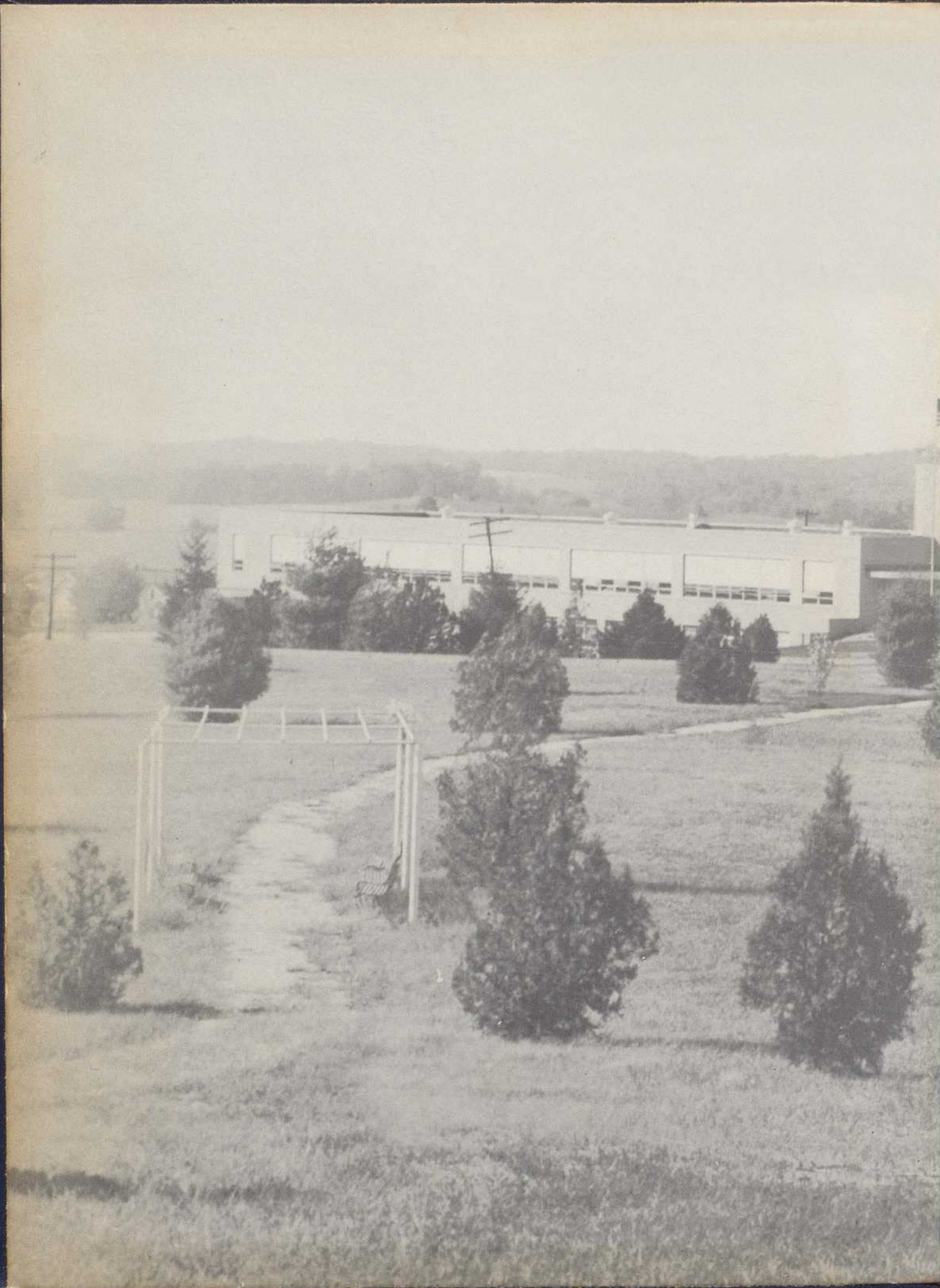


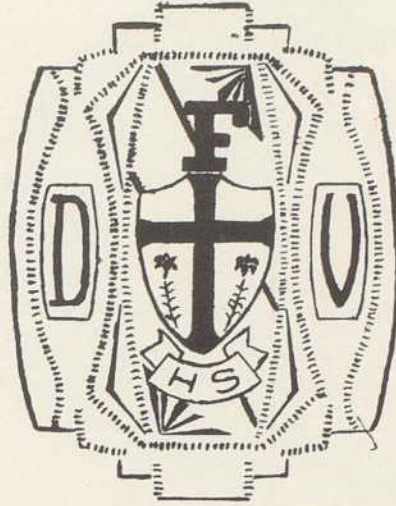
The '56

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THE 1956

CRUSADER

**ST. FERDINAND
FERDINAND**

**HIGH SCHOOL
INDIANA**

CRUSADERS' SONG

Like true Crusaders bold in the days very old
True blue Crusaders, too, we shall be.
With all might we shall fight for the truth
and the right,
We shall win a grand victory!
We shall fight for the right,
Taking firmest stand for God and for our land.
Red, white, blue; blue, gold, too,
Colors matchless grand we pledge you heart
and hand.

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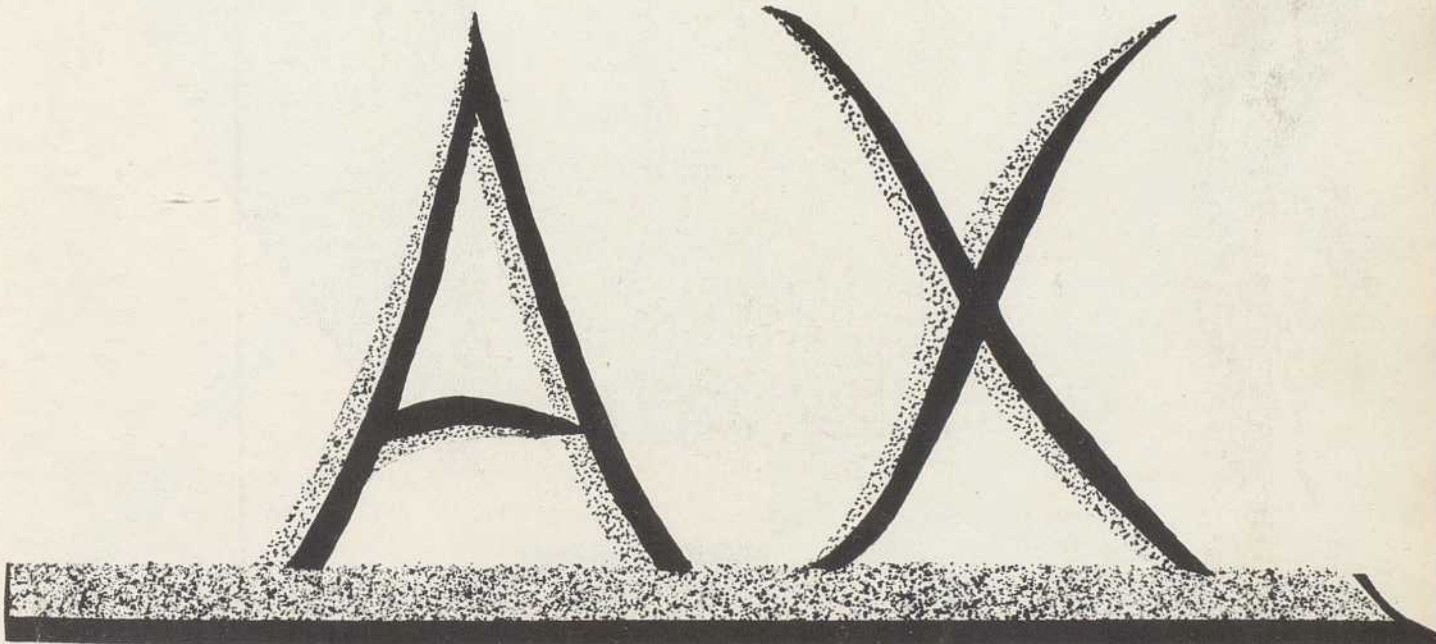
DEDICATION

Four years ago, when we, as Freshmen, first entered St. Ferdinand High School, we discovered that it was the first year for several faculty members also. Among those was Sister Frederica, who entered upon her first year as principal of the school. Since St. Ferdinand High was very new, there were still many things to be done. Sister has worked long and hard with heart and hand to accomplish these things.

By her words of advice, her cheerfulness and her friendly smile, she has helped us through many problems and difficulties these four years.

Although illness called her from her duties during the course of this school year, we have not yet forgotten her. She will live long in our memories.

In gratitude, therefore, we, the Seniors of 1956, dedicate this yearbook to Sister Frederica. May true Benedictine peace (pax) be her reward.



HIS EXCELLENCY



THE MOST REV. HENRY J. GRIMMELSMAN, S.T.D.
BISHOP OF EVANSVILLE



REV. DAVID DUESING, O.S.B.
Superintendent

Sociology

ADMINISTRATION

SISTER M. THOMAS, O.S.B.
Principal

English, U. S. History





MISS ALBA MENEGHEL

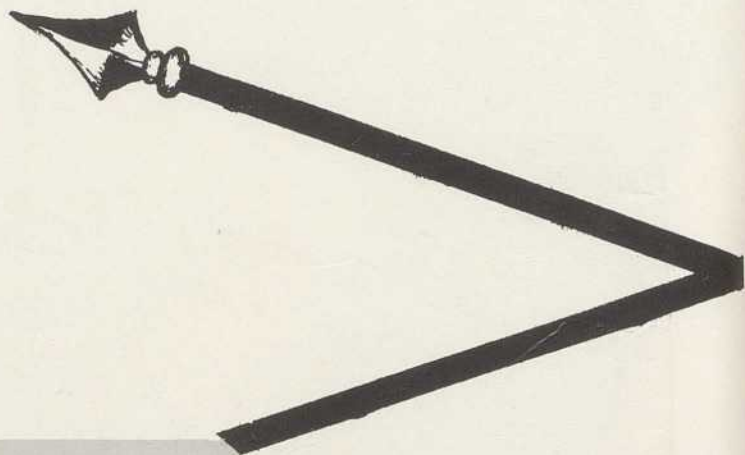
Girls' Athletics, English
Spanish, Health



MR. MARK LA GRANGE

Coach, Mathematics

FACULTY



SISTER M. AURELIA, O.S.B.

Band, Piano, Instruments



REV. EDWIN MILLER, O.S.B.

Religion



SISTER M. THERESE, O.S.B.

Religion, English,
Latin, Librarian



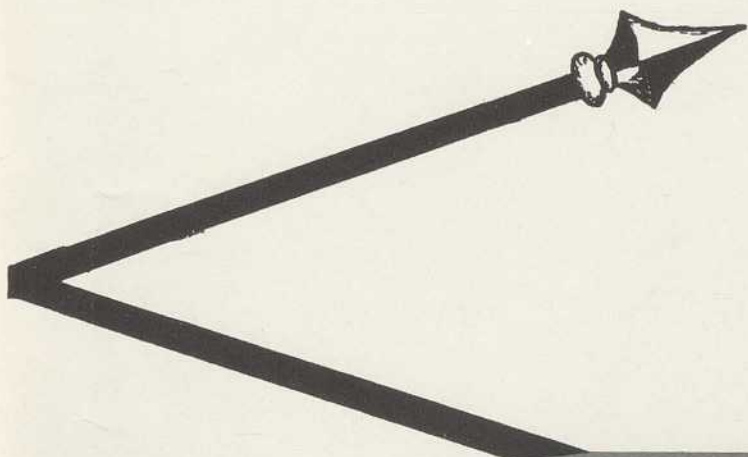
MR. ALFRED SNYDER

Government, Science,
Athletics



MR. RALPH KESSANS

Industrial Arts, Typing,
Gen. Business, Mech. Drawing



MEMBERS



SISTER M. DAMIAN, O.S.B.

Religion, Health,
Biology, Home Economics



REV. BEDE JAMEISON, O.S.B.

Religion, World History,
World Geography, Latin



SISTER MARY CARMIN, O.S.B.

Bookkeeping,
Shorthand, Typing

ST. FERDINAND HIGH SCHOOL

PAX

Ferdinand, Indiana

May 13, 1956

Dear Seniors,

You have just closed the doors upon one phase of your life, one which has been of no little importance; namely, your twelve years of formal education. A few of you still have several years of school life ahead of you, but the majority of the class has said "goodbye" to textbooks.

As you look back over your school days, you, no doubt, feel sentiments of regret or of satisfaction--regret because of hours, days, perhaps years wasted in idle foolishness and lack of effort; satisfaction and accomplishment because of time well spent.

We congratulate those of you--happily the number is not a few--who have made all four years of your high school days purposeful. As time goes on, you will discover that the knowledge you gained in the classroom by your attentiveness and your good study habits can be put to use somehow, somewhere.

As you take your place in the world about you, do not forget the things you were taught. Above all, remember that your faith is your greatest treasure and that your religion should be, not merely a knowledge of facts, but a living reality of that knowledge. The more you live your religion, the happier you will be and the better you will become. Let your lives be a constant "crusade for good"--making others better because of their association with you.

Lastly, may we ask you to bring to mind every now and then, as the years pass by, this little motto--"ONE STEP AT A TIME, BUT ALWAYS FORWARD."

You, the Class of '56, has left St. Ferdinand High School with an honorable reputation. Our prayer for you is that you will keep that reputation honorable as adults.

God bless you!

The Faculty

SENIORS



LIKE TRUE CRUSADERS BOLD IN THE DAYS VERY OLD,
TRUE BLUE CRUSADERS, TOO, WE SHALL BE. . .

TRUE TO GOD--Who has bestowed upon us the priceless gift of sanctifying grace. As true Crusaders, we shall treasure that gift and keep it living within us so that we may gain the eternal victory--HEAVEN.

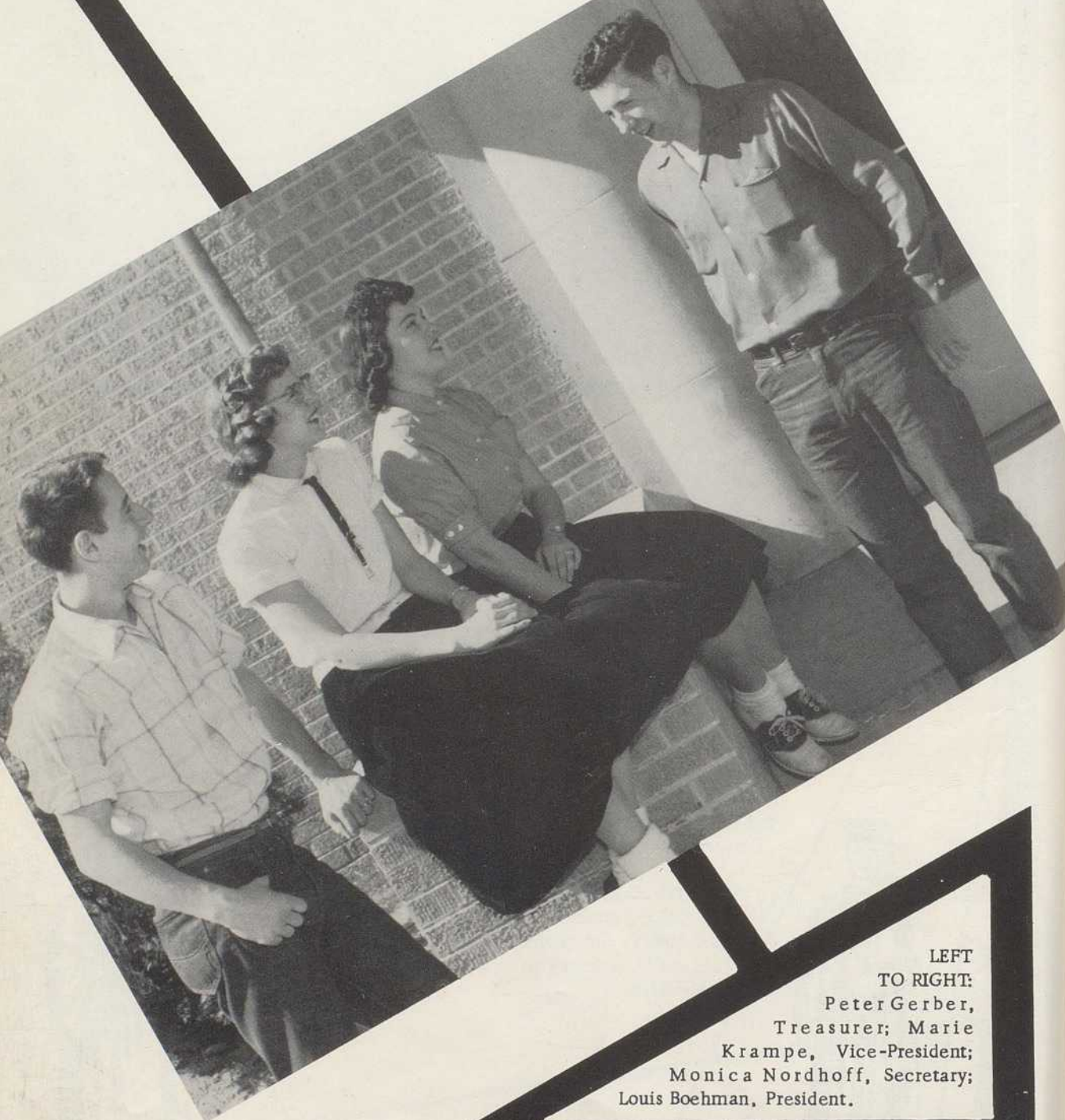
TRUE TO OUR PARENTS--who have sacrificed so much for us. May all the heartaches we have caused them be forgiven and those yet to come be few and far between. We shall try to thank them by living good Christian lives, the best "thank you" we could possibly give them.

TRUE TO THE FACULTY--who have given themselves generously to develop us spiritually, to instill in us high ideals, and to educate us so that we may fit well into the world with which we shall have to battle daily. May the coming years prove to them that their efforts were not in vain.

TRUE TO OURSELVES--who have been taught all the virtues, all the courtesies of an ideal Crusader. We shall aim high in our journey through life so that we may always be a credit to God, to our school, and to ourselves.



SENIOR CLASS OFFICERS



LEFT
TO RIGHT:
Peter Gerber,
Treasurer; Marie
Krampe, Vice-President;
Monica Nordhoff, Secretary;
Louis Boehman, President.



JOYCE ALBERT

"A little friend of all the world."

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BERNICE BEGLE

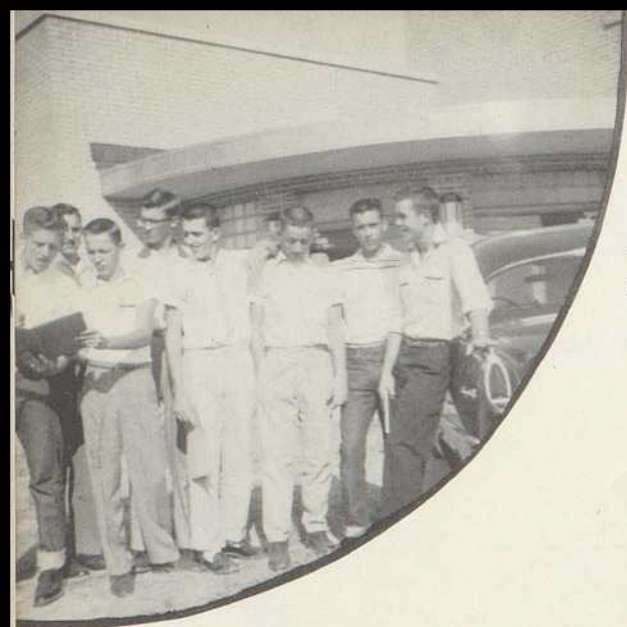
"Pretty to walk with, fun to talk with, and nice to think about, too."



SHIRLEY EGLER

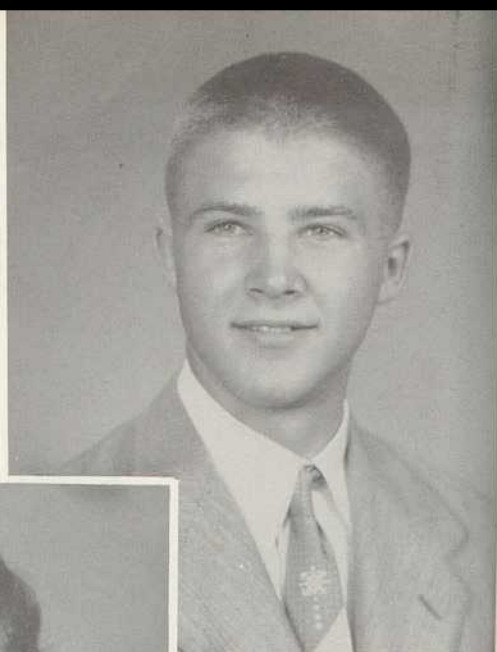
"Many regret they have spoken, none that they have been silent."





STANLEY BARTH

"I never think of the future;
it comes soon enough."



PATRICIA HEDINGER

"I never met a man I didn't
like."



STANLEY BARTLEY

"Do nothing without reason."



FRANCES HOFFMAN

"A merry heart goes all the
day."





JOAN KEMPER

"Life is what you choose to make it."



ROY BICKWERMERT

"Little said is soon amended."



MARIE KRAMPE

"Life is not life at all without delight."

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LOUIS BOEHMAN

"To act tomorrow what he learns today."



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DAVID DAUNHAUER

"I believe in work, but I'm not
in favor of it."



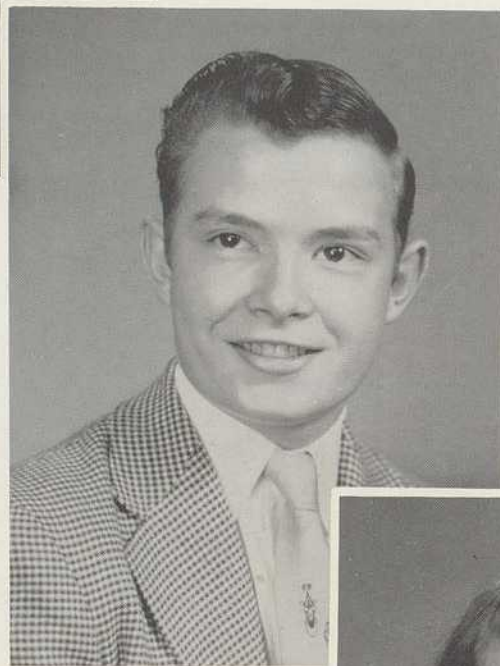
MARY DOLORES KRAMPE

"O how full of briars is this
working day world."



CYRIL EGLER

"Too nice to be forgotten."



JOAN LAAKE

"The very pink of courtesy."



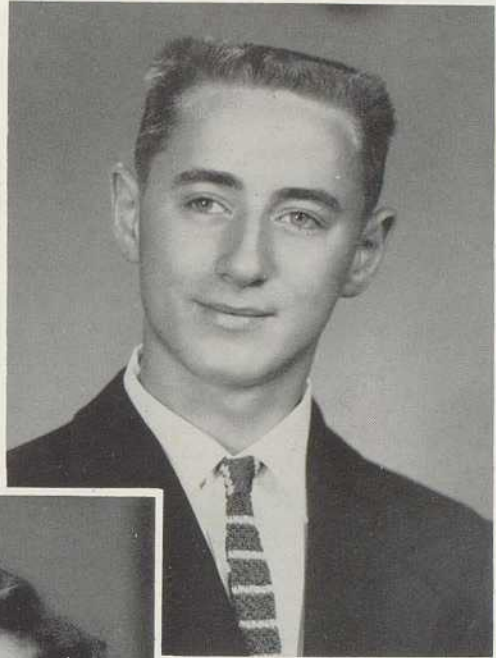
JANIS LEINENBACH

"Beware! I might yet do something sensational!"



PETER GERBER

"My days have been so wondrous free."



MARY LOUISE MOHR

"Where did you get those eyes so brown?"



GENE LA GRANGE

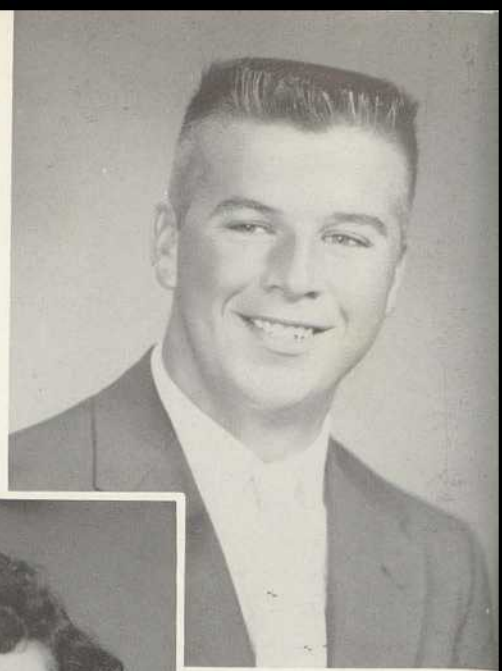
"I have found you an argument; I am not obliged to find you an understanding."





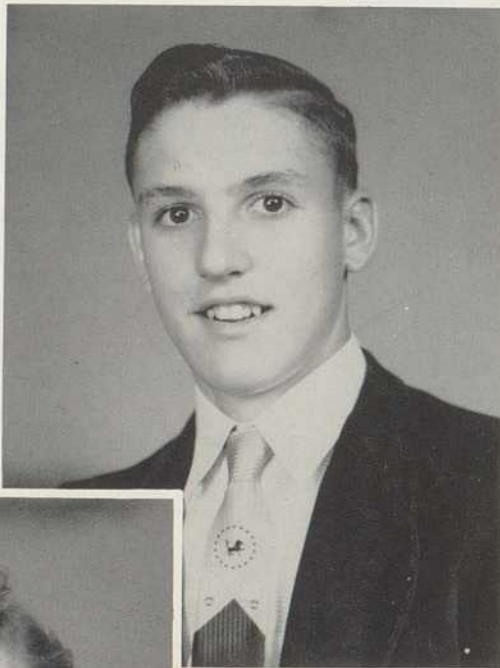
FRANK LEE

"There is nothing more troublesome than the effort of thinking."



MONICA NORDHOFF

"Her voice was ever soft, gentle, and low, an excellent thing in woman."



LEANDER MEHLING

"As upright as the cedar."



EILEEN OSER

"Worry little, study less, that's my idea of happiness."





CLARA MAE PETERS

"It does a heap o' good some-
times to go a little slow."



JEROME OLINGER

"Put not your trust in money,
but put your money in trust."



DOROTHY RICKELMAN

"Try smiles and kindness--
habitually--and preserve peace
and happiness."

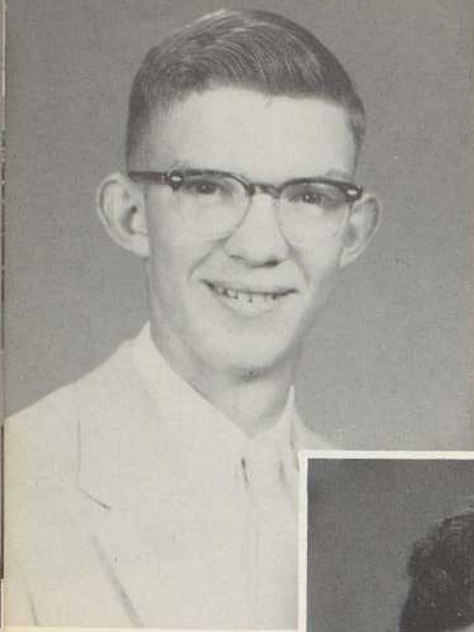
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VINCENT RUHE

"His eyes spell mischief, his
smile spells "Hi."

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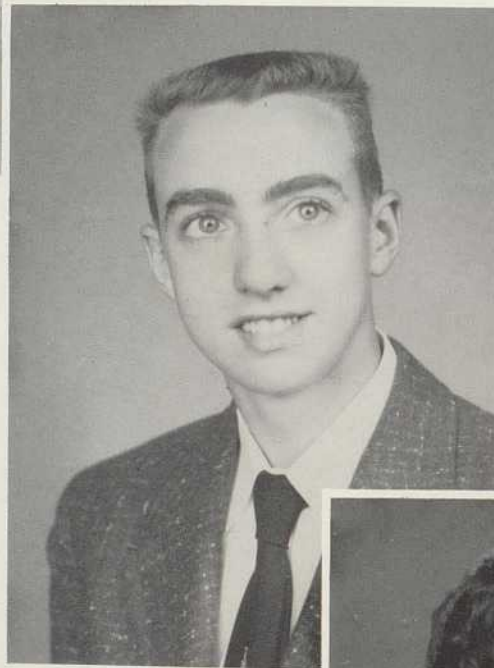
RALPH SCHIPP

"We are not here to play, to dream, to drift; we have hard work to do."



JUANITA SCHAFFER

"I chatter as I go, and I go on forever."



WALTER SCHNELLENBERGER

"Men of few words are the best men."



DOLORES WERNE

"Would that she could pass this way again."





PEARLINE WOEBKENBERG

"Be sure you're right, then go ahead."



JOHN SEUFERT

"He has achieved success who has lived well, laughed often, and loved much."



GLORIA WOLLENMANN

"True interior happiness needs no cosmetics to brighten the features."



DENNIS WELP

"Nothing is even politically right if it is morally wrong."



I, Stanley Barth, will my bookkeeping to whoever wants it.

I, Vincent Ruhe, will my position on the all-sectional team to Clifford Werne.

I, Walter Schnellenberger, will to Tim Fischer enough sense not to take bookkeeping.

I, Peter Gerber, will the effort I put forth as class treasurer to my Senior treasurer of '57.

I, Joyce Albert, will my ability to get along with Johnny Seufert to my sister Kathleen and my nicknames to those who made them up.

I, Bernice Begle, will my honor of being Christmas Queen to Virlee Begle and my love for bookkeeping to someone who doesn't like it.

I, Juanita Schafer, will my ability to drive a '56 Dodge to Rosa Lee Wirthwein, and to Barbara Helming the round table at the Legion.

I, Cyril Egler, will my ability to know better than to pass a cop at 80 m.p.h. to Dennis Reutman.

I, Eileen Oser, will my liking to be in plays to Clifford Werne and my height to my sister Phyllis.

I, Joan Kemper, will my good times at Bretzville to my sister Marilyn and my love for television to Alma.

I, Clara Mae Peters, will my ability to get by with chewing gum in Sister Mary Carmin's class to Nancy Kempf.

I, Marie Krampe, will my ability to get the Nuns to ride up the hill with me to my brother Gerry and nothing to Clara Mae Schipp.

I, Dennis Welp, will the wave in my hair to Bernard Pund, who may wish to use it, and to a charitable friend my school fees.

I, Dorothy Rickelman, will my ink eradicator to anyone who is unfortunate enough to take bookkeeping and my typing ability to anyone who needs it.

I, Mary Delores Krampe, will my books to Bonnie Fischer and my Ford to anyone willing to pay the bills.

I, Pearlina Woebkenberg, will my books to Ann Oser and my typing ability to anyone who will need it.

I, Jerome Olinger, will my typing ability to Tom Backer, the typing sharpie.

I, Gloria Wollenmann, will my typewriter to my brother Matthew.

CLASS

I, Roy Bickwernt, will my ability in bookkeeping to some smart Junior.

I, Gene LaGrange, will my shyness toward girls to "Turkey" Durchholz.

I, Stanley Bartley, will my Solid Geometry book to anyone who can understand it.

I, Frank Lee, will my stubby beard to Norman Lueken, who isn't man enough to grow one.

I, Mary Louise Mohr, will my love for Robert May to my sister Vita and my brown eyes to anyone who can keep them in their head.

I, John Seufert, will my "luckiness" to play basketball with the great Vincent Ruhe to any player good enough to do so.

I, David Daunhauer, will the opportunity to play basketball that I passed by to someone who may want such an opportunity.

I, Dolores Werne, will my short hair to Margie Lindauer and my ability to get first at state to Norman Lueken.

I, Leander Mehling, will my ability to score in basketball practice games to Jim Knust in varsity games.

I, Monica Nordhoff, will my lost typing eraser to anyone who can find it; my Government book to anyone who wants it.

I, Joan Laake, will my shorthand notes to anyone who can read them and my so-called "musical talent" to all the piano students.

I, Frances Hoffman, will my lost typing erasers to Tim Fischer, who seems to have plenty of time to hunt them up.

I, Louis Boehman, will my dramatic ability to act like Grandad to Paul Mehling and my Pontiac to anyone who can afford the repair bills.

I, Ralph Schipp, will four inches of my height to Jim Hubers; the remainder I intend to keep.

I, Patricia Hedinger, will my bookkeeping and typing ability to my sister Mary Lou.

I, Janis Leinenbach, will "Sadie" to my sister Sandy and brother Bobby.

I, S. J. Thirley Egler, will my height to anyone who hates being tall.

WILL

SPOTLIGHT SENIORS

MOST LIKELY TO SUCCEED



Louis Boehman
Joyce Albert



BEST DANCERS
John Seufert--Marie Krampe

BEST DRESSED



Gloria Wollenmann
Stan Bartley

MOST SHY



Roy Bickwermert
Shirley Egler



FRIENDLIEST
Frances Hoffman--Ralph Schipp

MOST COMICAL



Janis Leinenbach
Pete Gerber

MOST POPULAR



Eileen Oser
Gene LaGrange



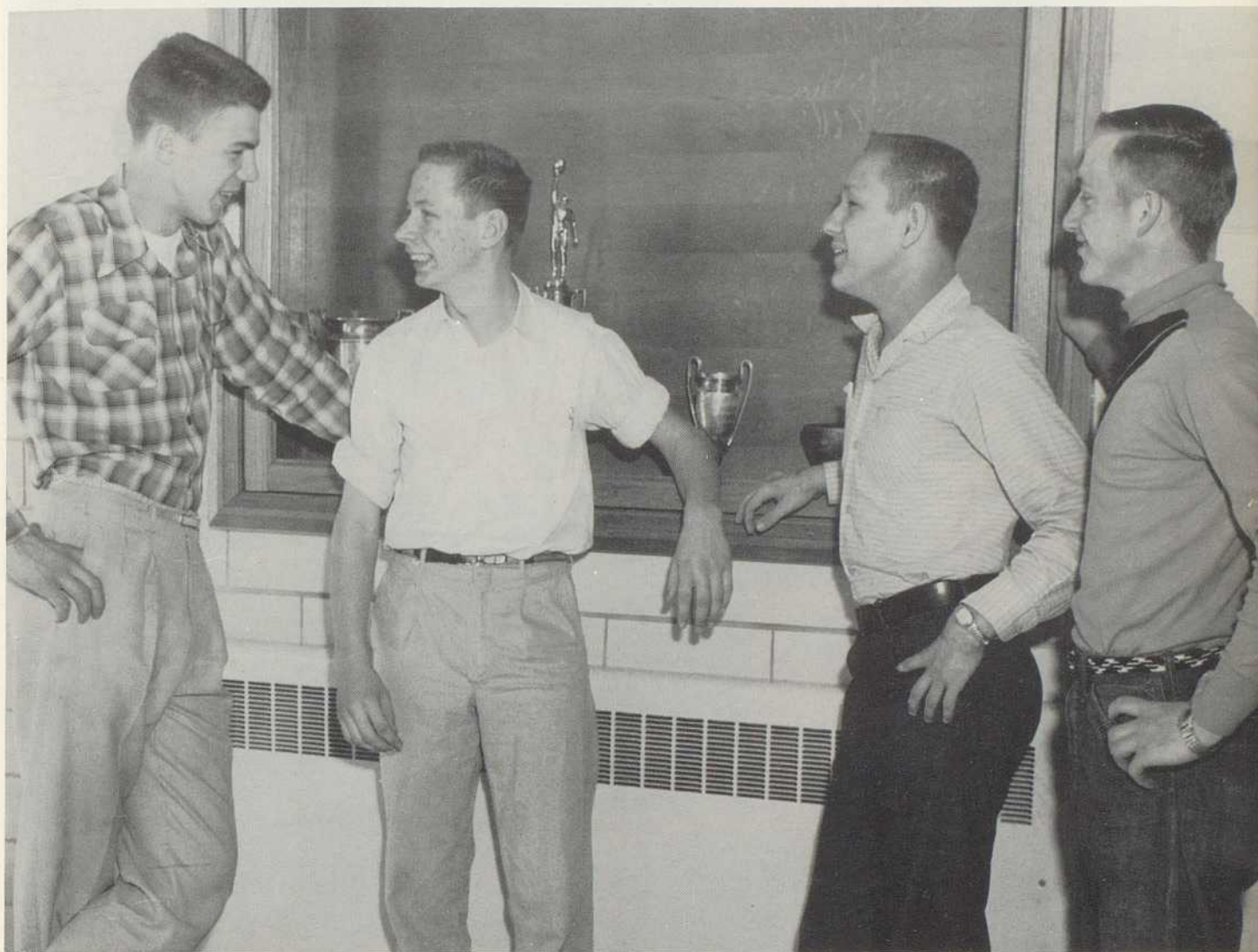
MOST ATHLETIC
Vincent Ruhe--Dolores Werne

BEST LOOKING



Bernice Begle
David Daunhauer

JUNIOR CLASS OFFICERS



LEFT TO RIGHT: Dan Hauser, Secretary; John Olinger, President; Joe Boeglin, Vice-President; Pat Recker, Treasurer.





Aline Altman



Robert Auffart
Peggy Ann Bettag



Thomas Backer
Joseph Boeglin
Rebecca Douglas



Rose Ann Becher
James Bolte
Dennis Durcholz
Roy Haake



Esther Begle
Wilfred Brinkman
Bonnie Fischer
Patty Hagedorn
Imelda Hedinger



Virlee Begle
Albert Dilger
Kenneth Fischer
Daniel Hauser
Barbara Helming
Gerald Holtzman



Lee Roy Hoffman



JUNIORS



Sandra Leinenbach



Leona Kitten
Mary Ann Oser
Edward Ruhe



Nancy Kempf
Paul Mehling
Pat Recker
Clara Mae Schipp
Kathleen Tillman

Leander Kitten
John Olinger
Dennis Reutman
David Schnieders



Vera Lee Wirthwein

Kenneth Jacob
Norman Lueken
Anna Marie Rahman
Dennis Schaeffer
Linda Steczyk
Rosa Lee Wirthwein



SOPHOMORE CLASS OFFICERS



Left
to Right:
Fred Hauser,
Treasurer; David
Seufert, President;
Shirley Oser, Vice-
President; Patricia Kunkler,
Secretary.

SOPHOMORES



Joseph Backer



Evelyn Begle
Loretta Berger
Maryetta Berger



John Bettag
Lina Boehman
Ronald Boehman
Rosaline Brinkman



Norbert Dall
Marcelline Denning
Philip Douglas
Clara Mae Ebert
Fred Ebert



James Egler
Timothy Fischer
Frederick Hauser
Donald Helming



Richard Helming
Melvin Hildenbrand
Kenneth Hoffman



Dorothy Kapp



SOPHOMORES



Marilyn Kemper



Jerome Kerstiens
Mary Frances Kerstiens
Ralph Kitten



Betty Ann Kloeck
Imogene Klueh
James Knust
Patricia Kunkler



Bernita Laake
Richard Leinenbach
Margie Lindauer
Robert May
Anna Rose Mehling



Mary Alice Mehling
Sylvia Merkley
Beatrice Meyer
James Niehaus



Almeda Oeding
Barbara Olinger
Leon Olinger



Janet Oser



SOPHOMORES



Shirley Oser

Rita Peters
Janice Rickelman
Robert Schaaf



Alma Schipp
Evelyn Schipp
Janice Schlachter
Patsy Seifrig



Shirley Seng
David Seufert
Linus Tretter
Patricia Tretter
Ray Vaal



Betty Vonderheide
Carol Vonderheide
Adelene Waninger
Ruth Waninger



Clifford Werne
Dennis Werne
Norma Jean Weyer



Matthew Wollenmann
Wanda Zink



FRESHMAN CLASS OFFICERS



LEFT TO RIGHT: Dianne Holtzman, Treasurer; Jim Hagedorn, Vice-President; Sue Ann Boehman, Secretary; Steve Hollinden, President.





Kathleen Albert



Emma Auffart



Fred Barth



Carol J. Bartley



Judy Becher



Victor Begle



David Boeckman



Kathleen Boehman



Sue Ann Boehman



Monica Boeckman



Shirley Brosmer



Mildred Dall



Roman Denning



Charles Dilger



Mary Ann Dilger



Harold Durcholz



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Charles Egler



William Ficker



Mary Lee Fischer



Kenneth Fleck



Judith Fleig



Virginia Giesler



Ralph Gogel



Edward Gunselman



William Haas



Jim Hagedorn



William Hauser



Daniel Hedinger



Ralph Helming



Dennis Hoffman



Kenneth Hoffman



Steve Hollinden



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Alma Jean Kemper



Howard Klueh



Roman Luebbehusen



Barbara Lueken



Irma Mehling



Norma Mehling



Thelma Mehling



Irma Moeller



Vita Mohr



Frank Niehaus



Norma Olinger



Eugene Peters



Gerald Petry



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Rita Schipp



Marilyn Schnieders



Casper Schuler



Charles Schuler



Louis Seifrig



Leo Tretter



Barbara Troesch



Barbara Vaal



Thelma Waninger



Irma Jean Welp



Betty Jo Weyer



Paul Wirthwein

CLASSES

"WITH ALL MIGHT WE SHALL FIGHT
FOR THE TRUTH AND THE RIGHT"

. . . for the TRUTHS that we have learned in our various classes these past four years, truths that we shall learn to appreciate and live by ever more fully as the years pass by.

. . . for the RIGHTS that are truly ours; the right, first of all, to worship God in our own Catholic Way; and for all the other rights of which we can proudly boast, simply because we are privileged to be AMERICANS!

Is your sociology class always
so serious, Father David?





Only one hand up--Is religion really that difficult, Father Edwin?

Father Bede making good use of the map in his World Geography class.



Sister Thomas doesn't have to tell her history class when the War of 1812 was fought.

Mr. Snyder's biology class trying to get some book knowledge.



Sister Therese and students busy in the library.



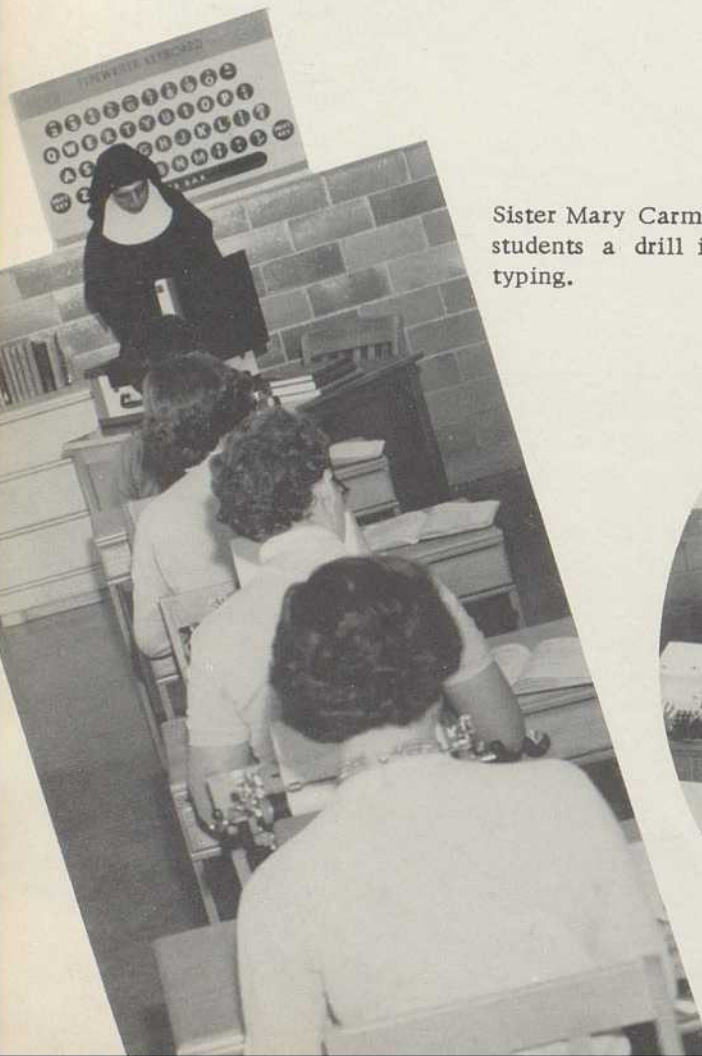
Mr. Kessan's Industrial Arts class displaying some of their finished work.



Both Junior and Senior shorthand students have made the great discovery that there is more to dictation than the mere writing of "Dear Sir."



COMMERCE



Sister Mary Carmin giving students a drill in rhythm typing.





Refueling the Cookie Jar

Infant Nutrition



Home Laundering



Color testing with fabric squares

MARYLIKE HOMEMAKERS



Toddler-tending can be fun.

Today's modern teen-hostesses.



Good Grooming comes easy after you acquire the "know-how"

It's all sew easy!



Miss Meneghel and her Sophomore girls' gym class.



Just cluttering the corridor.



Freshman girls' gym class.



"WITH ALL MIGHT WE
SHALL FIGHT. . . WE SHALL
WIN A GRAND VICTORY!"

Many a battle was fought during the basketball and baseball seasons, and many a victory was won. But our Crusaders, just like the Crusaders of old, experienced their days of defeat--defeat, which is certainly the acid test of true sportsmanship. Happily, our young fighters have proved themselves worthy Crusaders. Congratulations to our Coach, who is more interested in sportsmanlike conduct than in winning teams.



Gene LaGrange, recipient of the
Ferdinand Chamber of Commerce
1955-56 SPORTSMANSHIP AWARD.

VARSDITY RECORD
1955-56

	WE	THEY
Oil Township	70	- 50
Chrisney	63	- 47
Tennyson	70	- 30
Lynnville	60	- 50
Holland	49	- 65
Dale	55	- 67
St. John's	54	- 46
Ft. Branch	55	- 70
Dubois	60	- 48
Bristow	46	- 44
Otwell	72	- 47
Spurgeon	80	- 42
Rockport	55	- 54
Troy	57	- 46
Ireland	32	- 30
Cannelton	49	- 58
English	65	- 39
Stendal	62	- 57

HOLIDAY TOURNEY

Ireland	45	- 38
Holland	51	- 62

SECTIONAL

Oil Township	50	- 46
Bristow	62	- 53
Cannelton-overtime	48	- 52
WINS - 17	LOSSES - 6	

Vince

John

Pete

Leander

Johnny

Gene

Dan

Dennis

Jim

Joe

VARSITY

FIRST ROW, Left to Right: Coach Mark LaGrange, John Seufert, Leander Mehling, Vincent Rune, Gene LaGrange, Pete Gerber. SECOND ROW: Manager Dickie Lee, John Olinger, Dennis Durcholz, Danny Hauser, Joe Boeglin, Jim Bolte.

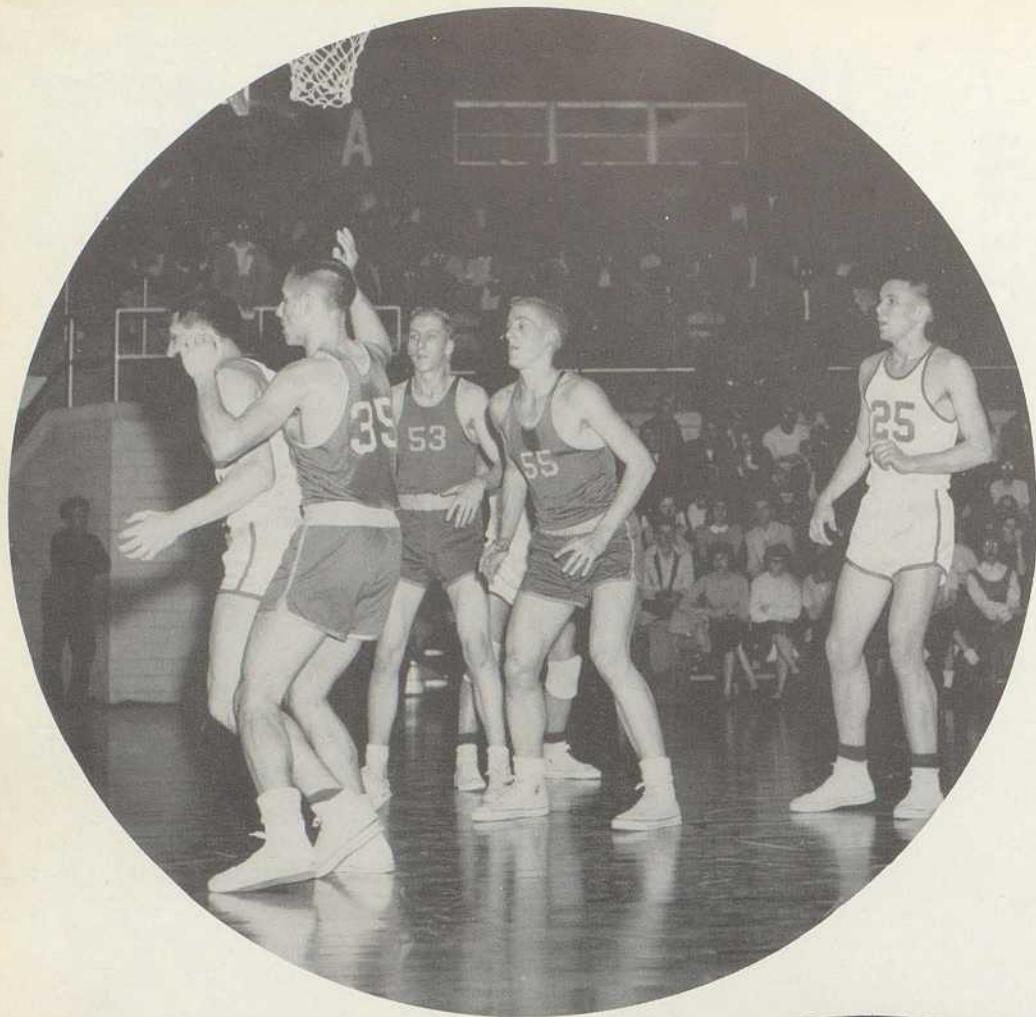


BOBBY
DAVID
PAT

SECOND TEAM

FIRST ROW, Left to Right: Timmy Fischer, Dennis Werne, Jimmy Knust, Norbert Dall. SECOND ROW: Coach Mark LaGrange, Manager Ray Vaal, Leon Olinger, Clifford Werne, Manager Robert May.





Boys, where in the world
is the ball?

SECTIONAL SHOTS



Just a little higher, Vince.



Loyal student fans cheering the team on to victory.

BASEBALL

SEASON'S RECORD



FRONT ROW, Left to Right: David Schnieders, Tom Backer, Norman Lueken. BACK ROW: Joe Boeglin, Tim Fischer, Vincent Ruhe, John Siefert, Gene LaGrange, Pete Gerber, John Olinger, Coach LaGrange.

	WE	-	THEY
Tell City	2	-	3
Holland	12	-	0
Chrisney	4	-	0
Ireland	6	-	5
Cannelton	4	-	5
Dubois	4	-	2
Dale	1	-	12
Troy	4	-	3
Rockport	2	-	4
Dale	3	-	5

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The month of February became a memorable one for Sister Aurelia and the band students. It was this month that brought them the new uniforms that they had been dreaming of for so long. They have appeared in the new outfits for various school and community affairs, giving all of us the opportunity to be proud of them.



Fellow students giving the band members a great hand as they make their first appearance in their new uniforms.



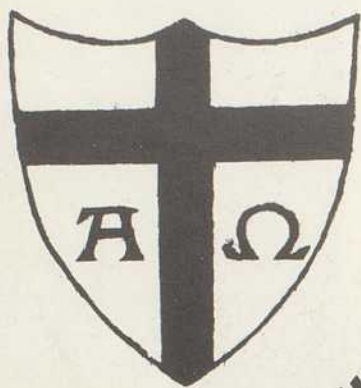
The appearance of
the band

BEFORE and AFTER

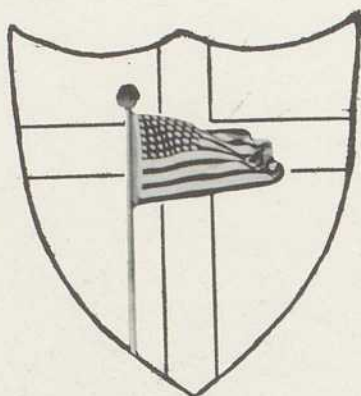


FIRST ROW, Left to Right: Kathleen Tillman, Norman Lueken, Marie Krampe, Dolores Werne, Paul Wirthwein, Clara Mae Peters, Margie Lindauer, Alma Schipp, James Hubers. SECOND ROW: Kenneth Rupprecht, Eugene Peters, James Bolte, Donald Helming, James Knust, James Schaefer, Beatrice Meyer, Kenneth Schaefer, Patty Hagedorn. STANDING: Shirley Brosmer, Rose Ann Becher, Betty Ann Kloeck.





ACTIVITIES



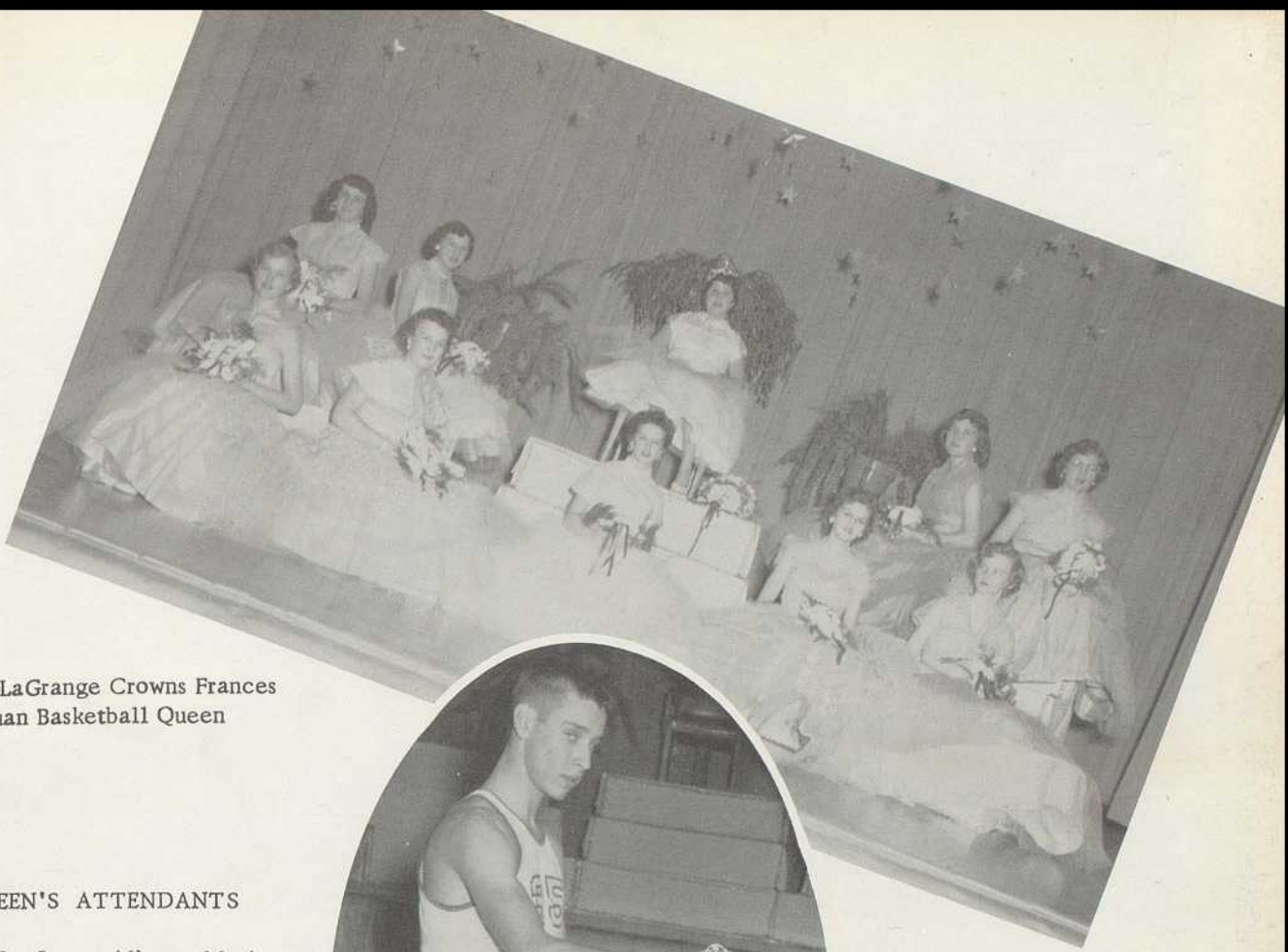
"TAKING FIRREST STAND FOR GOD
AND FOR OUR LAND."

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CRUSADER STAFF



SEATED, Left to Right: Joan Laake, Marie Krampe, Eileen Oser, Juanita Schafer, Bernice Begle, Stanley Bartley, Dennis Welp. STANDING: Ralph Schipp, Frances Hoffman, Sister Mary Carmin, Advisor; Mary Louise Mohr, Louis Boehman, Joyce Albert, Vincent Ruhe, Leander Mehling.



Gene LaGrange Crowns Frances Hoffman Basketball Queen

QUEEN'S ATTENDANTS

BELOW: Joyce Albert, Marie Krampe, Eileen Oser, Clara Mae Schipp, Patty Hagedorn, Mary Ann Dilger, Sue Ann Boehman, Marilyn Kemper, Margie Lindauer.



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JUNIOR—SENIOR PROM

Dolores and Jerry



Marie and Dave



Clara Mae and Pete

Frances and Vince



Clara Mae and Johnny





Lovely girls in a lovely prom setting.



PROM KING AND QUEEN

Stanley Barth and Joan Kemper, through secret balloting by the Junior class, were elected KING and QUEEN of the Prom.

LEFT: Pictures of the King and Queen immediately after the crowning.

RIGHT: The couple in the process of cutting the beautiful cake.



Autograph time for the Juniors.



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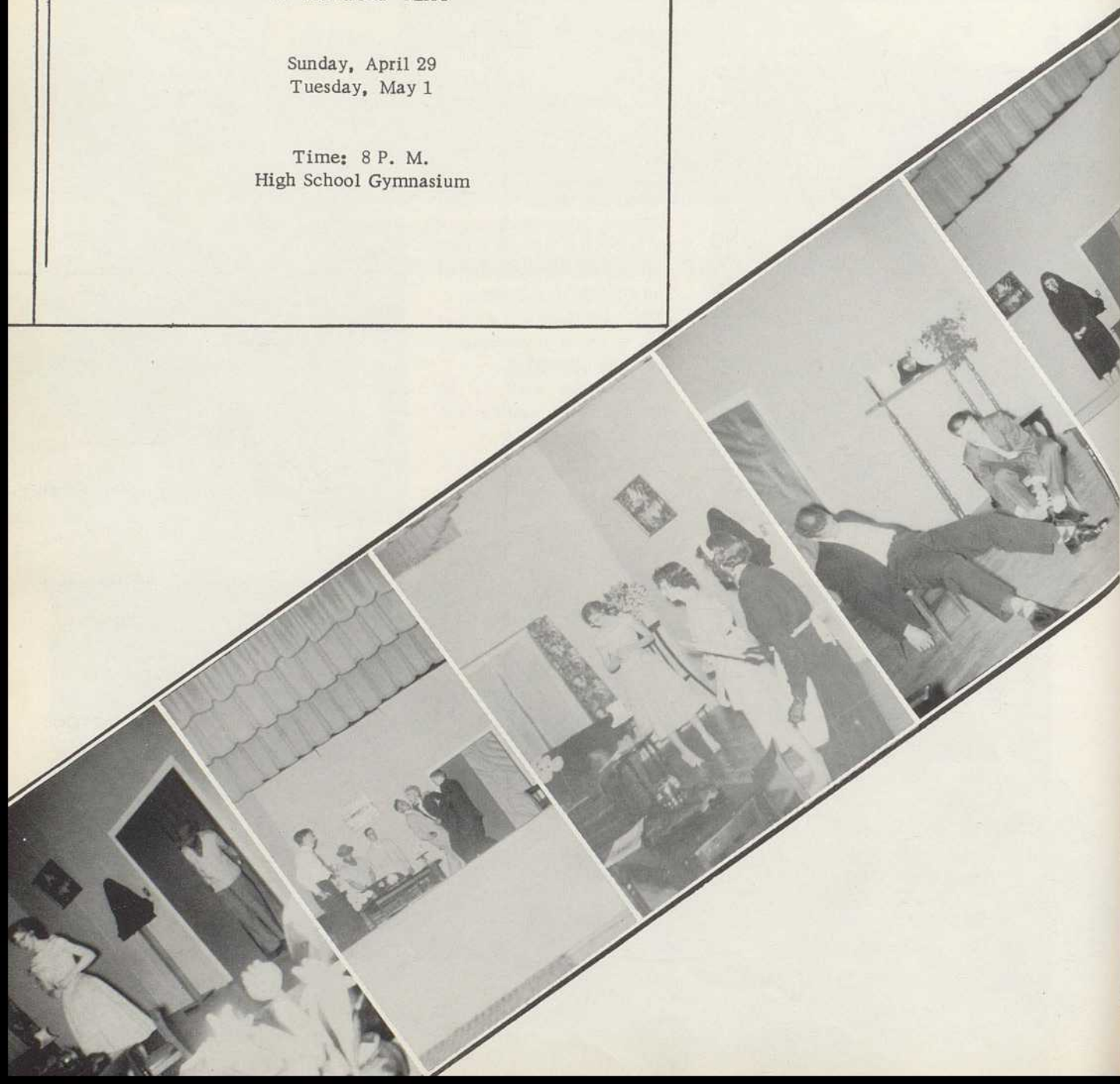
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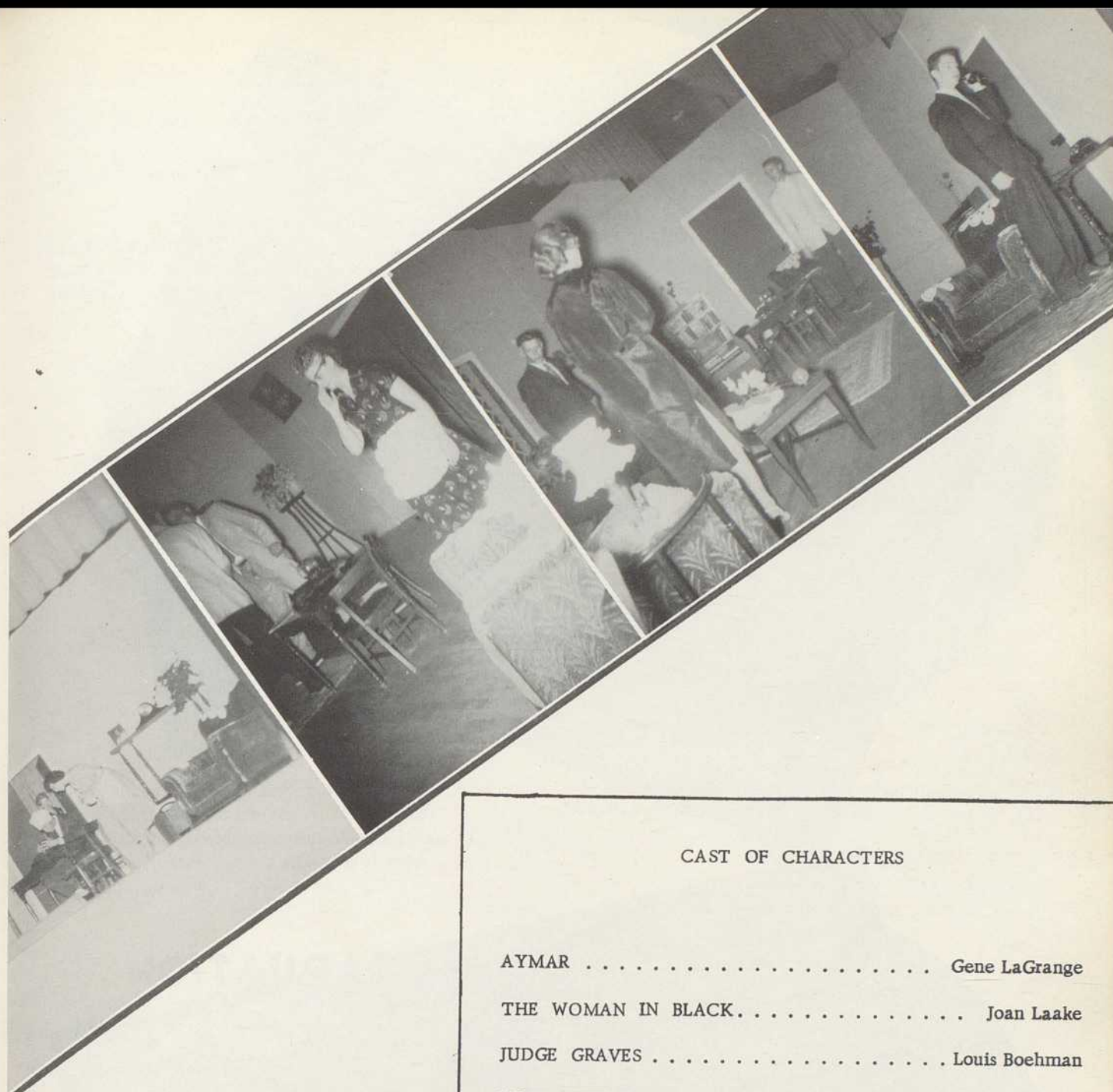
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Sunday, April 29
Tuesday, May 1

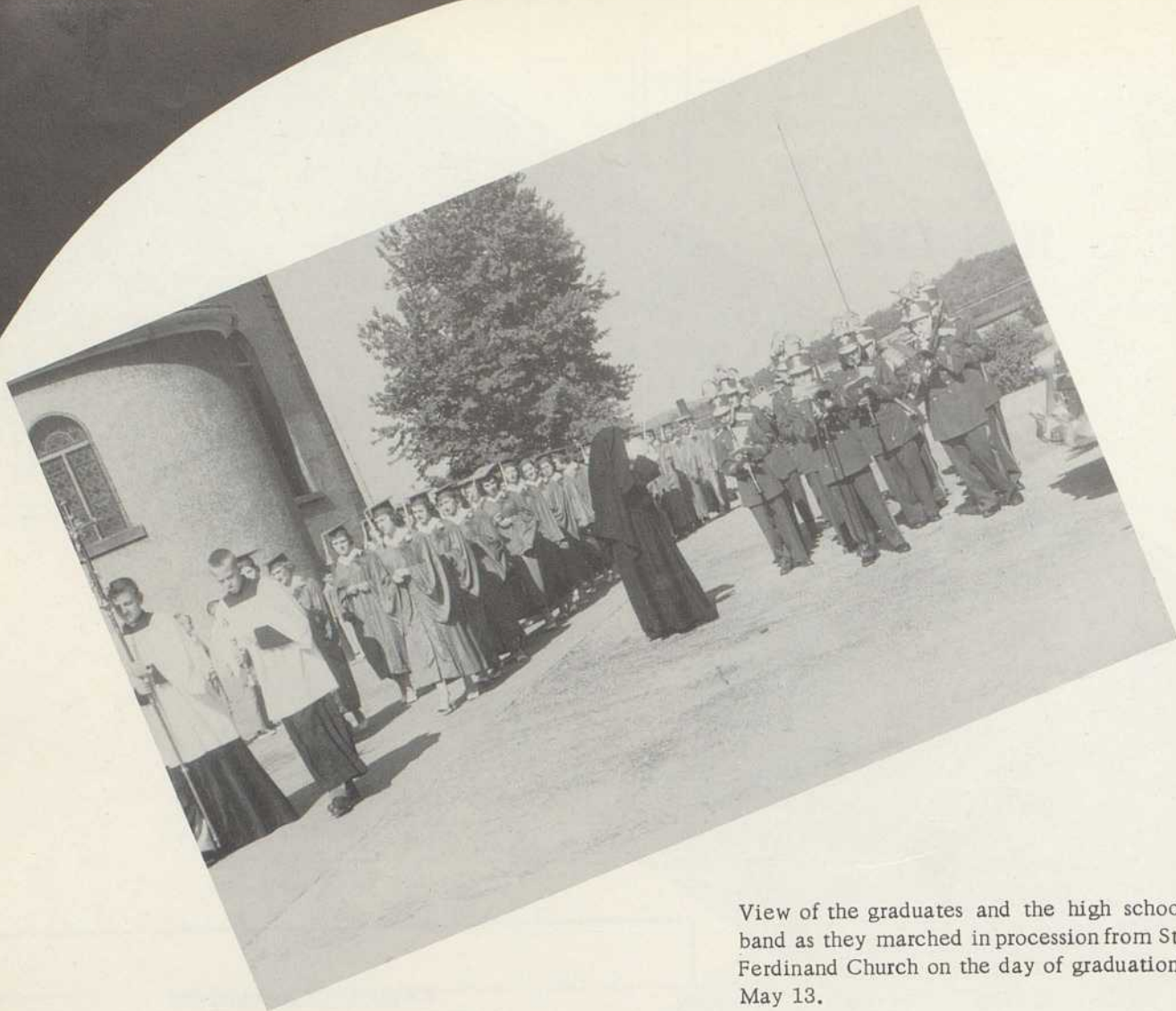
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High School Gymnasium





CAST OF CHARACTERS

AYMAR Gene LaGrange
 THE WOMAN IN BLACK. Joan Laake
 JUDGE GRAVES Louis Boehman
 MRS. RIVETT Dolores Werne
 VIRGINIA GRAVES Marie Krampe
 EDWIN GRAVES Stanley Bartley
 BETTY FAIR. Eileen Oser
 THE STRANGER Stanley Barth
 DR. HENSHAW Leander Mehling
 CLARA Clara Mae Peters
 BEAMIS Vincent Ruhe
 RUBY Dorothy Rickelman
 INSPECTOR DURGIN Dennis Welp



View of the graduates and the high school band as they marched in procession from St. Ferdinand Church on the day of graduation, May 13.



GRADUATION DAY

The seniors receiving Holy Communion at the Graduation Mass.

The Rev. Father Schlachter, pastor of Sacred Heart Parish, Schnellville, commencement speaker.



The Rt. Rev. Archabbot Bonaventure Knable, O.S.B., presenting diplomas.

Louis Boehman, valedictorian, as well as president of his class, points out the ideals of the Crusader in his valedictory.



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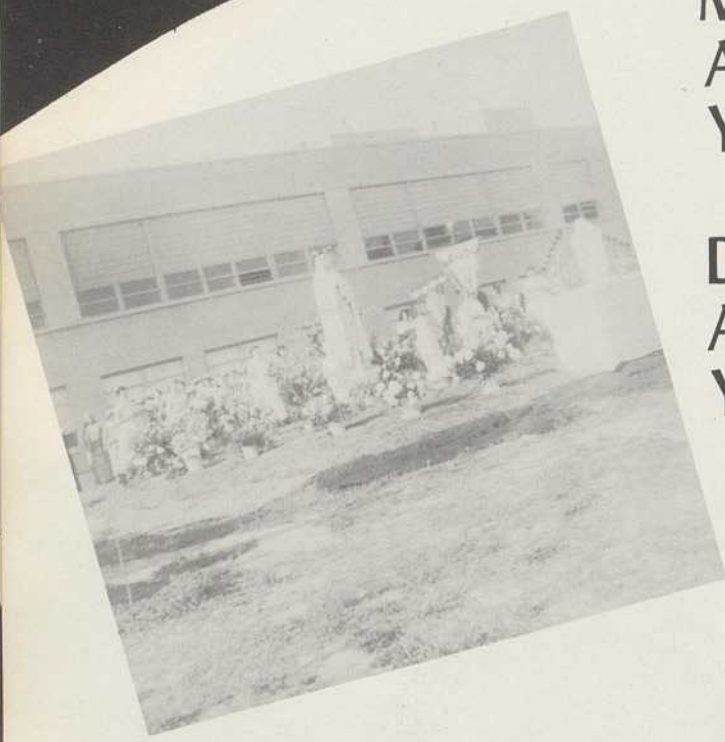
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Queen Bernice Begle represented St. Ferdinand High School at the Huntingburg Christmas Festival December 10

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Gloria Wollenmann, president of the St. Ferdinand Parish Sodality, crowned the statue of Our Lady of Fatima during the May Day ceremonies held on the high school premises in the evening of May 20. The Most Rev. Bishop Henry J. Grimmelsman gave Benediction with the Most Blessed Sacrament.

CLASS PROPHECY

Well, at last I have seen the Leaning Tower of Pisa. It's so wonderful. In fact, my whole European trip was enchanting and exciting. Oh, hi! I'm Janis Leinenbach. Forgive me for day-dreaming; but I was so elated over my being elected Miss Slenderella of 1976 that I forgot to introduce myself. I just completed a European Cruise, which I won on a television show acting as a comedian on the Martha Raye Program. When I was in high school, I watched these contests many times, never dreaming that I, Janis Leinenbach, 35th graduate of the Class of '56, would some day be the recipient of this prize.

Gee, I actually walked down the Rue De La Paegege, the most famous street in Paris. And being quite thirsty, I dropped into the fashionable Riviera Club for a cocktail. Upon entering, I spied a handsome gentleman sitting at a table all by himself--he looked so very familiar. No, it couldn't be. I looked again, blinked my eyes, and looked once more. Yes, it actually was Louis Boehman, the new Clark Gable. Quickly I scratched a note and asked Pierre to give it to the man at Table 5. Reading the note, Louis glanced my way, and then came over. Well, after a bit of guessing, he recognized me, hardly believing that I was actually slender. We got to talking about old times and decided to discuss the old class.

Just then Peter Gerber came strutting in. Louis informed me that Pete was taking time off from his N. B. C. television show, the Pete Gerber Gobel Show, (he took over for George) for a vacation in Paris. Before we knew it, Pete noticed us and so joined us for a cocktail. His television show has grown into a multimillion-dollar organization. The name Gerber has become a household word, just like Old Dutch Cleanser.

Louis said he had just completed a new picture with some of the top stars in Hollywood. This picture, "Time Out for Rest," is supposed to make millions for him. If just one of those millions would have been available while he was attending St. Ferdinand High--oh the possibilities!

Since our conversation was too interesting to come to a close, I invited my two classmates to have dinner with me and President Olinger, with whom I already had an engagement. Yes, I did say Olinger--and it's none other than Jerry. Believe it or not, there have been quite a few changes made since he took over the wheels of our fair country. The greatest contribution, in our estimation, was the passing of a bill whereby no Seniors would be jobless upon leaving high school. Just think, we were born twenty years too soon.

Our conversation concerning the class continued during the course of the dinner. Louis seemed to know where most of the gang had migrated to, and Pete knew the whereabouts of a number of them. Dolores Werne has become a rich widow and is President of the "Stay Single Club." Like Gerber, the name Werne froze men's hearts. While on his trip around the world, Louie discovered that Bernice Begle is the first lady policewoman in Afganistan, India. I wonder if she really stops traffic. Gloria Wollenman was reported to be singing with Bill Haley and his Comets. Her special is mixing "Rock-en-Roll" with Opera. She was quite a hit at Fulda.

If you have noticed little green clouds floating around the sky, do not become alarmed. It's merely Stanley Bartley trying to disprove Einstein's theory of relativity. His experiments are with clouds instead of rats. He just couldn't keep the rats alive.

Pete reported that Frank Lee was nominated Mr. Physique of the world. He is said to have the largest muscles to be found anywhere. That was news.

President Jerry, being up on the very latest highway projects, told us that Indiana has been building newer and wider roads, all because of Mary Dolores Krampe, who is now head of the "Wider Roads for Indiana" campaign. It seems that poor Mary's old Ford couldn't get through a bridge.

The boys knew so much more about our classmates than I, but just then I thought of Patricia Hedinger. She has become a successful ballet dancer, appearing in Radio City every now and then. Her fame is spreading like wild-fire. And since I am connected with some of the movie and television studios, I knew that Joan Kemper was a brilliant and efficient private telephone operator for Dragnet, Inc. At first she got all the wires twisted and crossed, all because of gangsters and mob-

sters running through her office every hour. However, she soon put an end to such disturbances by carrying a machine gun, 38 caliber, switch blade, and bubble gum for protection. In the studio she is known as Keep-em-in-their-place Kemper. Who would have thought it of our little prom queen.

Gene LaGrange was the next person on the list to be discussed. Pete heard that he is a successful and most efficient basketball coach at Bruno University. I exclaimed that I had never heard of Bruno University. Pete said that it is located in "no-man' land," Nevada. All the Indians and head shrinkers from all over the world came to this university. Oh, did I say basketball coach? Well, he isn't. That's just a cover-up; he really is a head shrinker.

Louie told us of his exciting trip back to Indiana for a premiere of his new picture. Everyone turned out for the occasion. Leander Mehling was there; and it seems that he just couldn't see Louie as Clark Gable; frankly, Louie can't either. Leander is now a Connecting Rod for Ft. Wayne Zollner Pistons. It must be a very interesting job. What is it?

Even little Joan Laake was there. She was all confused, thinking that Louie was Liberace. She is the new president of the Liberace Fan Club in Ferdinand. Cyril Egler, who is now Body Expert at Ruxer Bros., also attended the premiere and had lunch with his old St. Meinrad buddy. He said that as far as he knows, none of the class are married. Oh well, we always were bachelors at heart.

Shirley Egler is said to be an auctioneer at BOB'S BETTER USED TRACTORS CO. She always did have a strong voice. She sells more tractors than a car dealer sells cars. And would you guess--Frances Hoffman holds the key position of President of the Schnellville Typewriter Eraser Manufacturing Corporation. She always did have a special love for typing erasers. Out of the kindness of her heart, she has seen to it that they are made "extra large" so that typing students can find them more readily. I have a faint recollection of Frances' having some difficulty in this matter.

We had almost finished our meal, when we heard a terrible crash outside. All four of us dashed out to see what had happened. Well, what next! There was David Daunhauer, standing without a scratch beside his totally demolished Mercury. Oh yes, one other thing escaped damage--the famous Wilmes Storm Window which he had brought to Paris for a trial. The storm windows made in dear old Ferdinand must become better with the years.

David, not too much concerned about his wrecked car, had a few items of interest to relate. Eileen Oser, who talked about embalming while she was yet in school, is doing it up in grand style now. Her business is so progressive that she urged Mary Louise Mohr to enter into partnership with her. And that's not all! The very capable driver of their hearse is none other than Marie Krampe. From all appearance, this embalming venture has gone feminine. Eileen still claims that, even though her business is good, there is something "dead" about it.

Dave gave us information on one other classmate; namely, Wally Schnellenberger. He became very much interested in music while serving his term in the army. Today he is band director for Sammy Kaye, playing at the Neu Haven under a life engagement contract.

President Olinger, who was to have a golf meet with Prince Ranier, bid all of us a warm farewell. Pete then asked Louis and me to join him in a sight-seeing tour in his new German sports car. Near the Arch of Triumph, we saw an odd-looking creature running along the road calling, "Beep, beep." We stopped to see what it was. Well of all things! Would we ever have guessed it to be Clara Mae Peters, the Road Runner? She told us that she ran the world over and enjoyed it so much, she was going to repeat her performance. I hope her arches don't give way before she again reaches the Arch of Triumph.

Clara Mae said she had a letter from home giving information on several of the class. Juanita Schafer, much to our astonishment, became a game warden but was shot in the line of duty during the squirrel season. God rest her soul. Johnny Seufert got tired of the modern day fashion of doing things and went back to the old style. He is now farming with a team of mules. Ralph Schipp is an executive of the Tri-Focal Optical Company. His specialty is helping people go blind. Vincent Ruhe is a wealthy manufacturer of little white coats for Woodmere. Silly boy! Monica Nordhoff built a wagon around the Wagon Wheel at Schnellville and is making quite a haul of dough. By the

way, Monica IS married; but she liked her own last name so well, she had her husband change his.

Dorothy Rickelman is operating a "one-way" taxi service to the moon. The most renowned passenger on her last trip up was Pearline Woebkenberg, the famous concert violinist, who plays music which is simply out of this world. She is now appearing on Mars and all the planets. It is doubtful that she will ever come back to earth.

Roy Bickwermert is a million-dollar-a-case lawyer. He defends chicken catchers. With each million he gets a dozen eggs free. Stanley Barth is a hepped-up jeep salesman. Seems he will soon own the whole U. S. Army.

Our sight-seeing tour came to an end all too soon. Pete had to catch a plane back to the states within a few hours; Louie was scheduled for a press conference; and I was to leave for the states the following morning.

Upon my arrival in San Diego, I hastened to an exclusive dress shop to purchase an evening gown. You'd never guess who I saw there--little Joyce Albert--but she wasn't so little anymore. She was tall and slender, and quite a successful model here in California. In the conversation that followed, Joyce, whose modeling name is Heather Downing, told me that the "strictly speaking" man--Dennis Welp--is working as chief choreographer for the Sadler-Wells Ballet Company in New York. I always thought Dennis would become a senator. I realize now that my thoughts were quite deceiving, for there is not a little difference between dancing and politics.

Having spent two hours with Joyce, I bade her fond adieu. She had thoroughly enjoyed hearing my tale of what I had heard and seen concerning the Class of '56.

I returned to my home that evening, feeling as though I had lived in a dream world for a few days. How nice it was to have come in such close contact with classmates again and to know what everyone was doing.

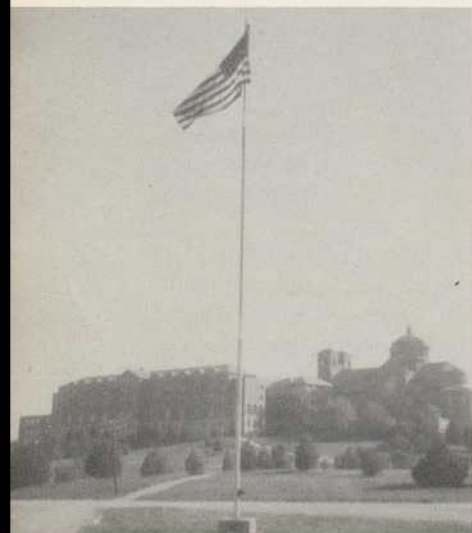
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2. Joyce receives Betty Crocker pin.
3. Freshies in review.
4. A vision, Gene?
5. Look at the bottleworks!
6. It's not as easy as you think.



A lovely scene

HERE 'N . . .

Convent viewed from the high school



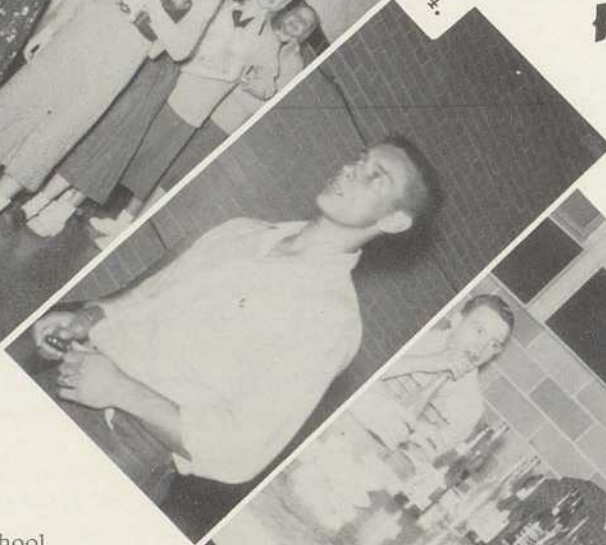
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Camera club?

1. Father David doesn't mind the cold.
2. Santa and his helpers.
3. Is everything all right, Father?
4. You look fine, Pearl.
5. Double trouble.
6. Louie goes feminine.
7. How do we look?

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Servite vocational speaker



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Ralph H. Schipp

Janis Leinenbach

Cyril Gler

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Pete Gerber

John Senfert

Louis Bachman

Gloria Wattenmann

Mary Louise Mohr

Frances Haffner

Monica R. Nordhoff

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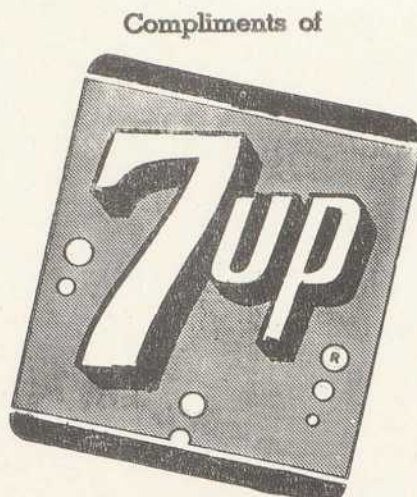
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