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ORATORICAL CONTEST HELD

Leo Roth, Sophomore, Wins Bishop Tief Medal

On Saturday, March 26, at 9 o'clock the annual oratorical contest for the Bishop Tief medal was held in the College auditorium. All the classes, except the College Sophomores, were represented.

The following is the list of contestants and the subjects treated:

Joseph Unger, "America's Contribution to Constitutional Government"

Joseph Schenk, "Marshall's Contribution to the Constitution"

Francis F. Staab, "Meaning of the Constitution Today"

George Luetters, "Lincoln's Contribution to the Constitution"

Forrest Barker, "Lincoln's Contribution to the Constitution"

Leo Roth, "The Meaning of the Constitution Today"

Lucius Schmidt, "Madison's Contribution to the Constitution"

Bernard Jaster, "Marshall's Contribution to the Constitution"

Leo Roth, a sophomore, was awarded the first prize and Joseph Unger, a College freshman, was given second place.

Mr. C. A. Beeby, state deputy of the Knights of Columbus, Mr. George Gatchet of the Hays High School, and Ven. Sister M. Remigia, C. S. A. of the Girls' Catholic High School, were the judges of the contest.

After the judges gave their decision, Mr. Beeby gave a short talk on the importance of being able to face a crowd and speak. He also pointed out some of the "bad points" of the orators. He said one should not remain standing on the same spot while giving an address or his knees might begin to vibrate. He said the pulpits are in churches so that one cannot see the knees of the speaker shake. He also expressed his opinion that all the speeches were well-written.

The Hays Catholic College Orchestra rendered a few selections.

Among the visitors were Ven. Sister M. Henrietta, C. S. A. of St. Joseph's Parochial School, and Miss Maude McMIndes and Mr. Duncan of the Hays High School.

WILL ADDRESS GRADUATES

Father Florence to Deliver Baccalaureate Sermon at Collyer

The Senior Class of the Collyer High School has invited Father Florence to deliver the Baccalaureate sermon at their commencement on May 15 at Collyer. This is the first time in the history of that High School that a Catholic priest has been invited to deliver the commencement address.

CLASS IN BIOLOGY

VISITS EXPERIMENT STATION

The Biology Class with their instructor, Father Jordan, visited the State Experiment Station at Hays on two occasions. The trips proved very interesting and instructive. Frank C. Werth gives the results of his visit in an interesting paper on "Trees and Western Kansas," which appears on another page of this issue.

The Resurrection

To the sepulchre they hasten,
Having love's sweet sentiment,
Early that first Easter Morn.
Alleluja! Alleluja!

"Risen is He!" said the angel,
"Enter! See where He has lain."
So they hasten to the city,
Unto all the news proclaim.
"Risen is He," say the women,
"Risen from the guarded tomb;
"Empty stands his glorious grave."
Christ is risen, all now know,
True to seer's prophetic diction.
In His wondrous resurrection
Our own hope securely rests.
Now, then, let us all rejoice!
Alleluja! Alleluja!

ANNUAL COUNTY CONTEST

Thirty-three Representatives Enter In Various Subjects

At the Annual County Scholastic Contest held in the High Schools of Ellis County on Friday April 8, Hays Catholic College High School entered in eight subjects and had thirty-three representatives. Following is the list of subjects and names of entrants:

Physics: B. Mauler, Wm. Mermis, Theodore Pfannenstiel, Walter Ross, J. Schenk and Paul Wiesner.

Constitution: Andrew Bahl, Forrest Barker, Richard Drees and George Luetters.

Bookkeeping I.: Richard Drees, Herman Klaus, Joseph Leinmiller, Alphonse Roth and August Ruder.

Latin II.: Leo Roth, Oscar Vogel, Fred Wiesner, and Clarence Wolf.

Latin I.; Bernard Jaster, Adlore Boucher, Hilary Weigel, Francis Walter, Lucius Schmidt, Leroy Reed, Emil Beilman, Otto Kreutzer, Edwin Schmidt.

Geometry: Edmund Rohr, Oscar Vogel, Fred Wiesner, Albert Spies, Lawrence Kliesen.

English II.: Leo Roth, Oscar Vogel, Fred Wiesner, Clarence Wolf, Albert Spies, Anthony Wiesner and Joseph Schueler.

Algebra: Bernard Jaster, Adlore Boucher, Hilary Weigel, Francis Walter, Lucius Schmidt, Leroy Reed, Otto Kreutzer, Joseph Schmidt and Edwin Schmidt.

The Ven. Sister M. Remigia, C. S. A., of the Girls' Catholic High School, Hays, conducted the contest at the college.

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It's time for your graduation suit. Get it now at the Classic Store while the stock is complete.

There'll be no moon in the sky but only at the Strand on April 26. "Moonlight on the Swanee."

ENTER SPELLING CONTEST

Three Representatives From Each Class—Two Classes Placed

To the annual Ellis County spelling contest held in the Hays High School building on April 2, three representatives of each class of the high school department were sent.

The senior class was represented by Damian Riedel, Francis Staab and Simon Schoendaller; the junior class, by Andrew Bahl, Richard Drees and Francis Stroemel; the sophomore class, by Leo Roth, Oscar Vogel and Anthony Wiesner; the freshman class, by Bernard Jaster and Lucius Schidt.

All passed the written contest except Oscar Vogel and Francis Stroemel. In the oral contest Francis Staab was the first H. C. C. student to drop out, followed by S. Schoendaller. Damian Riedel held up the longest among the seniors. The Juniors held out a little longer. R. Drees went down somewhat early in the game but Andrew Bahl held out to capture third place in the Junior class. Leo Roth held up longest of the sptomores and in the Freshman class Bernard Jaster held second place.

HISTORY OF COLLEGE

Faculty Member Gathering Data to Compile History

Rev. Father Matthew, O. M. Cap. M. A. who did his post-graduate work at the Catholic University, Washington, D. C. in the department of history, is at present gathering data in preparation of a history of Hays Catholic College.

As the history is compiled and written it will appear in serial form in the Journal. The author hopes to have the first chapter written for the next issue of the College paper.

Father Matthew asks all who know of happenings of historical interest regarding the College to communicate with him at the College.

"MOONLIGHT ON THE SWANEE"

Second Annual Minstrel Show of the College at Strand, April 26

The students and alumni of Hays Catholic College will stage their second annual minstrel show on Tuesday, April 26, at the Strand Theatre, Hays.

This year's production promises to surpass that of last year. The quartet and glee club, and also the soloists, are giving much time to practice under the direction of Father Alfred. The end-men and other specialties are being coached by Father Camillus.

Solos will be sung by Messrs. I. J. Rupp, Al Leiker, B. Roth, L. Roth, F. Staab and H. Roth. The "Non-pariel Quartet," made up of Al Leiker, tenor, J. Basgall, tenor, E. Malone, bass, and I. J. Rupp, bass, will sing several old favorite songs supported by the chorus made up of the following: I. Werth, B. Brungardt, C. Drees, C. Werth and E. Staab.

The endmen will keep things going with the repartee. The ends are O. P. Weigel, F. Staab, J. Schenk, H. Roth, P. Wiesner and Adlore Boucher. Walter Ross will be the interlocutor.

Fred Drees has something new in the line of southern dances to show, and Frank Stroemel will make his debut as "Shorty" the colored mid-get.

Old "Uncle Ned" will have you guessing.

Following is the program:

OPENING CHORUS

Solo, "Ben Bolt".....A. Leiker
"Jolly Blacksmith's Lay".....Chorus
Anvil Song.....B. Roth
"Down in Davy Jones' Locker"

.....I. J. Rupp
"Kentucky Babe".....H. Roth
(and Chorus)

Quartet: J. L. Basgall, E. J. Malone, Al Leiker, I. J. Rupp—
"Drifting and Dreaming"
"Schoolday's Sweethearts"
"Moonlight and Roses"

"Smilin' Through".....L. Roth
Specialty.....O. P. Weigel
"Beautiful Ohio".....Al Leiker
(and Chorus)

Quartet—

"Mister Moon Man"
"Just a Dream of You, Dear"
"Catfish"

Chorus—

Solo, "Always".....B. Roth
"Bake Dat Chicken Pie".....F. Staab
(and Chorus)

"Farewell".....Chorus
Tableaux—Ol' Uncle Ned

COMMENCEMENT JUNE THIRD

Date for Graduation and Commencement Exercises Postponed

Owing to very important business the Rt. Rev. Bishop asked that the date of the annual commencement be set for June 3, so that he can preside. Originally the graduation exercises were scheduled for June 1, but because His Lordship was engaged for that day the date has been definitely set for Friday, June 3.

The alumni meeting will probably be Thursday, June 2. Finals will be Tuesday and Wednesday, May 31 and June 1.

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EASTER GREETINGS

At this joyful season the H. C. C. JOURNAL wishes all its readers, advertisers and boosters real Easter joy and gladness.

—The Staff.

EASTER

Easter, the festival of the Resurrection of Jesus Christ, is celebrated at the end of the forty days of lent. It commemorates the slaying of the true Lamb of God and the Resurrection of Christ. Easter, the oldest feast of the Christian Church, is the connecting link between the Old and New Testaments. The connection between the Jewish Passover and the Christian feast of Easter is real and ideal. Real, since Christ died on the first Jewish Easter Day; ideal, like the relation between type and reality, because Christ's death and Resurrection had its figure and types in the Old Law, particularly in the paschal lamb.

In some Churches Resurrection services are held on Holy Saturday evening consisting in procession and Benediction with the Blessed Sacrament. Easter Day is celebrated just like the regular Sunday except that the services are held with more solemnity.

CONTESTS! CONTESTS!

Such is the weekly, or almost weekly, I better say, announcement of the Father Director. There was the almost weekly contest during the football season; there was the essay contest immediately after the new year began. Basketball season found its contests and the final of it was at St. Mary's. Oratory contests are something of the past now and the spelling contest is not quite forgotten. The latest contest was April 8.

What is the idea of these contests?

Is their purpose to give out prizes? The leading idea of contests is to spur people on to greater efforts; to create ambition so that students will not be satisfied with mediocrity.

Contests are nothing new. What were the Olympic games but contests? So the idea dates from the eighth century before Christ. Of course, these games were in the beginning, athletic contests, but later they held contests also in oratory, painting, sculpture and music.

Life is also a contest; not a yearly or monthly or even a daily contest but every minute of our life is a warfare, a contest. There is a satisfaction in winning the various contests here in life, but no happiness can compare to that which will be ours if we "come out on top" in the big contest—the game of life. Wonderful will be our joy if in life's evening we can say as our sun goes down: "I have fought the good fight, I have run my course well—I have kept the faith." —A. B. '28.

SPRING SPORTS

With the advent of spring has come the longing for outdoor sports.

Among these outdoor sports baseball holds first place and many students are taking part in baseball. Others have found their tennis rackets and are, judging from interest shown, striving for championship honors. A third class of students is interested in marbles.

The marble craze is so bad that the campus at present looks as if it had been attacked by an army of mole rats. Some boys are "out" both at knees and elbows; some are com-

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As football had its "Issy" and basketball its "Gus" so marbles has its "Shorty."

—F. W. G. '27

EXACT KNOWLEDGE PAYS

On the occasion of a visit of Mr. Martin Moran of Nekoma, Kansas, to the College for the purpose of giving a lecture to the students, it was clearly exemplified that "Exact Knowledge Pays."

Mr. Moran announced as the subject of his lecture, "Alaska." Before saying a word about Alaska, he put this question to the assembly: "How much did the United States pay for Alaska?"

Hands went up in different corners of the room. One young man

was called upon. He happened to be a senior. His answer was, "Seven million dollars."

All hands did not drop when this answer was heard. Another boy was asked (and he happened to be a freshman.) "Seven million two hundred thousand dollars," was his answer.

Mr. Moran reached into his pocket and handed the lad a dollar with the words, "It pays to be exact."

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In giving to the world the American Republic, our forefathers made three specific contributions: "The Rigid" or so-called "Written Constitution," the "Courts of Law," and the organization of political parties.

They gave the Rigid Constitution. A constitution, as we know, is the fundamental law of any government or society. But the Rigid Constitution is the fundamental law of this country, and is one that cannot be easily changed. It safeguards liberty by establishing on a secure basis the sovereignty of the people. From the very nature of affairs there must be officials to enforce the laws; but the provisions of the officials are only their agents. Thus, while making liberty secure the constitution makes order certain.

By bestowing upon the world the Rigid Constitution, the United States set the world an example of a permanent form of government, one that cannot be easily changed. During the century and a half of its existence, other nations have gone through the most amazing political changes while the American government has remained intact. It is true, we have a provision in the constitution by which amendments may be added to it; but this may be done only by the authority that made it, namely the people.

The second contribution is the "Courts of Law," the purpose of which is to interpret the constitution. "In no country," says Randolph Leigh, "is the individual so powerfully protected from oppression, at the hand of his government, or a majority of his fellow-citizens." That protection comes largely from the fact that the Supreme Court has power to interpret the constitution,

and to declare whether or not a proposed law agrees with it. In no country is there a tribunal equal to the Supreme Court. Both branches of government may be brought to account if doubt arises as to whether they have violated the nation's Magna Charta. Of all the measures of our form of government, the institution of the Supreme Court is perhaps the wisest. It is not only the custodian of political liberty; but it is the guardian of the constitution and the very life of the republic.

The third contribution is the organization of political parties. Political parties had their beginning with the Federalist and Anti-Federalist Parties at the ratification of the constitution. To-day political parties serve a great purpose in the machinery of our government. They make the nominations for the different offices; they carry on the campaigns or elections; they give to all classes—to the rich man and to the beggar, to the capitalist and to the laborer—they give to them all that sovereign right to express their thought and wish.

Now, fellow-countrymen, what effect have these contributions had on other nations? The value of any government can be judged by the test of time, and the influence it has had on other countries. Has the American government withstood this test of time? It is true—when she took her place among the nations, many predictions were made that she was doomed to a brief and inglorious career, but as time went on this new nation grew stronger, and today she stands as the peer of nations. It has ever remained unchanged. It is true—civil strife tried to rend the nation in twain, but America has remained untorn and sound. There is no more interesting fact to be learned about our government than the influence it has made on the people of other countries. Multitudes born under governments, entirely different from ours, have come to our shores, and have been fashioned into true and loyal citizens. Many countries such as Brazil, Argentina, Australia, Canada, also France and Switzerland have framed constitutions with ours as a

model. Likewise Australia has courts of law patterned after the Supreme Court of the United States.

Now, fellow-countrymen, if this government of ours stands as an inspiration to so many nations; if statesmen of other countries shower eulogies upon it; if our forefathers have loved it so much, as to sacrifice their very lives for its integrity, why should not we, upon whose shoulders the future welfare of this nation depends, love and cherish the constitution of this Great American Republic, that constitution of which Archbishop Ireland says, "the Constitution is the masterpiece of thought and skill in the annals of human legislation—She lives, and liberty lives with her!"

—Joseph Uger '28

SENIOR SALLIES

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Although we didn't win the inter-class oratorical contest our representative Francis Staab showed up very well.

Quite a few members of our class entered the county contest.

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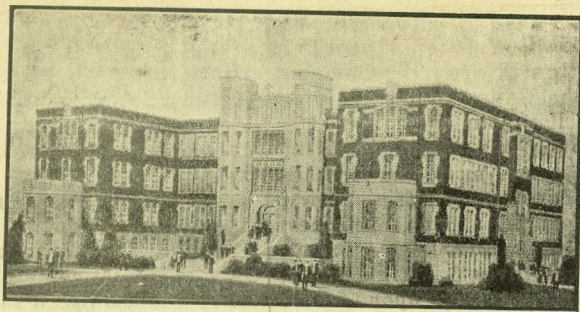
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DO YOU SHAVE IN CLASS?
Professor Ira B. Cross of the University of California, may be long remembered as a champion of the rights of men. Annoyed at the feminine students who powdered their noses in class, he invited the men of the class to do likewise. Consequently two men appeared in class armed with Gillettes, lather and brushes. After class had opened they lathered and shaved. Professor Cross promised to award both of the men A's for their term of work in recognition of their bravery in defense of the rights of man.

—New Student.

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COLLEGE HAPPENINGS

On Sunday, April 3, Fr. Richard, prefect of the college, celebrated his name day. The traditional half holiday was granted Tuesday afternoon.

Mr. Peter Grabbe of Munjor called at the college to see his son, John who was sick.

The college band is getting in trim for the minstrel show.

Mrs. Sadie Reed of Stockton, Kansas in company with her mother, Mrs. Gallagher visited her son Leroy.

Among the many callers at the College must be mentioned Father

Gerard, Father Cletus, Father Michael and Mr. Louis Christianson.

The Alabama Cake Walk—something new in terpsichore in the big "Moonlight on the Swanee," Strand April 26.

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AMONG THE FACULTY

Fr. Eugene, who is in Colorado Springs at a hospital has received notice that his name is transferred from the Hays Monastery to the Rectory at Marienthal, Kansas.

Fr. Justin made a business trip to Walker early in March to look over some office furniture.

Fr. Florence made his monthly visit to Park and assisted at Ellis on Palm Sunday. He will go to Concordia for the Maunday Thursday services at the Cathedral and also to bring back the Holy Oils for the Western end of the Diocese. Easter will find Fr. Florence helping out at Grainfield and Park.

Fr. Herbert helped out at Munjor with the Passion on Palm Sunday and will also assist there on Easter. He went to Hyacinth with Fr. Camillus on Tuesday afternoon, April 5.

Fr. Jordan assisted at Catharine on Palm Sunday to sing a Part in the Passion.

Fr. Alfred will go to Olpe, Kansas, for Holy Week, he will preach there on Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Easter Sunday. He was one of the judges at the spelling contest.

Fr. Matthew is beginning to feel like a full-fledged member of the faculty and visits the Bindery now and then.

Fr. Richard will help out at Ellis during Holy Week and on Easter Sunday.

Fr. Mathias went to Ness City Sunday, April 3, to take the place of the pastor, Father Cyril, who was ill. He also substituted for Father Jordan at Yocemento on Palm Sunday.

Prof. Weigel conducted the examinations at the Hays High School

during the County High School contest. He was also one of the judges in the spelling contest.

Coach Lew Lane went to St. Marys the last week of March to attend the funeral of Lew's uncle. Coach also helped with the correction of the papers in the County High School Contest.

EXCHANGES

St. Mary's Baseball schedule is out. This is the sport that all boys like.

The State Colleges are all preparing for Music Festival Week

Contests are being held in many schools and colleges.

With the advent of spring building operations are under way on many new college and high school buildings. St. John's University, Collegeville, Minn. is planning quite an addition to their group of buildings. K. S. T. C. Hays will have a new Science Building. The new administration building of Paola Junior College is progressing nicely.

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We had our Greek term test Thursday.

Forrest Barker missed half a day of school for an unknown reason.

Geo: Say Frank are you a Greek shark?

Frank: No, not a shark but a sharkier.

Some of the students are in distress. It rained three nights in succession so that they had to wait till the afternoon till they could play marbles.

Some students started making a

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Fr. Camillus surprised us in English by giving us a composition to write.

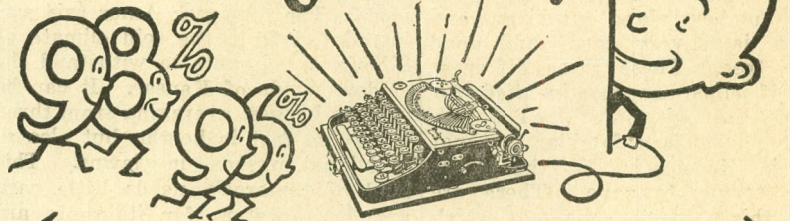
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TREES

I think that I shall never see
A poem lovely as a tree.

A tree whose hungry mouth is prest
Against the earth's sweet flowing
breast.

A tree that looks at God all day,
And lifts her leafy arms to pray.

A tree that may in summer wear,
A nest of robins in her hair.

Upon whose bosom snow has laid;
Who intimately lives with rain.

Poems are made by fools like me,
But only God can make a tree.
—Joyce Kilmer.

TREES AND WESTERN KANSAS

On the occasion of a visit of the class in biology to the government experiment station at Hays, Kansas, the following was learned regarding trees and their growth in Western Kansas. The article will treat first of shade trees and then of fruit trees.

The elm trees in general are used for shade, because they have a rapid growth. The Chinese elm is a native tree of China. It is a rapid growing tree, its average growth being about four feet each year. This is the best growing tree in the western part of Kansas. The experiment station also claims it to be the best seller. The Japanese elm, a native tree of Japan, is a smaller tree than the Chinese elm and it also has smaller leaves. Its growth is not as rapid as that of the Chinese elm. The American elm, which is found in large numbers along our rivers and creeks, is a very hardy and good shade tree. These three different kind if elms are mostly used for shade.

The poplar is a familiar tree not only in Kansas but in the entire north temperate zone. There are about thirty species, some of which are growing well in our state. The Carolina poplar, Norway poplar and the Lombardy poplar seem to be the favorites. The wood of the poplar is soft and white. Related to the poplar is the cottonwood tree, which is common along the water

courses of the West. The cottonwood is a large picturesque, rapidly growing tree. This tree, however, is not desirable in towns and near homes, walls, sidewalks, pipes, etc. because of the damage often done by its roots.

The government experiment station had different varieties of evergreen trees, some of which are: the Austrian pine, arbor vitae and the Black Hill spruce. These are able to withstand the climate in this part of the country and are desirable for lawns and in front of homes. The Austrian pine is the best example of an evergreen tree that grows well in western Kansas, as has been shown by different experiments in the course of the years. The arbor vitae makes a splendid hedge or planted individually, adds beauty to the lawn. The Black Hill spruce is just being tried at the experiment station and future years can only reveal its real value.

We also made a short visit to the orchard, in order to find out which fruit trees do best in this part of the country. As a result we found six different varieties. These are: the peach tree, the early Richmond cherry tree, the pear tree, the apple tree, the plum tree and the apricot tree. All these seem to be able to grow and bear fruit under ordinary conditions.

The shrubs that do well and can be recommended for Western Kansas are: the honeysuckle, hollyleaf barberry, tamarasks, spirea and a number of different vines. Tamarasks are known as the tamarask Amorensis, Odessa, Africana and Plomosa. The tamarask Amorensis was introduced from the cold climate of Siberia and is able to withstand the coldest winds of Kansas. It can be used as hedges, averaging from three to twelve feet in height, but also as individual bushes in lawns. This kind of tamarask needs little care and little water; for its roots are able to obtain enough moisture during winter. The spirea makes a very beautiful hedge and is satisfied with little water, and gives us joy by its flowers.

There are other kinds of trees that grow in Western Kansas, but most

of these have a very slow growth. The green ash is a beautiful shade tree with dark lustrous foliage. The experiment station claims it to be the third best seller. The catalpa, also known as the Indian stogie, does fairly well. Its foliage appears late in spring. Its cylindrical fruit is long, slender, brown capsules, dropping from the tree during winter. The hackberry tree is an American species and the fruit of this tree was very useful to the Indians. These trees, especially when young, resemble compact elms in form and foliage. The black walnut does well only near water. The burr or mossy cup oak, so called from the peculiar cup in which the nut is set, forms a beautiful sight near the water's edge on the experiment station grounds. The wood of this tree is very hard and as could be expected, has a slow growth. The Kentucky coffee tree, another slow-growing species in America, is also doing well near the water in Kansas. It has very hard wood and the seed of the tree, which we found, is black and dark brown.

Many of these trees are found along the creek in the experiment station. The ailanthus needs much water and therefore is ill-suited for western Kansas. The honey locust is a hardy tree and is well adapted to our climate. The older limbs and the trunk are armed with strong

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—F. C. Werth, '27

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THE MEANING OF THE CONSTITUTION TODAY

In England, during the reign of John Lackland, was developed the most sensitive and reasonable code of laws that had as yet been promulgated. This code of laws was the Bill of Rights, or the Magna Charta. This event marks about the first instance of establishing constitutionalism, or in other words, of establishing a representation in the government of a people, by the people themselves.

On the principles of the English Magna Charta were based the fundamentals of the most honorable and perfect written code of laws that the world has yet seen. This set or code of laws or regulations is the Constitution of our own United States of America.

The Declaration of Independence and the Constitution of the United States, based on the essential equality of man—that every man, because a man, has a God-given right to equal justice and should receive it from his fellow-men as he would receive it from God—state that there are certain inalienable rights that belong to every man as a man, and that no authority on earth has power to take them away. Man must respect law, but the law must also respect man. And so sacred were these rights regarded that a supreme court was organized whose power it is to preserve them. The American constitution vindicates law because it exacts justice and gives liberty to all. It tolerates no oppressor, neither autocrat nor anarchist. This constitution bound together the thirteen states into a single nation, and is the foundation stone of the great American Republic.

Our Constitution ranks above every other written constitution for the intrinsic excellence of its scheme, its adaptation to the circumstances of the people, the simplicity, brevity, and precision of its language, its judicious mixture of definiteness and principle, with elasticity in details.

Many times have questions been asked as to the validity of the Constitution, as to whether the Constitution will endure all coming ages, whether it will be placed on a higher or a lower level. But, how many times has the question been asked, which should stand foremost in the minds of the American people, and in the minds of the people of the world—that all important question: What is the meaning of the Constitution to-day?

In discussing the meaning of the constitution to-day, every citizen remember that he is enjoying those greatest of all benefits: right to life, liberty and pursuit of his happiness because of the Constitution. To-day, in America, every citizen's right to life, liberty, and the pursuit of his happiness, is the result of the hardships of the early settlers, of the life's blood of many great statesmen and authors who spent almost their entire lives constructing, testing and upholding the fundamentals of our own existing laws of today.

Yes, it is difficult for us, my fellow-countrymen, to realize how enormous the difficulties were which our early statesmen had to overcome in drawing up the Constitution and having it adopted in the famous Convention at Philadelphia in 1787. This Convention had not only to create anew, on the most slender

basis of pre-existing national institutions, a national government for a widely scattered people, but it had, in doing so, to respect the fears and jealousies and apparently irreconcilable interests of thirteen separate commonwealths, to all of whose government it was necessary to leave a sphere of action wide enough to satisfy a deep-rooted local sentiment, yet no so wide as to imperil national unity. And how did this convention succeed in its task? Our history is the answer.

To test the value and meaning of our Constitution today, let us compare it with the governing laws of other powers. Rome had its Caesar, France its Napoleon, Germany its Kaiser, and today Italy has its Mussolini. Have any of these men considered the rights of their people? The people need no representation in governmental affairs, is the proclamation furthered by them.

Mussolini does not apologize for having, as he once put it, "trampled on the corpse of liberty." He believes political liberty is of no importance to the masses.

"I am giving Italians," he has said "the only liberty of value—that of working for their families and for the fatherland in an orderly, disciplined country."

Liberty in Italy cannot be spelled with a capital L. It is not a natural right which the government must respect, but a favor which the government grants and withdraws at will.

In America we believe that every person should have a chance to speak and write his opinion freely if he does not abuse the privilege, and thus the right of free speech and free press is guaranteed. Our Constitution says that Congress shall make no law limiting the freedom of speech or of the press. This, however, is neither the case in Italy nor even in Russia which claims to be a republic. In Italy and in Russia you may not write or speak in public opinions contrary to those in power.

Yes, there are countries who have a republican form of government, but the people do not know what liberty really means to them. Just take Mexico at our very doors, which parades as a republic, and what is going on down there now? The right to freedom of worship, speech and press—the foundation stones of liberty—are blasted asunder. That such conditions do not exist in our country at the present is due to our glorious Constitution, that Constitution which has stood the test of time, that Constitution which safeguards our liberty in every respect.

It may, perhaps, be said that our Constitution is not the same now as it was when it was first adopted. This is true, in a certain sense. The Constitution has changed and will, without doubt also change in the

future, by reason of amendments added to meet new conditions. But the Constitution may not be changed by one despot nor even by a few. This is left in the hands of the people. We, the people of the United States, have this power in our keeping. This is granted us by the Constitution itself. The rigid Constitution of the United States renders inestimable services, because it is an instrument of checks and balances. Each branch of our National Government restrains the others, and maintains the equilibrium of the whole. The legislative is to balance the executive; and the judicial is to balance both. The two houses of the legislature balance one another. The National government, taking all its branches together, is balanced against the State governments. This equilibrium is placed under the protection of the Constitution, unchangeable, save by the people themselves, and no one branch of the National government has been able to absorb or override the others. Each branch maintains its independence, and can, within certain limits, defy the others. Such is the Constitution of the United States.

Therefore, whenever we, the people of the United States, fail to support principles designed to "establish Justice, promote the general welfare and secure the blessings of liberty,"

we are false to the trust imposed on us. When we support principles destructive of these ends, we are untrue to the Constitution, traitors to our Country.

And no one, my countrymen, wants to become a traitor to his beloved country. Therefore let us at all times be ready to uphold our Constitution and even be ready to give our life's blood in defense of that document which gives us such high privileges.

Leo Roth '29

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ALUMNI and FORMER STUDENTS

The members of the cast of The Spy of Gettysburg had an outing at Gabe's place. All reported having had a good time.

John Miller called to see Father Richard.

Henry Wolf was a surgical patient at St. Anthony's Hospital. He has recovered and is again at his desk. Alex Pfannenstiel and Conrad Rupp are scoutmasters of two parochial school troops.

As you will see on another page, Father Matthew is writing the history of the College. When around town call on him and tell him the things that happened while you were at H. C. C.

The Annual Alumni meeting will most probably be Thursday, June 2. Make arrangements now to be there. Further details will be published in the next issue.

Alumni! Get the gang together and come to the grand Minstrel show at the Strand, Tuesday, April 26 at 3 and 8 p. m.

PRESENT BOOKS TO LIBRARY

The Knights of Columbus Council 1325 of Hays has presented to the College Library "The Knights of Columbus in Peace and War" by Maurice Francis Egan and John B. Kennedy. This work is in two large volumes, and covers the history of the Order from 1882 to 1919. It is a monumental work and should be in every high school and college library.

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MANY RESPOND TO CALL

Twenty Candidates Appear on Ball-Grounds At Call of Coach

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several thrilling games only three are left: Leikem, pitcher; B. Werth, catcher and C. Werth outfielder.

Some fifteen others are vieying with one another for berths on the regular team. Among these are: F. Barker, F. Walters, F. Griese, F. Kuhn, A. Roth, I. Werth, R. Keberlein, A. Brull, J. Grabbe, O. Vogel, A. Boucher, C. Rupp, L. Schmidt, E. Schmidt and L. Kliesen.

No definite schedule has been arranged but it seems that before the Easter recess a picked team will play the K. S. T. C. freshmen.

ARBOR DAY CELEBRATED

Friday, April 8, was Arbor Day. In the afternoon the Juniors of the classical department dug the holes for the trees and after class at 3:40 four Chinese Elms were planted in the front of the College. Mr. J. M. Wiesner directed the affair assisted by Dr. A. A. Herman and Mr. A. H. Dreiling.

The Junior Classicals are the sponsors and have the duty of caring for these trees.

FRESHMAN FROLICS

Several of the students of our class took part in the county tests held April 8.

Lucius Schmidt and Bernard Jaster entered the county spelling contest.

We have had most of our six weeks' tests.

Prof: "What should you feed chickens?"

Student (Agriculture): "Chicken-feed."

Eight of the freshies are trying to make the team in baseball.

Best wishes to all our friends for a happy Easter.

A STUDENT'S AIM

Every high school student's aim is, or at least should be, to pass all his studies with as high a mark as his ability will allow. But is there not something even more important than this? The answer is, yes! What good do these four credits you get each year do, if there is not something

greater behind them? What good can all the knowledge you get out of books do you, if you cannot conduct yourself properly? Good conduct. This should be the first and foremost aim of each student. If one has learned how to act properly under all circumstances, and how to control himself, he has learned more than any book could ever teach him. If you don't learn this one thing during this period of your life, which is the period when you form your habits, there are very few chances of your learning it afterwards. What is more displeasing than a person who cannot conduct himself as he should? And, also, if a student knows how to conduct him or herself as he should, he will pass in his studies.

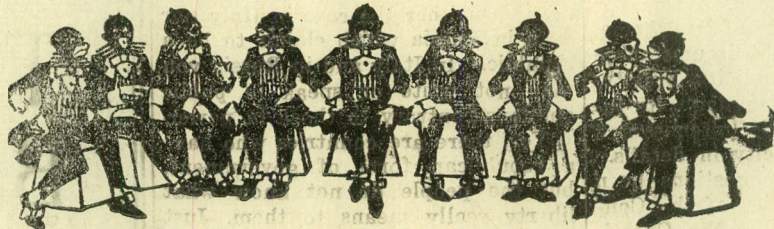
Ask yourself, which is your highest aim. If a high standard in citizenship hasn't been, you had better make it be, for remember, now is the time when your habits are being formed. Even if one does not always reach this high aim, it is worth striving for.

Exchange—Ursuline Tidings.

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