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## ALTAR SOCIETY ORGANIZED

Father Richard, Moderator, Forrest Barker, President

On Nov. 9 an Altar Society was organized at the Hays Catholic College. The name of the new organization is the St. John Berchman Altar Society.

Rev. Father Richard, was appointed moderator of the society by Rev. Father Director. Twenty-seven students have enrolled. The other officers of the society are: Forrest Barker, president, Oscar Vogel, secretary, John Grabbe, treasurer and Lucius Schmidt, master of ceremonies. On Dec. 8 at the Chapel service the following were invested: Francis Stroemel, Clem Werth, Isidore Werth, Forrest Barker, John Grabbe, Carl Schreiber, Rudolph Ruder, Fredolin Kuhn, Olive Franklin, Oscar Vogel, Linus Pfannenstiel, Francis Waters, Arthur Froelich, Edward Schreiber, Bernard Jaster, Adlore Boucher, Lucius Schmidt, Anton Wasinger, Robert Linsner, Ernest Peay, Vincent Tema, Alfred Koch, Geo. Gibbons, Richard Leiker, John Robben, Hilary Weigel and Albert Spies.

Benediction with the Most Blessed Sacrament followed.

The chief object of this Society is to train boys to serve at the altar and to take care of the sacristy and chapel. Membership in this society is not limited to those only of the students who serve at the altar but extends to all others who voluntarily give their services in the chapel. Honorary membership is bestowed upon all who contribute towards the chapel, either be it services money or any other donation.

## SECOND ASSEMBLY PROGRAM

Solos, Recitations and Choral Singing Make Interesting Time

The second assembly program was held on Tuesday, Nov. 29. The program was more varied than the first assembly program a few weeks ago and consisted of instrumental and vocal solos interspersed with recitations and choral songs.

The instrumental solos were rendered by Alphonse Linnenberger at the piano, Herman Klaus and Bernard Jaster on the violin. Isidore Werth and Leo Roth rendered vocal solos. Emil Beilman, Alfred Giebler and Forrest Barker recited selections. The H. C. C. Orchestra opened the program with a serenade by Schumann and the H. C. C. Glee Club rendered very ably "Ave Maria" by Lambillotte.

## CALENDAR

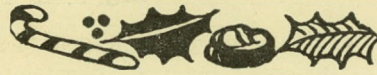
—1927—

Tuesday, Dec. 20—  
Assembly program  
Thursday, Dec. 22—  
Christmas recess begins.

—1928—

A Happy New Year

Tuesday, January 3—  
Christmas recess closes.  
Wednesday, January 4—  
7:45 classes resumed.  
Wednesday, January 18—  
Semester examinations  
Thursday, January 19—  
Mid-Year holiday.



## BETHLEHEM

Beneath a starry night  
Some centuries ago  
Entered the brightest Light  
Into this world of sin:  
The Savior, Jesus Christ,  
Redeemer of the world.

He, whom the seers of old  
Foretold in type and word,  
Lies helpless on the straw  
In lowly human form.  
Enrapt the angel choirs  
Their new-born King adore.

Him hasten to adore  
And praise and honor bring.  
E'en though to human eye  
He seems a mortal man  
Midst all His humble court  
Still is He Christ, the KING.



## ANNOUNCE LETTERMEN

Coach Recommends Sixteen to Faculty—Two As All Stars

Sixteen members of the 1927 H. C. A. football team have been recommended to receive the coveted "H". Of these, three are receiving their third and last letter namely: Clem Werth, Issy Werth and Oliver Franklin; Roth, Bollig, Drees and Walter are receiving their second letter, whilst Barker, Schlyer, Wiesner, Grabbe, Ruder, Boucher, Riedel, Stanton and Peay are earning "H's" for the first time.

Clem Werth flashy half back was voted the most valuable player on the team and received a pen and pencil from the Geyer Bros. Drug Store at Hays.

Issy Werth was given a "berth" on the "All-Star Mythical Eleven" selected by some sport writers and coaches in these parts.

The Journal congratulates all the deserving players

## FOOTBALL SUMMARY

During the season just closed the H. C. A. football team played eight games: won 4 and lost 4. H. C. A. piled up a score of 125 to opponents 59.

Mr. and Mrs. V. A. Weigel, Mr. and Mrs. A. Linnenberger, Mr. and Mrs. B. Eberle and the Misses Drees attended the musicale on Dec. 1 in the College auditorium.

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## STUDENTS' MUSICAL RECITAL

Thursday Evening, Dec. 1, at College Auditorium

The first music recital of the year by the students of the music department under the direction of Rev. Fr. Alfred, was held on Thursday evening, Dec. 1, in the College Auditorium. Following program was given:

Piano:  
(1) "The Dream Boat"  
(2) "A Rose in My Garden"  
Alphons Linnenberger  
Violin: "Dream Waltz".....Vogt  
Julius Eberle

Piano:  
"Little Soldier Boy".....Molineaux  
Roy Eaton

Violin Duet:  
"Winter Adieu"  
"Home, Sweet Home"  
E. Weigel and J. Eberle  
Piano: "Passing Train".....Molineaux  
John Robben

Violin:  
"Mountain Belle".....Schottische  
Edwin Weigel  
Piano: Folk Song  
Alfred Koch

Violin:  
Diamond Schottische.....Crist  
Richard Leiker

Vocal Solo: Yearning.....Burke  
Isidore Werth

Violin: "Berceuse".....Godard  
Bernard Jaster

Piano: Waltz.....R. Streabbog  
Arthur Froehlich

Piano: The Song of the Katydid  
Hilary Weigel

Violin: Gavotte.....Gossec  
Herman Klaus

Vocal: Duna, In the Long, Long Ago  
Leo Roth

Violin: Old Block Joe  
Edward Schreiber

## THANKSGIVING A GALA DAY

Third Annual Home-Coming, H. C. A. vs. LaCrosse Football Game

November 24th will go down as a red letter day in the annals of H. C. C. alumni. It marked the third annual home-coming celebration of all former students. Thanksgiving was a perfect day for the alumni in every respect. The sun shone bright, the weather was calm and the crowd was joyful. Due to weeks of preparation and the untiring efforts of the officers of the alumni the well arranged program was executed splendidly. The old faces began to make their appearance at the Alma Mater early in the morning as each alumnus registered at the office of the Father Director.

About 11 o'clock the final preparations were made for the demonstration which started at 12:30 p. m. The parade was led by the American Legion drum and bugle corps, which was followed by students of the Girls' Catholic High School, then students of the College and finally the Alumni. A novelty band led by Ott Weigel brought up the rear. Bobby Mackey, the youngest football mascot in the state, marched along in full football attire.

The course followed by this enthusiastic concourse was east on Sheridan Avenue to Chestnut Street, next to Normal Avenue to Lewis field where the football game commenced at 3 o'clock.

The culmination of the activities was the football game between H. C. C. and LaCrosse High School. The weather was ideal for football and the two teams battled bravely before a record crowd estimated at 600 spirited and enthusiastic spectators. The local boys were to avenge a 6-0 defeat suffered from the LaCrosse warriors two weeks previous. Were they going to disappoint the frantic mob in the grandstand who were thirsting for victory? Certainly not. For it was to be a perfect day for the alumni who had come from far and wide to see their College win the laurels. The boys realized this and fought hard. Clean sportsmanship was displayed on the part of both teams. But LaCrosse was outplayed in every department of the game. They found the Hays line impregnable, failing to gain a single first down; their passes were not functioning. Whereas Hays was not forced to punt a single time for downs. LaCrosse was at their mercy. They could gain through the

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CHRISTMAS

The holy season of Christmas is again at hand. Time passes so rapidly that we scarcely realize the change of season until it is upon us. To each of us, in whatsoever walk of life we may be, Christmas has its own distinctive meaning. To the student it means the Holiday vacation when he may relax after four months of grinding mental labor. To some, at least, it means the joy of homecoming and the happy reunion of the dear ones in the family circle. Others—not so fortunate—conceal their sorrows and longings, lest perhaps they mar the happiness of those whose hearts leap with joy during this season of gladness. Fathers and mothers always endeavor to the utmost to bring peace and contentment into the hearts of their children at Christmas time. Few sons and daughters duly appreciate the sacrifice of parents, still the devotion of a father or mother for the child is so great that self is entirely lost or forgotten.

This time of the year there seems to be an influence pervading kindliness and charity, fellowship and good will and this influence is called the Christmas spirit.

It is our Mother the Church who best expresses the sentiment of Christmas. Throughout the weeks of Advent the Church, the world over, is preparing for the joyous coming of the Christ Child on the altar on Christmas night. At that time the bells ring out on the still night air to announce to a rejoicing world the tidings of the birth of the Redeemer.

When all the world is rejoicing and thoughts of home and loved ones steal into hearts of those who are wandering or in exile, it helps to create in the soul of the wanderers a love of home and the religion of their mothers.

A Saint once said that the lessons learned at the mother's knee are never forgotten. So it is that the glory of the Church is increased when the true Christian mother gathers her little ones about her and again tells the beautiful story of the Christ Child who was born in the manger at Bethlehem.

It is not the princely halls or the brilliantly lighted mansions that bring home to us the real spirit of Christmas, but the humble homes, where dwell those who love Him who came to bring "Peace on earth and good will to men."—O. F. '29.

WINTER

The Standard Dictionary gives the following as a definition for the word winter: "The coldest season of the year; from autumn till spring; figuratively, a time marked by lack of life, warmth and cheer."

Winter is the coldest season of the year, but it is not necessarily a time "marked by lack of life, warmth and cheer." Indeed, there is a lack of life in the plant world, but there need not be a lack of life among us, humans; and much less need there be a lack of warmth and cheer. Indeed, in northern countries and the northern states of our own country, winter, according to the popular opinion, is a time of leisure and enjoyment. A person living where winters are mild does not know the real pleasure of sitting by a crackling fire, roasting apples and telling stories. They say winter evenings are long, but they are also pleasant too. To be sure, there are many hardships to be endured, but where does life exist, tell me, rational or irrational, where hardships must not be endured?

Winter, another author says, is a time of sport and entertainment. One must live in a northern climate to know and share all the sports of winter. Is there not just as much fun in a skating party as in an afternoon at the beach? If as yet you have not gone sleighing on a winter's moon-lit night, there is a treat still awaiting you.

You say, "How can there be enjoyment in the winter where it's so bitterly cold?" Let me tell you of the people in the far North, where the winters are very cold. In those lands the inhabitants hail with joy "The first of the great snows." Have you ever read, "Whittier's 'Snow Bound?'" Read it when you have the opportunity, "some winter's evening," and you will have a true picture of winter. To add to the prestige of winter, there are the Holidays, viz: Christmas and New Year's Day.

No one can deny the universal joy and peace of Christmas. You may say it would be just as joyful, and as great a holiday if it were in the summer. If it were in the summer you would not have that snow-covered scene which you visualize when you think of Christmas. If

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Christmas were a hot, sultry day, would it not lose much of its charm and joy? So we can see that the northern winter is a time of comparative leisure and merry-making. Snow for sleighing, ice for skating, and the Christmas Holidays are some of the sources of winter joy and mirth, and all this is contained in the idea of "winter" to the inhabitants of a northern clime.

—G. J. L. '28.

SOPHOMORE CLASSNOTES

Boucher, Schlyer, Stanton and Walters have each made their letter in football.

There are quite a number of Sophies who went out for basketball among whom are: Stanton, Basgall, Walters, Boucher, Schmidt, Rupp and Kaberlein.

Francis Walters was elected football captain for next year—the pride of the Sophies

We have recently had our last term exams for this semester in which most of us were successful.

English Prof: "Wise men invent proverbs, and foo's repeat them."

Student: "What wise man invented that one?"

Some of our bright classmates evidently are aspiring to be Aristotle II., judging from the way they ask one of our profs questions concerning philosophy.

Some of the members of our class were undoubtedly glad of the fact that it was cold several days last week so they did not have to attend class.

A merry Christmas and a happy New Year to the faculty and students of H. C. C. and also to the

readers of the Journal from the "Sophies."

Father Camillus was busy gathering the crumbs but still found time to conduct a three days' retreat—Dec. 5, 6, 7, for the young ladies of St. Joseph Parish, Hays.

Mr. D. J. Lane of St. Marys' Kansas visited at the College on Thanksgiving Day.

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**FOOTBALL SQUAD FETED**

**Alumni Give Banquet for Team, Varied Program After Eats**

On Wednesday, Nov. 30 the H. C. C. Alumni gave a banquet for the team in the College Refectory. It was a splendid repast and was enjoyed by all present.

After the banquet an interesting program was rendered. Dr. A. A. Herman was in charge. Coach Lane was the first to be called upon and announced the names of the 16 letter men of the season. The squad then left for the Science Hall and after quite a lengthy session returned to announce the election of two captains: Clarence Drees '29 and Francis Walter '30. The assembled crowd gave fifteen "rahs" for the captains.

A ring was formed and "Dicker" Kuhn challenged Johnny Kinderknecht to a five round boxing match. Joe Basgal and "Heine" Wolf were appointed referees. The bout proved very exciting and after some consultation the crown of victory was awarded to "Dicker".

The "Barbershop Quartette" was then called upon for some songs. "Pat" Malone, "Doey" Basgall, "Bill" Toepfer and "Coach" Lane made up the quartette and were enchored until they could sing no more. Rich Dreiling accompanied on the piano.

"Bill" Drees and "Bill" Kuhn then put on the "Are you there, Moriarity?" which pleased all.

A pie-eating contest was then held. Paulinus Dreiling, Rich Dreiling, George Bittle, Al Basgall, Alfred Wiesner, "Heine" Wolf, "Doc" Basgall and Frank Wiesner were the contestants. Paulinus Dreiling was proclaimed the victor.

Ott Weigel entertained with a few vocal selections accompanying himself on the banjo. He held the audience spellbound for no one knew how his songs would end. But the end came all too soon and he

was heartily enchored.

Then followed speeches by the coach, Lew Lane, Fr. Justin, director, and Prof. Weigel. Mr. Weigel had several communications from famous schools asking for Mr. Lane to be coach but they were all answered in the negative.

The new captains were then called upon for a few words and also the old captain and they responded thanking the alumni for their loyal support of athletics.

The merriment closed with the singing of the College song. All left feeling that they had had a good time.

Those present were: Very Rev. Fr. Gregory, Vice President; Rev. Fr. Justin, Director; Fathers Florence, Herbert, Alfred, Matthew, Cleatus and Dennis, Mr. V. A. Weigel and Coach Lane.

Of the alumni were present. Dr. G. C. Unrein, '13, Fred Arnold, '11, Dr. A. A. Herman, '12, B. M. Kuhn, '15, M. J. Dorzweiler, '15, William Drees, '17, Joseph Basgall, '18, Edmund A. Karlin, '19, George Bittel '21, James A. Drees, '23, A. J. Kuhn, '23, C. A. Rupp, '23, Alfred C. Wies-

ner, '23, Francis J. Wiesner, '23, Henry Wolf, '24 M. J. Malone, '17, G. A. J. Brull, '18, George J. Gottschalk, '22, Linus E. Basgal, '25, Paulinus E. Dreiling, '23, Edgar Schueler, '25, Al Basgall, '09-'13 A. H. Dreiling, '13, Richard Dreiling, '15-'17, Wm. Toepfer, '13 Lawrence Wiesner, '13-'15, Richard Gottschalk, '26, B. J. Roth, '26, O. P. Weigel, '17-'18. The football team, cheer-leaders and other students were also present.

**FRESHMEN FROLICS**

Earnest Peay, Harold Mackey, Richard Rupp, Bil Start and Anton Wasinger went out for basketball.

Most of the "freshies" went to see the picture show "Ben-Hur."

Anton Wasinger and Robert Linsner were sick one day last week.

George Gibbons and Roy Eaton were also on the sick list last week.

Examinations and tests are making the closing days rather hard.

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**CHAPTER IV**

**Building the College (1895-1908)**

With the coming of better times the energies of pastor and people were applied to bettering the condition of the Hays Parish. A rectory was needed very badly as the house that had hitherto been used as a dwelling by the Fathers, was not suited for their needs. Accordingly in the autumn of the year 1897 stone was hauled for the new building. The weather permitting, the excavations were made in January, 1889. The stone work was begun in March and it was possible for Very Rev. Fr. Joseph Anthony, Provincial of the Pennsylvania Province of Capuchins, to lay the corner-stone March 25. Work on the new building was pushed vigorously and was completed in September. The building was thrown open for general inspection September 25, and on the following day the Friars moved into their new home.

It soon became evident to all that in the near future a new church building also would have to be built. The parish was outgrowing its quarters faster than had been anticipated. In 1900 the first steps were taken towards the erection of a new church. In December a fair was held that yielded a substantial sum as the nucleus of a building fund. On June 3, 1901, ground for the new church was broken. Owing to the enthusiasm of the parishoners, many of whom worked gratis during this time, the excavations were completed in less than six days. The work on the foundation, however, was delayed so that it was not until autumn (November 28th) that the corner-stone could be laid. This was made the occasion of great rejoicing. The Rt. Rev. J. F. Cunningham, Bishop of Concordia, laid the corner-stone, assisted by many priests, both Secular and Capuchin. A large concourse of people from the surrounding towns gathered for the celebration and listened intently to the eloquent sermons of Father R. Stollenwerk of Liebenthal, who preached in German, and of Father B. Hayden of Solomon, who preached in English. But work on the new building progressed very slowly and for a time it had to be suspended entirely for lack of funds. Towards the end of the year 1902 work was resumed and continued to progress until the church was finally completed and opened for services June 12, 1904.

If the day on which the corner-stone was laid was a day of rejoicing, the day of the opening of the church was the greatest day the Church had seen in Hays up to that time. Assisted by a number of priests from the surrounding territory the Rt. Rev. Bishop opened the church for services. The new building could not hold the crowds that flocked to it that day. Father Maher, of Salina, preached the festive sermon in English and Very Rev. Fr. Hyacinth, O. M. Cap., Founder of the Pennsylvania Province of Capuchins, was the festive orator in German. The clergy of the surrounding territory were all there for the occasion. Besides those mentioned above there were also present the following priests: Rev. R. Stollenwerk of Liebenthal, and the following Capuchins: Fr. Richard, Fr. Joseph Leonissa, Fr. John M., Fr. Theodosius, Fr. Edward, Fr. Celestine, Fr. Titus, Fr. Maurus, and Fr. Julius. The church was of substantial construction and the Catholics of Hays have good reason to be proud of it.

With the completion of the church the endeavors of the people were turned into a new channel. The old school that stood on the site of the present College had long been inadequate to accommodate all the children of the parish. From time to time additions had been made to it, but even so it was evident to all that sooner or later a new building would have to be erected. The old church buildings that stood side by side with their more pretentious successor were impractical for any further use, so they gradually disappeared, and by the beginning of the year 1905 the last vestiges had been removed.

Side by side with the idea of a new school for the parish, the dream of a school of higher learning for boys also gained ground among the Catholics of the district. Thinking men of Western Kansas saw the necessity of such a school in their part of the state and the question was only to find a suitable location for it. Several likely sites were considered, but finally Hays was chosen as being the most centrally located. The enthusiasm of the people grew stronger and stronger and by 1906 it would brook delay no longer, so arrangements were made to begin the erection of a school of this kind as soon as possible.

Several of the faculty answered calls for outside assistance. Father Herbert assisted at Emmeram and Munjor during Forty Hours Devotion and also helped out the pastor at Norton. Neckties for Christmas. Get snappy numbers at Leiker's.

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The Hays Parish needed a new school building, so an agreement was made with the Capuchin Fathers to jointly erect a building that would serve the needs both of a parochial school and of a college for boys. It was understood that eventually the whole building would become the property of the Parish on the payment of a suitable sum. The agreement met with the hearty approval of the Rt. Rev. Bishop on October 28, 1906. Work was begun almost at once. To meet their part of the agreement each communicant of the Parish was supposed to haul 1½ cords of soft stone and ½ cord of hard stone. In lieu of this he was to pay \$6.50 or \$7.00.

The first load of stone was hauled November 27, 1906. sickness, and jerr a lonely heart. That inlovedcandtrytButM The soft stone was obtained from the quarry of Clement Unrein; the hard stone had to be hauled from Schoenchen. The hauling of stone continued during the winter whenever the weather permitted. As the new building was to stand on the site of the old school, it was necessary to move that building. This was a difficult task as the base of the old building was beginning to decay and the whole structure threatened to collapse in a high wind. In spite of these obstacles the men succeeded in moving it intact to its new location. This work was done between March 27 and April 5, 1907. The school was reopened April 9, when the children were subjected to an examination that lasted from 9 a. m. till 5:20 p. m.—an examination that proved the worth of the school. On the same day excavating for the new building was begun. Many men with their teams worked from one to three days gratis. Work progressed so well that by April 17 the concrete had been poured and everything was in readiness for the masons to begin work on Monday, April 22. Bad weather, however, set in and delayed this part of the work so that it wasn't till late in June that the corner-stone could be laid. Father Cassian, O. M. Cap., the Pastor at Hays, performed this ceremony June 23, 1907. In spite of the intense heat a large number of people gathered for the occasion and listened attentively to the eloquent sermon of the Rev. R. Stollenwerk of Liebenthal.

Work on the new building had to be suspended in July, because the harvest called for all the manpower of the county.

It had been the fond wish of the Rev. Pastor and the Parish to be able to open the new school year (1907-1908) in the modern building then going up. But they were doomed to disappointment. All during the summer there had been little or no stone hauled and so precious time was lost. Interest in the building was lagging and something had to be done to reawaken the enthusiasm of the people. A new assessment required two loads of soft stone or one of hard stone from each family. And so September came and saw the building scarcely above the first floor.

The Parochial School was opened September 16, in the old building. The four dingy rooms were crowded with children as more than 190 registered that day. Children 13 years old and older were going to the public school, thus being exposed to the loss of the religious training that was rightfully theirs; and all this was going on because there was no room for them in their own school. Father Cassian made the most strenuous efforts to complete the new building as soon as possible, even going from house to house in the Parish to awaken new interest in the undertaking.

Work on the building was resumed after the harvest, but it progressed only at a snail's pace. Laborers were extremely hard to get as they could get better wages elsewhere. This happened because there were extensive building operations going on in different parts of the county at the time, and naturally those who could pay the highest wages got the workmen. This extensive building program also interfered with the movement of building materials. At the time there were additions being added to the K. S. T. C. buildings in Hays; a Protestant church was building in Ellis; the cement mill at Yocemento was in process of erection; and the Russell Hotel at Russell was nearing completion. The cement for these buildings had to be brought in from elsewhere. The railroads were blocked by the moving grain and so when an occasional carload of cement arrived at the Hays depot there was a general scramble as to who should have it. Sand was also very hard to get for a time, but this was remedied when the Parish bought its own sand pit.

Work was further delayed by the petty jealousies of some of the workmen, who refused to work under a certain foreman, and the cupidity, indolence and incompetence of the man who was employed as building inspector. The latter let the most ideal building weather of November and part of December slip past without making any effort to utilize it. The

walls were scarcely up to the second floor after seven months of building and then Fr. Cassian's patience was exhausted. The building inspector was summarily dismissed, and it was agreed upon to have the rest of the building completed under contract. (Up to that time the services of a contractor had been dispensed with.) John Marshall of Topeka was called in to make some alterations in the plans of Mr. Klutho, some details of which were unnecessarily expensive. It wasn't until February 7, 1908, that the revised plans were returned. These were subjected to the careful scrutiny of the building committee and then let out on bids. The contract was given to J. C. Wilson and W. N. Mills company. At last building operations were resumed after nothing had been done for over three months, on March 20, 1908.

The building was finally completed August 20, at the cost of about \$45,000. At last the dream of Pastor and people was to be realized. The College opened its doors to 53 students on September 14; and a week later the Parochial School opened with an enrollment of 227.

(To Be Continued)

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**ALUMNI and FORMER STUDENTS**

When the Christmas season rush is on mail carriers look around for help. Adolph Dreiling '18 better known as "Doc" calls at the College twice daily except Sunday and his visit is always looked to with "Hope." Resolved the "help" problem for this Christmas season rush in a unique way. He is the proud father of a son named Anthony Francis. Congratulations!

Isidore Staab '25 is in St. Anthony's Hospital. At the present writing he is doing very well. The Journal wishes him a speedy recovery.

Mr. John Miller '14 has a candidate for the class of '46 born on Dec. 9. Congratulations!

John Baier '12-'15 is the proud father of a daughter, Vivian Marie. Congratulations to the fond parents and best wishes to the daughter.

Joachim Lang '24, is at present in Stockton, Calif.

In our last number of the Journal mention was made of Edgar P. Roth as being in China with Uncle Sam. Since then the faculty has received a communication from Mr. Roth and since it is of interest to others we print it herewith:

U. S. S. Henderson  
San Francisco, Cal.  
November 28, 1927

Reverend Fathers:

Merely a few words in explanation of the piece of rock I am sending under separate cover. It is a piece of a brick which I brought back from a trip to the Great Chinese Wall.

Thinking you might be interested in having a chip of the Great Wall in the Museum of the new College, I am forwarding it.

You are probably surprised to note that the stone is a sort of baked brick. The section of the Wall, it was my fortune to visit, is constructed with these bricks used as the outer shell and the inside filled with native rock and debris.

Though, I only saw a short section of the wall a matter of 50 or 60 miles of it, yet it was enough to show what an enormous piece of work the construction was.

Ever since my visit to the Wall I have been endeavoring to place the architecture but could only convince myself that it was no Chinaman who conceived the idea of that wall, or built it.

I can give a detailed account of just what I saw at the wall, would be glad to if I knew the information was desirable.

Have been unable to meet Fr. Rudolph who is at Hankaw at present. Though I met some Fathers that knew him.

If any of the fathers are remaining at college, that were my teachers

I would highly appreciate hearing from them.

Very Respectfully

A former student,

Edgar P. Roth.

E. P. Roth U. S. S. Henderson,  
San Francisco, Calif.  
%Postmaster.

Father Rudolph was professor at Hays Catholic College at the time Mr. Roth was a student here. He is now in the foreign mission field in China.

The piece of brick arrived is labeled and is awaiting its place in the museum of the new college.

Many thanks, Mr. Roth for the specimen. The readers of the Journal would appreciate the information you could give regarding the well-known Great Wall of China. So please let us hear from you soon.

Editor.

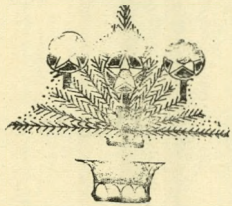
The best wishes of the season to all alumni and former students from the Historian of the H. C. C. Alumni Association.

**JUNIOR NOTES**

Oliver Franklin is a patient at St. Anthony's Hospital. We wish him speedy recovery.

Tony and Fred Wiesner, Alfred Giebler and Albert Spies are the Juniors out for basketball.

We had our monthly speed test in typewriting and are now anxiously awaiting the results. Last month Tony Wiesner had an average of 25 words per minute, for 15 minutes, taking first place, while Aloysious Bruhl and Leo Roth tied for second place with an average of 20 words each, per minute.

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Two of the Junior players received letters. The lucky two were: Oliver Granklin and Tony Wiesner. Oliver Franklin also received his third stripe.

The Junior Class wishes the faculty and students of H. C. C. a joyful Christmas and a prosperous new year.

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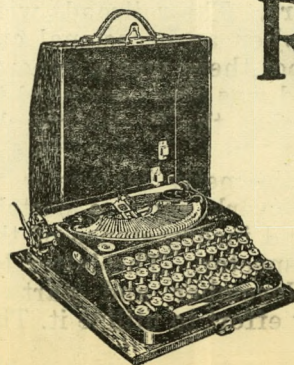
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The Hays Catholic Academy Football Team of 1927



Left to right—Standing: Bollig, Walter, Franklin, C. Werth, Feay, Drees, Kuhn, Mackey, Wiesner. Kneeling: Rupp, R. Ruder, Grabbe, Roth, Schlyer, Stanton, Boucher, Schmidt. Sitting: Ross, Wasinger, Riedel, I. Werth (captain), Spies, Earker, Giebler.

Freshman this year but will be a terrible tack e next year.

Anthony Schlyer (Tony) Age 17, height 5 ft. 8 in., Tony used his head sometimes at quarter back and the result was a touchdown.

Adlore Boucher (Bushy): Age 17, height 5 ft. 8 in., weight 137 lbs. Bushy was another quarter back that used head work at the right time.

Harold Mackey: Age 16, height 5 ft. 10 in., weight 151 lbs. A Freshman and substitute guard and center.

Celestine Rupp: Age 16, height 5 ft. 7 in., weight 118 lbs. Substitute guard.

HERE THEY ARE

Isidore Werth (Izzy). Age 18, height 5 ft. 9 in., weight 154 lbs. Izzy finished his high school football career as captain. He played three years and finished at right half-back. He was a consistent ground gainer and a terror on defence.

Clement Werth (Clem): Age 18, height 5 ft. 9 in., weight 154 lbs. Clem played two years on the line and was moved to left half where he proved to be a successful touch down scorer.

Rudolph Ruder. (Fat) Age 17, height 5 ft. 8 in., weight 150 lbs. This was his first year out for football and proved himself to be one of the best guards that ever played for H. C. C.

John Grabbe. (Honey) Age 17, height 5 ft. 8 in., weight 148 lbs. Another first year man who proved himself a steller player. He was known as flying tackle.

Alphonse Roth (Oscar, Age 18, height 5 ft. 3in., weight 147 lbs. This was his second and last year of football for H. C. C. He was known as the dashing ful back.

Francis Walters. Age 16, height 5 ft. 11in., weight 187 lbs. Walters played a wonderful game at end, and was chiefly noted for his successful ground gaining on fake play.

Oliver Franklin: Age 20, height 6 ft. weight 192 lbs. Finished his last year football for H. C. C. at guard. He was noted for doing a great part of opening up the line on offense.

Alphonse Bollig: Age 18, height 5 ft. 10 in. weight, 156 lbs. Bollig played his last game at end but played right tackle a greater part of the season. He was known for his

great speed.

Clarence Drees. (Swede) Age 19, height 5 fet, 10 in. weight 189 lbs. Swede played center and guard. He proved himself a very valuable man.

Felix Riedel: Age 17, height 5 ft. 8 in. weight 144 lbs. Felix played the best part of the season at center, and proved himself a dangerous man on defence.

Forest Barker: Age 18, height 5 ft 7 in. weight 135 lbs. Barker played quarter half and fulback. He was known greatly for his speed at full-back position.

Tony Wiesner: Age 18, height 6 ft. 3 in. weight 150 lbs. Tony played a splendid end position, and was a very dangerous man on defence.

Fridolin Kuhn: Age 17, height 6 ft. 1 in., weight 160 lbs. Kuhn played sub tackle.

Robert Linsner: Age 18, height 5 ft. 7 in., weight 140 lbs. Robert played sub tackle.

Edmund Schmidt. Age 17, height 5 ft. 8 in. weight 127 lbs. Schmidt played sub end.

Anton Wasinger. Age 17, height

5 ft. 7 in., weight 136 lbs. Anton played sub half.

Albert Spies. Age 17, height 5 ft. 8 in., weight 147 lbs. Spies played sub half. Raymond Ross, Age 16, height 5 ft. 10 in., weight 152 lbs. Ross played sub end.

Victor Stanton (Vic): Age 17, height 5 ft. 8 in., weight 147 lbs. Vic proved himself to be a worthy successor to "Oscar" at fullback for next year

Earnest Peay: Age 16, height 5 ft. 11 in., weight 165 lbs. Peay is a

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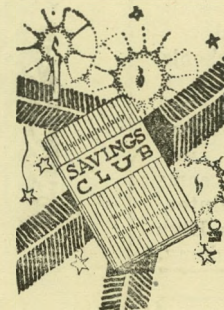
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**THANKSGIVING A GALA DAY**  
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line, around the end and complete passes almost at will. The result was a 33-0 victory for Hays. The local team functioned as a perfect machine and one player deserves as much credit as another. The two Werths, however, gained the most ground, but that is the duty of half backs. The grandstand roared with the cheers for the home team. A special thanks is due to girls of the Catholic High for their loyalty to the team throughout the season. The H. C. C. and Alumni take this opportunity to publicly express their sentiments of gratitude to the Girls' Catholic High School for their support during the past football season.

After the victory on the gridiron, the program continued with a banquet in the Civic Hall at 7:30. In order to make the celebration as home-like as possible all formal talks were dispensed with. Father Justin, the Director, however, spoke a few words of welcome, expressed his happiness at seeing such an encouraging group present for the occasion and invited all to return next year.

Singing and entertainment was furnished by members of the jolly alumni. At 9 o'clock the dance commenced, which was the last number on a well arranged and perfectly executed program for the third annual homecoming celebration of the Hays Catholic College. Everyone went home happy and refreshed with many fond memories of the happy school days spent at their old Alma Mater—H. C. C.

The credit for this grand success is due to the efforts of the loyal alumni themselves and especially to their zealous and enthusiastic officers, George Gottschalk and William Toepfer.

**CAGE PROSPECTS FAIR**

Twenty-five Answer First Call—  
Three Regulars Form Nucleus

The H. C. A. Basketball prospects for the season are fair, according to Coach Lane. Three regulars of last year, Clem and Izzy Werth and Tony Wiesner are the nucleus around which the coach expects to build a fine quintette.

Twenty-five candidates responded to the first call, but some of these have already been retired. There is some promising material left. Clem Werth has been chosen to Captain the team and will play forward.

A league of six High Schools, along the U. P. R. R. has been formed. Two games will be played with each of these teams except that the H. C. A. quintette will not meet the H. H. S. cagers. The teams making up the league are: Quinter, Wakeeney, Ellis, Russell, Hays High School and Hays Catholic Academy.

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The season will not officially open until after the Christmas recess. The basketball schedule will appear in the January number.

**SENIOR CLASS NOTES**

Clem Werth, a commercial of our class, has been absent from class, due to an injured ankle.

The Senior Class received their rings last week. They are very attractive. Here is a description. Yellow gold shank with a white gold top; Aladdin lamp is in the center; Book of knowledge on bottom. Letter "H" on top and "C" "A" on open pages of book and a wreath, the crowning glory of a great accomplishment, encircles the gold top. The year 1928-19 on one side and 28 on the other.

Five seniors are out for basketball; Clem Werth, Forrest Barker, A. Ruder, I. Werth, A. Roth and F. Kuhn.

John Grabbe, a Kansas farmer for eighteen years, saw his first prairie dog the other day.

Edmund Gerstner, a Commercial, was absent for several days. He has reached the "boiling" point.

If several shies in our English class would narrow the legs of their pants and broaden their heads, they would get through the tests better.

August Ruder was a visitor at Victoria last Sunday.

Oscar Roth said that his idea of the height of Folly is: "A glass eye at a key hole."

The other day a Senior received a "Dutch Rub", and someone casually asked, "Who was burning wood?"

"What are you looking around for Gerstner?" "I want to see what's going on back there."

Rel. Prof. "Who can receive the sacrament of Matrimony?" Mr. B. "Well I can't". Rel. Prof: "Why not?" Mr. B: "It takes two to receive Matrimony."

The Senior Class extends to all the greetings of the season.

Rev. N. J. Staab of Kinsley attended the Homecoming Day game.

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