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ALUMNI PLAY PLEASURES

All-Star Cast Presents "The Confession" Two Performances

(From the Ellis County News.)

A drama of unusual merit which carried a forceful lesson was given at the Hays Catholic College auditorium Sunday and Monday nights, when "The Confession" was staged under the auspices of the College Alumni Association and under the direction of Rev. Father Camillus and Rev. Father Dannis. The theme of the play was the confession of a French Canadian to the murder of an innocent person. The confession was made to a priest and was therefore sacred information which could not be revealed even though the brother of the priest was accused of the deed. The piece had a strong emotional appeal and the working out of the details of the drama kept the audience highly interested during the four acts.

The cast of the play was well chosen. Despite the fact that the characterizations were all difficult in the extreme they were handled with a finesse that bespoke much hard work on the part of both the actors and the directors. Miss Vera Basgall was "Rose Creighton," a girl into whose life much sadness had come but whose philosophical attitude toward her sorrow made her forget her troubles in ministering to others. She was dignified, and altogether appealing in the role of the sweetheart of Tom, accused of murder. Miss Ida Wasinger, who was Mrs. Mary Bartlett, Tom's mother, gave a splendid interpretation of a heart-broken woman struggling to save her son from the gallows. Her stage presence was good and her lines clearly spoken. The church sexton Michael Grogan, was the part taken by Otto Weigel. He made of the village Irishman an outstanding character and was as much at home in his part as he was earlier in the week in the role of a negro. A great deal of credit is deserved by Henry Drees who was Patsy Moran, a hunch-back boy, rescued from the slums by Father Bartlett, the priest. In the cast of adults a twelve-year-old boy would ordinarily have some difficulty in attracting attention to his role, but quite the contrary was true in this play where Patsy was one of the outstanding characters. His part was long, but perfectly learned and naturally acted. Richard Dreiling was the profligate son of Mrs. Bartlett and brother of Father Bartlett. Through the variations of his career as a drunken sot to that of a repentant son and sweetheart, wrongfully accused of a hideous crime, he was sincere and earnest. He was master of his part throughout the play. Bernard J. Roth as parish priest was kindly, just and conscientious almost beyond human endurance to his vows to the church. His was a part which called for forceful and varied emotional action which he was able to give with apparent ease.

John Kinderknecht was a highly volatile French-Canadian, guilty of

murder, who confessed his crime and then repudiated his confession. His lines called for a French accent which he handled without hesitation or confusion. His part was an outstanding one. Jack Drees was a burly detective, a part which he took so well that no suggestions for improvement could be offered. As clerk of the court Paulinus E. Dreiling more than met the requirements of his role. His lines were clearly spoken and his attitude natural. Dr. A. A. Herman made a great hit as Judge Peabody. In fact, the courtroom scene in which Dr. Herman, Paulinus Dreiling, George Gottschalk and William Toepfer figured as the legal profession was one of the best and most convincing portions of the play. William Toepfer and George Gottschalk were lawyers both very professional in their parts. Together with the courtroom scene mention should be made of a storm scene which was so realistic that certain members of the audience considered the advisability of going home to close the windows.

Music was furnished between acts by the College orchestra, under the direction of Rev. Fr. Alfred.

SWAN SONG OF BASKETBALL

In the first game of the interclass tourney the Sophomores defeated the Freshmen 27 to 12. The first half was rather close but in the second half the yearlings were unable to withstand the onslaught of the Sophomores, who were led by Basgall the scoring ace of the game with 11 points to his credit.

FIFTEEN FOR BASEBALL

Heeding the summons of Coach Lane fifteen men reported for practice on March 23. Among those who have reported are several of last years veterans, Issy Werth, Bill Leikam, Dick Brull, J. Grabbe and Walters. With this material on hand Coach Lane hopes to develop a fair team for '28.

SPRING

Flitting over sunlit fields,
Skimming through the dales,
Skipping over mountain tops,
Dancing through the vales,
Piping on a silver flute,
Through the whole day long;
All the little truant birds
Gather for the song;
Sleeping buds awake and blink
At her sparkling laughter;
Where her dainty footsteps fall
Flowers come trooping after;
Spring goes tripping through the land
Calling all to sport.
Banished creatures frolic back—
Spring is keeping court.

—T. M., O. M. Cap.

TRACK INTRODUCED

Interclass Track Meet April 18 Between Four Classes

A track meet, which will be an annual affair between the Sophomore-Freshmen team and the Senior-Junior team, was held on April 18. The Sophomore-Freshman squad won by a large margin, the score being 63 to 15. Wasinger, a Freshman, and Walter, a Sophomore, showed up well. Wasinger gained first place in three events: the 50-yard dash, the 100-yard dash, and the 220-yard dash. Walter was first in the shot and discus events. The following is a list of events, the winners and time or distance.

50 yard dash—Won by Wasinger. Walter, second; Roth, third. Time: 5.6 seconds.

100 yd. dash—Won by Wasinger; Walter, second; Schlyer, third. Time: 11 seconds.

220 yd. dash—Won by Wasinger; E. Schmidt, second; Giebler, third. Time: 30 seconds.

Broad Jump—Won by Stanton; Bollig, second; Leikam, third. Distance: 17 ft. 9 in.

High Jump—Won by Mackey; second, Gibbons; Boucher and Schmidt tied for third. Height: 4 ft. 8 in.

Shot Put—Won by Walter. Second, Franklin; third Bollig. Distance: 36 ft. 6 in.

Discus—Won by Walter; second, C. Drees; third, Franklin. Distance: 104 ft. 5 in.

Pole Vault—Won by Gibbons; second, Stanton; third, Franklin. Height: 7 ft.

Tug-of-war—Won by Freshman Sophomore team.

COMMENCEMENT MAY 30

Rt. Rev. Bishop Principal Speaker

The eighteenth annual commencement of Hays Catholic College will take place on the evening of May 30 in the College Auditorium. The Rt. Rev. Francis J. Tief, D. D., Bishop of Concordia will address the graduates and the Rev. Father Justin, Director of the College, will distribute the diplomas and awards.

SUMPTUOUS DINNER SERVED

Mrs. Lane Entertains Entire Basketball Squad

On April 14th the basketball squad attended a chicken dinner given by Mrs. Lane. The boys arrived at six o'clock and were received by Mr. Lane. The home was beautifully decorated in the color scheme, blue and white. Dinner was served at six-thirty. The boys soon found their places, as Mrs. Lane had arranged everything very cleverly. The table was artistically made up. In the center was a regular basketball mounted on a cushion of blue and white. A large bow of the same color rested snugly on the top of the ball while streamers of the dear old blue and white emanated from the center and made their way to either end of the table. The favors were small basketballs placed at the plate of each boy. We are not sufficiently versed in the terms of daintiness to adequately express the beauty of everything at Mrs. Lane's dinner. To us it was a dream, from which Geiby, has as yet, not awakened.

But what a feed! Boy! Did every one eat? Well, ask Coach, he knows. During the entire meal it was, "I'll thank you for this," and, "I'll thank you for that." "Come on Oscar, quit eating and pass the bread." "Hey, Bush! Giebler wants the ham, potatoes, gravy, radishes." "Well, just give him everything that you can reach, fellows." "Say, Tony, have you elbow room? Huh? All right?" "Come on Verg quit spilling coffee on the table cloth." "Try to be a little careful won't you?" "Say, Issy you mustn't eat your peas with your knife." "You don't have to do it just because Coach does." "Come on Vic, you're always trying to flirt with that cute little waitress." And so on until every one was looking at one another and wondering—marvelling. Whispers were heard. Everyone looks to the north of the table and behold! Father Justin is still going strong!

After dinner the boys helped clear off the table and move it to the side because soon the ladies fair would be coming. After all was cleared up the girls arrived and the rest of the evening was spent in dancing.

Everyone had a good time and we thank Mr. and Mrs. Lane from the bottom of our hearts for the wonderful dinner and enjoyable evening they tendered us.

Oh, Boy! The first time you're down town drop in and see those new Spring Suits at \$26.00—The Classic Store. They can't be beat!

CALENDAR

- May 2—English essay submitted.
- May 17—Ascension Day, Holy Day. No classes.
- May 28—Final examinations
- May 29—Final examinations
- May 30—Eighteenth Annual Commencement.
- May 31—Tenth Annual Meeting of H. C. C. Alumni.

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ST. FIDELIS

On the twenty-fourth of April we celebrate the feast of one of the most illustrious saints of the Capuchin Order, St. Fidelis.

He lived a life of ceaseless activity, laboring ever for the glory of God and the Church, asking nothing for himself but the love of God.

He died, even as his master died, at the hands of a bloodthirsty mob, who were angry with him because of the consciousness of their own guilt before God. And yet, he had no motive except to save the souls of these who took his life, for he prayed for them with his dying breath.

Well indeed was he named Fidelis! He was faithful to his order, humbly obeying his superiors; he was faithful to humanity, for he gave his life for the conversion of heretics; he was faithful to his church, ever regarding his life not as his own, but as belonging to the Church; he was faithful to his God, for he strove constantly to obey his Master in all things.

The Church has conferred the honor of canonization on this humble friar because he was truly a Saint after the heart of his Master.

And what inducement had he to attain to this perfection of virtues and become a pattern of fidelity for us?

One might search the earth and not regard any earthly thing as being worthy for which to spend his life striving. He looked higher.

To him the grace was granted of realizing that the humblest soul is of more value in the sight of God than the whole world. He was but human, and tempted even as we all are, yet like St. Paul he considered the short span of years to be spent on this earth as nothing in comparison to eternity, and he felt himself to be unworthy of the privilege of suffering death as a martyr in imitation of the death of Christ.

If anyone has a vocation or a devout purpose in life, and experiences difficulty in perserving in it, he can do no better than pray earnestly for the intercession of that model of fortitude and fidelity, St. Fidelis. As St. Fidelis is the first martyr of the Propaganda Fide, or Society for the Propagation of the Faith, he is especially regarded as the patron of the missionaries.

His name ranks among the heroes

of the Church, such as St. Patrick, St. Francis Xavier, St. Boniface and other great missionaries. As an example and patron for the Catholic youth, St. Fidelis ranks among the greatest.

BEAUTY OF SPRING

As we walk forth with the warm Spring sunshine about us and behold the light fleecy clouds moved along by the gentle Zephyrs; when we see the tiny plants springing forth from the earth, and the delicate blossoms appearing on the trees, there comes to each of us a feeling of exhilaration and a new consciousness of the joy of living.

This rebirth of plant life is reflected in the sphere of human endeavor, as new ambitions are born and old ones revive and the pulse of humanity is accelerated by the fresh plans and ideas of young and old.

The newly aroused vitality is felt everywhere. The lenten season, the impressive solemnities of Holy Week and the glorious return of our Risen Lord on Easter Morn all move us and lead us to a spiritual awakening.

As the gardener carefully waters and tends the tiny plants so that they may burst forth in glorious flowers at the proper season, so has our Holy Mother, the Church, by these excellent means of grace assisted us that we may fit ourselves to become a suitable ornament for her heaven.

It is natural to admire beauty in the world of nature, to behold the change of the hills from brown to green, with the coming of the grass, the bare limbed trees bursting forth with tender leaves and beautiful blossoms, and watch the birds as they return from their southern homes to cheer us by their songs and graceful flight. We take pleasure in these beautiful manifestations of the Divine Providence but they also contain a lesson for us. In all these things we see the hand of God, gently leading us onward and upward, striving always to hold before our minds the great truths of Redemption. For as He came back to earth after his death and brought a renewing of life to humanity, so the season of Spring, with its natural life is to remind us of His goodness to us in lavishing upon us the means of grace so that we may renew our spiritual lives in the elevating beauty of His own dear season of Spring.

QUO VADIS!

What does the other fellow think of us? Why do we not stop once in a while to reflect upon the idea, that we are worth just as much as the other fellow thinks we are worth? In other words, the other fellow sets a price on us and that price is what we are sold for or what we shall realize in the market of the world. Our actions, our behavior, our speech, our training, our appearance, our character are the price tags that indicate the value for which we are appraised among our fellow men. Some may think, that youth must sow a certain amount of wild oats; but did you ever ascertain who does the reaping of it? No matter where we go, we always hear the expressions, "he is a good-for-nothing," "he is a roust-about that will never amount to anything," or "he is a fine well-behaved, hardworking young man who will make his mark in the world." To which category do we

belong? If you wish to raise strawberries, do you plant burrs? If you wish to become a great man you cannot be a roisterer during your youth. The loud, boisterous, lazy youth compares favorably with a soap bubble in lasting qualities. Why not stop, look and listen and get our present rating? Perhaps it will be well to call a halt and mend some of our ways. Perhaps the season has not advanced too far to resow our fields.

WORK

Work is the law of our being—the principle that carries men and nations onward. Labor may be a burden, but it is also an honor and a glory. Without it nothing can be accomplished. It is one of the best educators of practical character. It evokes and disciplines obedience, self-control, attention and application; giving a man deftness and skill in his special calling and aptitude in dealing with the affairs of ordinary life. It is true, there are men who die of overwork, but many more die of idleness. I do not believe that hard work, steadily and regularly carried on, ever hurt anybody. A man's life is to be measured by what he does in it. The more useful work the man does, the more he really lives. The idle useless man, no matter to what extent his life may be prolonged, merely vegetates.

The duty of industry applies to all classes and conditions of society. All have their work to do in their respective conditions of life, the rich as well as the poor. To be idle and useless is neither an honor nor a privilege. I do not believe that an unemployed man, however respectable, ever was, or ever can be really happy. As work is our life, show me what you can do and I will show you what you are. You cannot escape from labor for it is the destiny of humanity.

"He that will not work," said St. Paul, "neither shall he eat;" and this great man glorified himself in this that he had labored with his hands and had not been burdensome to anyone. Constant, useful occupation is thus wholesome, not only for the body, but also for the mind. Even ordinary drudgery is better than idleness. The habit of working teaches method. It compels economy of time and the disposition of it with judicious forethought.

Work, then, constantly and diligently, at one thing or other; for idleness is the devil's snare for small and great. Nothing is so injurious as unoccupied time. Even leisure cannot be enjoyed unless it is won by effort. If a thing has not been earned by work, the price has not been paid for it.

The words found tattooed on the arm of a beggar, undergoing his eighth imprisonment might be adopted as the motto of all idlers: "The past has deceived me; the present torments me; the future terrifies me."

Burton gives the following definition for idleness. "Idleness," he says, "is the bane of body and mind, the chief mother of all mischief, one of the seven deadly sins, the devil's cushion, his pillow and chief reposal!" An idle dog will be mangy; and how shall an idle person escape? Idleness of the mind is worse than that of the body; wit, without employment, is a disease. As in a stand-

ing pool worms and filthy creepers increase, so do evil and corrupt thoughts in an idle person's mind. He that is idle, be he ever so rich and fortunate, let him have all things in abundance and felicity that his heart can wish and desire, so long as he is idle, he shall never be pleased, never be well in body or mind, but wishing himself gone or dead.

It is idleness that is the curse of man, not labor. Idleness eats the heart out of men as of nations, and consumes them as rust does iron.

The final watchword of Emperor Severus, on his deathbed was "Loboremus," (we MUST work). As soon as indolence becomes the characteristic of a person, complete ruin of his character, sooner or later, will be inevitable. There is perhaps no tendency of our nature that has to be more carefully guarded against than Indolence. Indolence is equally degrading to individuals as to nations. Sloth never made its mark in the world and never will. Sloth never climbed a hill, nor overcame a difficulty that it could avoid. Indolence always failed in life, and always will.

Take this short precept for a conclusion, "Give not way to Indolence and idleness." The indolent, however, are not wholly indolent, though the body may evade labor, the brain is not idle. If it does not grow corn, it will grow thistles, which will be found springing up all along the idle man's course in life.—John Grabbe,

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Senior Notes

Upon asking Mr. Chas. Schreiber about his absence from school, we received the following reply: "You see when I left for home, I felt pretty bad. The next day I had a toothache and it DID hurt, so I went to Hoisington and had it jerked out. A day later, my jaw swelled up. I gazed into the mirror and it looked like Dempsey had hit me. It took about four days for the swelling to go down. I still feel 45 per cent of it. If I felt 100 per cent I would consider myself pretty foxy."

Bill: "Do you eat the whole of a doughnut?"

Frankie: "Yes."

Bill: "Well, where does the hole go to?"

We had an inter-class track meet, —the Junior and Seniors against the Freshmen and Sophomores. The latter won the laurels.

The Seniors had some difficulty in finding a runner, so the other night Oscar thought he would try his luck. He ran with a crowd at first. He happened to come out first, so he thought he would tackle Wasinger, a Freshman, who is considered the better runner. Oscar said he thinks he can beat him. Wasinger is of the same opinion, provided he does not stumble.

John Grabbe and Bill Leikam are out for baseball. They make a strong batting pair.

Track is attracting much attention in our class, but it is almost too late to start.

Bill Leikem wasn't feeling well the other day,—probably because of too much wind and not enough baseball.

Bill thinks the good Lord likes football and basketball better than baseball.

Carl (Chow-Chow) Schreiber was late getting back to school because of a bad tooth.

John Grabbe (Honey) was a visitor at the home of Mr. B. A. Tubbs Sunday evening.

Edmund Gerstner told the students Monday morning that he broke Lind's flying record Sunday evening.

Oscar Roth, Izzy Werth and Clem Werth have received their basketball sweaters.

Frankie Stroemel is our champion in the "shotput." He can put it 40 inches, while Walter can put it only 38 feet.

Joe Leinmiller is our champion 100 yard dash runner. He can run the distance in 10 minutes.

In the Senior class, Oscar, Grabbe and Izzy were appointed by the coach to be on the inter-class track meet committee.

John Grabbe made a 3-base hit April 17 when the team scrimmaged the H. H. S.

Greek:

Greek is a language,
At least it used to be.
It killed off all the Greeks,
And now it's killing me.
All are dead who ever wrote it.
All are dead who ever read it.
All will die who try to learn it.
Blessed death; they surely earn it!
—By a Greek scholar.

Edmund Gerstner has been taking treatments at St. Anthony's hospital for boils.

Frank Stroemel received a silver pin for typing over forty words a

minute with only three mistakes. He is the third member of our class to receive this distinction.

ON TO THE FINISH

The last period of the school year is upon us. The Easter holidays have come and gone and the last few weeks before Commencement lie before us. Now is the time for an earnest effort to be made that our school year may be a success.

As we look back over the past months we realize that time has lapsed far more quickly than we are aware. Some of us, perhaps, have neglected to put forth the best that is in us to obtain all the benefit of our schooling. But we still have time before us to make up for our idleness and indifference. Refreshed by a pleasant Easter vacation, and exhilarated by these beautiful Spring days, we have an incentive to study that should cause us to press on manfully and attain to well-deserved success. If we have been indolent previously let us forge ahead now, if we have been doing well let us do better now.

At home, everyone is busy with the Spring work, and as it is a busy time at home it is even more so at College.

An athlete always plays his hardest toward the end of the game. It is then that he bends his every effort

as he never did before. So we should put forth all our enegries, that when the end of the school year arrives and we reach our goal we may look back with satisfaction and not regret. Thus if we work conscientiously, keep up our courage and interest, then we have a right to expect success as a reward for our labors.

H. C. A. Receives Trophy From Victoria Clerics

A beautiful trophy was presented to the Basketball squad by the Clerics of Victoria. The trophy was the handiwork of the Clerics and it displays real ingenuity on the part of these young friars. The team wishes to thank the Clerics for this kind remembrance.

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CHAPTER VII

The Boarding School (Continued)

While the College was growing, the Parish School was not lagging behind. The records show a steady increase in attendance at that institution. When the grades were installed in the present College building in 1908 the number of children enrolled was 227. This was a record enrollment, but three years later (1911) the number had climbed to 260. Looking over the premises now, one wonders where they put all the children. The College was so crowded for space that the upstairs corridor was used as a gymnasium; downstairs, however, part of the corridor was actually used as a classroom. A new grade was added to the school and a fifth Sister employed to care for the added number of children. Some sort of a change was imperative. In 1913 the Capuchin Fathers bought the so-called Stainer property fronting on Fort Street. The following year this was exchanged for the claims the parish had against the College. Rev. Father Paul, O. M. Cap., the pastor at Hays, set to work at once to build a school on the newly acquired parish property. The corner-stone was laid May 10, and by September the new building was ready for occupation. The work was done under the direction of Tony Jacobs of Hays and is a monument to his industry and skill. To all appearances the new building was large enough to house the children of St. Joseph's Parish for many a year. But within ten years a colony of frame buildings had sprung up north of Perry Avenue to catch the overflow from the school on Fort Street.

So in September, 1914, the College acquired the use of the whole building on Sheridan Avenue. Alterations were made at once. The classroom in the southwest corner of the first floor was made a playroom; the corresponding one to the northeast was converted into a combined science laboratory and museum. The dining room was established in the southeast corner and the commercial department was established in the northwest corner of the same floor. With the occupation of the entire building the outward expansion of the College was halted for a time. The efforts of the faculty and student body were directed towards developing scholarship. That they succeeded is evidenced by the number of graduates who have made a success of their professions or business. The work of teacher and pupil in the classroom, though of the utmost importance, is so quiet and unassuming that no one but the all-seeing God can tell what happens there from day to day and can trace the development of scholarship in any institution of learning. Our Blessed Saviour told us, "By their fruits you shall know them." It is, therefore, by their fruits that we judge the success and failure of schools and teachers. If the graduates are successful in their professions or business; if they are true to the principles for which the school stands, then then we call that school a successful school.

Since 1911 H. C. C. has been sending graduates into the business and professional world; a former issue of the H. C. C. Journal, April 20, 1926, carried a complete list of graduates and also a list of the boys who studied at H. C. C. since 1908. Just to draw attention to the more prominent graduates who have risen high in their professions. We find Rev. August P. Koerperich standing out most prominently as being the first graduate to be raised to the dignity of the Holy Priesthood; he is at present working hard in the Lord's vineyard in the eastern part of the Diocese of Concordia. Besides this Reverend Father there are several other graduates pursuing their studies in the Seminary and who are looking forward to the happy day when they too will be priests of the Most High. There are several of the graduates who have given up all for God and who are preparing to take up work in God's vineyard as members of the Capuchin Order. In the professional world we find such names as G. C. Unrein, M. D., Leo J. Schaefer, M. D.; A. A. Herman, D. D. S.; Francis J. Leiker, D. D. S.; and Emery Catudel, D. D. S.; in the political world we find Ernest J. Malone, at present County Attorney of Ellis County; Paulinus Dreiling, Clerk of the District Court, and Romuald Leiker, one time County Clerk. In the business world we find names like Joseph M. Wiesner, Fred Arnold, B. M. Kuhn, Aquiline Dreiling, I. J. Rupp, George Gottschalk, Edmund A. Karlin, Francis Dechant, Wm. Karlin, Bernard Brungardt, Melchior Dortzweiler, Wm. Toepfer and a score of others who

are keeping the wheels of business and industry turning in Western Kansas.

(Note: A sketch of the lives of our more prominent alumni will be given later.)

H. C. C. In War Time

In the Spring of 1917, when the war clouds were gathering in the sky, H. C. C. was rounding out its ninth year of service. It had proven itself worthy of its existence and for six years it had been sending men into the various walks of life. The selective draft drew in all of these young men, many of whom served in the armed service of the country; the others were sent back to the farms as being necessary to work in the fields. In September, 1918, a branch of the Students Army Training Corps was established at the College. But the end of the war coming unexpectedly with the Armistice (Nov. 11), wrote "finis" to the work of the S. A. T. C., in Hays before it had rightly begun to function.

Though not called upon to fight the Germans, the students of H. C. C. were called upon to fight a more insidious foe, viz.: the Spanish Influenza. This disease played havoc in this section of the state. One has only to ask the doctors and nurses of Ellis County about it. Of course the College was closed during that period. The school year had scarcely begun (September 17) when many cases were reported in Hays (Sept. 29). The College closed its doors September 30, after eleven students and two professors had been forced to bed. The City Hall of Hays became an emergency hospital. Fathers Mark Haas and Norbert Staab offered their services as nurses and were kept busy day and night as it was extremely difficult to get men for this service. The College weathered the storm without the loss of a man. In all the school was closed about six weeks.

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Junior Notes

Alfred Giebler has received a certificate in typewriting. His average was 31 words per minute with nine mistakes.

Tony Wiesner and Alfred Giebler are sporting their new basketball sweaters.

Tuff Spies, Fred and Tony Wiesner and Alfred Giebler attended the basketball boys' banquet.

We all have taken our six weeks' tests. The toughest break was when two of the tests fell on **Friday the thirteenth!**

Two Juniors are out for baseball: Dick Brull, last year's regular short-stop, and Oscar Vogel.

Prof.: "What do you do in creeks?"
Tony: "Fish."

Fred: "Schueler, what's the difference between Tuff and Albert Spies?"

Schueler: "There ain't no such animal."

Prof: "What is chivalry?"
Tony: "When someone gets married all those that are not invited usually take a lot o' tin cans and make a lot o' noise around the house."

Tuff Spies, a Junior, spent his Easter vacation at the home of a freshman, Teraat, who lives at Wright. While there he spent a few hours with Lawrence "Bunny" Klien, a former classmate of ours.

Fred Wiesner: "Have you read 'Freckles'?"
Joe Schueler: "No, mine are brown."

Prof: "You can't be in two places at the same time."
Dick: "You can be in Kansas and Missouri at the same time."

Franklin: "That's nothing! I've been in Missouri, Kansas and Oklahoma at the same time."

Giebler: "Well, you got bigger feet than we have."

Franklin: "I had one foot in Oklahoma, the other in Kansas, and my head in Missouri."

Prof: "Give me a sentence containing the word, 'Two'."
Oscar Vogel: "The two-oh-two comes in at two to two."

Prof.: "That sounds more like the whistle of the two-oh-two than a sentence containing the word 'two'."

THE CHURCH'S INFLUENCE ON EUROPEAN NATIONS

As one reads the history of civilization he notices that there has been one society in particular, that has spared no efforts to make civilization a success, and this is the Catholic Church.

In order to convince you of the

fact I have decided to speak on the four principal points, in which the Church has played a most important part. They are the influence of the Church upon Education, Agriculture, Preservation of Manuscripts and Architecture.

Education. The Church from the beginning carried on through her worship an educational work embodying the deepest and soundest psychological principles. Classical studies were revived and encouraged by the Church. To the barbarians she brought not only Christianity and civilization but also the best elements of classical culture. Through her missionaries she became the teacher of Germany, France, England and Ireland.

The task was a difficult one, and its accomplishments were marked by many vicissitudes of temporary failure and hard won success. The salient features of the Middle Ages is the co-operation of the church and state for the development of schools.

The history of education records no greater undertaking, for the task was not one of improving or perfecting but of creating, and had not the Church gone vigorously about her work modern civilization would have been retarded for centuries. One of the chief factors of this progress was Monasticism. The monasteries were practically the only schools for teaching; they offered the only professional training; they were the universities of research; they served as publishing houses for the multiplication of books; they were the libraries for the preservation of learning; they produced the scholars of the times; they were the sole efficient educational institutions of this period; in general terms, the steadfast maintenance of the union between the natural and supernatural.

Next to Education, Agriculture, of course, ranked first among the various forms of external labor. The sites chosen by the monks for their retreat were usually in wild and inaccessible places which were left to them precisely because they were uncultivated and no one else cared to undertake the task of clearing them. The rugged valley of Subiaco, or the fens and marshes of Glaston-

bury may be cited as examples. But nearly all the ancient monasteries are to be found in places then considered uninhabitable by all except the monks. Gradually forests were cleared, and marshes drained, rivers were bridged, and roads made, until almost imperceptibly the desert place became farm or a garden. In the latter Middle Ages when the Black Monks were giving less time to Agriculture the Cistercians re-established the old order of things and even today such monasteries do identically the same work as was done by the Monks hundreds of years ago. We owe the agricultural restoration of a great part of Europe to the Monks. The Benedictine Monks were the Agriculturists of Europe. No society has ever made

greater efforts than the Catholic Church did from the fifth to tenth century to influence the world about it. It attacked barbarism at every point in order to civilize it and rule over it.

Then even more important than their work and influence displayed in regard to agriculture have been the services rendered by the monks in copying and preserving ancient literature. At first they copied the

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Among the Faculty

Holy Week found the Professors scattered to the four winds. The beautiful calm of Easter Monday, however, brought all the friars back to their happy home in the monastery.

Father Director assisted at the local parish during Holy Week. Father delivered the festive sermon in a very eloquent manner on Easter morning. Felicitations and the best wishes of the students and the faculty were lavished upon our beloved Director on April 14th, the feast of St. Justin.

Father Florence preached a tri-dium at Emporia, Kans., the latter part of Holy Week. Hearsay has it that Father displayed a conspicuous H. C. C. pennant on his valise while promenading through the metropolis of Emporia. Here's the reason. Two weeks prior to Father Florence's visit to this fair city our famed basketball team eliminated the Emporia quintette at the State Tournament. —Father Florence also assisted at Ellis several Sundays.

Olpe, Kansas, enjoyed the assistance of Father Alfred during Holy Week and on Easter Sunday. For the past weeks Father has been busy rehearsing for the operetta which the Glee Club will soon render.

During the early part of Holy Week Father Herbert rolled over the prairies to Olmitz, Ks., in order to give the Catholic parish there the benefit of his services. He returned home in time to spend a day of his vacation in the vicinity of Emmeran admiring the speed of the local jack-rabbits. Practically all of the leisure time of Fathers Florence and Herbert is spent in the College printery and days of real relaxation are few and far between for these busy friars.

Grainfield was the scene of activity for Father Matthew where he assisted in the confessional. Father Matthew assisted at the Solemn High Mass at Victoria on Easter.

Father Camillus spent the days before Easter helping out at St. Ann's Parish, Olmitz, Ks. From Olmitz he made a flying trip to Concordia to take part in the Holy Week ceremonies at the Cathedral. Father Camillus brought the Holy Oils to Hays where they were distributed to the various parishes of the deanery. On Saturday he went to his own church at Hyacinth.

Father Richard was at Ellis during Holy Week. He officiated at the solemn services on Easter morning. During the Easter recess Fr. Richard did some artistic painting in the Monastery Chapel. The chapel has been remodeled.

Father Dennis drove to Herndon Kans., where he helped Father Kilian with the Holy Week service. On his way he stopped at St. Peter's to assist Father Michael Dreiling in the confessional.

The Ellis County News brought the startling account of a certain Hays man's dive into politics. And all the members of the staff are wondering why Prof. Weigel wants the constable job of Hays. It is too bad a few more members of the school did not know of Prof's aspirations to be a minion of the law, or else his total of one vote would have been increased so that he would have had a "walk away" in his first political assay.

Lew Lane and Mrs. Lane spent the short Easter holidays at St. Mary's, Kansas. On their return to Hays they brought Miss Ruth Bushy, sister of Mrs. Lane, with them for a few days' visit. Lew is seriously considering trading his car for one of a later type and model. He wants one that can do at least 70 miles an hour and make the distance on not more than two gallons of gas. His slogan is "economy of time and gas." Mr. Lane is working on a paper, "Why High School Professors Like to Drive Cadillacs, but Drive Only Fords."

THE CHURCH'S INFLUENCE ON EUROPEAN NATIONS

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Scriptures for their own use in the church services, and when their monasteries developed into schools they also copied much classical literature. It is not too much to assert that we, today, might be thankful

for the services of monastic copyists, not only in the preservation of Sacred writings but practically of all secular literature of antiquity, would have been lost to us because the monks were practically the only ones in those times to preserve anything of this kind. At the close of the thirteenth century others began the copying of manuscripts, but as none but the monks had preserved them up to that time they would have been lost already at that age.

From the beginning the monks have been compelled to be builders. Their buildings were constructed on elaborate plans and for large accommodations. As a result skill in architecture was called for and the cloisters soon produced architects in the same almost imperceptible manner as the noted school masters had been produced. During the Medieval Age the arts of sculpture, painting, illuminating, etc., were practiced extensively in the monasteries throughout all Europe, and the result of this was enormous. We have today in many churches, museums and other places, countless examples of their skill that it seems almost incredible that these are only a small part of the total artistic works brought forth by these skillful and untiring craftsmen century after century. Of all the work of art now in existence the larger portion was produced by these men of the monastic institutions.

Besides all these things which the church has done in regard to the development of civilization, it has

and still is doing splendid work for the world in charitable institutions. For centuries the monasteries were the almshouses, inns and hospitals of Europe. But even to our present day, thousands of hospitals organized by nuns are open to the sick and needy. Then there are orphan institutions erected and supported by the church, taking good care and watching over thousands of parentless children of which no doubt a great number would perish, if it were not for these charitable institutions, organized by the Church. Many are trained in these institutions, and if they have not the vocation of serving God, either as priests or sisters, they will make useful and loyal citizens.

We have now seen how much the world is indebted to the Catholic Church and its institutions. If historians of the past had followed a better order, in their laborious researches, if they had been fair minded, they would have given us a complete catalogue of the services rendered by the Catholic Church, to the nations of Europe and to humanity in general. It is no exaggeration to assert that what ever distress or suffering we may think of, the Church has anticipated, and provided a remedy for it. It is therefore highly probable that but for Christianity, the wreck of society in Europe and of learning would have been complete. In other words we may say, "The History of the Catholic Church is the History of Civilization."—Lucius Schmidt, '30.

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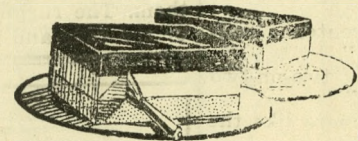
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Freshman News

All of the freshies say they had an enjoyable vacation, but that was to be expected after three months of hard labor.

Leiker, Koch, Peay and Gibbons are the freshie representatives on the baseball diamond.

Leiker will compete with any other boy on the campus in theme-writing. Have you heard of the grade he received on his essay, "America's Goodwill Flyer"?

Raymond Ross was absent from classes six days on account of illness.

We believe that Shulte is going to take up "interior decorating." The palms he planted on the blackboard cause us to entertain such thoughts.

The majority of the freshmen were very much afraid of Coach Lane's English test on Friday, April THIRTEENTH.

Koch: "Mackey, get the hammer. There's a fly on Eaton's head."

The reason the freshman class had no representative in the Oratorical Contest is that they prepared for it too late.

Johnny Robben has not been picking on his apparently worst enemy of the sophomore class so much this month.

Peay (while at home): "Mother says the only things I can make well are potato salad and fudge."

Girl friend: "Indeed, and which is this?"

Eaton rode so many horses while on his vacation that he walks bow-legged.

What's the matter, fellows? Prof. Weigel's reward still holds good.

Some of the freshies are attending "Messiah" rehearsals.

Shulte got quite a compliment from a junior this morning. This particular junior maintained that Shulte looked like a real "Cardinal" in his new cassock and surplice.

Koch has a new Easter suit. "Won't he be a treat for sore eyes?"

Prof.: "Joe, how do you know alfalfa gets nitrogen out of the air?"

Joe (in a low tone): "From the Bible."

Gibbons: "Say, Wasinger, did you ever drink any 'bull frog gin'?"

Wasinger: "No. What's that?"

Gibbons: "Well, you drink a little, hop a little, and croak."

Prof.: "In New York a man is run over every twenty minutes."

Sis: "Poor fellow."

Peay: "A sensible man doubts ev-

erything; only a fool is certain of what he says."

Gibbons: "Are you certain of that?"

Peay: "Positively!"

Leiker:

"A snowbird strutted 'cross my lawn,

It's pretty head a-bobbin'; It seemed so large, I looked again, And, lo, 'twas Johnny Robben."

Mackey and Peay were the only freshmen to attend the banquet at Coach Lane's. They had the time of their lives.

Peay: "The next time you have a date, for pity's sake, pick on some one your size."

The freshies are anxious for May 30th to come around. But they dread the 28th and 29th.

The freshies were glad to see the sophomores win the class tournament even though they did eliminate us

Exchange Notes

"The Laurel," St. Bonaventure, N. Y.

The story, "All for the Best," was well written by William A. Sullivan and was enjoyed by all of us who read it.

"College Life," Emporia, Kansas.

"Twenty Years Ago" is a new article that we've found in your paper.

"The Rambler," Atchison, Kansas.

We missed your program over the radio, but we know it was a great success.

"Saint Vincent College Journal," Beatty, Pa.

We anxiously await the arrival of your school paper every month. It's a very interesting Journal.

"The Loyolan," Los Angeles, Calif.

Judging from the rough sketch of your school, it must be a very beautiful place.

"The Hilltop News," Grand Rapids, Mich.

Congratulations to all the girls who received the Quill and Scroll pins.

"The Spotlight," Hutchinson, Kans.

The joke about Anita making two

mistakes a minute in typewriting makes some of us feel right at home.

"Rockhurst Sentinel," Kansas City.

We must say that you made a very fine showing in the A. A. U. tournament.

"The Brown and White," Mt. Healthy, Ohio.

Receive your paper monthly and the students like it a lot.

"Initium," Monette, Missouri.

You have a great cast for your Senior play, "Kicked Out of School."

"The Tower," Mt. Calvary, Wis.

Your article, "A Narrow Escape," by William Nirrichs, was very interesting.

"The Hour Glass," St. Mary's, Kans.

You had a very interesting sport page this week. Congratulations to John Ryan.

"St. Mary's Trumpet," Grand Island, Nebraska.

Your baseball scores are strong proof that baseball season is here and finds St. Mary's with a strong team.

"The Collegio," Pittsburg, Kansas.

Boy, but you must have some "fast" men in school winning sixteen watches, medals, and everything.

SENIORS STOP JUNIORS

The Seniors won from the Junior five in the first round of the inter-class tournament by a score of 20 to 5. The Seniors were at no time throughout the entire game threatened. A. Rhuder was high score man with 8 points, and Bollig had 7.

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Sophomore Notes

Again, but for the last time this year, we have had our term exams. We are still guessing at our marks. We may be optimistic, but we all hope for passing grades.

While our Geometry Professor was explaining the meaning of the Trigonometric term of "sine," "co-sine," "tangent," etc., some of our class sighed pitifully, while others listened desparingly.

Each and every one of our class enjoyed a very "jolly" Easter vacation. The Easter recess past, we are now looking forward to the summer vacation.

Geography Prof: "You tell me what is raised on the Philippine Islands, Tony."

Tony (absentmindedly): "Well, Panama hats-----"

Some time ago when two of the freshies aroused the ire of the upper classmen by violation of several of the Junior-Senior by-laws, the customary penalty of the student body was meted out to our young Collegiates. Neither were the Sophies inactive on this particular occasion. "Oh! Freshies, will you ever grow up?"

Two members of the Sophomore class are singing in the Messiah Chorus, directed by the K. S. T. C. They are A. Boucher and L. Schmidt. "Oh, Sophies, it won't be long now!"

The Sophomores wondered where in the world all the wind came from last week. The mystery was soon disclosed when Leo Pfeifer one of our modern giants, told us he could lift a Ford engine his own height. We certainly fear a tornado if he continues such stories.

Hist. Prof: Stanton, what was the French Revolution?"

Stanton: "Revolution fought in France. Wasn't it?"

Hist. Prof: "Well, I asked you." Stanton: "I don't know either."

Tony Schyler, otherwise known as "Alibi Ike" supplied the necessary wind for the play staged by the H. C. C. Alumni Association. We always thought you were windy, Tony, but now we know it.

Hilary Weigel is our only hope for filmdom as a dancer. He attended three in one week. Fr. Dennis, our Latin Professor, is regularly attending baseball practice. "Look out, Bushey, boy, hold on to the catcher's mitt."

Richard Keberlein, Vic Stanton, Adlore Boucher, Virgil Basgall, and Celestine Rupp of the basketball squad, attended the big feed given by Mrs. Lane Saturday evening. All had a good time.

F. Walter, one of our star football players, is out for track.

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Several of the students have reported to Coach Lane for track. Coach Lane intends to enter several boys in the U. P. League track meet to be held at Wakeeney on Friday April 20.

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