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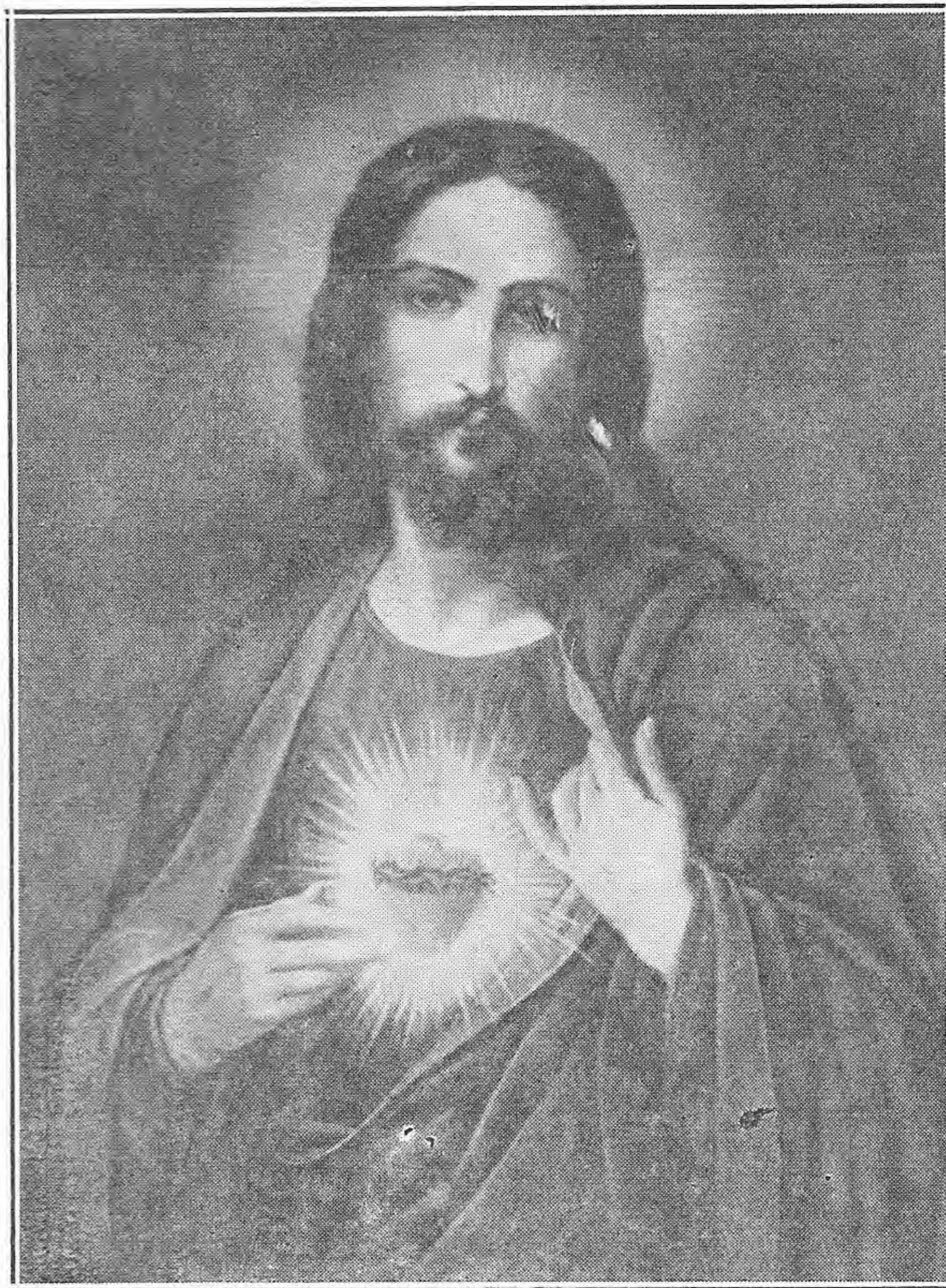
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CONSECRATION

Open to me Thy Sacred and Adorable Heart, O Jesus. Show me its charms and unite me to It forever. May every breath and pulsation of my heart, which ceases not even during my sleep, be to Thee a testimony of my love and say to Thee unceasingly, "Yes, dear Lord, I love Thee."

Accept the little good I do; grant me grace to repair my evil ways that I may bless Thee in time and may praise Thee for all eternity.

— Selected

OUR SENIOR POETS

WHAT SHALL I BE?

Evelyn Anne Mahoney '41

Harken did I hear a voice
 Calling to me from afar?
 Am I making a worthy choice?
 Will I ever reach my star?
 What does this life hold for me?
 O, Dear Lord, what shall I be?

Would I make a pleasing wife
 Or would I be the cause of strife?
 Will I be tapped by a gentle hand
 And know that I have received my command
 Or must I travel in unending search?
 Shall I live in the world or within the portals
 of the Church?

What heavenly riches would I claim
 If I but scorned all earthly fame?
 Is it not better to wait a while
 And trudge a heavy, weary mile
 To imitate Him on the Cross
 So that my soul will not be a loss?

But when my conscience is at rest
 I will know that you have planned the best.
 For who am I but a lowly creature
 To whom You have given form and feature.
 It is to You, Dear Lord, I submit my plea:
 "Please tell me, what shall I be?"

S P E E D !

Theodore Ryan '41

Flying along on sleek, waxed skis,
 Skimming along with the winter breeze,
 Trying to dodge those big, black trees.
 Skiing!

A bang and a crash, a flash of stars,
 Drifting beyond beautiful Mars,
 High above Earth's trembles and jars,
 Skiing!

Waking up next morning in bed,
 Seeing uniformed nurses with white-capped
 heads,
 A very good reason for my bandaged head is
 Skiing!

DEAR, DEAR!

Mary Tierney '41

O, many, many years ago
 A wilderness was here.
 A man with powder in his gun
 Went out to catch a deer.
 But today things have changed
 Along a different plan.
 A dear with powder on her nose
 Goes out to catch a man.

D A F F O D I L S

Barbara Danish '41

At last I reached the top of that hill
 With nary a breath left in me.
 But oh! 'Twas worth that breathless climb
 For here at my very feet lay
 A field of dancing daffodils.

Dancing, prancing daffodils,
 Peeping out of an ocean green,
 Smiling with upturned faces
 Greeting me, a casual visitor
 As if I were their Creator.

JUS' HEARTSICK, MOTHER

Helene M. Slavin '41

Just heartsick, Mother
 Somehow things ain't right
 Cain't tell jus' whut to do
 Mind's dark as night.

Seems awful long Mother
 Since God wuz near —
 Always jus' lonesome now
 Eyes full o' tears.

Maybe I hadn't oughter
 Feel like I do
 Sobbin' and strickin' like
 Half believin' you.

Jus' driften' on Mother
 Not even prayin'; but you
 Bein' the Mother of God, know
 Whut my heart's sayin'?

LIFE IS A CANDLE

Marion Dagle '41

I love to dine by candle-light,
 It makes me wonder why.
 A slender candle burns so bright,
 And still it has to die.

Life is life that candle-light,
 It grows and grows in size;
 Toward the end it's very bright
 And then it dims and dies.

Mary, like that candle may I be
 And as my life grows dim,
 Remember it was purity
 That brought my soul to Him.

Thursday June 12	Friday June 13	Monday June 16	Tuesday June 17	Wednesday June 18	Thursday June 19
English I	Latin I	History B	English IV	Int. Algebra	History A
English II	English III	History C	Plane Geometry	Adv. Algebra	Business Law
Secretarial Prac.	Public Speaking	Typewriting	Bus. Arithmetic	Bookkeeping II	History of Music
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OUR LADY OF PEACE

R. EILEEN SHANLEY '42

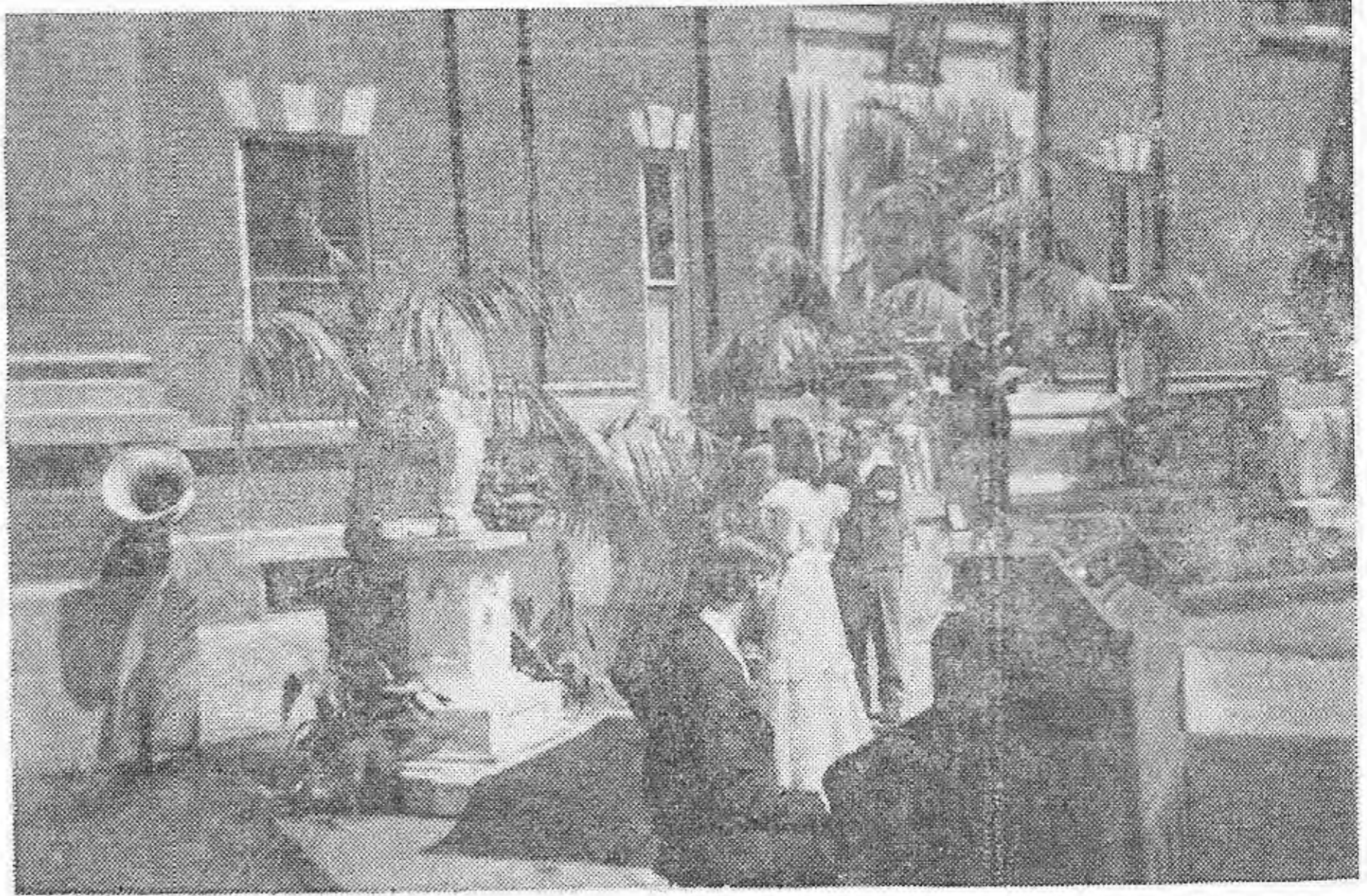
This year the Capitol District was fortunate in having clear, sunny weather on the day selected to honor Mary. Marion Day came on the Feast of the Ascension, May 22, and the celebration was held at Saratoga Springs where the Redemptorist Fathers have a Shrine of Our Lady of Perpetual Help. From all the Catholic high schools of the diocese came students to participate in the religious exercises of the morning and in entertainment in the afternoon.

A beautiful altar was erected on the steps of the main entrance to the home of the Redemptorist priests. As a background to the altar, the doorway was covered with blue cloth and in front of the cloth, large palms swayed with the light breeze. A picture of Our Lady of Perpetual Help smiled from the top of the altar at the group of eager, young people gathered before it.

A word of welcome was given to the conference by Reverend Walter Campbell, C. S. S. R., rector of St. Clement's College, Saratoga. Everyone was indeed grateful for the hospitality shown by Father Campbell and his associates. The lovely, well-kept grounds of St. Clement's were an ideal setting for the celebration in honor of Mary.

Vincentian Institute made an important contribution to the program in the person of Donald Kircher, who delivered a truly inspiring address. The chief theme of his speech was the Blessed Virgin and the student, a timely and well-given oration. Following this, all the students had an opportunity to exercise long silent voices by lustily singing the Catholic Action song.

It was then disclosed by Reverend Thomas Wright, C. S. S. R., that May 22 was also the seventy-fifth anniversary of the coming of the miraculous picture of Our Lady of Perpetual Help to the Redemptorist Fathers. The history of this wonderful picture was related by Father Wright, beginning with its creation by an unknown eastern artist in the thirteenth or fourteenth century. This beautiful picture was stolen by a merchant from the church where it



Rose Mary Halpin '42 Crowns Our Lady

had performed many miracles. When this merchant was dying, he requested a friend to have it venerated in any church he desired.

The man was persuaded, however, by his wife to keep the lovely painting as an ornament for their home. After three apparitions and warnings from the Blessed Virgin, the man sickened and died, as a result of his disobedience. Then, his six year old daughter received a visit from Mary who again commanded the picture to be placed in a church. This time, Mary mentioned the Church of St. Matthew and gave the title of Our Lady of Perpetual Help to the picture. This command was obeyed, and many miracles were wrought by the venerated painting. In 1866, the painting was rediscovered and taken to a new church on the site of old St. Matteo's. This church was in the care of the Redemptorist Fathers. Thus, the picture came under the care of the Redemptorists where it has remained ever since, achieving far-flung fame.

In conclusion, Father Wright emphasized that Mary is a Lady of Perpetual Help to everyone, in sickness, in poverty, in richness, young or old, good or bad; Mary is our Consolation.

Father Hinds then, reading his message to the Sodalists of the diocese, congratulating the Catholic Youth Organization on its successes of the past year. However, Father went on to say that despite past accomplishments, there was still much work to be done. In conclusion, Father announced that small booklets concerning Our Lady of Perpetual Help were soon to be distributed.

Rosemary Halpin, recently elected diocesan secretary as well as our own vice-president, then crowned the Blessed Virgin while George Lyons '41 played the small organ and everyone sang the hymn, *O Mary, We Crown Thee With Blossoms Today*.

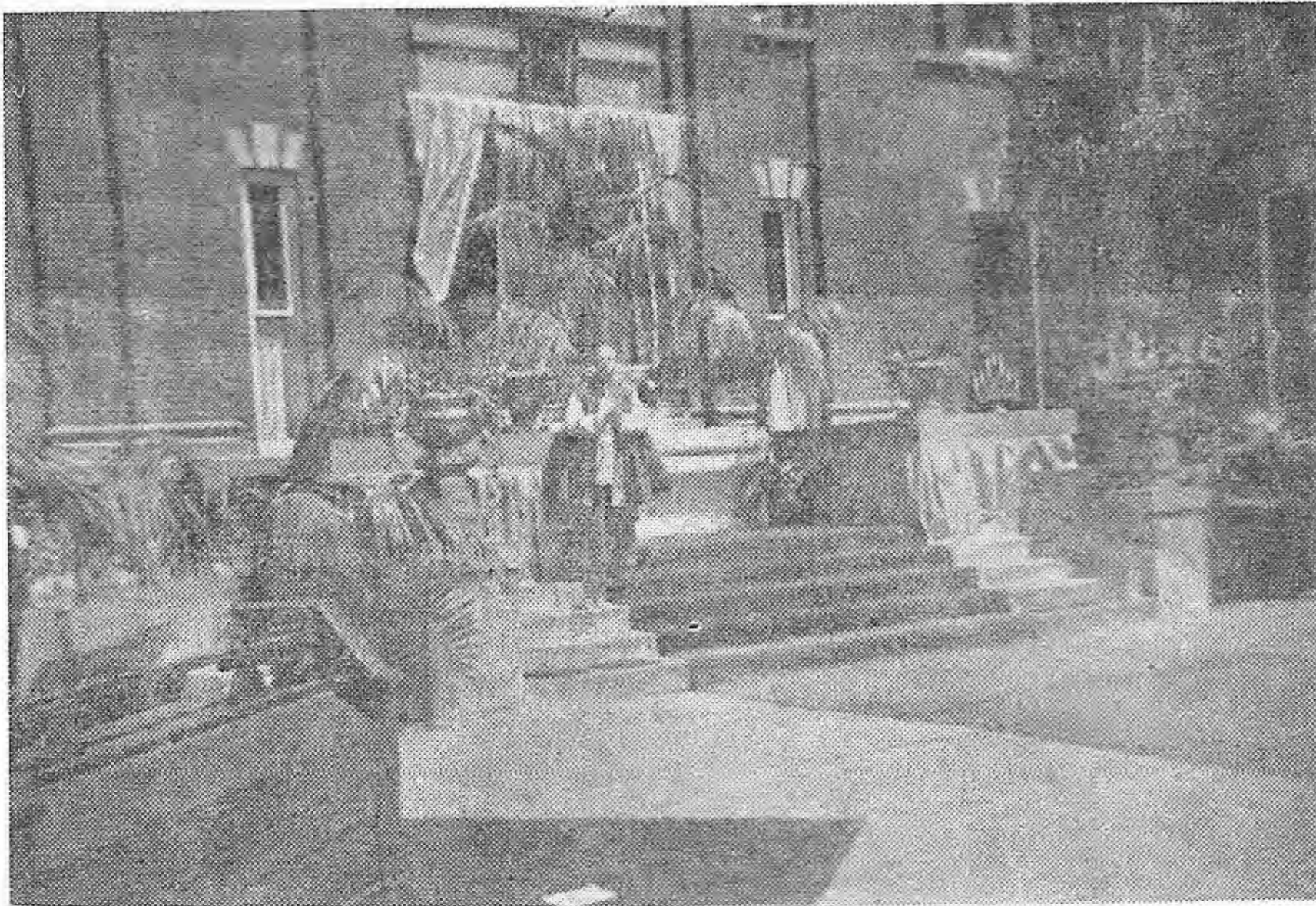
Following this simple but thrilling ceremony, the Right Reverend Monsignor Ed-



The Bus Starts

AND RECREATION

ELIZABETH BROMLEY '42



Rt. Rev. Msgr. E. Maginn, V. G., Speaks

ward Maginn, V. G. delivered a short address, as the representative of our Bishop, under whose direction the Marion Day Conference and all youth activities are held. The speech was chiefly concerned with the title, **Cause of Our Joy**, which has been given to Mary. Monsignor Maginn fully explained the appropriateness of the title and the many joys we have gained through the Blessed Virgin.

After this speech, Benediction appropriately brought the program to a close. With Christ's blessing the group dispersed to honor Our Lady of Recreation.

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"Where's bus two? Where's bus three? Have you your ticket? Did you see Tom or Delia?" These are a few of the many questions which were asked by the boys and girls when nine o'clock finally came on Thursday morning. In one bus there was competition in the singing. **The Strawberry Blonde** could be heard coming from the front while in the back we could hear a few juniors giving out with the latest swing arrangement of **Number Ten Lullaby Lane**. Bus three seemed to be in more trouble than any other bus. With the assistance of **Evelyn Mahoney, Eileen O'Brien** and **Joan Kavanagh**, it arrived eventually.

After the beautiful religious services everyone made a dash for the buses and their lunches. Again bus number three was missing. It had gone to the city thus leaving **Caroline Baniak** and **Kay Brayman** without a lunch. Ask them — they'll tell you all about it.

The Gospel scene — Feeding of the Five Thousand — was realistically re-enacted as lunches were exchanged and appetites satisfied. It would be interesting to know how many hundreds of ice cream cones, cheerios, popsicles, bottles of pop and soda were consumed. By the way do boys and girls enjoy "Zimba"? **Barbara Hawley** and **Jane Bromley** didn't like it.

After everyone finished lunch they looked forward to an afternoon of enjoyment. Some of our great tennis players did themselves proud while others were eager to watch the feature of the afternoon — the baseball game between C. C. H. S. and L. S. I. Our boys were "red hot"

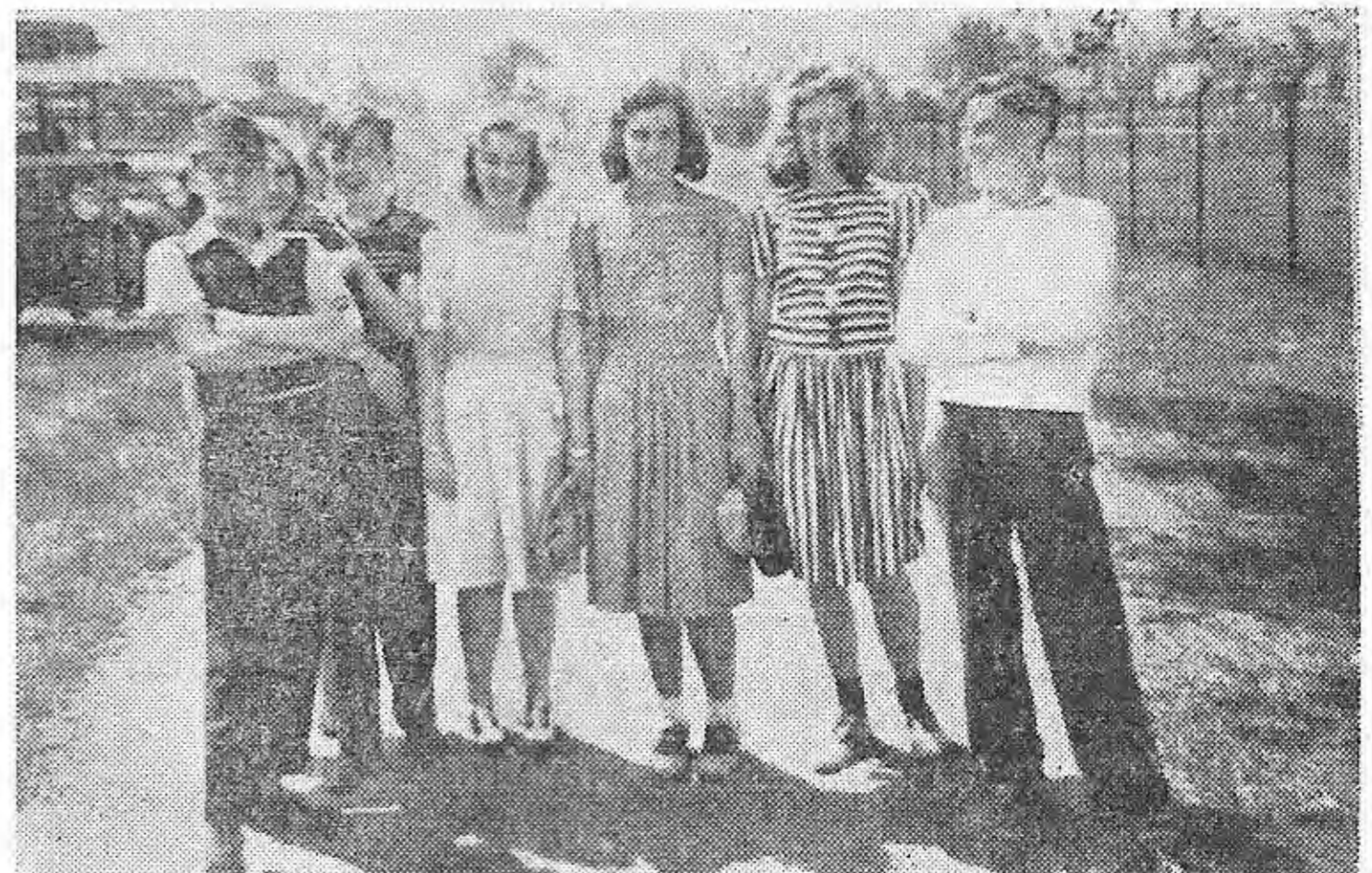
that afternoon, and they proved to L. S. I. that we are pretty good after all.

Many couples visited the city of Saratoga. It was nothing strange to see a boy from C. B. A. or L. S. I. with a girl from C. C. H. S. or V. I., and girls from different schools were together. This occurrence gave one a grand feeling of companionship with everyone. The five-and-ten cent store and the soda fountain were the most popular stopping places. One of the clerks remarked that if we stayed all night they would have to restock the stores. When it came near four-thirty everyone started back to the buses with their sailor hats, but **Joan Mack, Marian Madigan, Jane Powers, Ruth Smith** and **Dorothy Kennedy** stopped along the way to give some "expert" advice to some Saratogians.

Eleanor Anthony and **Leona Rosamilia** had a very exciting time on their way back to the buses. As they were walking up a side street to Skidmore College they both looked across the street and saw, what they thought was a ferocious beast of some kind, charging them. Very much frightened they ran down the street with the animal at their heels. When their terrible beast caught up with them they found that it was a lovely kind collie dog. Nothing to be afraid of, girls.

As everyone was leaving I noticed that a certain crowd who stayed for the last bus acted as a farewell committee. When the late bus finally arrived, everyone crowded one after the other. After going a short distance, we changed to another bus which I might add was found to be much more "profitable" than the first. I don't know what it is that **Jack Coleman, Anthony Passaretti** and "**Murph**" **Paul** have but they seemed to be lucky in finding something to eat. But alas, they didn't have it very long. Since there were a number of so-called mild vultures in the bus they were soon stripped of the best parts of the lunch.

Finally, we arrived at the bus terminal and everyone got out and much to our surprise we had a band to meet us! Confidentially, it was one of the local bands practicing. Tired, happy, and at peace with God and the world we went home, and I know each one felt that this was the best Marion Day we had ever spent? I did, didn't you?



From the Field

DID YOU KNOW THAT

S. OLEY CUTLER '41

Coach O'Kane was a new arrival in Catholic Central during our four years here?

Our Frosh year was the fifteenth in the school's history?

Miss Kelly came into our midst when we were Freshmen?

Sister Anna Regina was quoted in a **Torch** of four years ago as having said that cake — a concrete example of girls' cooking joke when we thought that it was fresh last year in Chemistry? We take the cake, all right.

Joe Smith was an outstanding Frosh and Soph "HACTOR" in CCHS?

Paul Flanagan was, once M. C. on a dancing school program over the air?

Pictures were added in **The Torch** during our four year stay?

We got a Catholic Central radio program?

Anthony Passaretti has a passing interest in Long Island?

We once had a "bow-tie" club?

Our Sophomore Soiree was the biggest held up to its time?

The uniforms changed in our stay?

Ernie Beaudoin was quite the "Irishman" during his CCHS days?

Some of us had Sister Naomi twice as homeroom teacher?

Dick Coughlin once came to school on a holiday?

Mary Brennan won the Tri-City best actress award in her second year?

We saw ninth period?

Sitio Forum started by our one-time Sophomore boys was the forerunner of the now successful Toy Drive?

Mary Catherine Brown is a favorite of 401?

Frances Baniak is sixth member of her family to attend CCHS?

Julianna Marcil was first president of the CCHS Glee Club?

Gloria Gage began her CCHS singing career singing for the poor at the County House and the Little Sisters of the Poor?

We once had a sorority?

George Lyons is an organist in a church in his own right?

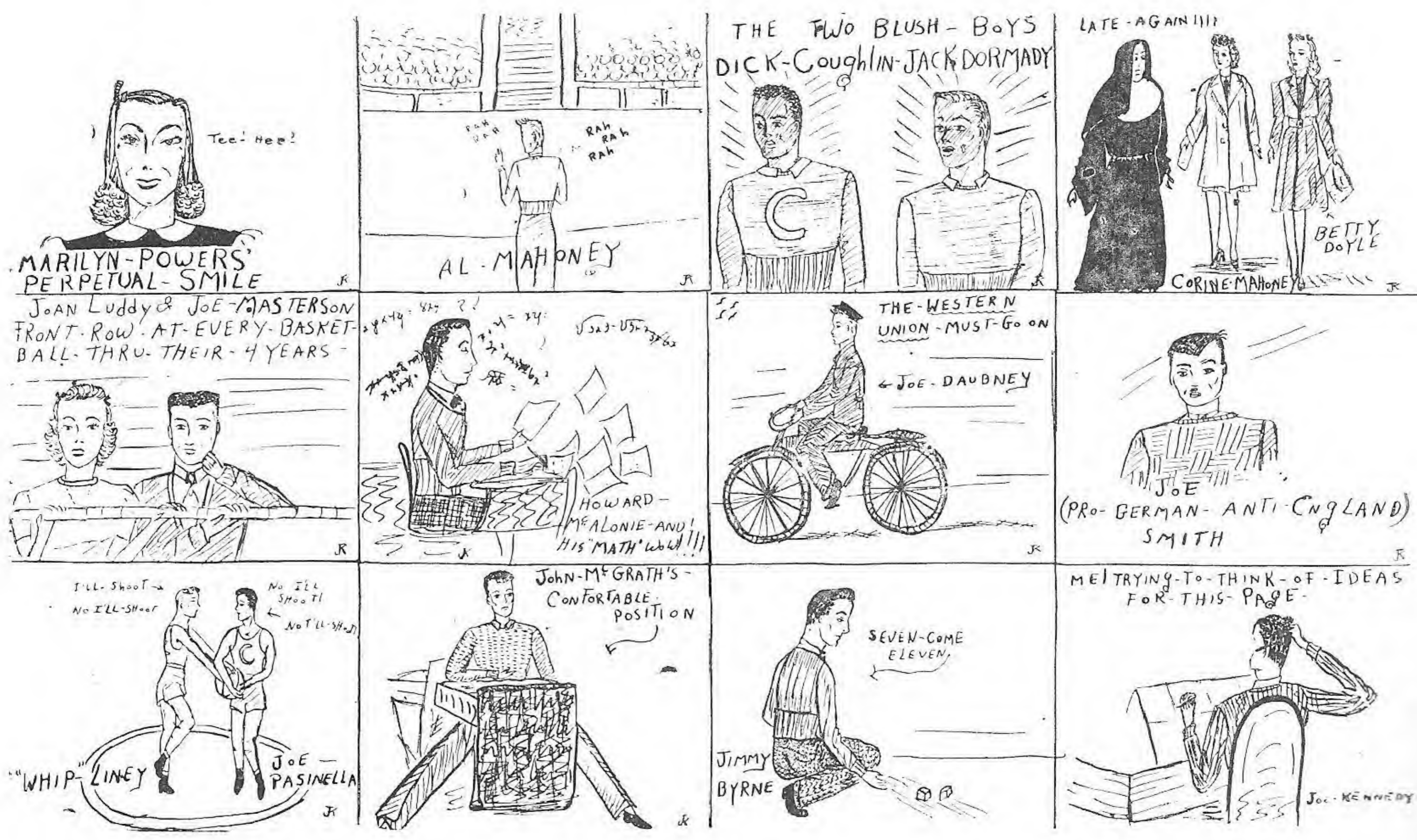
Bill Drislane has been CCHS tennis champ since 1938?

Betty Kay Walsh made the movies when she appeared in the newsreels of the Troy Pageant of 1939?

A **Torch** assignment of Hugh Reynolds was published by the **Observer**?

Room 201 has an Emily "Deviltry" and a Shirley "Commotion"?

Patsy De Ruberties became sea sick from looking at the waves in Jim Conway's hair?



TORCH TALK

Seniors, Seniors, Seniors, the school seems full of them; Seniors practicing for Commencement in the morning, Seniors practicing marching in the afternoon, Seniors talking about Class Day, the class picnic, the Prom, everything, and we propose to add to the general confusion by talking about them in our column.

As Winchell would say, "Orchids to Darby Clark." Why? Well she won first prize in the state division of an essay contest sponsored by the United Spanish War Veterans, and we think that's worth a little praise.

Of course, you all saw the Senior Variety Show and consequently know why it was such a huge success. Murph Paul, Dan McGrath, Ernie Beaudoin and the whole cast deserve a great deal of credit. Incidentally, what did you think of McNamara's Band? We're particularly proud of that because it originated in our home-room. The boys beg us to mention that they give concerts open to the public every afternoon in the aforementioned home-room, and they just love an audience.

Yes, if anything can bring out hidden talent, a class variety show is the thing that will do it. All our amateur playwrights, directors and actors turned out in full swing, and wheth-

er you know it or not, the cast certainly did a grand job of ad libbing. In fact, in many parts, the plays were completely extempo.

But now, how about some bits from here and there about the Seniors themselves?

For instance, Romanino Ferrito has a strange passion for flowers. In fact he was collecting them all during the month of May.

Joe Smith has coined a new word, **characterially**; we're not sure of the spelling but we have a vague idea of the meaning and that's really all that matters, so hats off to an unsung genius in our midst.

We have also heard that Mary Bond loves to be complimented on her blonde hair —

That Edna Klee loves Chevrolet cars if they're green —

That even though the Seniors hate to get up early, they confess that they will miss Commencement practice.

And finally we've heard that next year you'll have a brand new Torch Board. We veterans wish them the best of luck and we earnestly hope that you'll give them as much cooperation as you gave us.



THOMAS O'BRIEN, a shy-looking sophomore, appears to be living up to the standard of his brother, John, in not only the scholastic and sports, but also the social spheres where he is very popular among his fellow students. As an active Chairman in the Mission branch of the Sodality he has distinguished himself by his untiring but not-advertised zeal and work for the Missions. His helpful collaboration and participation in the inter-Parish C. Y. O. basketball games gained for him additional friends, a reward that is encouraging to a laborious leader.

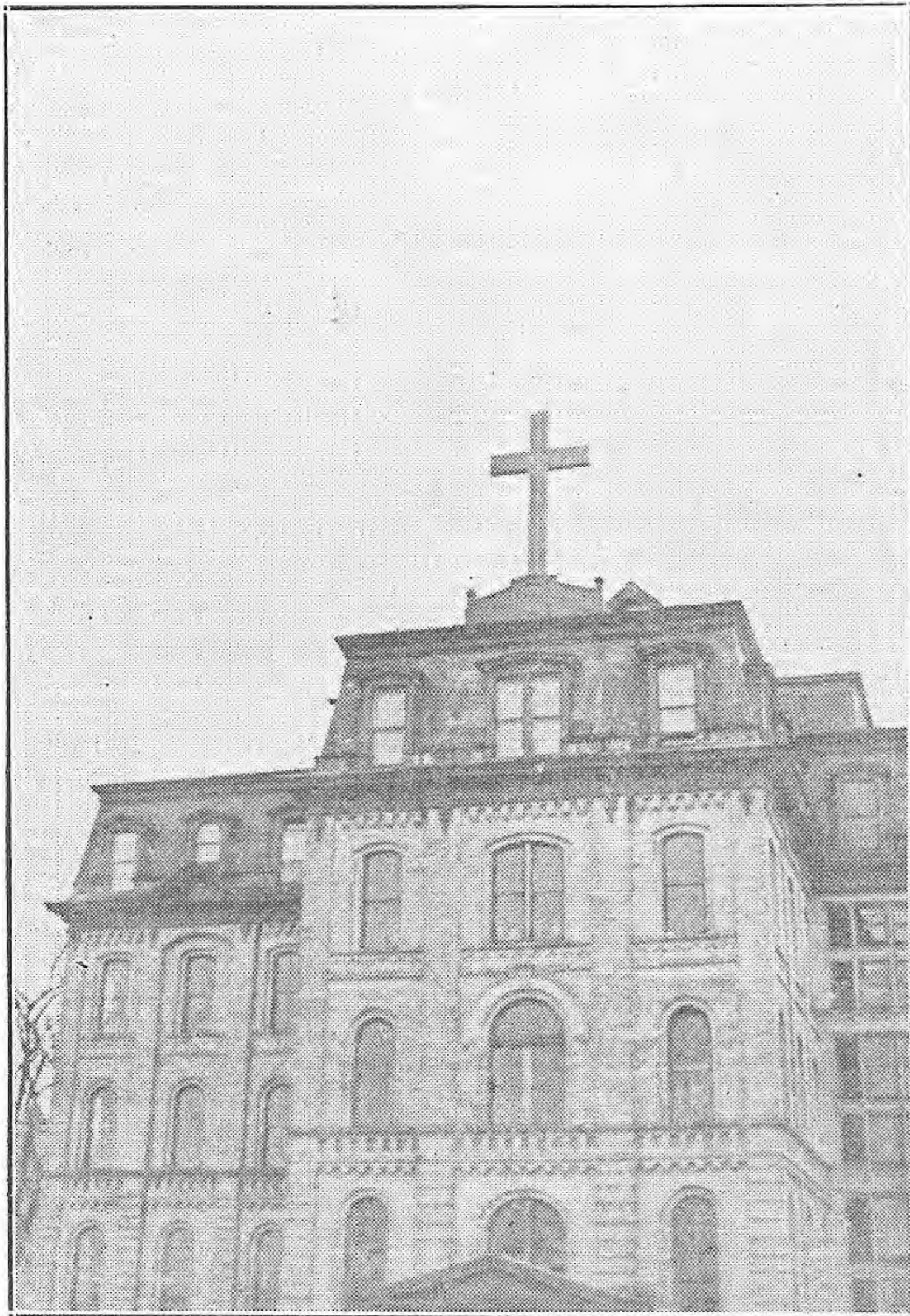


RUTH SHEEHAN, a popular young sophomore on the third floor, has, in the two years of her stay at Catholic High, earned the reputation of a loyal Sodalist, a good student, and a sincere friend to all in need. As Vice-prefect of class she has done much in furthering the effectiveness of the Literature Committee. In her capacity as an efficient student she has won distinction in her studies and a place of honor in the French Club. On the whole, however, her friends attribute her success to her charming personality, her spirit of friendliness and helpfulness shown to all her fellow students.

CATHOLIC HIGH



To the Senior class Catholic Central High School will ever be an unforgettable chapter in the great book of their life's adventures. Catholic Central is different, really, from other schools. It is not merely a high school but it has been a way of living for four short years. On this page we shall show pictorially and



graphically some small part of that spirit that has made this school what it is.

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Our neon cross that towers above the city guiding the faithful and those astray in a world blinded with hate and greed is our symbol. By it we have gone to victory this past year in basketball under Coach Joe O'Kane, who is a newcomer to Catholic Central, coming while we were here.

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Father Hinds stands for the great work and sacrifice that has been made for our spiritual welfare and the success of the great Catholic Church to which we belong. This is one school in which we have not sacrificed the spiritual for the sake of scholastic, social and physical gain. The Missa Recitata that has been for the past year the featured part of our First Fridays, dedicated to Seniors, has been read for teams as well as students.



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Catholic Central has ever been in the forefront in activities that carry the glorious name of our school to those without. Our plays are events that we are proud to present, for here everyone is given equal opportunity to take part. It is, indeed, gratifying to note that those who are outstanding leaders of the school were unselfish in their work backstage and behind the scenes.

A GLORIOUS MEMORY

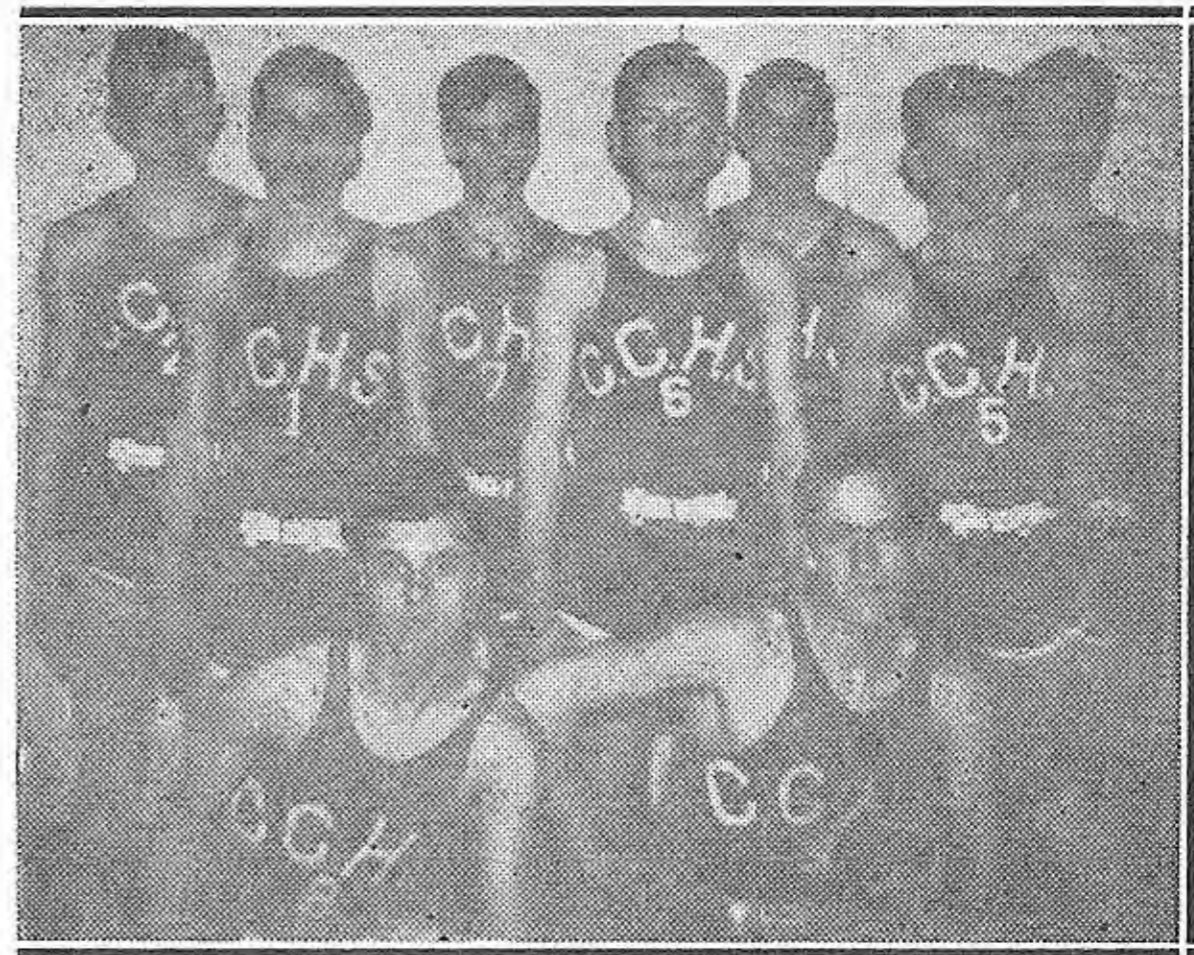
Our various faculty members are always on the alert to discover any opportunity to give their students the fullest possible courses in their work. For this reason, science trips, demonstrations, French movies, typing experts and many more such things were presented for us.

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In our consideration of four glorious years in this great school we can not possibly overlook the great work being done and already done to make this school the best possible. Our sincere gratitude, of course, goes to Father Mulqueen who has sacrificed so much that we may obtain the fullest four years possible. To the faculty goes the tribute bestowed on those who carry on the work of teaching, advising, and planning for us, without thanks and without material rewards. It is to them that we owe an unpayable debt of eternal gratitude.



Not only is due to the faculty a tribute for all the advising, planning and teaching they did for us but also the personal satisfaction that because of them Catholic High exists. Here, we Seniors have actually been enjoying four years of high school not solely because it's a high school but chiefly because it is a Catholic place of learning. The subjects taught in Catholic High are all taught in other public high schools but we do emphatically state that there is one subject which is not taught in every school and that is admittedly the most important — Religion. Without it all our activities, all our studies and all our efforts to success would be meaningless, substanceless; for what is true success? We in Catholic High know what it is. Success is salvation. Failure is



eternal loss. The fact that Catholic High, and especially the faculty are trying to inculcate in our minds the real meaning of success and the means to attain it makes us truly superior to public schools in which teachers are not even allowed to teach what success really is because it is intrinsically connected with Religion. Thus we observe that the part of the faculty in keeping our school connected with Catholic standards is very great, therefore, in our humble way we express to them all our sincerest gratitude for starting us off safely toward a common destiny — Success.



SENIOR SAYINGS

HELEN DOWNEY '41

The following are frequent sayings of members of our Senior class:

Jack Hyland in History C class: "I don't understand the question, Sister."

Betty Doyle late again: "The bus wouldn't wait for me."

Rose Japour: "Have you got any gum?"

Bill Drislane: "I didn't do anything."

Rosemary Reiley: "Where did you go last night?"

Jim Snow: "Hello Vivian."

Marge Monahan: "Don't you dare put my baby picture in the year book."

Helen Lubinski: "Would you like to read my poem?"

Toni Gendron: "If only I could get thin!"

Corrine Mahoney: "What did they say about me?"

Bill Ryan: "Holy Christmas!"

Gloria McEniry: "I'm so tired."

Jack Murray: "I never say anything."

Mary Connell: "Wait for me after school."

Mary Brown: "He's not my boy-friend."

Mary Kane: "I can't wait to see my pictures."

Muriel Brewer: the night after a date: "May I take your homework?"

Patsy DeRuburtis: "It's like this — !"

Mary Chrepta: "Ouch, you'll hurt me!"

Norraine Burghammer: "Hello Giggles."

Anne Duffy: "What did I say?"

Mary Gierka: "Do you want to read a good book?"

Susan Braken: "Oh, you don't mean it!"

Joe Kennedy: "What da ya mean? What fer? Why?"

Bill Liney: "Let's take a sheet of paper."

Tom Green: "Has anybody a pencil? Let's take a book."

Bill Gauthier: "There are only a few more school days left."

Marie Fitzgerald: "Oh, I'll be glad when this is over."

Eileen Hardiman: "Oh, what did you get in that test?"

Margaret Gruber to Eileen: "Let's do our shorthand."

Joseph Ellroth: "What did you do in history today?"

Yours truly: "That's all folks!"



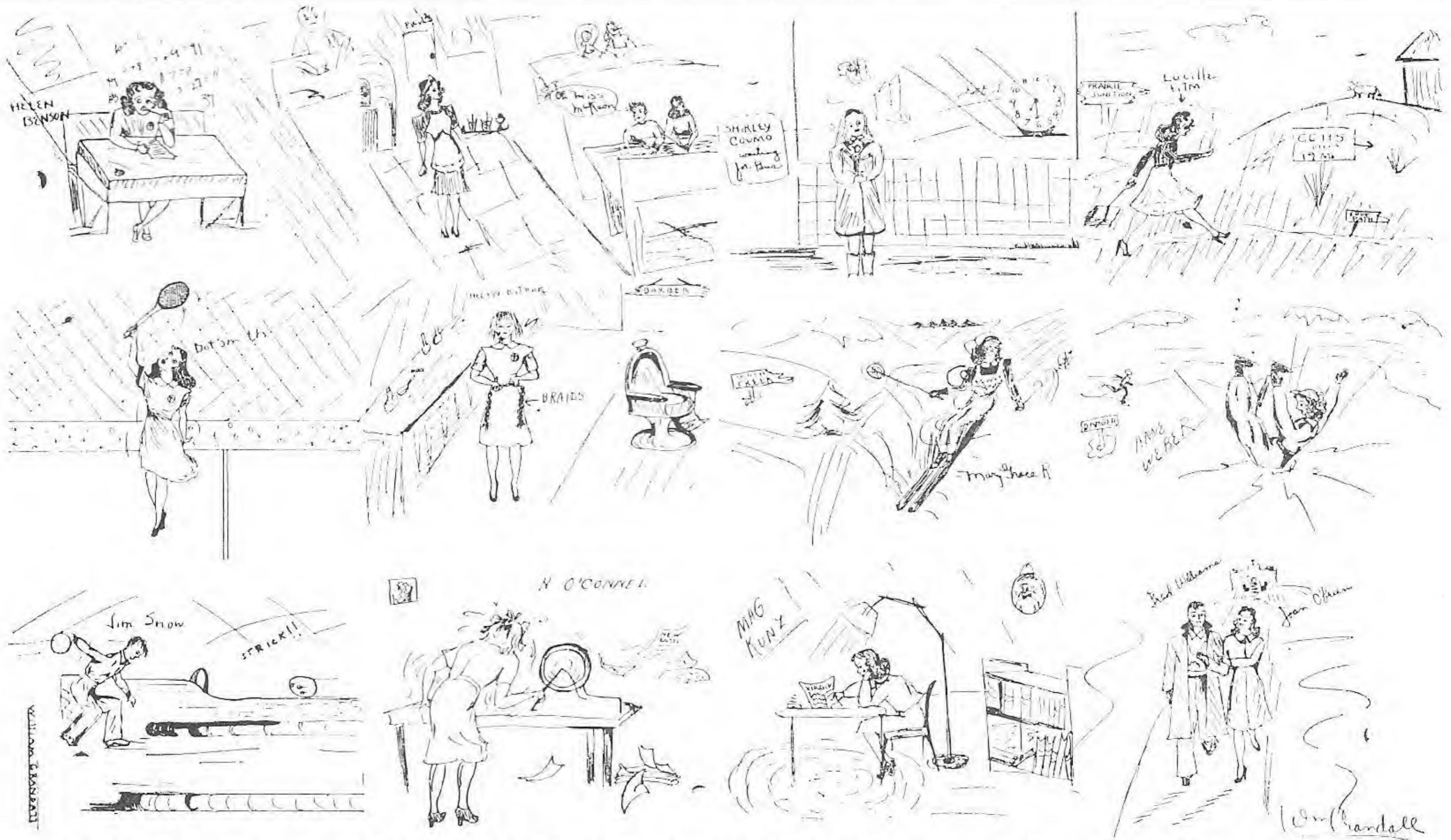
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WHAT WE SENIORS LEAVE TO BE DONE BY THE JUNIOR CLASS

We the members of the Senior Class, do hereby will as uncompleted in our reign of four years, the following things as yet undone —

- that Seniors have more privileges, such as private use of the elevator.
- that we be able to use front or back stairs without restraint.
- that Freshmen be given the wisdom that prevails in us, the higher class.
- that John Nevins grow four inches taller.
- that Helen Benson's average be equally divided among the Juniors.
- that Shirley Cumo get a private car for transportation back and forth to Waterford.
- that Ernie Beaudoin get one slightly used rowing machine.
- that Joe Smith be given a full supply of one way tickets to New York.
- that Ed Doyle be given a new drum.
- that a deserving Junior get Margaret Kunz's Irish accent.
- that Paul Flanagan get more Cossack parts.

that Jim Graham get a new fielder's glove (pronto).

- that Anthony Pasarretti get a fresh supply of stories about his Uncles.
- that Ted Ryan get a permanent place with a soapbox on some Troy Corner.
- that another cake supply be found to take Ted Bania's place.
- that Helen O'Connell get an Editor's job on the Record.
- that Dick Coughlin discover an anti-blushing powder.
- that Joe Masterson be supplied with one eraser and plenty of chalk.
- that Paul Tessier be given a large supply of hydrochloric acid — or some kind of ink remover.
- that Martin Kenny be given one pair of stilts when in company with John McGrath.
- that John Hardiman be given singing lessons.
- that a WORTHY Junior be found to take some of Peggy Evers' giggles.

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THE SENIOR AND THE SACRED HEART

All through our lives, during our school days and even after graduation, we should be devoted to the Sacred Heart. This year, however, our last in Catholic High, should be more closely related to the Sacred Heart than any other. As Seniors we especially are united by a strong bond to the Sacred Heart. As a class, we show our devotion by attending Mass and receiving the Body and Blood of Christ together on every first Friday. This is of course a commendable practice for it is our act of love to the Sacred Heart to Whom we, the Seniors, have been dedicated. Our devotion to the Sacred Heart should be so strengthened and fostered during our last year in school that it will not die when we leave the sheltering arms of our Alma Mater and face the cruel storms of life. We need assistance — great assistance — from Someone higher than ourselves to withstand life's temptations. That Someone who will graciously guide and direct us as if we ask Him, is the Sacred Heart.

We know from our newspapers and radio if not from personal experience, the terrible condition that the world is in today — not only Europe and the war-torn countries of Asia, but our United States also. This may sound odd, because we, in America, have not yet been shaken by the cruel blows of war, nor grasped by the clutching fingers of famine. Yet the menace of religious intolerance is not so far away. We shall need a deep constant faith to withstand the blows aimed at our faith. As yet we have been sheltered from harm, and our faith has been firm but how firm it will be when we are attacked from all sides will depend upon our love of the Sacred Heart.

These thoughts assail us as we prepare to leave school and embark upon the voyage of life. They will not be terrifying thoughts, however, if we have built up a fervent, vibrant love of the Sacred Heart during our days in Catholic Central High School. If we have been true to the Sacred Heart, our Divine Lord will never abandon us, but keep us safe through life's storms until we reach our destination — Heaven. Then we will rest forevermore on the Bosom of the Sacred Heart.

SENIOR'S HERITAGE

Long, long ago, in ancient Greece, the land of beauty and culture, the land of the Olympics, it was the practice for the young athletes to have their yearly foot race in honor of the gods. As the leader passed the final goal, he passed the flaming torch he carried to the man who followed him and so on down the line, each man passing the torch to his successor.

Now the time has come for us to pass the torch on to the incoming Senior Class. It is not the torch the ancient Greeks carried but it is the torch of the pupils of Catholic High. We leave the responsibility to the new seniors with reluctance, but with a firm assurance that they will keep the **Torch** the glowing symbol of Catholic High's ideals.

Our school paper has kept alive the interest of the students in school affairs and stimulated their desire to learn the Catholic side of the news. We are proud of the standard of the **Torch**, proud because it represents how each and every pupil in Catholic High thinks, charitably and honestly.

So keep up the good work started by your contemporaries. Keep the **Torch** alive with news of interest and benefit to Catholic High.

YOUTH CONFERENCE

LENA RICCI '41

On Sunday, May 25, the first Youth Conference under the capable direction of Fred Ferris was held at Catholic Central High School. Students from five local high schools discussed issues of world concern.

The Conference was opened by Frank C. Bacher, president of the Watervliet High School student body, and chairman of the Conference. Mr. Bacher introduced Rev. T. Gerald Mulqueen, S. T. D., principal of Catholic Central High School, who gave an address of welcome and Rev. Harold B. Hinds, our spiritual director, who gave a brief explanation on the aims and purposes of the movement. Fred Ferris then gave an explanation of the procedure for the afternoon.

After receiving an outline of their work, the various committees adjourned to the appointed rooms and conferred for two hours, during which they heard speakers on the topics considered. Each speaker was an expert in his field. After having discussed their topics, the committees prepared majority and minority reports and then reviewed their findings before the entire assembly.

Each of the schools that participated was represented among the chairmen of discussion groups which were modelled on Congressional Committees.

The assembly present was divided into a Senate and a House of Representatives. Parliamentary procedure was enforced. After the

majority leader and minority leader of each committee reported his reviews to the assembly, discussion followed; then both houses voted.

The Chairmen included: Maureen Stapleton of Catholic Central High School, committee on convoys; Neal J. Dean, of La Salle Institute, committee on sending food to Europe; Clarence Gillespie of Troy High, committee on changing draft age range to 18-25 years; Muriel Mousseau of Heatly High, committee on union with nations of Western Hemisphere; Lillian Krynicky of Catholic Central High School, committee on outlawing defense strikes.

After having considered both sides carefully, the assembly voted as follows: (1) we should not send convoys to Europe; (2) we should not send food to Europe; (3) the draft age range should be changed to 18-25 range; (4) we should not form a union with nations of Western Hemisphere; (5) strikes in defense industries should not be outlawed, but a cooling period and arbitration should be used.

The students became so engrossed in their work that the time allowed for discussions had to be cut in order to give everyone a chance to report.

From all accounts, this first conference seems to have been a great success. It is hoped that it will become a permanent yearly project.

SOCIAL OR ANTI-SOCIAL WAGES?

MARGARET CAHILL '41

God meant that all men should have a share of the wealth of the land but not too great a share or too little a share. Pope Pius XI declares that private property has a twofold aspect, one individual for the good of the individual who possesses it and one social, for the common good of all. He further declares "The right to own private property has been give to man by nature or rather by the Creator Himself, not only in order that individuals may be able to provide for their own needs and those of their families but also by means of it, the goods which the Creator has destined for the human race may truly serve this purpose."

Private property is an instrument of nature whereby not only the individual owner, but all men may have a use of material things in that sufficiency required for virtuous living. Private property is the right to use property for one's benefit, but along with this right is the duty to use it to the advantage and welfare of others. This does not mean, however, that the owner must share his property but he must use it in a way that will be an advantage to others rather than a hindrance.

As to a living wage: the employers are bound to give a living wage to employees. If they do not, they are, in the light of rational ethics and Christian social teaching, depriving the wage earner of what is rightfully his.

Pope Leo XIII in his encyclical states, "The preservation of life is the bounden duty of each and all and to fail therein is a crime. There is a dictate of nature more imperative and more ancient than any bargain between man and man: the remuneration must be enough to support the wage earner reasonable comfort. If through necessity or fear of a worse evil the workman accepts harder conditions, he is the victim of force and injustice." The acceptance by the worker of a non-living wage is not, as the employers try to say, a free contract. No workingman is free in the acceptance of a non-living wage any more than an innocent wayfarer who hands over his purse to a bandit at the point of a pistol is free to retain his purse. The workingman at the point of the gun of economic necessity hands over the true price of his labor to the unscrupulous employer, not by a free contract, but because he is forced to do so for fear of a greater evil.

This proves a reform is necessary but of what shall this reform consist? Let us take the words of Pius XI: "Every effort must be made that at least in the future a just share only of the fruits of production be permitted to accumulate in the hands of the wealthy, and that an ample sufficiency be supplied to the workingman."

THE IDEAL STUDENT

REGINA PICKETT '41

The Seniors possess different qualities that, if taken all together, would constitute the ideal Catholic High boy or Girl.

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TEN YEARS HENCE

BEVERLY QUINN '41

After ten long years of absence from Catholic High, the class of '41 is present at a grand reunion. Dan McGrath, president of the Class "way back when" presides. Dan, you know, is writing a new book, **American History and Historians**. Remember him in the History "C" Class?

Across the table, "Murph" Paul is sitting, and as the presiding officer rambles on, "Murph" ponders over a good title for his next musical comedy. What a success that Senior Play of '41 was! Gloria Gage, undoubtedly, will play the lead as she did in his last Broadway success.

Remember "Toni" Gendron? Well, it's rumored that Toni is running a Beauty Culture School in Sun Valley, California, while Helen Ramroth and Eleanor Hughes take over Toni's "Get Thin Quick" correspondence course.

Helen O'Connell is doing a thriving business at the O'Connell Pharmacy on Broadway, Watervliet. They tell me that Dr. Howard McAlonie sends all his prescriptions to be filled there.

'Way over at the corner table Albert Hunziker and Richard Rothenheber seem to be engaged in conversation with Walt Mulcahy, Manager of Mulcahy and Drislane's Baseball Pool. Al and Dick are running a summer camp at Lake George. Their course offers gymnastic instruction and attracts many. Walt, however, seems to think their campers will perk up his business.

Alma McNerney and Mabel Carlson have opened a little luncheonette "down town" and their income is quite high, I hear.

Dick McIntyre is head coach of Notre Dame but Bill Ryan "ever-loyal" takes care of Catholic High's basketball prospectives.

The American Weekly has been fortunate enough to secure two talented '41 artists, Joe Kennedy and Bill Crandall whose names are familiar to many readers.

Romanino Ferritto, at the far end of the room, is managing a chain of ice-cream parlors, while Bill Conroy is his chief soda-fountain "expert."

Taking notes on this reunion are those three shorthand "whizzes" Bob Honan, Jim Kelly and Marty Kenny.

Emily Diviney and Betty Kenny have gone into partnership with Martin Meers to operate one of the finest bowling alleys in the area. Mart also acts as instructor, assisted by Bill Dowd.

Rose Mary Vielkind (remember her grand voice) is now listening daily to painful voices because she is dental assistant to Dr. Anthony Passaretti who is known as "Painless Dr. Pass" to so many.

Do you know recently I was talking to Marge Mullins who sells "rings" in an exclusive local jewelry shop? Incidentally she is doing well at it.

We have just decided to close the reunion by singing a song "We Sisters" written by Rose and Helene Slavin. The song has brought fame to the girls not to mention wealth.

Oh! but before we close I must tell you that Marie Fitzgerald just entered. She was late because she was giving a skating exhibit in Albany.

As we make ready to leave, so many more memories bob up in my mind but "tempus fugit" and so must I.

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RAMBLINGS



"Gone but not forgotten." This phrase seems to express the feelings of all those who attended the Marian Day Conference at Saratoga on May 22nd.

The guests were welcomed by Father Campbell, the director of St. Clement's. The speaker of the day, Father Wright, chose as

his topic **Our Lady of Perpetual Help** as this is the seventy-fifth anniversary of the celebration of this devotion.

The services, which were opened by the students singing the Catholic Action Song, took place on the carpet of green grass which faces the entrance. The climax of the services came when our own Rosemary Halpin, dressed in the color of Our Lady, crowned the Blessed Virgin with a crown of white roses, while those present sang the hymn **O Mary, We Crown Thee With Blossoms Today**. This was followed by Solemn Benediction, after which our Vicar-General, Monsignor Maginn, who represented our Bishop, spoke on **Cause of Our Joy**.

After the services, the boys and girls spent the rest of the day frolicing. Did they have a nice time? Ask anyone who attended and the answer will be an emphatic Yes.

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Congratulations to the newly elected central officers of the Sodality. May they always be successful in all they undertake and may they perform their duties as well as the past officers have. A word of thanks and appreciation is due also to the outgoing officers for the splendid work they have done during the past year. May they always carry on the teachings of the Sodality!

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Seniors! You are about to leave the protective portals of Catholic Central, where you have been taught the principles of Christ. You are about to face a world that is new to you. Yes, it is a different world; it is a harder world. There is no one to guide you. In that new world you are about to enter always remember that you were taught to acquire personal sanctity and to make Christ better known. By doing this, you will be practicing the truths you have been taught and you will find it easier to face the new world.

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We wish to take this opportunity to thank all those who have aided us in preparing this column throughout the past year. We wish our successor, the best of luck. We are sure he, too, will enjoy a membership on the Torch Board just as much as we have. Good-bye now and God be with you!

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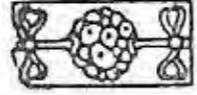
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LIFE!

HELEN O'CONNELL '41

Johnny was excited! Today he would play in the first baseball game of the season. Still more important, this would be Johnny's first game played in the uniform of his school. But everything happens at once! Would you believe it — this morning's mail brought Johnny a check for ten dollars, a consolation prize in a breakfast cereal contest. Of course, his best girl would be on the sidelines, cheering him on to victory in the game. Yes, Johnny was excited.

Walking through the beautiful campus Paul thought of his remarkable luck. Yes, that is exactly what it would be called — luck. Paul had graduated from State in the spring and now he was entering the University where he could work for his doctorate. When the offer of a Fellowship was extended, Paul lost no time in accepting it. And now — now he was at the University, confident of success because his people believed in him and he believed in himself. Passing a bed of tulips he said to himself: Now, I shall succeed, for I know I can.

Paul? Yes, Paul will succeed.

Wedding bells, wedding cakes, wedding gowns, — such thoughts swam through Mary's head as she planned the initial step of her glorious adventure. Mary, lucky girl, was going to be married to the finest man that she ever saw. It all had come so suddenly! She had met him such a short time ago but — my! she had met him two years ago. Weddings are lovely!

Wondering about the weather, Karl quickly stepped up to the squadron commander and inquired. Just as quickly he retraced his steps to his pursuit plane, fighting the desire to answer his superior officer for he knew that the new system knew no rights for individuals. His was a beastly job — to follow and conquer enemy planes. But Karl was a quiet lad, just eighteen, he loved the country, peace and quiet. A sharp command interrupted his thoughts and once more his night was to be spent chasing enemy planes.

Tears were in her eyes as she boarded the train! Tears of regret, of despair for Hilda was leaving her beloved Holland to go to Germany where she would work in a factory. Certainly, no one was forcing her to leave her friends but she had to eat and since she was unemployed starvation faced her. Her friends were hardly existing, themselves, so they couldn't aid her. Yes, great promises of prosperity urged her on to Germany but she realized just what life would be like there. A quick death or a living death faced her but she didn't have to decide. Someone else did that for her. A bomb fell nearby — .

George was angry. He was very angry. He was so angry that he stamped his foot and
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Facts Little Known About Seniors

BETTY KAY WALSH '41

Jane Cotch makes those attractive bulletin board displays on the second floor.

Ernest Beaudoin has been a stamp-bringer-inner-prize-winner since 1937.

Mary Grace Reutemann's father runs Kelly Clothes.

Helen Wilson and Margaret Farmer are faithful workers in the library during the absence of Sister Rose Catherine.

Al Mahoney has faithfully served as cheerleader since his second year in Catholic Central.

Mary Clark won first prize recently in the essay contest sponsored by the United Spanish War Veterans Auxiliary.

Mary Comerford recently came to school on a Sunday and took notes on the Youth Conference.

Joan O'Brien is the Central Chairman of Catholic Information Society.

The "Why?" Leaflet distributors are: George Lyons, chairman; Anne Weber, Mary Grace Reutemann, Bob Honan, Al Mahoney, Mary Gierka, Lena Ricci, Anthony Capuana.

New Sense our splendid weekly was made possible by the untiring work of: co-editors, Helen O'Connell and Beverly Quinn; typist, Dot Matthews.

L I F E !

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promptly broke the box upon which he was standing. Today was to have been his graduation day. On this day he was to have been the proud possessor of a degree of engineering. And now — War has called him. War, with all its horrors and abuses had called him to be its toy! Silently George adjusted his head-piece and climbed aboard his plane. Shaking his fist and thrusting forward his chin he cried: "There will always be an England."

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