Helen Gene Rode, Paul Hayden, John Lorber, Rita Patry, John Miller, Jackie Muehlbauer, Richard Grannan, Joe Stoffleth, Jerry Duncan, Ronald Durbin and John Well.

Jackie Muehlbauer gave the opening address at the assembly. The court consisted of Judge Paul Hayden, Prosecuting Attorney Richard Grannan, Bailiff John Lorber, Defense Attorney John Miller and twelve jury members.



# OCTOBER

"A Living Rosary!"  
on October 3,

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4—Booster Club Meeting

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5—Freshman Student Council  
Nominations

"Fires cause an average of \$15,000,000 worth of damage each year," said Mr. Layden, speaker at an assembly on Fire Prevention Tuesday morning, October 5, in the school gym.

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Adolf Locher, the Senior class pride and joy, celebrated his eighteenth birthday on Wednesday, October 6, with the Senior class co-operating 100 per cent.

3-9—Fire Prevention Week

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Freeday Declared, Honoring Mater Dei, Oct. 11  
Girls to Appear in Uniform At Feastday Mass

With the Most Rev. Henry J. Grimmelsman as presiding prelate, the diocese of Evansville will celebrate the Feast of the Mother of God, October 11, at the only Catholic setting which shares the diocesan Titular Patron—Mater Dei. The Rev. Roman Vollmer has been appointed musical director of this city-wide celebration.

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The "Freshman Jean Jamboree" was held Sunday evening, October 17, in the school cafeteria. The big thing was the decorations, which were in varied shades of green. They even admit it!

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24—United Nations Day

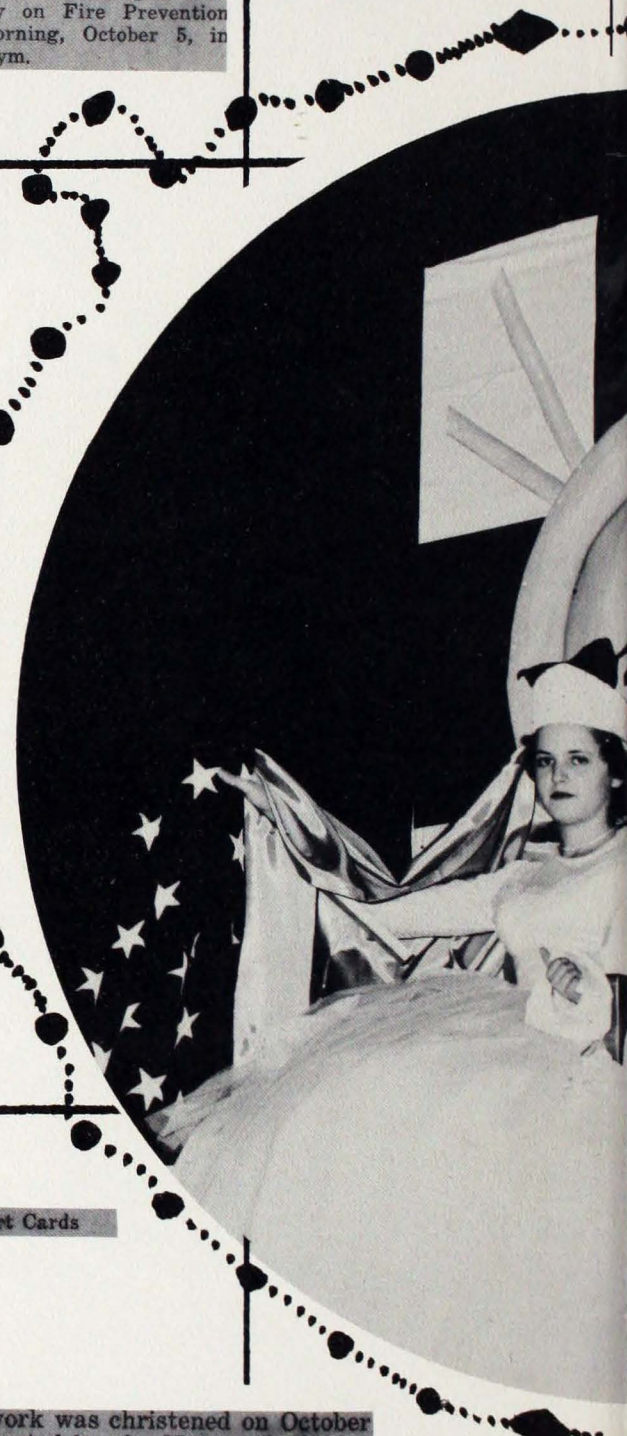
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26—Report Cards

The American Red Cross work was christened on October 20, 1954, with a project conducted by the Homemakers, for the sick and aged at the County Infirmary.

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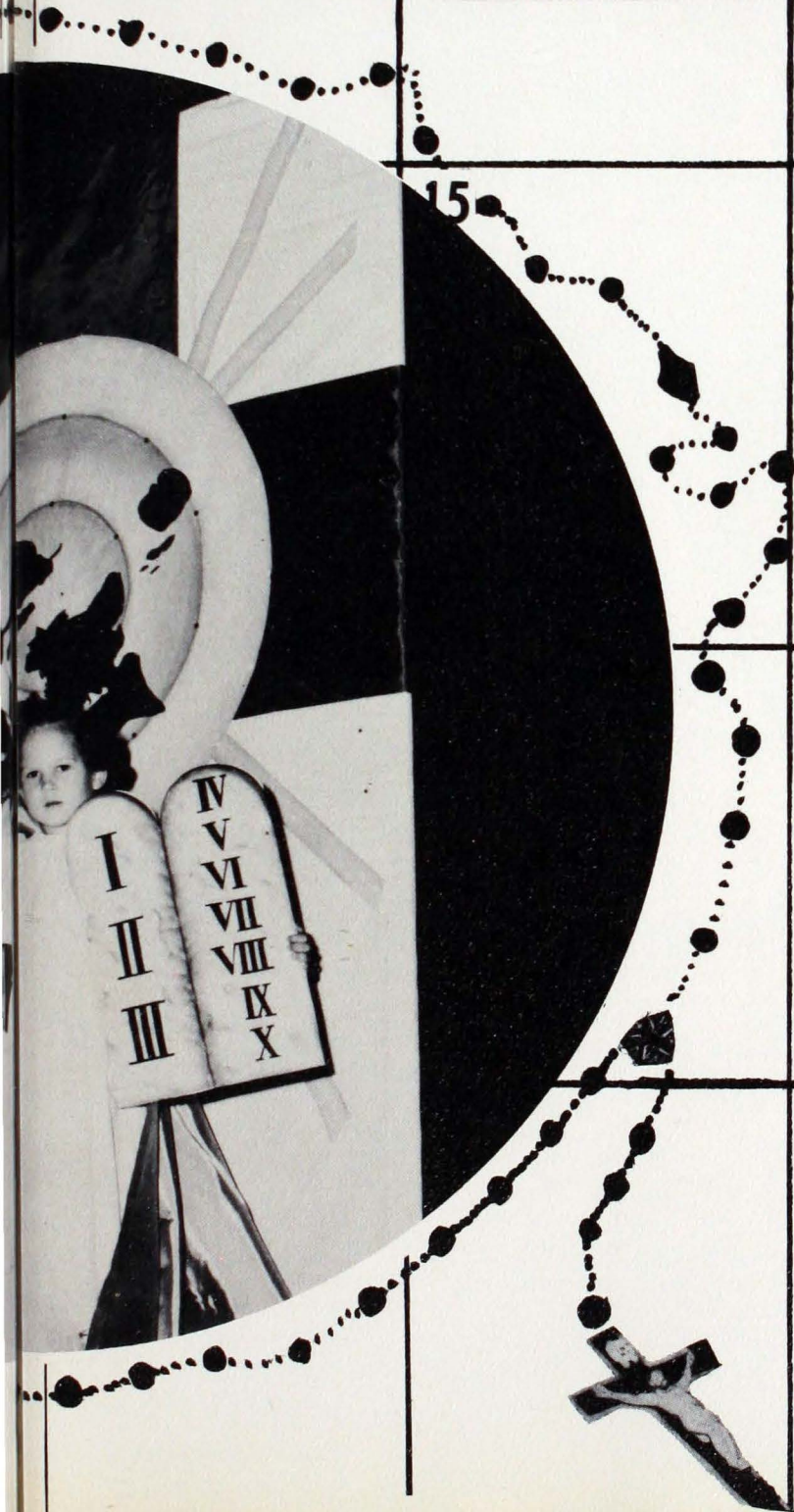
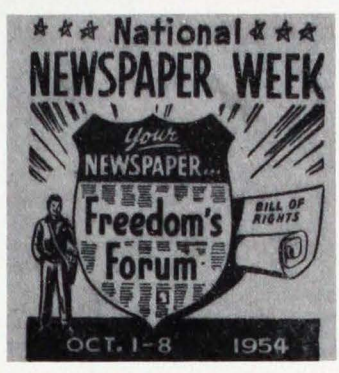


1 National Newspaper Week opens today with this as the Hi-Lights special N. N. W. issue. The school paper staff will be pulling a number of other stunts out of its sleeve during the coming week.

7—Feast of Holy Rosary  
Freshman Student Council Election

Sgt. Carl S. Pike will appear at Mater Dei with his "Safety Magic" program on Thursday, October 7.

8—Junior Assembly—Blessed Virgin Theme



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**Carol Halbig Rules As Madonna Queen Of All Nations**

Featuring the slogan "Key to Peace," Mater Dei copped first place in the Annual West Side float contest, Saturday, October 16, at the locally sponsored Fall Festival.

The float, boasting an eight foot model of the world, had a parade of nations theme, featuring flags from many countries of the world. Carol Sue Halbig presided over the float as the Blessed Virgin Mary, Queen of the World. Others on the float were: Tom Wolf, representing the United States; Al Weinzapfel as France; Mike McAtee, Denmark; Bill Stocker, India; Rita Patry, Czechoslovakia; Dorothy Schaefer, Mexico; Madonna Muensterman, Sweden; and Martha Luigs as China. Barbara Tevault was the Child Jesus.

The first place finish represented quite a comeback for the comparatively new West Side School as its float had to come from a fifth place in the 1953 contest to regain the top position taken in 1952.

Much of the credit for this float should go to Dorothy Schaefer, Father Lautner, Sister Irmingard, Meinie Schoenbeckler, and the host of Sisters that worked Saturday getting things prepared for the parade. Mr. and Mrs. George Schaefer, Mr. Roy Pyle and a student corps including Rita Patry, Madonna Muensterman, Carol Halbig, John Lorber, Mike McAtee and Richard Grauman helped create the float.



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# FOOTBALL

## Wildcat Reserves Take City Championship Claiming Reitz Game as 4th Victory

The Wildcat reserve team romped to its third straight victory Monday, October 11, by defeating a hard-hitting Central eleven, 20-12 at Mater Dei.

The reserves stretched their victory string to four straight, Monday, October 18, as they raced past a vaunted Reitz team, 12-0 at the Reitz Bowl. In winning their fourth straight game the Cats also won the City Championship.

Mater Dei's reserve football team is beginning to show improvement over last year's. It finished last season with no wins, no and 4 losses.

This year the reserves opened season against Bosse with a 10-0 victory. They then went into combat with Memorial and again were victorious with a score of 25-6.

Some players who were outstanding in the game were: Tom May, Ronald Lehr, Gil Adler, Leo Vollman, Jim Liggett and Arthur

Scheller. "Artie" Scheller, a 290 lb. freshman, has proven himself capable of holding a defensive guard position with the reserves.

The reserves starting line-up on offensive: ends: Gil Adler, Jim Liggett, tackles: Bob Brandsasse, Bob Barnett, guards: Bob Herrman, Tony Hewlett, center: Glen Hartweck, quarterback: Tom May, fullback: Jim Werner, halfbacks: Ronald Lehr, Bob Hamilton.

### RESERVES

to Wilton Boyd, and speedy halfback raced over for Lincoln's only tally.

started slowly with scoring until Owens... fullback, Nick Nor... into the Wildcat end... early in the fourth quarter. The versatile Norcia also booted the all important extra point and the Aces fronted by seven points.

Mater Dei retaliated, with 28 seconds remaining in the game, when Don Baumgart crashed

### M.D., Bosse Battle To Scoreless Tie

Bosse and Mater Dei tangled at Enlow field on Thursday, September 30. The Wildcats held the favored Bosse Bulldogs to a zero to zero deadlock. Mater Dei came within six inches of victory.

It was a pushing affair the entire game. The first half was a push by Bosse. The Bulldogs held Mater Dei in their territory the

### Wildcats Race Past Tell City Marksmen

Mater Dei's Wildcats, fresh from a scoreless tie with Bosse, unleashed a strong running attack, Saturday, October 9, at Bosse Field, to crush the Tell City Marksmen, 34-0.

Mater Dei opened the game by driving deep into Tell City territory. Tell City, however, stopped the Red and Gold threat by recovering a Wildcat fumble. A little later, Jim Miller intercepted a stray Tell City pass and the Wild- cats followed through with Rich crashing over for the score. Niemeier booted the extra and Mater Dei took a 7-0

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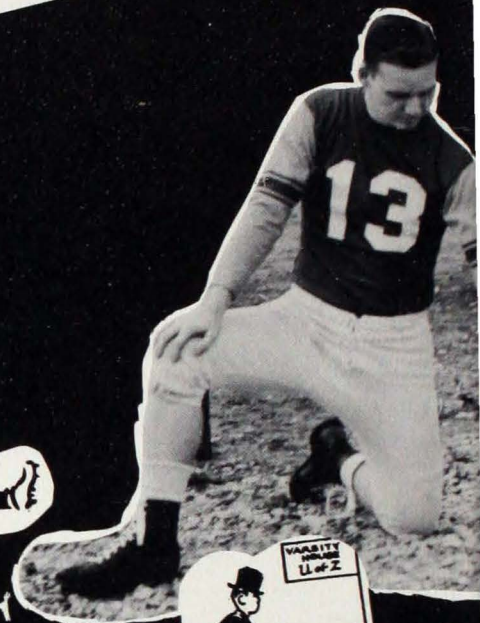
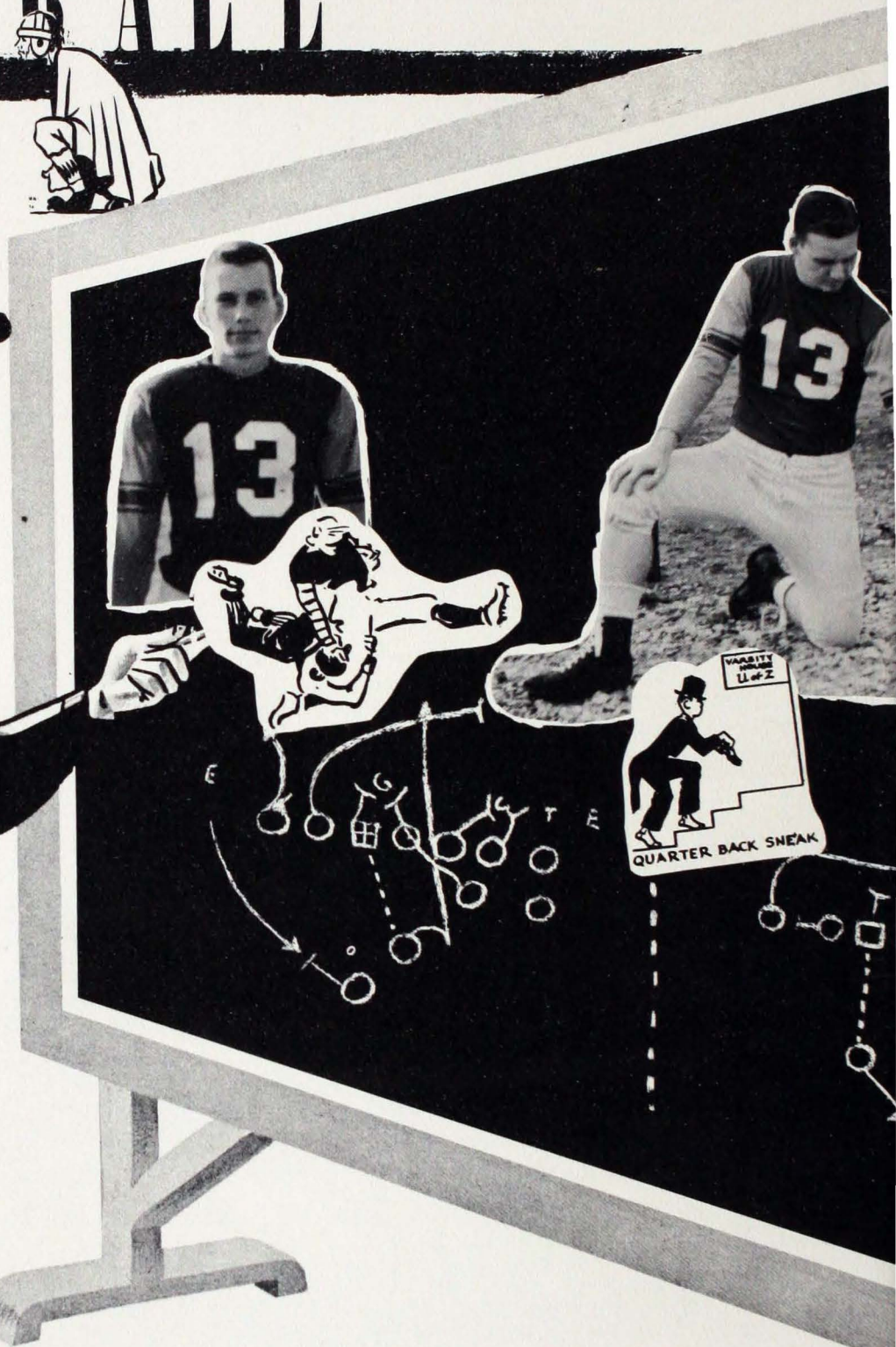
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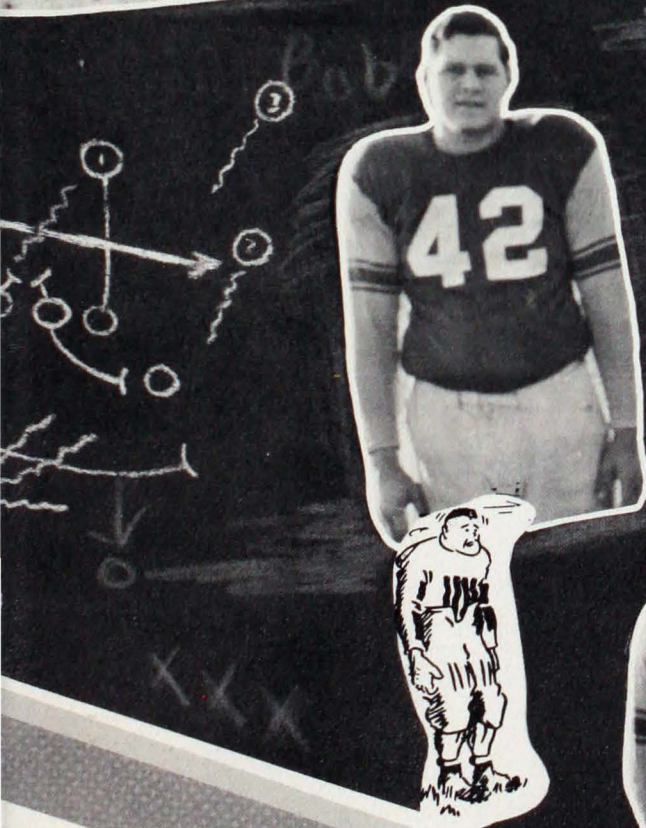
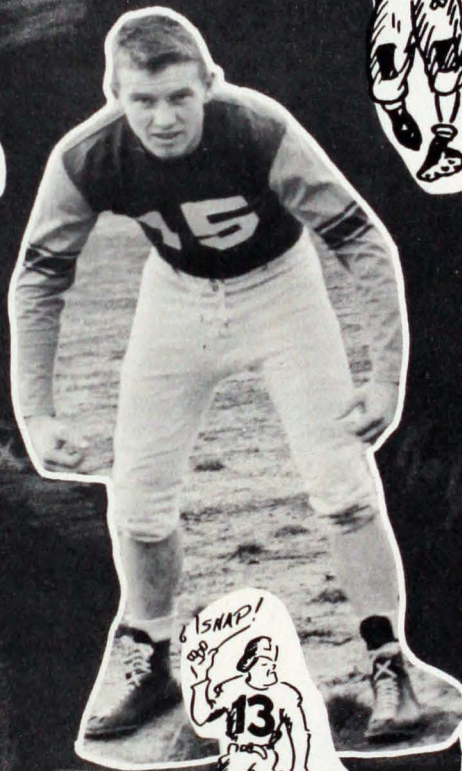
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The characters were: John Zenger—Joe Stoffleth; Anna Zenger—Rita Patry; Hamilton—Willie Wannemueller; Narrator—Wilma Rexing; Statue of Liberty—Susie Laib; Judge—Art Werner; Foreman—John Lorber; 2nd Judge—John Kern; Attorney—John Miller; Clerk—Jerry Duncan. Voices: Joe Stoffleth, Helen Gene Rode, John Miller. Joan Berendes and Pat Happel were in charge of costumes.

## JOURNALISM PLAY



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## ROSARY ASSEMBLY



## Juniors to Perform For Patron Feast

The first group of students to present a Religious Assembly this year will be the Juniors. They will run up the curtain Friday, October 8, in honor of the Patron Feast of the school. The assembly will be religious in many aspects in honor of Our Lady, Queen of the Holy Rosary.

The following students are important figures on committees in preparation: Georgia Schnarr, Ruth Rollett, Barbara Tepool, Pattie Rubsam, and Janet Alstadt.



The committee is choosing other members of the class to help make this assembly a fitting tribute to the Queen of Heaven. The Juniors are expected to be capable of putting on an assembly befitting the occasion and to the amusement of the students, in view of their past performances.



## Younger Set Swings Gay Class Parties



Chaperones included: Mr. and Mrs. Robinson, Mr. and Mrs. Becker, Mr. and Mrs. Seib, Dr. and Mrs. Eisterhold, Mr. and Mrs. Len Will. Father Lautner and Father Vollmer were most welcome guests.





## American Birthday Party Surprises Adolf

Adolf Locher, the Senior class pride and joy, celebrated his eighteenth birthday on Wednesday, October 6, with the Senior class co-operating 100 per cent. A special party was held for him in the cafeteria before first period. This was Adolf's most ardent desire, to have a real American birthday party.

On the afternoon before, the idea "popped" to buy a birthday gift for Adolf. Tom Niemeier and Bob Rehrman headed the committee for the collecting of small change. The boys ended up with a total of \$55. After school the boys with John Kern, Roger Muensterman, Joe Bitter, and Ken Cou-dret tracked uptown to buy Adolf presents.

The first item on the gift list was a pair of Levis for Adolf. When the boys came back they had bought levi's, a belt, shoes, sweater, and slacks. Adolf took great pride in his new shoes and jacket.

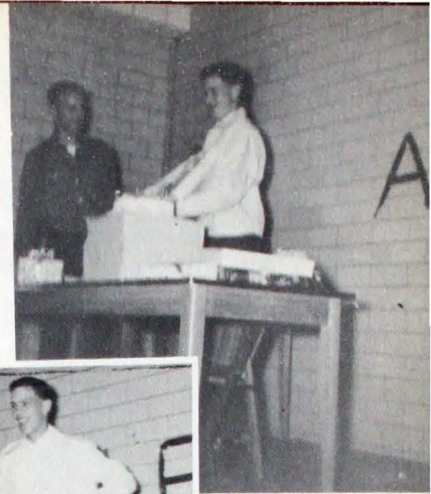
As Adolf walked in to his American party "Happy Birthday" was sung to him by his

classmates. Bob Rehrman was master of ceremonies.

When asked for a speech Adolf remarked, "I am glad to be like an American boy." He also sang a few German songs to further show his appreciation. Ice cream and cake were then served as the party ended.

An interesting incident came while buying the clothes. The boys buying the clothes came up 83 cents in the hole and were given much consideration by the stores.

Adolf was so proud of the cake and the clothes that he sang all the way home, so the kids on the bus reported. He remarked that he knew that something was coming off but he didn't suspect anything like this. He thanked everyone and said that he would pray for them.



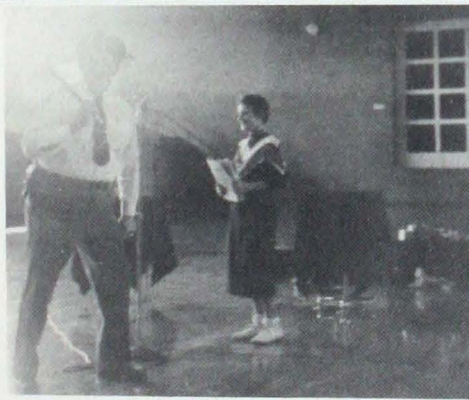
## Sophs, Frosh, Star In Pep Assemblies

The Sophomore Class presented their first pep assembly of the year on Wednesday.



## SENIOR PARTY

## SAFETY CAPERS



## Teenagers Applaud Traffic Magic Show

Sgt. Pike, a combined magician and lecturer, was a big success in an assembly he conducted October 7, 1954, for the purpose of further educating teenagers in the field of safety.

The entire student body greatly enjoyed his antics, which were also impressive on the serious side of safety and rules of the highway.

Calling on Seniors from the audience, namely: Eugene Muller, Betty Foster and Jackie Muehlbauer to assist him, the Sergeant made

a hilarious impression on the entire audience, and greatly aided the students in really obtaining the true facts of safety.

This talented man was well liked, and his return to Mater Dei next year would be more than appreciated.





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The Mater Dei Chapter of the National Honor Society will soon hold induction ceremonies for new members. Thursday, November 4, the present members Rose Marie Kuhn, Jim Miller, John Lorber, Rita Patry, John Rebstock, Helen Gene Rode, Jerry Trainer, and Nancy Williams, met and elected officers. Jerry Trainer will serve as prexy, Jim Miller, veep, Rose Marie Kuhn is secretary, and John Rebstock, is treasurer.

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Ken Vowels is the new president of the Science Club. Serving with him are Ken Hartlein as Veep and Tom Yackle as Secretary-Treasurer. At the first meeting, November 9, Roll-Call was answered by giving the name and work of a scientist. Paul Tornatta gave a report on jet-propelled planes.

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Justin Clements as head of the recreation committee stated that money was needed for new ping-pong equipment and the council voted them this money. Sunday, November 7, was set as the first day of the Sunday Recreation Program.

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"Silence, Satan!", Mater Dei's massive Marian Year Pageant, will feature seven exciting episodes of Christian History, when it opens November 21. The panoramic show will be staged on the bleachers of the Mater Dei Gym by a cast including 140 students.

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The student council met Tuesday, November 23 in the Lecture Room.

The Brenners called again for Mater Dei and Memorial students at the Mater Dei gym on November 24, with the sponsorship of the Home Economics Club at Mater Dei. From 7:00 to 10:00 p.m., the students hopped to their shouts.



AUTUMN

See those white clouds circling in the blue  
Look at the Autumn leaves twirling 'bout you!  
Vision that sunset, far out to the west  
Refreshing breeze fills you with Zest  
Skies, leaves, sunset and breezes  
Enjoy 'em now before it freezes

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The Brenner's led the evening in fun calling square dances in a fall setting

Mr. and Mrs. Brenner were again present and led everyone on to an evening of real fun.

Mr. and Mrs. Brenner, who are most popular at Mater Dei, called the plays for "the kats," decked in "Levis" and pink shirts. Parents of the class officers acted as chaperones while the lay teachers were invited as special guests.

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Music from an orchestra floated through the air on Friday, November 26 as the annual Thanksgiving Dance, sponsored by the Seniors, again transformed the cafeteria into a dance floor.





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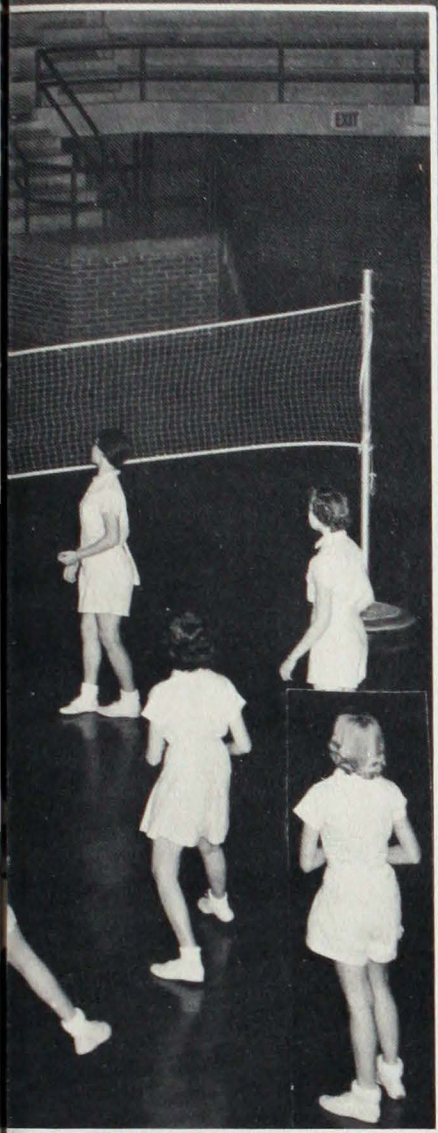
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(above) Miss Fatima Dean, Director of G. A. A. and all girls' Phys. Ed. classes and activities.

(left) G. A. A. Officers: Susie Farney, Sec. ; Alice Dillman, Veep; Darlene Riley, Treas. ; and Coleen Wuerth, Pres.





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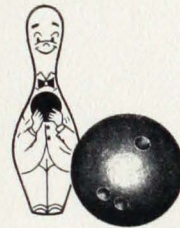


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 Carole Alstadt, Treasurer  
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Freshman Boys' League  
 Sam Peckinpaugh, President  
 Tommy Weber, Secretary  
 Robert Wargel, Treasurer.



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Central #1

Karen Brazelt  
 Pat Maulding  
 Ruby Norman  
 Betty Eakins

The girl's Friday afternoon Bowling League is now well in order as new officers have been elected for this year's League.

Taking over as Prexy is Margie Hamilton, Secretary is Norma Folz, Treasurer is Mart Hartman and Sergeant of Arms is Donna Ferruson.



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# SILENCE, SATAN!



## A MARIAN YEAR PAGEANT

Presented by Students of  
Mater Dei High School

Sunday, November 21, 1954.....2:00 P.M.  
Monday, November 22, 1954.....8:00



The girls who have worked as episode and stage directors: Carolyn Schmitt, Barbara Tepool, Marilyn Bumb, Betty Hosick, Sharon Meredith, Pat Gehlhausen, Carol Ann Dodd, and Alice Dillman, will execute the final act of the pageant. Attired as a May Day Court, these girls will represent Catholic American Youth in homage to Mary.



# Gigant Climaxing Marian Year Large Cast, Unique Setting Mark Nov. 21-22 Performance



by Barabara Tepool  
 "Silence, Satan!", Mater Dei's massive Marian Year Pageant, will feature seven exciting episodes of Christian History, when it opens November 21. The panoramic show will be staged on the bleachers of the Mater Dei Gym by a cast including 140 students.  
 The center role is claimed by Martha Jochum, who plays the Virgin Mary. However, the chief spokesmen in the pageant are Neal Kullman and Bob Koch who portray the Angel Gabriel and

Satan, respectively.  
 The impressive appearance of the Virgin Mary, accompanied by angels (Dorothy Schaefer and Judy TeVault), frightens Satan, and the commanding Voice of God startles him; but the devil's conceit overpowers his fear. Satan searches history to prove to Gabriel that he and his evil forces have conquered the world. However, Satan's challenge is met at every turn by Gabriel's tirade of the victories of the Mother of God.

Protestantism, represented by Martin Luther (Adolph Locher), Henry VIII (Ron Durbin) and Queen Elizabeth (Doris Jean Knapp) also attempts to lessen the glory given to the Mother of God. The climax of this episode comes when Elizabeth orders Father Campion (John Lorber) to be killed. Satan Rejoices.



The setting for the first episode is at Ephesus in 431. The Bishops of the Christian Church meet to settle the dispute concerning Mary's right to the title "Mother of God." St. Clement (Jim Reynolds) proves the headstrong Bishop Nestorius (Donald Baehl) to be wrong in denying that Mary is the Mother of God. The early Christians rejoice that Mary is proclaimed Mater Dei, Mother of God.

In the second scene Satan attempts to rob the Virgin Mary of her Mother of men, by his foil, W... in r...

Satan calls attention to the indulgent Protestant King Charles I (Bob... Baltimore)



... Castle... Donald Baehl... Martha Luigs... Hertel, M... hner, Pat Wolf, Pat Richter, Mar... fferman, Frances Wargel, Georgi... rr, Judy Georgen, Virginia Stephen... Wannemuehler, David Tornatta, Tom... en, Robert Hillenbrand, Pat Seibert... Will.  
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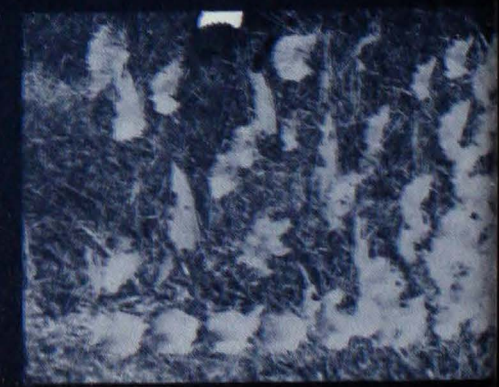
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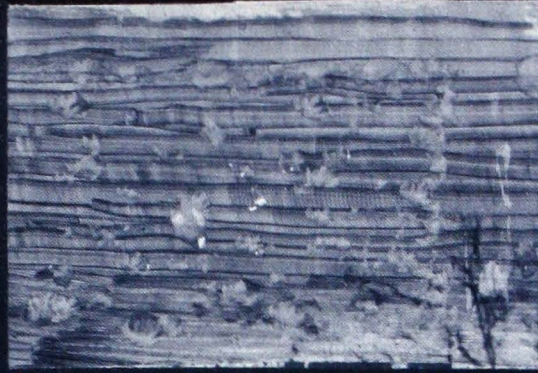


# WINTER

A sure sign of winter is snow and carolers. This year as is the custom, members of the Mater Dei Glee Club went caroling to entertain shut-ins and sick. Their songs of the newborn Christ brought joy to the hearts of the unfortunate.









# DECEMBER

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An assembly in honor of the Immaculate Conception is scheduled for December 7. Sharon Meredith, an able Junior, is directing as well as writing the script. Barbara Tepool and Betty Hosick are in charge of costumes, and Carol Ann Dodd is managing the scenery department. A volunteer cast will present the skit.

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## Faculty Fetes Dec. 8 With Mass, Banquet

The faculty celebrated the close of the Marian Year in their own special way the evening of December 8.

A solemn high Mass was celebrated at 7:00 at the altar of the Sisters' Chapel. Father William Lautner was celebrant, with Roman Vollmer acting as deacon and Father Robert Deig as sub-deacon.

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13-14—X-Ray Mobile on Campus.

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A new "Baby Grand" piano has taken its place with the other fine musical instruments of the Mater Dei band and orchestra. It was delivered on December 20, 1954.

The Band, String Ensemble, Girls' and Boys' Choirs, soloists, the brand new Baby Grand Piano—the whole Music Department will join efforts to present the Christmas Assembly this year.

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The Senior Homemaking group is planning a Christmas Party for the orphans at St. Vincent's Orphanage on December 28 at 2:00 P.M. They will give gifts to the younger children from 2-6 years.

Also on December 28, the Junior Homemaking group is giving a Christmas Party for the lay faculty's children in the Sister's Basement Room from 9-11 A.M.

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## Four Seniors Represent Mater Dei At 12th Indiana Student Legislature

John Lorber, Mater Deiville mayor, attended the Senate, while Jackie Muehlbauer made herself known in House B on the Committee of International Trade. Paul Hayden and Bob Hawes attended the sessions of the House A. Paul was appointed to the committee of Ways and Means and Bob was appointed to the Rules Committee.

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Mater Dei Seniors will have a chance to further their education, Friday, December 10, when Indiana Colleges send scholarship tests to the school.

## 18). Enters Float With Annunciation Theme Portrayed

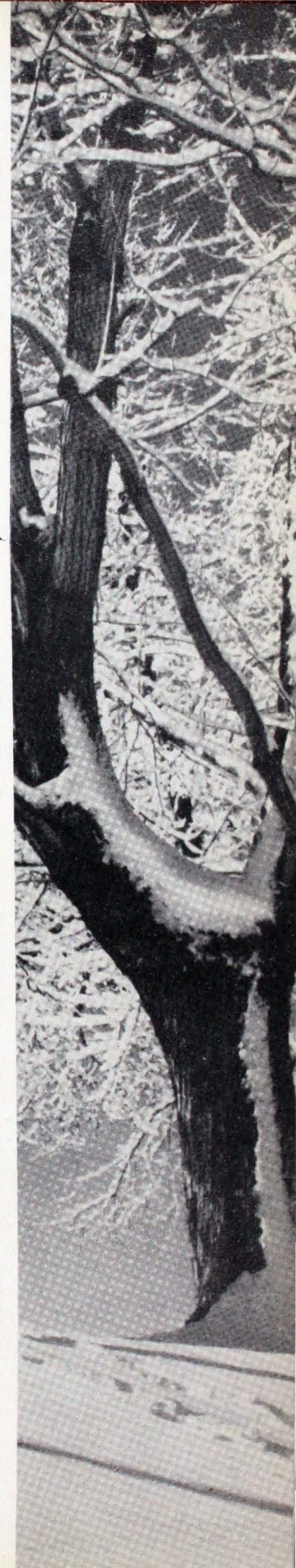
Mater Dei has been invited to display its artistic talents in the religious Christmas parade on December 18. "The Annunciation" is the theme to be portrayed on the M. D. Float; one of five floats depicting the joyful mysteries.

The Annunciation scene will feature an angel announcing to Mary that she was chosen to be the Mother of the long-awaited Saviour.

The first of two scenes centering around the Annunciation is that of a priest at the consecration of the Mass; in the background an organist and the choir will present appropriate music for the scene, singing the praises of Mary, the Mother of God.

The MARIANS, with Mary Ann Klenck at the organ, will furnish the appropriate music throughout the parade. Other figures on the float will be portrayed by: Carol Halbig (Virgin Mary), Jim Miller (priest), D. Schaefer (Angel Gabriel), Ron Wannemuehler and Don Baehl (altar boys).

The Evansville Jaycees are sponsoring this parade to promote the theme, "Put Christ back into Christmas." The parade, consisting of about 30 floats telling the story of the life of Christ, is taking the place of the annual "Santa Claus Parade," held during the holiday season.





# CHRIS

## Christmas Spirit

With cribs and angels everywhere,  
To midnight Mass we'll go.  
The little kids are all a-glow,  
They got that special toy.  
The Christmas spirit bubbles out,  
From every girl and boy.  
And there's a tiny Baby-Child,  
Who's waiting for your word,  
He comes into your pure white  
heart,  
And your every prayer is heard.



The MARIANS, under the direction of Sister Mary Pierre, will present a Christmas Cantata in which the story of Christmas is told in five vocal numbers interspersed with choral readings of scriptural texts. During the Cantata a series of Tableaux will accompany the choral story. Seniors chosen for parts in the living pictures are: Carol Halbig, Adolph Locher, Clifford Grewe, John Kern, Ron Goebel, Tom Preske, Charles Hicks, Ron Hertel, Jim Birk, David Ziliak, Bob Baughn, Orville Hall, Gilbert Adler. Jackie Muehlbauer will serve as Mistress of Ceremonies.



Carlyn Helmer, Helen Kormelink, Martha Miller and Wilma Graves who are studying to become Benedictine Sisters were guests of the Faculty for a Holiday Dinner.





# T M A S

"Winter Wonderland" is the theme, and Tuesday, December 28, is the date selected for the annual Christmas Dance to be held in the cafeteria this year.

Bob Koch is general chairman for the dance. The other members of the Recreation Commission, Barbara Teepool, Jackie Muehlbauer, Rita Patry, Justin Clements, and John Miller, were chosen as chairmen



The Home Ec. Department is at it again, thoughtfully preparing gift boxes of cookies for our boys in service who have graduated in the past few years.





# JANUARY 1955

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The Most Reverend Henry J. Grimmelsman, S.T.D., observed his 10th Anniversary as Bishop of the Evansville Diocese, Monday, January 3. Bishop Grimmelsman was formally installed as the first Bishop of Evansville on January 3, 1945. The installation took place in the Assumption Cathedral.

## Council Publishes New Year Decrees

The Council passed the following ordinances on January 4, 1955.

Be it resolved that all smokers and the destroyers in the lavatories be fined; their names shall be handed in by the student police and they are to be tried in the student court.

(Passed unanimously)

Be it resolved that a Student Council Meeting be held in the gym for the entire student body to witness.

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This month is a very busy one for Mater Dei speech students. On January 5 a group of students entered a debate at Reitz High

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... political campaigns for the Student City Government of '55-56 began, first signs appeared in mid Jan.

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SECOND SEMESTER  
BEGINS  
January 24

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The Ag Club has presented award jackets to the members who have completed two years of Agriculture. Those receiving jackets were: Bob Baughn, Leo Bittner, Dennis Schneider, Marcus Wassmer, Carl Schenk, Bob Herrmann, Jim Cain, Jim Baehl, Jim Lutz, Bill Koester, Earl Robertson, David Leinenbach and Ron Titzer.

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The main subject of the debate was "Should the U. S. Initiate a Policy of Free Trade." Both an affirmative and a negative team attended. John Lorber and Paul Hayden argued the affirmative, while Jim Reynolds and Bob Koch took the negative side.

second important happening the month for this class is the Speech Festival to be held at Indiana State Teachers College at Terre Haute, January 21. The subject and the debaters will be the same as at Reitz, with the addition of Jackie Muehlbauer who will enter a memorized speech in the declamation contest.

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The annual Polio Benefit Game was a tilt between Memorial and M. D. . The Tigers claimed the basketball victory, but M. D. won the halftime tug-o-war.



Mrs. Ettinsohn, our smiling, efficient school nurse is on the job throughout this year. She likes M. D. and helps to keep it a healthier and happier place.



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Richard Emge, a '53 graduate took his vows as a Holy Cross Brother, Wednesday, January 26. Father Lautner received the vows of the brothers.



### Pat Breivogel Wins Homemaking Award

The Betty Crocker Homemaker of Tomorrow in our school is Pat Breivogel.

She received the highest score in a written examination which tested the homemaking knowledge and attitudes of the senior girls in the homemaking class. She will be entered in competition to name this state's candidate for the title of All-American Homemaker of Tomorrow. She will also receive a golden award pin, cook books for herself and the school.

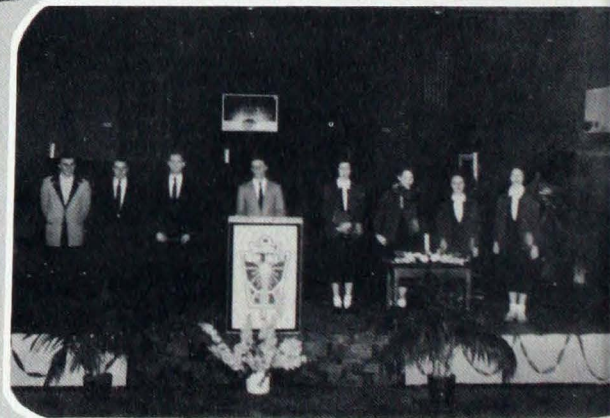


### Confused

These crazy exams have got me in a whirl  
They're just too much for any normal girl  
Why expect me to recall what I learned four months ago?  
'Twill surely wreck my brain and make me feel so low.  
I've tried so hard to concentrate and get the answers right.  
Ah, me! It's just no use; I should have studied every night.



*Mater Dei*





## M. D. Music Dept's 'Pride and Joy'

A new "Baby Grand" piano has taken its place with the other fine musical instruments of the Mater Dei band.

Much credit goes to Mr. Robert Hormuth, Mater Dei's energetic band director, for obtaining the new piano. Mr. Hormuth, together with Sister Kathleen, worked hard with the band and choral groups for last year's Spring Concert which netted more than half of the piano's price of \$1,500. The remaining funds were supplied by contribution.

Since his coming to Mater Dei at the beginning of the 1951-52 school year Mr. Hormuth has done

much to develop the band and glee club. He has also inaugurated the grade school program, which trains elementary school children in the study of music and prepares them for high school bands and choral groups.

The piano, finished in mahogany, is intended for use in future spring concerts and in assemblies and other school activities which call for the use of a piano. It has superior tone qualities and is much easier to play. When not in use it is kept in a corner of the gym in a specially-built case constructed by Mr. Oscar Bumb, father of Junior Marilyn Bumb.



## Walter Anslinger Joins Music Dept. As Student Teacher

The Mater Dei faculty has temporarily received an able addition to their select group, Mr. Walter Anslinger. A native of Evansville, Mr. Anslinger has been working with the M.D. band since January 17 and will continue his practice teaching under Sister Mary Pierre and Mr. Robert Hormuth until March 11.

Indiana State Teachers College at Terre Haute, which sent us Mr. Anslinger, requires that its students "practice teach" under the supervision of a licensed teacher for one term (nine weeks).

Although a graduate of Memorial, our guest teacher likes Mater Dei. He states, "I really enjoy it here." This school has certainly grown since I've seen it last."

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## Honor Society Charts Induction

The National Honor Society induction ceremony will be held Monday, February 14. The assembly is being arranged by Rose Marie Kuhn, secretary. An approximate 30 students will be taken into the Society.

John Lorber is Chairman of the program. Speeches will be delivered on the four main qualities of the Honor Society: Scholarship, Character, Service, and Leadership, by Nancy Williams, Rose Marie Kuhn,

Helen Gene Rode, and Rita Patry respectively.

Jim Miller and Jerry Trainer are in charge of the set. A dinner is being planned for the members of the Society, with Helen Gene Rode and Rita Patry in charge.

Only members of the faculty know who are candidates for membership into the society. The students themselves will not know whether they have been accepted until the name is called at the assembly.



During the January Inventory of the Press Room Files we came upon this rare treasure!!!

It is just too good to be kept hidden, so here it is.

If you need 3 guesses to tell who it is, you don't belong at Mater Dei.

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Ralph Weinzapfel

The Agriculture Club started its year with the election of officers on October 21, 1954. Ralph Weinzapfel was elected President of the Club. Vice-president is Leo Bittner. Elected to Secretary is Marcus Wassmer with Orville Hall as Treasurer. Jim Cain was chosen to report the happenings of the meetings. The club elected Bob Siebert as Sentinel.

Homemakers who have devoted after-school hours to homemaking projects are: Phyllis Mabrey, Bonnie Wink, Darlene Hoffmeister, Joyce Knapp, Mary Jane Gries, Wilma Grannan, Marlene Toon, Emily Mann, Jeanette Elpers, Barbara Elpers, Helen Kissel, and Mary Jo Gregovich.

## Homemakers Open Season Of Activity

M.D. Homemaking Club at this time is well organized with a surplus of 70 members. Various activities have been scheduled for the entire year. Because of the nature of these activities it was necessary to make provisions for small working groups each evening after school from 3:15 to 4:30.

The Senior group officers are: Pres. Patty Dillman, Vice-Pres. Elaine Weber, Sec. Frances Wang, Treas. Rose Marie Kuhn.

Those holding offices in the Junior group are: Pres. Susanne Frazier, Vice-Pres. Joyce Knapp, Sec. Wilma Grannan, Treas. Marlene Toon.

Under the capable assistance of Mrs. John Kern and Mrs. Russell Leonard, activities such as cooking, baking, and other home arts are being carried out. The principal feature of the year's work will be various sewing projects for the benefit of the '55 summer social.

The sewing class acted as "little boosters", by making pillow cases for the Booster Club Card Party.



Julitta Helfrich, Evelyn Koester, and Rosemary Hobbs bake cookies with some coaching from Sister Dolorita.

# CLUBS



Kenneth Vowels

Ken Vowels is the new president of the Science Club. Serving with him are Ken Hartlein as Vice-President and Tom Yackle as Secretary-Treasurer. At the first meeting, Roll-Call was answered by giving the name and work of a scientist. Paul Tornatta gave a report on jet-propelled planes.

## Show Progress

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### Debaters Go to Reitz

Mater Dei will send two teams, who made their debut at the Terre Haute Speech Festival, to Reitz on Feb. 26 and 27 for the Tri-State Debate Contest. This contest will feature teams from Illinois, Indiana, and Kentucky.

Five members of Mater Dei's growing speech class embarked early Friday morning for Terre Haute where they debated at the State-wide Speech Festival.

Sister Benedicta and Sister Angela accompanied the five students Jackie Muehlbauer, Bob Koch, Jim Reynolds, Paul Hayden, and John Lorber. Jackie, the lone girl on the trip, was entered in an original oratory contest and rated excellent for her speech, "The Negro and the Constitution." The four fellows delivered three rounds of debate.

Speaking for the affirmative side of the problem "Should the Federal Government Initiate a Policy of Free Trade Among Nations Friendly to the United States," were John Lorber and Paul Hayden. Bob Koch and Jim Reynolds argued the negative.



L-R) Judy Goergen, Jackie Muehlbauer, Paul Hayden, John Lorber, Jim Reynolds, Bob Koch.



Carolyn Schmitt, Suzie Orth, Shirley Martin and Susan Pike are the faithful and efficient Library Assistants who do most of the circulation work, and help with book labeling and mending.



**Library Club—**  
Library Club, headed by Sister Angela and consisting of all girls is busy keeping our information center in good condition. Mending old books and labeling them properly takes up their time when they are not tending to circulation.

Susie Orth and Carolyn Schmitt spent the day after Thanksgiving working in the library. It is due to their work that about thirty new sports and career books were ready for circulation after the Thanksgiving vacation.

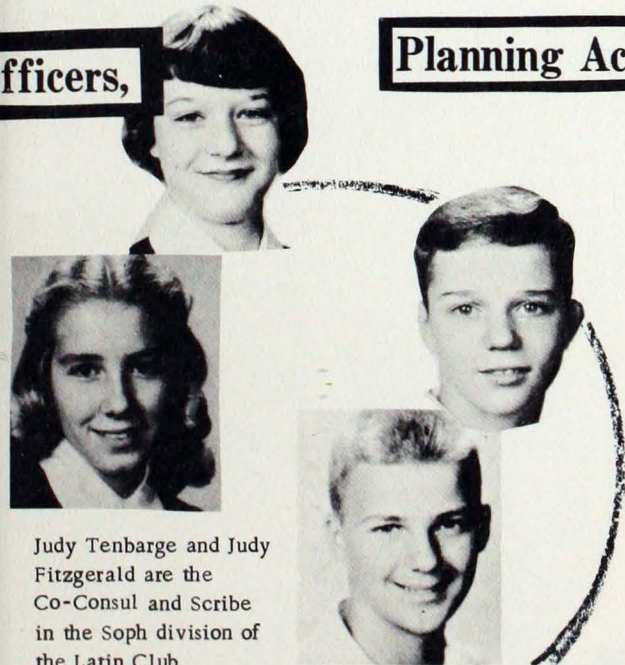


**OFFICERS: (L-R)**  
Carolyn Mayer, Pat Rohrbacher, Robert Draim.

Spanish club members are busy putting out their own newspaper "La Voz." Plans are being made for a festive "Pan-American Day" to be held in April.



**Officers, Planning Action**



Judy Tenbarger and Judy Fitzgerald are the Co-Consul and Scribe in the Soph division of the Latin Club.

The Latin Club also did some electing. They chose as Consul Bob Hamilton, with Fred Thompson helping him as Scribe.

**Boys Vocal Groups Elect New Officers**

Justin Clements, Junior Maestro, has been chosen as the first president of the Boys' Choir, with Adolf Locher as the treasurer of the newly organized male singers.

Bernie Nunning, the soft-spoken, white haired Junior whose family has backed the M.D. Music Dept. for years, holds the Secretary's books for both the Boys' Choir and

the Choral Club. Norman Burns is the newly elected Treasurer of the Choral Club.

These organizations, together with the other Harmony Way Melody-makers are now well adjusted to the new Gleeclub Room which recently had the final touches put to its redecoration in the form of studio drapes.

John Hoos and Carole Altstadt are Consuls for the Freshman Latinists. Gary Titzer and Joyce Knapp are the Scribes.



# FEBRUARY



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1. Booster Club Meeting

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2. Faculty Meeting  
Feast of the Purification

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Senior Play  
Feb. 20

6. Box Social (sponsored by G.I.L.)



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Mater Dei Juniors and Seniors ducked in "Hobo Hangout," (better known as Mater Dei Cafeteria), on the evening of February 13. For a change of pace, everyone was asked to come as a hobo. It was a combination Valentine-Hobo Party with the decorations carried out as such.

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## Junior Prom

22. Washington's Birthday.

The hilarious play "Junior Prom" will be staged on February 20-21 in the St. Boniface Auditorium.

This Senior Play, the first to ever be presented by a Mater Dei Senior Class, centers around the thrills and disappointments of a typical American girl. The setting is the week before that memorable occasion -- the Junior Prom.

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Hilda ..... Rita Patry

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23. Ash Wednesday.





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3. Feast of Saint Blase—Blessing of Throats  
Senior Trip to the Indiana State Legislature, Indianapolis

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### Twelve Take First Place In Music Contest Eleven Quality for Try at State, Feb. 19

**Clements, Belcher, Ziliak, Hoos Rate Tops on Solos  
Nine Girls Merit Blue Ribbons For Vocal Number**  
Mater Dei's musicians proved their ability by taking first place awards, 14 seconds and 7 third place honors in the Indianapolis District Music Contest February 5. First place winners were Harlan Ziliak, Justin Clements, and John Hoos, and the Triple Trio Vocalists.

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### Seniors To Present 'A Star Goes Home'

"A Star Goes Home," will be presented as the traditional Saint Scholastic Assembly on Wednesday, February 9, under the direction of Rita Weyer.

12. Lincoln's Birthday

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"Big Rich" Richardson, Indiana's Poet Laureate since 1929, came to the Mater Dei Library, February 17, through the invitation of Emily Mann, Freshman. The prince of Hoosier Poets gave an audience of fifty Author Book Club members (and several other M.D. students) a load of laughs and lots of food-for-thought during 3rd period last Friday.

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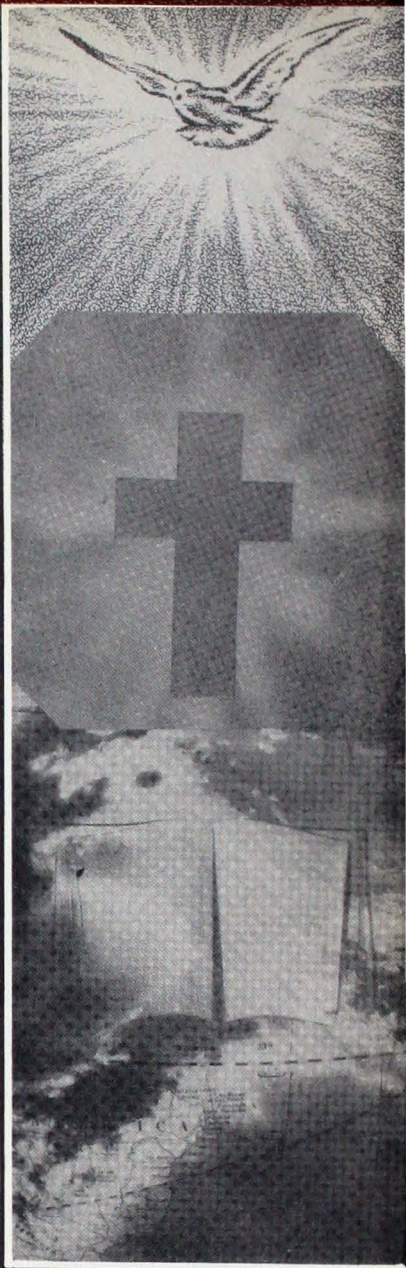
The script for the assembly is original and was written by Judy Carlisle and Phyllis Mabrey. Leroy Stratman is working on costumes. The setting will be a television

Mr. Haines .....Ken Fisher

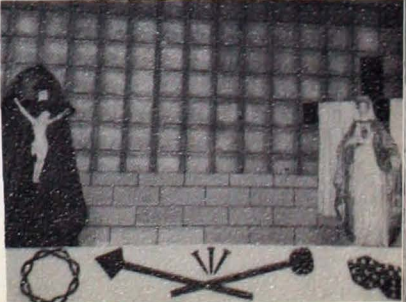
Mrs. Haines.....Colleen Wuerth

World Day of Prayer

24-25. Basketball Sectionals



*Sacrifice and Prayer*  
by Patti Happel  
The time is now approaching—  
For sacrifice and prayer.  
For giving and for giving-up  
By people everywhere.  
The sacrificing means a lot—  
The "giving-up" of what you've got.  
Offering all to One who made you—  
Hoping in His grace, He'll trade you.  
**SACRIFICE FOR BLESSINGS**







### M. D. Students Are Dependable People

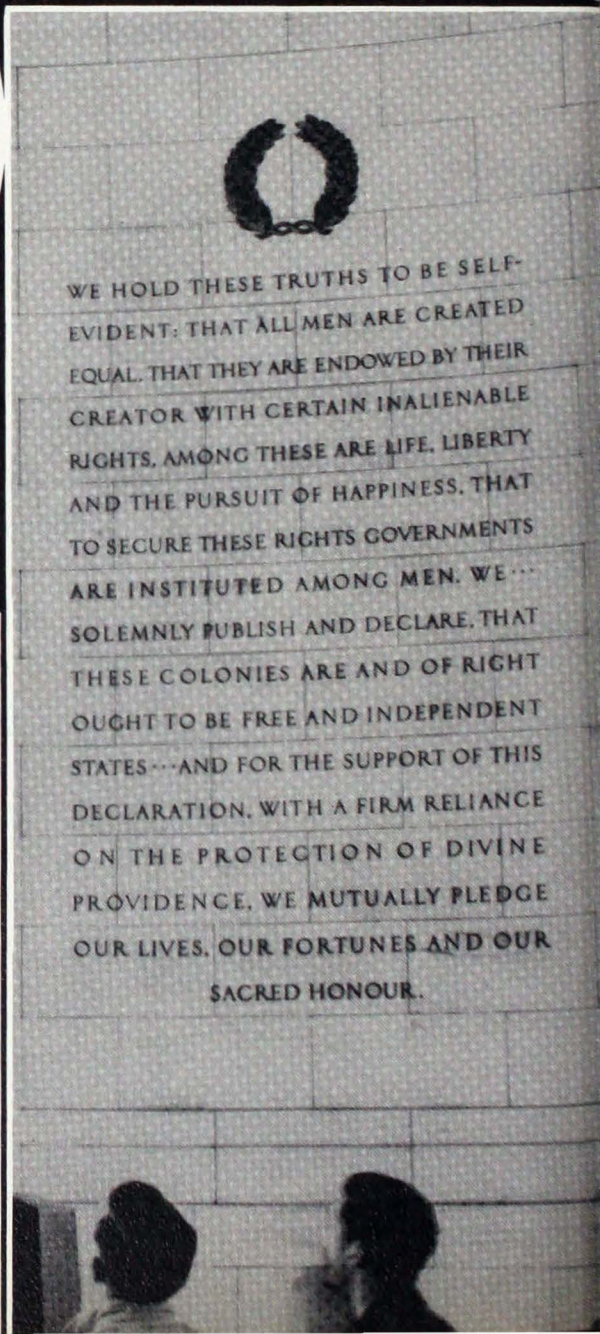
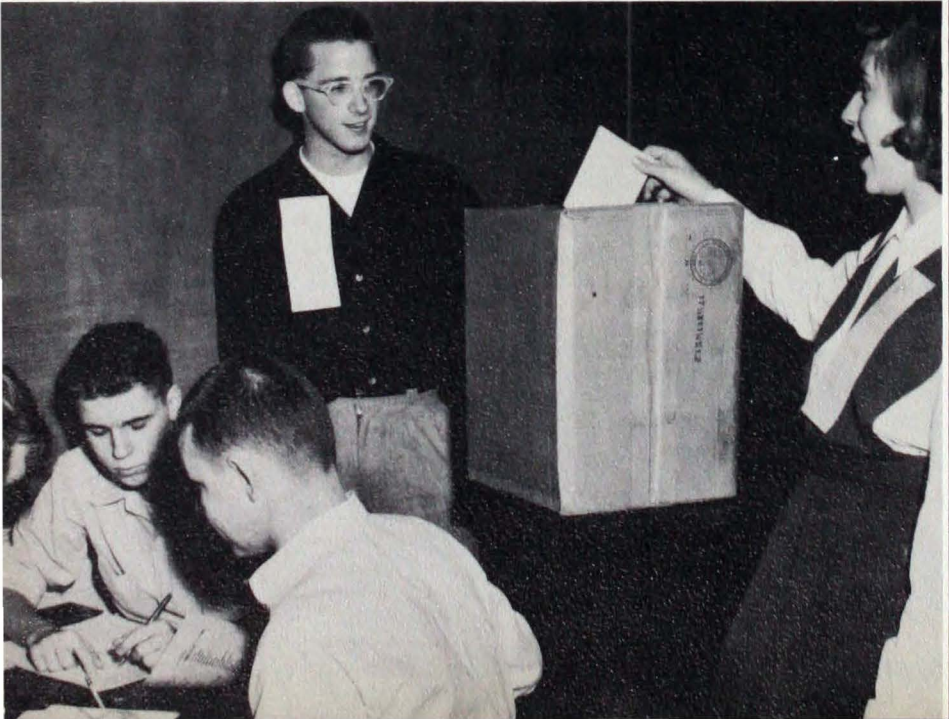
With flying colors, the students of Mater Dei passed a pretty important test on February 8. Many grateful teachers and classmates noticed the adult attitude used by most of the students in carrying on the primary election.

Good conduct, lack of confusion, and intelligent voting were just a few of the things for which the students should be commended. The poll workers did a wonderful job and some commented on the consideration of the more responsible citizens for their fine approach to the problem of selecting ballots, registering in the correct precinct, etc.

This is also a good time to congratulate the four political parties on their aggressiveness and initiative. The ability of the parties to avoid "mud-slinging" and the friendly relations maintained throughout the primary campaign were outstanding. Still the competition was enthusiastic enough to be inviting to many students of Mater Dei -ville.

Congratulations to all concerned (and to those not yet concerned; remember that this is your school, and a place is waiting for you in every activity. Just ask for it.)

Here is hoping that the campaign and voting will be as successful in the final election as it was in the primary.



WE HOLD THESE TRUTHS TO BE SELF-EVIDENT: THAT ALL MEN ARE CREATED EQUAL. THAT THEY ARE ENDOWED BY THEIR CREATOR WITH CERTAIN INALIENABLE RIGHTS. AMONG THESE ARE LIFE, LIBERTY AND THE PURSUIT OF HAPPINESS. THAT TO SECURE THESE RIGHTS GOVERNMENTS ARE INSTITUTED AMONG MEN. WE... SOLEMNLY PUBLISH AND DECLARE, THAT THESE COLONIES ARE AND OF RIGHT OUGHT TO BE FREE AND INDEPENDENT STATES...AND FOR THE SUPPORT OF THIS DECLARATION, WITH A FIRM RELIANCE ON THE PROTECTION OF DIVINE PROVIDENCE, WE MUTUALLY PLEDGE OUR LIVES, OUR FORTUNES AND OUR SACRED HONOUR.



# School-City Holds 1st Primary Election

# Four Parties Conduct Polls Efficiently

## Fr. Lautner Introduces Candidates, Explains Voting At Special Assembly, Day Before Election In M.D.ville

The first primary election sponsored by four individual parties was held Tuesday, February 8 at Mater Dei. It was held to decide who shall run for Mayor, Clerk, Judge, Councilmen-At-Large, and Home Room Councilmen in the May 4 election. The results proved that the following students shall be in the race for Mayor, Judge, and Clerk next May.

On the Pleb ticket are Bob Koch, Mayor; Ann Rollett, Clerk; and Tom Hamilton, Judge. The G.I.L.'s are sponsoring Justin Clements, Barbara Tepool, and Gil Wannemuehler for Mayor, Clerk, and Judge respectively. On the G.O.P. ballot are Larry Lutz, Mayor; Don Moore, Clerk; and Allen Wentzel, Judge. The B.T.O.'s are backing Tom May, Bernita Belcher, and Ron Lehr for Mayor, Clerk, and Judge.

The two G.I.L. candidates for Mayor, Justin Clements and Mike Hamel totaled together 342 votes; the Plebs, Bob Koch and Jim Reynolds, 221; G.O.P. candidates, Larry Lutz racked 31 votes and Tom May (B.T.O.) 35 votes.

Councilmen-At-Large sponsored by the Plebs are Pete Lintzenich, Larry Luig, and Phyllis Lewis; Junior Homeroom Councilmen are



## ELECTIONS

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Pyle, Mary Kay Koch, Tommy Weber, Bonnie Lackey, Becky Weber, Carol Titzer, and Mary Ann Doerr.

Also running on the G.I.L. ticket are Ronnie Barth, Alice Dillman, Janice Higgs, and Carl Schenk for Councilmen-At-Large; Ken Clevidence, Bernie Nunning, and Julie Hayden and for Junior Homeroom Councilmen; Phyllis Elliott, Richard Seib, Eddie Rehrman, Mary Ann Slattery, and Joanie Fuchs for Sophomore Councilmen; and Ronnie Tepool, Carole Altstadt, Judy Wolf, Bonnie Wink, Bob King, Ruth Wannemuehler, and Steve Baumgart for Freshmen Councilmen.

On the G.O.P. ballot are Janis Killian, Tom Yackle, and Ken Vowels running for Councilmen-At-Large; Martha Hartman, George Laubner, Bob Wagner, and Richard Jordon for Junior Councilmen and Mike Heathcote for Sophomore Councilmen. The G.O.P. are not sponsoring Freshmen Councilmen. The B.T.O. are not offering any councilmen.

### Parties

Four political parties participated in this year's primary elections. They were the Plebs (People's Party), the G.I.L.'s (Government Improvement League), the G.O.P.'s (Get Out Pleb's), and the B.T.O.'s (Big Time Operators). Three of these parties (the G.I.L., G.O.P., and the B.T.O.) are newly organized, while the Plebs are celebrating their first anniversary this year. The Plebs are last year's winning party.

The students who were interested in forming a political party this year had to first draw up their par-

Belcher, Steve Baumgart, Catherine Pepper, Ray Weber, Tom Folz, Mary

ty principles and file them with the Office. The party chairmen then had to take a pledge "To promote the best interests of the school and student body." Students who were interested in running for the various offices filed with the Mater Dei-ville student Mayor or Clerk on one of the four party tickets. Sixty six students filed to run on the G.I.L. ticket; 43 on the Pleb ballot; 12 on G.O.P. and 3 on B.T.O.

### Campaign

After the party candidates registered, the campaigns were authorized to progress. This year's campaign was one of keen, but good-natured rivalry. The various parties filled the halls of Mater Dei with posters of all shapes, sizes and designs. This well organized campaign was under the direction of the party campaign chairmen and managers. The chairmen for the Plebs is Pat Gehlhausen, with Ruth Rollett as secretary. The G.I.L. chairman is Betty Hosick; Ken Clevidence is campaign manager; Patty Rubsam and Alice Dillman are G.I.L. secretary and treasurer respectively. G.O.P. chairman is Richard Jordan and B.T.O. chairman is Ron Lehr.

### Interest

Many other students and faculty members took an active interest in elections this year. Besides the Freshmen, Sophomore, and Juniors, whom the elections will affect next year, the seniors also took an interest which led to the seniors being able to vote, a variation from last

year. The faculty approved this action in a faculty meeting.

Three seniors who helped with the elections especially were Paul Hayden, John Lorber, and Jim Miller, who stayed after school on election day and helped to tally votes of the election.

Father Lautner gave special assistance to all the parties throughout the entire campaign, especially in the legalities of politics. He came to the entire student body's aid by holding a special assembly to instruct the students in the complex matter of voting. Father also introduced the candidates at this assembly.

### Elections

This is also the first year that Mater Dei was divided into precincts with definite polling places. There were five precincts and polls for voting with four periods in which to vote. The first precinct included the South Corridor Homerooms. The voting place for this precinct was the front of the cafeteria. The second precinct covered the Homerooms at the north end of the South Corridor and voted in the last period. The third precinct covered the west of the cafeteria and voted in the fourth period. The fourth precinct was of the Homerooms at the north of the North Corridor and voted in this period.

cinct included all basement Homerooms and voted in the corridor by Study Hall II.

Many students worked at the polls during the voting periods. Each poll had four workers, a Sheriff, and a Judge. Workers at the various polls were Tom Hamilton, Larry Luig, Janice Higgs, Judy Goergen, Tom May, Martha Hartman, Sue Bauer, Karlene Feldhaus, Mary Kay Koch, John Lorber, Paul Hayden, Sherrill Kokie, Mary Ball, Betty Hosick, Jim Miller, Jim Sartore, Donna Ferguson, Jim Reynolds, Bob Koch, Ronnie Barth, Pat Gehlhausen, Bob Hoerner, Hayden Barth, Elaine Weber, Mary Catherine Swain, Carol Lincoln, Bonnie Lackey, Don Schulz, Julie Hayden, Phyllis Lewis, Don Moore, Judy Knapp, Earl Robertson, Bob Howell, Alice Dillman, Marian Offerman, Norman Burnes, Gil Wannemuehler, Betty Jo Bayer, Sharon Miller, Ron Wannemuehler, Jim Folz, Bernie Nunning, Ruth Rollett, Don Haller, Ken Clevidence, Joe Herrman, Bill Mar...





# Younger Set Open New Book Clubs With Full Schedule

Five Freshmen and Sophomore English classes, under the direction of Sister Mary Kevin, are developing another Mater Dei "first." These enthusiastic underclassmen have started book clubs with the aid of their teacher.

Each class-club is working on a definite project. Officers for each class were elected during class periods on January 3 and 4.

The first period club's project is to continue the "Book for Today" display in the library, which is a daily affair. The officers for this class are. President, Ralph Toon; Vice-President, Leo Vollman and Secretary, Marcia Schneider.

The seventh period Sophomore class is the "Good Literature Club." Their project is to plan a book assembly to be given during February, Catholic Press Month, and to make posters for the hall. The "Big Wheels" in this club are Phyllis Elliott, President; Harold Morris, Veep and Tom Woehler, Secretary.

The Freshmen of second period class named themselves the "M. B. C.'s" (Magazine Book Club) and are starting a display of magazines in the library, to be changed daily. The officers are Willie Poag, Prexy; Robert King, Vice-President; and Sherman, Pyle, Secretary.

The third period class is called the "A.B.C.'s (Author Book Club). They are to have an "author of the day" display in the library. The officers of this class are President, Gary Titzer; Vice-President, Carol Altstadt; and Note-taker, Beverly Greenwell.

The "Teenage Book Worms" is the name of the fourth period class. This group is planning a larger display of books in the library, to be changed weekly. The officers are Mary Wannemuehler, President; Carol Stolz, Vice-President; and Robert Elfreich, Secretary.

There will be weekly meetings of the various clubs during English periods. Other projects will be planned throughout the year to benefit the school and develop more interest in literature.



## Library Staff, Book Clubs Attractive Book-Worms

A Western atmosphere is scene in the M. D. Library. beautiful horses. The scene on This is but one of the display Clubs have in our newly-arran

The book cases that were installed a few months ago were placed along the wall near the windows. Here they serve also as a counter for checking out books. Besides the shelves so attractively arranged, there is a book truck, very handy for putting books away.

This charming room looks and is equipped better than ever before. It contains more delightful books and magazines.

Students become wiser by exploring the Library. They find and see things they never thought possible. Try this exploration by yourself and you'll get much more out of it. BE WISE!



## Book Week Offers Assembly



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Carlisle and Phyllis Mabrey. Leroy Stratman is working on costumes. The setting will be a television show. Each member is making large book jackets to be used as a background for the scene.

This year's Catholic Book Week is the thirteenth of its kind sponsored by the Catholic Library Association. The purpose of Book Week is to stimulate reading and to guide the readers to what is best in Catholic literature.

Stan Singer  
talented  
Mr. Quizmaster

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"Big Rich" Richardson, Indiana's Poet Laureate since 1929, came to the Mater Dei Library, February 17, through the invitation of Emily Mann, Freshman. The prince of Hoosier Poets gave an audience of fifty Author Book Club members (and several other M.D. students) a load of laughs and lots of food-for-thought during 3rd period last Friday.

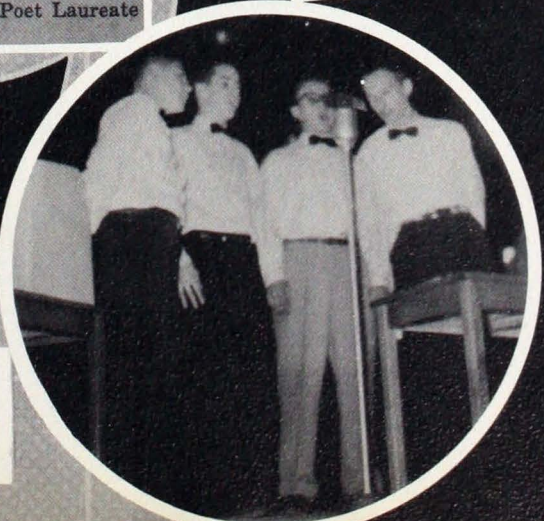
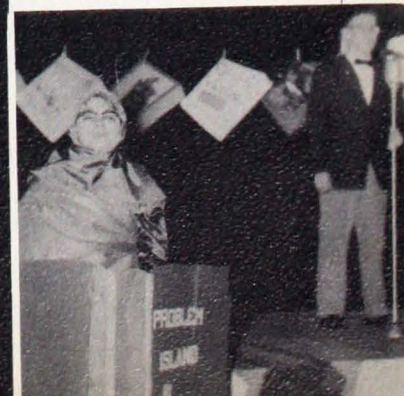
The tall elderly man said his memory is not as long as he is; so, since he wanted to read some of his own poems to the youngsters; he brought his books along in his small suitcase. "I always carry my suitcase" explained Big Rich "and I always carry my flash light in it — It makes it lighter for me." The first poem which Mr. Richardson read was about the beauties of the mountains, which are so high, cool, peaceful and quiet "so quiet you can hear a cough drop."

Having captivated his teen audience the Indiana poet went on to intersperse his own picturesque poetry with wit, puns and fun in such a way that the audience didn't know when one thing started and another stopped. The speaker said he enjoyed being here very much because he is fond of boys and girls; he always tells them to look for the fun in life, but, he added, "You have also to be prepared for the unexpected thing, such as I am today."

The degree to which the A.B.C. members enjoyed their special guest was evident from the envy which was aroused when other classes heard their report of that meeting with "Big Rich" the Poet Laureate of Indiana.



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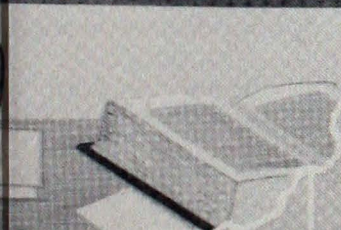
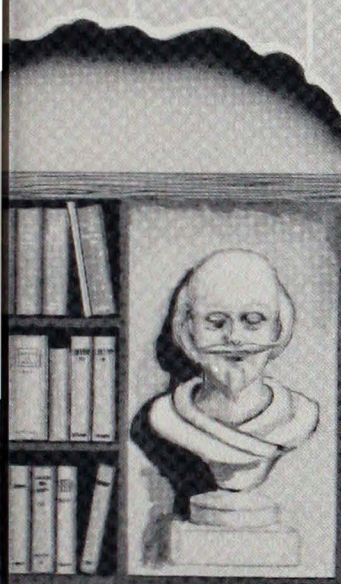


THE FLATTOPS, a quartette formed especially for this program: (L-R) Danny Zapp, Greg Kuhlman, Ray Murphy, Bobby Neale

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Don Gottman

Bob Howell.

Varsity Cheerleaders:

Mike Hamel,

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Cute ideas, peppy yells and new cheerleaders mark the opening of our '54-'55 Basketball season. Leading the reserve games will be our freshman cub leaders: Jim Merrick, Sam Peckinpaugh, and Bob Pace.

Weeks of practice every night after school give us an example of the spunk and determination of these boys.

"More song hit yells are needed this season," Mike Hamel, our popular Junior cheerleader, informs us. Mike loves cheerleading but, he states, "It's a good way to lose your voice." He's a professional in the business since this is his third year of leading the "Raahs."

Bob Howell, another lively Junior, has been extracting roars from the Wildcat Section since his Sophomore year. He likes it fine, but tells the students, "It really takes energy, but it's worth it when we win a game."

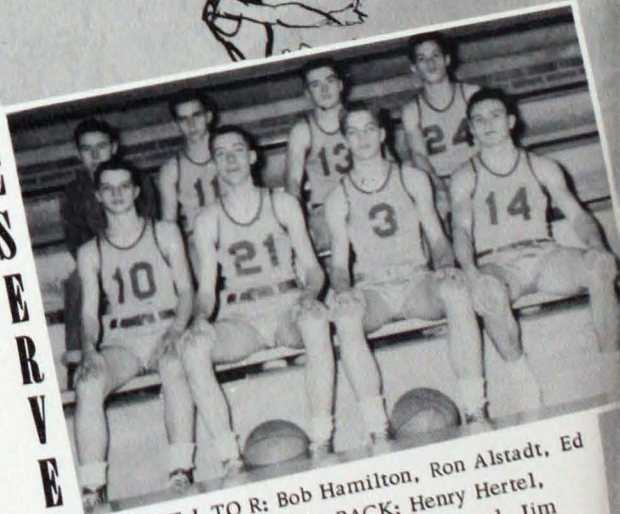
Don Gottman, an energetic Sophomore, agrees with Bob. He says, "We feel as if we've been playing the game too." Though this is his second year as a cheerleader, he plans to continue as such throughout his high school days.

The cheerleading group is one of the few that operate without assistance from the faculty in preparing their activities. Assemblies, practice sessions, and special programs are originally planned and carried out by the cheerleaders.

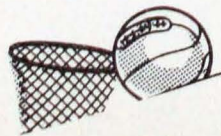
They all plan to participate in the special meetings with the cheerleaders of the city, which take place at the beginning of sectionals.



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FRONT L TO R: Bob Hamilton, Ron Alstadt, Ed Rehrman, Rich Seib. BACK: Henry Hertel, Manager; John Hertel, John Habermel, Jim Werner.



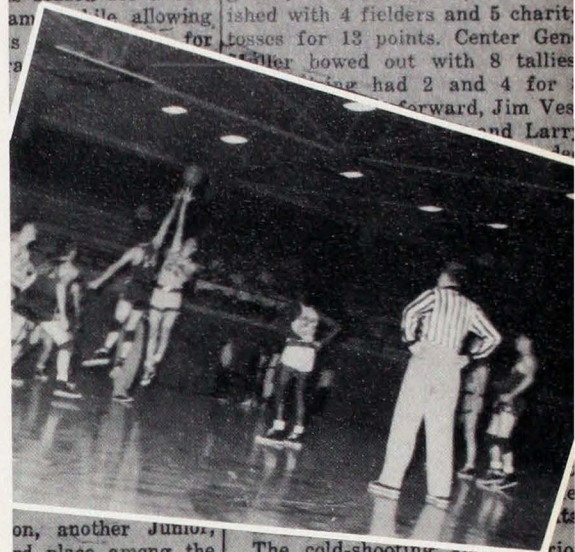


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M. D.	40	Reitz	61
M. D.	53	Vincennes	70
M. D.	50	Mt. Vernon	74
M. D.	52	Ft. Branch	59
M. D.	77	Boonville	60
M. D.	51	Silver Creek	77
M. D.	73	Dubois	41
M. D.	56	Washington Catholic	65
M. D.	60	Memorial	76
M. D.	85	Bicknell	49
M. D.	40	Sacred Heart	61
M. D.	73	Cannelton	63
M. D.	79	Rockport	89
M. D.	39	Holland	57
M. D.	62	Lincoln	70
M. D.	58	Central	76

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M. D.	75	Cannelton	58

SECTIONAL TOURNAMENT

M. D.	49	Central	67
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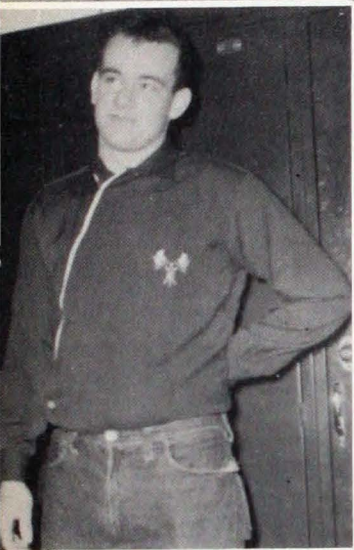
The M.D. Basketball Squad (l. to r.) are: Front Row; Ron Wannemuehler, Tom Hamilton, Larry Luig, Manager, Tom Koewler, Don White, Jim Vessels, and Jim Folz. Back Row Coach Gene Logel, Ken Reising, Bob Hawes, Gene Muller, Ai Weinzapfel, Jerry Trainer and Assistant Coach Len Will



# Matmen Defend City-Championship in Local Prep Wrestlers Meet at Central

Mater Dei's Wrestling Wildcats successfully defended their City Crown February 7 at Central gym. For the second year in a row the Cats defeated their city rivals, Reitz and Central. The final score: Mater Dei 48; Reitz 42; and Central 24.

The Cats came through with six championships, four second places, and two thirds. RALPH TOON, who has lost only once in Indiana, gained six points by pinning his man in the Championship bout. DON MOORE, former 95 lb. champ, scored five points, winning the 103 lb. championship. TONY HEWLETT, last year's 112 lb. champ, won a 4 to 2 decision to maintain his crown. JIM HEWLETT, injured during last year's tourney, took the 130 lb. title easily. TOM MAY wrestled his way to the 175 lb. championship. KEN COUDRET, scoring a fall with seven seconds left in his match, captured the city's heavyweight crown.



## Coudret Places 2nd in Wrestling Sectionals

The Mater Dei Wildcats finished seventh and qualified only one man, Ken Coudret, heavyweight, for the finals on February 19. The Cats amassed 21 points while Southport got 92, Decatur Central 54, Bloomington 42, Ben Davis 30, Bloomington University High 29, and Central (Evansville) 23. The hopes of state recognition for the Red and Gold now rests on Ken Coudret, runner-up in the Heavyweight Division. Coudret was decisioned 1 to 0 by Dave Stone, undefeated and top-seeded Southport grappler. Stone's only point came when Coudret was penalized for an illegal hold.

The Wildcats scored the balance of their points on Tony Hewlett's (120 lb.) third place, while Ralph Toon, 95 lb., Don Moore, 103 lb., Jim Hewlett, 138 lb., and Tom May, 165 lb., all earned fourth place ribbons.

	Won	Lost	Tied
R. Toon, 95 lb.	19	4	0
D. Moore, 103 lb.	9	5	0
J. Goebel, 112 lb.	8	11	0
T. Hewlett, 120 and 127 lb.	6	3	0
D. Schneider, 120, 127 lb.	2	10	0
L. Faughn, 127 lb.	0	5	0
J. Jourdan, 133 lb.	1	2	2

and Dennis Schneider, 127 lb., and Tom Yackle, 133 lb., each ranked third and added one point apiece to the Wildcat's total.

- THE LIST OF CHAMPIONS**
- 95 lb.—Ralph Toon (M.D.)
  - 103 lb.—Don Moore (M.D.)
  - 112 lb.—Sam Vanover (Central)
  - 120 lb.—Tony Hewlett (M.D.)
  - 127 lb.—Larry Lyons (Reitz)
  - 133 lb.—Ligon (Reitz)
  - 138 lb.—Jim Hewlett (M.D.)
  - 154 lb.—Maynard (Reitz)
  - 145 lb.—Frank Harrington (Reitz)
  - 165 lb.—Tim Miller (Central)
  - 175 lb.—Tom May (M.D.)
  - H.W.—Ken Coudret (M.D.)



## Mat Men Become Firemen

The Mater Dei Mat Men had an interesting experience coming back from Southport on January 29. They came upon a farmhouse that was just beginning to burn. Finding no water to put out the fire, the guys carried out all the furniture they could. Bob Drone, assistant coach, ripped off the bottle-gas tanks and threw them into a field. Then he and Tom May carried out a loaded refrigerator. Working as a team the Mat men were able to save everything on the first floor except the divan.

Name	Weight	Points
Brandon	120	3
Burris	127	5
ORGAN	133	3
Walker	138	5
Thompson	145	2
Plummer	154	3
MILLER	165	5
Davis D	175	0
Hare	175	0





# Mr. Joest, Bob Drone, Mat Men", Through Successful '54-'55 Season

From time to time you see on the sixth page of the Hi-Lights a story headlined, "Mater Dei Mat Men", Mat Season's 1st Meet Tomorrow", and you read about the Mater Dei wrestling team. Although it is considered a popular sport here, all-too-many students do not know much about wrestling or the boys who tangle on the mat. Many of you never heard of Wrestling as a sport before coming to Mater Dei. It's a comparative new sport in Evansville High Schools, since it started in 1951.

Wrestling has come a long way since Mater Dei wrestled the Bloomington Reserves in January 1951. Reitz, Central, and Boone have taken up the sport also. Because crowded for space, however, does not seem inclined to show much enthusiasm about it. You now see top teams on Evansville schedules. Mat teams like Southport (defending State Champions), Bloomington (winner of the largest number of Championships) and Decatur Central (annually one of the State's best teams).

We, at Mater Dei, had the first and still have the best team, the largest mat, and the best all-round wrestling plant in Evansville. Letters have been awarded to varsity Wrestlers here since 1951.

Wrestling is the only sport which Mater Dei has ever attained any State ranking. In 1953 Bill Trainer won the State Heavyweight Championship. His six points placed Mater Dei thirteenth in the state. In 1954 Bill Trainer placed second in the heavyweight class and Don Scheller placed third in the 154 pound class. Their combined total of seven points at the Indiana State Meet lifted Mater Dei into Ninth place, our first time within the top ten.

Wrestling was originally started by Mr. Gus Peters. He coached for three years on his own time. Last year Mr. Ralph Joest, of fine Agriculture teacher, became the Sponsor for the Mat Men. He is assisted by Bob Drone, a graduate of 1953. When Bob was in school he qualified for the state finals.

Mr. Ralph Joest, wrestling supervisor, came to Mater Dei in September of 1951 from Boonville High School. He was originally slated to teach only Agriculture and Chemistry.

However, when Mr. Paul Eller, Athletic Business Manager, was injured in an automobile accident during January, 1953, Mr. Joest took over his chores. After making his initial contact with the Athletic Department, Mr. Joest continued on last year as the Faculty Sponsor for Wrestling.



Robert Drone

4:00 P.M.

**Wrestling 1954-55 Season**

M. D.	Opponent	Score
24	Reitz	23
9	Decatur	35
31	Central	17
23	Central	21
6	Bloomington	32
34	Reitz	12
24	Ben Davis	24
20	Decatur	26
18	Ky. School of Blind Southport	22
5	Central	37
32	Central	16
Won-5	Lost-5	Tied-1

# TILING

Place	Pts.	Team
0	3	McDon
3	0	Lyons
0	5	Ligu
0	0	M
3	0	W
0	3	Sisael
0	0	Fawcett



Mater Dei Grapplers take time out from a heavy practice session for a snapshot. (l. to r.) the Matmen are: Back Row; Tom Yackle, Tom May, Tom Preske, Shug Baumgartner, Artie Scheller, Ken Coudret, Carl Massey, Don Schenker, Leo Vollman, and Coach Ralph Joest. Front Row; Ralph Toon, Don Goebel, Don Moore, John Bergwitz, Don Gottman and Dennis Schneider.





# Seniors Prepare To Stage 'Junior Prom' Mater Dei's First Public Class Play

"Junior Prom" has been chosen for the forthcoming Senior Class play. The presentation is a farce-comedy in three acts, and will star Rita Patry in the lead role as Hilda Haines, a young modern girl of seventeen.



The play centers around the week before the Junior Prom and the date-making, dressing and all the trimmings.

Others in the cast include Carol Kercher, Peggie Minnette, Colleen Wuerth, Helen Gene Rode, Jim Miller, Bob Rehrman, Ken Coudret, Patti Happel, Bill Rettig and Joe Stoffleth.

## Note of Thanks

The Senior Play Cast wishes to thank our "Jack-of-all-trades" for pulling them through the tough spot. Thank you, Father, for stepping in on the last week, just when we needed you. You were a real life saver. Even without the beret and turtle-neck sweater, you made an excellent director.

Hats off to you, Father Lautner.



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MATER DEI SENIOR CLASS  
- presents -  
"JUNIOR PROM"



The curtain will go up at 8 p.m. on the following characters:

Hilda .....	Rita Patry
Oliva .....	Carol Kercher
Queenie .....	Joan Berendes
Chuck .....	Tom Niemeier
Frankie .....	Joe Stoffleth
Mrs. Haines.....	Colleen Wuerth
Cora.....	Helen Gene Rode
Willie .....	Jim Miller
Mr. Haines .....	Ken Fisher
Clarence .....	Ken Coudret
Cassandra .....	Patti Happel
Dr. Prescott.....	Bill Rettig

St. Boniface Auditorium  
February 20 and 21  
Curtain Time - 8:00 P.M.

## M.D. Salutes Senior-Play

A hard-working group of Seniors, Happel, have combined their ingenious first Senior Class Play.

The play, "Junior Prom," is highly successful. Seniors Mater Dei boasts. They have spent many hours in planning and rehearsing—as much as a week. They have uncompromisingly refined lines until they are perfect.

What may be even more important is that they have served as an inspiration—an inspiration that will develop into a traditional Senior Class play.

We owe the Senior Class of '55 a debt of particular gratitude. We owe our thanks to the "Junior Prom" stage crew. To these gallant people, we offer a toast of appreciation—a merit well deserved.



# 'Dig Those Crazy Measles' ...

## Climaxes 'Junior Prom'; St. Boniface, Feb. 20, 21

The hilarious play "Junior Prom" will be staged on February 20-21 in the St. Boniface Auditorium.

This Senior Play, the first to ever be presented by a Mater Dei Senior Class, centers around the thrills and disappointments of a typical American girl. The setting is the week before that memorable occasion — the Junior Prom. This play fairly bursts with human interest. Here are a few examples: . . . And how does Mr. Haines feel to live in the same house with a punch-drunk boxer, who brings his dizzy, stupid



girl friend, Miss Cholmundelely? Mad? Furious? Yes, and who wouldn't be!

To add to the color of things, Hildy's red-haired cousin Cora turns her charms on our heroine's boy friend, the shy, sissified Willie.

Finally comes the night of the dance and everyone is relieved . . . relieved until Hildy comes down with the measles and the whole house is quarantined.

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Director . . . . .	Patti Happel
Make-Up . . . . .	Mr. Cletus Rode, Jr.
Props . . . . .	Jackie Muehlbauer, Bernice Schenk
Sound Effects . . . . .	Delores Bitner, Dorothy Kolb
Stage Hands . . . . .	Katie Weber, John Miller, Jerry Duncan
Lights . . . . .	Johnny Rebstock, Don Schenk, John Lorber
Tickets . . . . .	John Kern, Jerry Duncan, Ray Haas, Ralph Weinzapfel, Al Weinzapfel, Adolf Locher
Costumes . . . . .	Art Werner
Curtain . . . . .	Fern McBride
Prompters . . . . .	Madonna Muensterman
Publicity . . . . .	Patty Dillman, Carol Sue Hamel
Master of Ceremonies . . . . .	Judy Emge, Madonna Muensterman
	John Lorber
	Regina Hollander
	Bob Rehrman

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## EDITOR

Helen Gene Rode proved capable as the editor of this book. Helen Gene did much work on the book herself and kept staff members ready to help with many tasks which went into this HI-LIGHTS '55.



Here is her message....

We the STAFF of the '55 Mater Dei Hi-Lights extend our gratitude to all concerned in making this book a reality. Its preparation was made possible by the capable staff, the homeroom representatives, patrons, advertizers, our photographers and Myers.

We the Mater Dei Hi-Lights Staff wish to express to Sister Mary Angela, our appreciation for the many hours she has spent in planning, assisting and guiding us in the completion of this book. May God reward you for your tireless assistance.

# ALLES



THE STAFF: (L-R, SEATED) Dorothy Schaefer, Bus. Mgr.; Rita Patry, Copy Ed.; Patti Happel, treasurer; Fern McBride; (STANDING) Fred Frick, artist; John Kern, communications; Barb Tepool, Regina Hollander, artist; Jim Reynolds, Jr. Ed.; Carolyn Hummel, Madonna Muensterman, secretary.



On the following pages we give a few more details of this YEAR FOR YOU. A directory giving Seniors activities, a collection of snapshots, and an array of fine places to do business in our E'town follow

# SAGE...



March, '55 has rolled around, and with it comes the end of this YEAR FOR YOU, the year from March 7, 1954 to March 7, 1955, which we have presented here in picture-story form. As we hurry to complete this book, with time shorter for this deadline than for any, we are of course glad that a big task is finished; yet we know we will miss picture memories and the creative appeal which each page of the year-book has brought us during the months that we have been preparing the book.

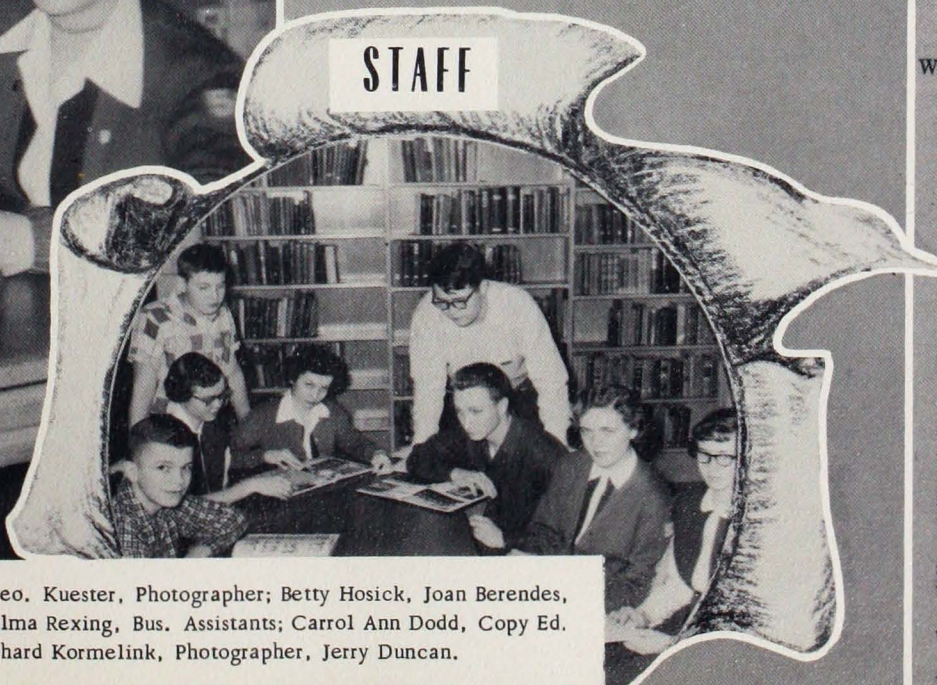
We only hope that this picture-story of A YEAR FOR YOU will be a meaningful to you as it is to us.

*Mater Dei*

Sincerely yours,

*The Staff*

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## AHEAD

by Patti Happel

What we can look forward to—  
 the last snow of winter.  
 red valentine hearts.  
 solitude and sorrow of Lent.  
 purple vestments.  
 "greenness" of spring.  
 the silence of Church.  
 whistling winds of March.  
 harmonious strains from Concert Practice.  
 plain-ness and neat-ness of a nun's habit.  
 putting away winter togs.  
 frilly Easter bonnets.  
 the "Alleulia's" of Easter Morn.  
 the sweetness of a smile.  
 tots hunting "Easter Eggs."  
 suddenness of April showers.  
 laughter of the Senior Play.  
 May Rosaries.  
 the excitement of Junior-Senior Prom.  
 summer sunsets.  
 the hustle of Graduation preparation.  
 the sorrow and appreciation of the Graduate.  
 the warmth of a summer sunrise.  
 kids counting the days till vacation  
 the perfection of May flowers.  
 tears and "goodbyes."















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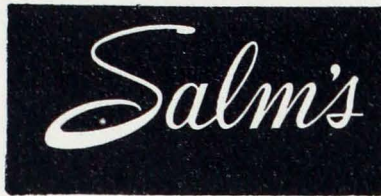


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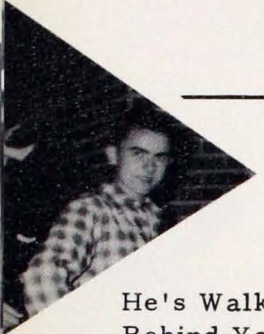




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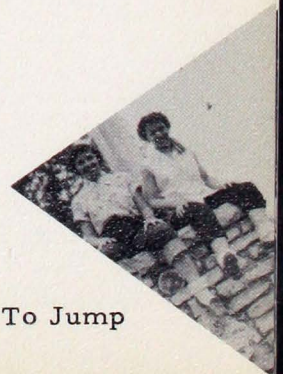
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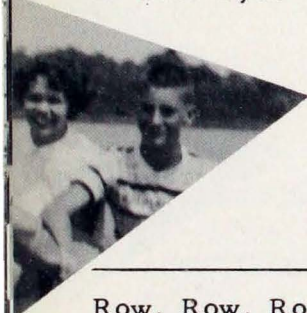
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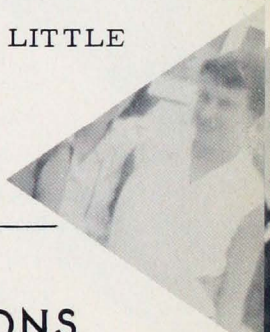
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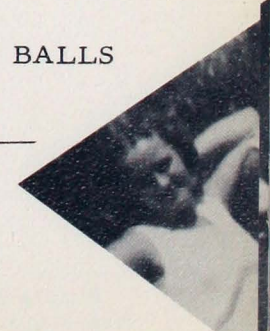
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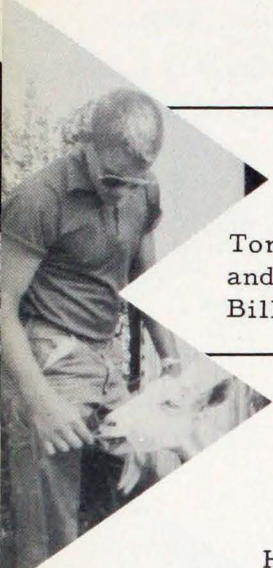
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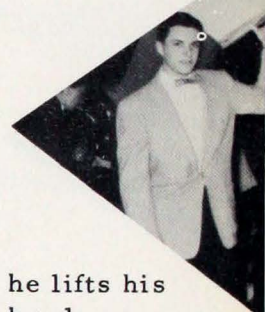
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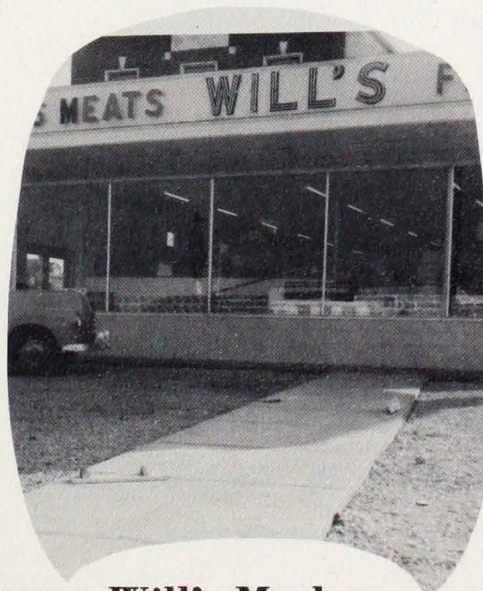
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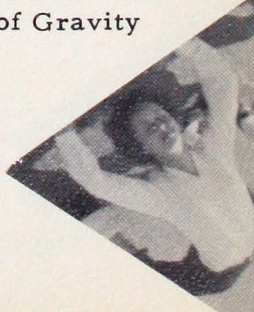
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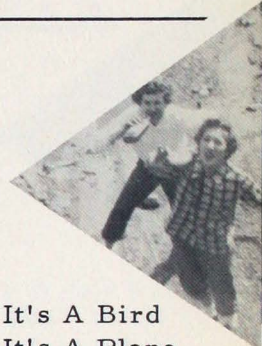
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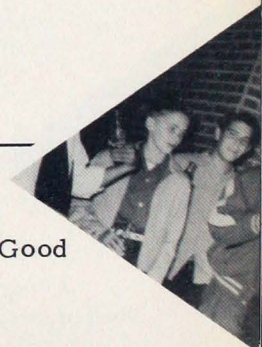
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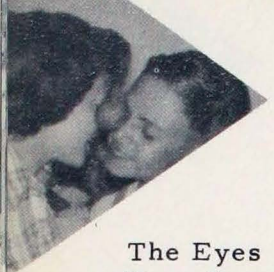
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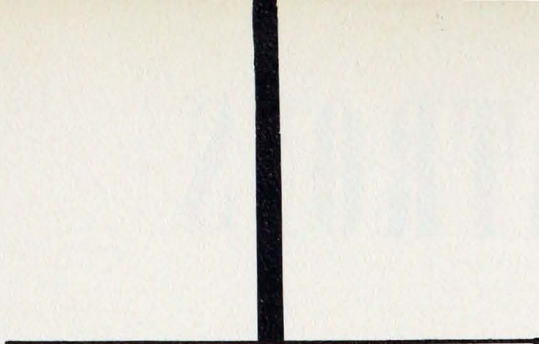
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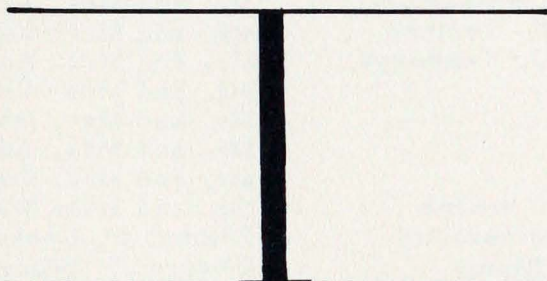


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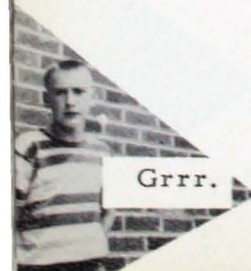


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