## FATHER EUGENE RETURNS

"Drive" in Cheyenne County Proves Successful
On December 4, Father Eugene returned after spending ten days in Cheyenne County in the interest of the new St. Joseph Diocesan College. The report of the "drive," which will be found on another page of this issue, speaks well for these people. The county is sparsely populated and the number of Catholics proportionately small. Nevertheless they showed that they are one hundred percent behind their Bishop's undertaking by subscribing their quota and paying part of their pledge.

Father Eugene conducted the drive personally and to his pleasing personality is due in part the success of the trive.
In speaking of the drive in the counties of Northwestern Kansas, Father Eugene remarked that the towns of Beardsley and Bird City deserve special praise for their loyal cooperation.
It is rumored that after the holidays Father Eugene will again go on the "road." More success to him.

## HOME FROM NOTRE DAME TO SPEND CHRISTMAS

Linus Jacobs, '25, returned from Notre Dame University this morning, Dec. 18, to spend the Christmas holidays with his folks.

Linus was very prompt in calling on old acquaintances at the College. And we are not bashful at all to mention that this would be a good example to follow by some of our other "grads." Linus wouldn't mind spending perhaps a term with us, provided Fr. Florence would give up the typewriting room, which used to be the old literary haunt for the "collegiates." "Doc" Basgall no doubt would hand in his application on the same grounds.
Linus likes it fairly well at Notre Dame and will return again on the 5 th of January. Your old acquaintances at the College wish you good luck for the coming term. Perhaps you could correspond occasionally.

## BASKETBALL OUTLOOK GOOD

Plenty of Material, but No Place to Practice
The football season is over. Basketball is the next major sport on the program. Coach Crawford has been looking over the material and thinks he can develop a good team.

He plans to organize inter-class basketball teams, thereby giving a greater number an opportunity to show their skill. From these teams he expects to pick an "all star" quintette.
But these are only plans. Up to the present no suitable place for practice has been found. The K. S. T. C. authorities have permitted the use of the Coliseum for games, but not for regular practice.

The coach's plans could easily be realized if the New College were completed. As matters now stand, they are similar to the case of the young man who was all "dolled" up, but had no place to go.


Father Cassian Holds Annual Retreat for Students

The annual retreat of the students opened Sunday evening, December 13, and closed Thursday morning, December 17. Father Cassian, 0 . M. Cap, pastor of St. Fidelis church, Victoria, Kansas, was the retreatmaster.

For the last two years the boys' retreat has been under the direction of this experienced man who knows the boys' nature not only from books but also from experience since he has been director of institutions for boys for fifteen years.
There is no doubt that these days of silence and prayer spent under his guidance have proven interesting and enlightening and his lectures have aroused the students to good resolutions.
On Thursday morning all the students received holy communion in a body at an early mass. The retreat closed with high mass of which the Rev. Retreat Master was celebrant, followed by the Papal blessing, benediction and Te Deum.
Many thanks to Father Cassian for his splendid retreat.

For a Mufflex, come to Leiker's.

Thomas P. Downs Addresses Faculty and Students

On Tuesday, November 24, Thomas P. Downs, special agent for the Knights of Columbus, gave an interesting talk to the faculty and students.
The forty-five minute study period was assigned to Mr. Downs for addressing the students and they all feel that the time was well spent. He talked about the development of accommodations in Ellis County and also surrounding counties. Mr. Downs also related some of his personal experiences of his early school days in a place about sixty miles south of Hays.
The students are very grateful to Mr . Downs for his interesting talk and also to Mr. Beeby who was instrumertal in arranging this meeting which was so much appreciated.

## VACATION IS HERE

The annual Christmas vacation will begin at 9:30 o'clock on Tuesday, December 22. All students are reuested to report on Monday, January 4, 1926, sothat all will be present for classes on Tuesday morning at 8:00 o'clock. The JOURNAL wishes all students a merry Christmas, a happy

## STRAMEL WINS CUP

First Award of Kind in History of H. C. A.
F. Bruno Stramel has the unique distinction of being the first student of H. C. A. to win a "loving" cup. And Stramel won this distinction in a boxing match.
The story runneth thus: The Chamber of Commerce of Hays feted the three football teams of the town. Each school was to furnish a program of a sort after the banquet. Coach Crawford decided on a boxing match between Stramel and Haas. These are the two star ends of the squad and they showed as much fight on the mat as they did on the field, and that was plenty.
After three rounds hard and fast fighting the judges had to give a decision, which was no slight task. Finally after deciding that both had lost, the judges reversed and gave Stramel the decision. With the decision went the cup.
The cup is going to be a mighty big help to Bruno's mother the next time she bakes biscuits. It's a pint size, aluminum cup with graduated markings,-just the kind they use to measure baking powder.

## THIRTEEN RECEIVE LETTERS

## Majority of These to Return Next Season

Thirteen members of this year's squad are proudlyy displaying their letters received in football. The lucky ones are: Henry "Pike" Bremenkamp, Aloysius Schueler, Joe Staab, Frank Staab, captain of next year's squad, Henry Haas, Bennie Brungardt, Ben Werth, Clem Werth, Gus Werth, Isidore Werth, Fred Drees, Felix Stramel and Oliver Franklin.
Of this number five are in the Senior class and will probably graduate in the spring. With eight "letter" men on the team next year there are good prospects for a winning team.
It might be remarked that the K . H. S. A. Association does not allow giving awards to successful athletes except something inexpensive. The boys are "sporting" new light weight sweaters in maroon color trimmed in navy blue upon which is mounted the letter "H" also in blue.

## Former Student Meets Death in Auto Accident

Alphons Vanfeldt, student at the College from 1918-'20, was fatally injured when his car was struck by a fast passenger train at a grade crossing in South Milwaukee, Wis. The accident happened in the early evening and Alphons lived until midnight.

The remains were brought to Victoria, Kansas, where requiem high mass was sung in St. Fidelis church and interment was made in St. Fidelis cemetery.
To his bereaved parents and sorrowing relatives the faculty and student body extend their hearfelt sympathy.
The JOURNAL extends to all: Subscribers, Advertisers and Readers the compliments of the season and wishes all a Merry Christmas and a thrice happy New Year.

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## A MERRY CHRISTMAS

Cristmas, the year's greatest holiday is on the horizon. It means more than buying and selling, giving and taking. Christmas is the time that reminds us of God's goodness and man's gratefulness. It is the raising up of earth within reach of Heaven, and the coming down of Heaven within reach of men.

The H. C. C. Journal wishes to all its readers a MERRY CHRISTMAS and may also the approaching new year be a very happy and successful one. Yes, we wish to all our friends that the love of the Infant of Bethlehem may tinge and color your Christmas cheer and keep the warmth and glory of that holy day secure.

## CHRISTMAS PEACE

Paradoxical as it may seem, it is none the less true that the price of peace is war. All of us want peace; it is that priceless pearl for which the human heart craves; to be at peace with itself to be at peace with all the world.
How often do we hear that old complaint: "If I could only have peace,-if people would only let me rest!" But there is no peace-and rest! But there is no peace-and price.

Peace comes not from the world. The world may offer all its treasures but therein is not found that pearl of peace. Riches do not bring peace. What money king has peace? Ask the weary banker,-the tired broker, -the harassed financier. Ask the money barons and they will roar: "Peace! Money multiplies worries instead of allaying them!"

Among the treasures of the world's horde, honor is not the least sought. But does honor bring peace? As the world measures honor it does not. A front page notice in the papers banquets, display - they pass and often the game is not worth the candle. Honor passes as a shadow. Today's hero is tomorrow's clown; today's leader is tomorrow's memory.

Power is the third inducement held up by the world to its votaries. But what is power? Where are the men who swayed the world in days gone by? The Roman Caesars what are they but art pictures to show that "paths of glory lead but to the grave"? Alexander and that long line of Greek heroes-their exploits live in history, but their lot was anything but peace, Napoleon with his Fighting Legions did not find peace on the frozen battle fields
of Russia,-that's where the tide of his destiny ebbed.
Nowhere in all the allurements of the world can the human heart find that peace which it craves. All the honors and power and riches which the world can offer will not buy peace.
The Feast of Christmas holds the key to the secret. Christmas is the Feast of Peace and it is the Feast of Sacrifice. Christmas, the Birthday of the Savior into the world teaches that peace, true peace, only comes by conquest. The Savior came to bring peace to weary, fallen man the price He paid to bring that peace was Sacrifice. He left His home in heaven, came into the world a poor, helpless Babe. He gave up His all to become one of us.
The Crib, even as the Cross, hold the secret of peace. Peace can only come by sacrifice,-by self-conquest. The price of peace is war,- war against selfishness, unkindness, selfseeking. The price of peace is victory over our own evil inclinations, - a lesson the world might learn from the Christ-child in His cradle bed,-a lesson that will bring "to men on earth" that peace which comes to all of "good will."

- C.L.S.

NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTIONS
It was one of the world's wise men who said that there are some things that happen at least once a year. One of these things is New Year's Day. And just as often as New Year's Day comes round a good many people make New Year's resolutions. With some this is a joke; with some it's a habit and with some it's a sincere effort at self-improvement.
Self-improvement ought to be the effort of everybody. Stevenson once wrote these verses:
There's so much bad in the best of us
And so much good in the worst of us, And so much good in the worst
That it inl-behooves any of us
That it ill-behooves any of us,
It doesn't matter how much we might have improved ourselves, there is still the proverbial "room for more." It doesn't matter how low we might have fallen-there is still always a chance for him who will take it.

This is the age of "improved" everything. While all about us things are being perfected we can't stand idly by. The person who is satisfied with himself and his present standing is not going to get ahead. Self-complacency is one of the foolish crimes. Dissatisfaction with their standing was what made the big men of the past as well as those of our own time go out and work for success. If they had been self-satisfied they would still be that and nobody would have ever heard of them. But because they saw their own shortcomings and tried to improve their standing they are where they are today. If you want to be farther advanced on December 31, 1926, than you are today, you can make a good start in that direction by ridding yourself of

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hat self-satisfied feeling. The optimist says, "Nothing is so bad, but it might be worse," and the person who really has good sense might turn the saying around to read, "None of us are so good, but we might improve."

## EXCHANGES

By closely observing every issue of "The Rambler" we notice that John Koerperich, a former student of H. C. C., has been a great factor in helping his team end an undefeated season.
One paper particularly interesting was "The Dove." The short stories written by the students drew special attention.

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## To Our Friends:

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## PERSONALS

Father Justin spent the Thanksgiving Vacation at St. Anthony's Hospital nursing a lame back.

Father Matthew, Prefect of the College, is still at the hospital. He is recovering very slowly.

Ben Werth discarded his crutches when he was at home for Thanksgiving.
Francis Staab resumed his studies after a two weeks absence owing to an operation for appendicitis.
Alphonse Bollig was operated on for appendicitis Monday afternoon, Nov. 30. At this writing he is recovering very nicely.
Nickie Wasinger was a visitor at the College on December 1. Nickie is patronizing our library. Come again, "old timer"!

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C. OF C. GIVES FOOTBALL BOYS BANQUET

The Chamber of Commerce of Hays gave a banquet for all the football players of Hays. The three schools: K. S. T. C., H. H. S. and H. C. A. were represented and the boys seemed to enjoy the banquet very much. A remark was heard that "Husky" Drees had a ten-dollar appetite.
Besides the football players most of the business men of Hays were present at the banquet, and also the coaches and officials of each school.
After the supper the toastmaster, Mr. J. S. Bird, called on some of the Hays athletic fans to entertain the boys with short speeches. Some very fine talks were given. Everybody present at the banquet concluded from the remarks by the speakers, that the C. of C. enjoyed the football season.

Pres. Lewis of the State Teachers College briefly gave the results of the meeting at Wakeeney Tuesday afternoon. A few other men from Hays were also present at the meeting with Mr. Lewis.
Mr. C. G. Cochran gave a fine talk on how the boys in his day entertained themselves. He was even ready to show some of the marks on his shins which he received from his favorite "shinny" game. He also mentioned some of their other games which classed with shinny
Mr. Markwell put smiles on the boys' faces by saying that the football season was a success in spite of the fact that the boys were so unfortunate in losing their games. He said they all put up a hard fight from start to finish, proving that they had the grit in them and they showed no signs of giving up.

Mr. Mandeville gave a brief talk, showing what the encouragement from the town's business people means to a school team.
Mr. C. A. Shively showed his athletic spirit in saying that he didn't miss a home game, and encouraged the boys by saying that they were not struggling and battling for the school alone, but also for the city of Hays.

After these encouraging talks by the men each school gave a fifteenminute entertainment for all the members and guests present.
This entertainment opened up with the K. S. T. C. boys' signal practice. Quarterback DeWald called signals, while assistant coach "Dutch" Earnest Lorbeer asked the players their duty on each signal. Of course this kept the audience laughing for about twenty minutes when the boys pulled some good jokes on the Chamber of Commerce men.

The Hays High School did not give any athletic entertainment, but they had appointed Blaine Coolbaugh, a member of their football squad, to give a saxophone solo, which was appreciated by all present. This team went through the season without a victory, but tied a few games.

The H. C. A. football squad was the last on the program because their stunt required the removing of some tables. Coach Crawford had two members of the squad put on a three-round match of boxing. He had selected Bruno, Stramel and Henry Haas, the two flet end, for this entertainment. They showed good spirit and hard fight in football so he figured they would make good in boxing and this surmise proved true according to judges Carmen, Weidlein and Mandeville. The boys of the H. C. A. football squad donated a loving cup to the vietor of the match, who in this case was Stramel. Two judges decided that both had
lost because they hammered each other quite well. The other decided in favor of Stramel. The cup was presented to Stramel by the 1926 captain elect, Francis Staab.
The H. C. A. football team suffered a defeat in every game this season due to the fact that so many of their men were laid up with injuries for practically the entire season. They had a hard schedule made up and it was their duty to fight, a matter which they did not forget.
To show their sportmanship to the football players of Hays, the Chamber of Commerce gave a small football to every one of the players of all three schools.
It is superfluous to say that the players appreciate the interest of the C. of C. of Hays and wish to state that next year's squad will do its best to bring glory to Hays.

## UNDER THE FLAG

The drama, "Under the Flag," in four acts, by Franklin Bernard, L. L. B., will be staged early in January by the H. C. C. Newman Club. The play opens in New York City and is then carried to Cuba. The hero, George Morris, and Father Ricardo, a priest, are found guilty of treason for giving aid to an American named Ewing, who has enlisted in the cause of the Cubans, which fact has been disclosed by Willard Blake, the villain. Every effort is made to secure Morris' release, and the attempt made by the priest, as he himself is about to be executed to save the life of the hero, is one of the most brilliant touches of the play. Larry O'Toole, the comedian, finally succeeds in saving Morris by wrapping the American flag about him just as he is to be fired upon by the Spanish soldiers. The play is full of powerful dramatic interest, and abounds in strong situations and thrilling climaxes. Larry O'Toole, an eccentric young Irishman, is a great comedy part and succeeds in getting a laugh with every speech. Rastus, the negro, is also a good comedy part. In fact, all the characters are good and full of great opportunity. "Under the Flag" was first produced by the students of the Sacred Heart College in Denver, where it met with tremendous success. We will try to make it meet another success.

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## NOW SOME HAVE REST

While preparing an apparatus for an experiment in chemistry, Vincent Werth experienced a sad happening. After having made several useless attempts to push a glass tube through a rather small hole in a cork, Vinc finally decided to apply some grease to the tube in order to have more success. But it was a case in which grease did not serve its purpose. And Vince's twist was not proportionate to the resistance and the glass tube reached its breaking point. Result: A part of the broken tubing passed into Vinc's hand and cut it so that it bled quite freely. First aid was applied and the accident was not considered serious. But soon Vinc became a little worried about it, since he had lost all control of the finger. Something was wrong somewhere.
The next day the doctor examined his hand and found that the tendon of the index finger had been severed. An operation had to be performed in order to bring it together. As a result Vinc is carrying his left hand in a sling and probably will not be able to use that hand for quite a while. Now his violin may rest in peace for a while and so may many others.
H. C. A. Football Squad Loses Eight The H. C. A. football squad will lose eight men by graduation, namely: Julius Bahl, Joe Staab, Aloys Schueler, Henry Bremenkamp, Henry

Haas, Henry Fisher, Gerald Basgall and Bruno Stramel.

The work of Bruno Stramel, right end, Henry Bremenkamp, quarter back, Joe Staab, half back, Aloys Schueler, guard, deserve special praise. Julius Bahl, was able to take part in only one game of the season on account of an operation before the opening of the season. In this one game, however, he performed exceptionally well. Henry "Pike" Bremenkamp, who had his collar-bone broken in the Wakeeney game will be greatly missed. Last, but not least, is our famous end, Bruno, who kept opponents worried by playing is position in superfine fashion.
Although such a large number of grid-stars will be lost to the squad, the prospects for a well-balanced team next year are very bright. The hope lingers that the men who are leaving this year will be present at the games to put some of their fighting spirit into the new team.

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## THE BIOGRAPHY OF A PIECE

 OF LINENIn the beginning $I$ was a flax seed. With a number of my brethren I was cast into the ground. Many long and weary hours I spent in that dark prison; suddenly I felt myself enlarging, and, from the central part of myself, a sprout shot forth, penetrating the surface of the ground. Then it was that I beheld, as a plant, for the first time the beautiful sunlight and felt the gentle spring breezes rocking me to and fro. The effect of the sun and air, and light showers, soon caused me to grow, until I was about two feet high. Then I bloomed; the vessel containing the seeds, formed by my blossoms, burst and fell to the ground.
One day several men came to the field. They pulled me and my friends from the ground by the roots and hauled us into a large building. There they put us into a large tank and let us soak for a long time. After a while we were taken from the tank and combed until we wers smooth strings. The next thing that happened was that we were cleaned and woven into beautiful cloth. Having been rolled into a large bolt, my companions and I were placed upon a shelf with some other less beautiful cloth.
One day a nun came into the store and purchased the bolt of linen of which I formed a part. When we arrived at the convent several sisters cut the linen into different small pieces. I was shaped into a small square having a small cross embroidered upon me. Then I was washed to a spotless white ironed and folded very neatly. From there I was carried into a place called sacristy and placed in a drawer with several other pieces of linen folded in the same manner.

One day a kind looking man took me from my place of confinement. I heard afterwards that he was a priest. He placed me in a burse which was covered with many beautiful designs. Later on when I was removed from the burse I saw myself lying on a large table which was also covered with other white linen. I was placed in the center of the table. Beneath me I recognized some of my friends. One said: "We are on an altar." Another whispered to me: "You are about to perform a great service." I asked: "What kind of a service?" He answered me that my Creator was to be placed upon me. I was indeed glad to know that I could perform such a service for Him. For many months I eontinued doing this service. Finally I gradually began to grow threadbare and look less beautiful. One day the kind priest cast me into a fire where I was consumed.

FORREST BARKER, '28

## SOPHOMORE HAPPENINGS

Andrew Bahl was absent from school Monday, December 7, on account of the funeral of his grandmother.

Alphonse Bollig is in the hospital recovering from an operation for appendicitis.

Every member of our class spent the Thanksgiving vacation either at home or visiting with friends.
The class wishes all a "Merry Christmas" and a "Happy New Year" -F. B.
Smith: (In a speech.) "The people in olden times liked to go swimming (pause) and er-a-"
Nicky: (Whisper." "So somebody swam."

## FRESHMAN'S WRITE-UP OF LAST GAME

The football season of this year ended with a hard fought game on November 20 between Bison and Hays on Lewis Field, Bison winning by a score of seven to six.

Hays kicked off. As Bison failed to gain they punted and stopped Hays on the ten-yard line. Hays then called a punt formation after three downs. A bad pass from center caused Hays to fumble. Bison then took the ball on its own one-yard line. Bison scored on the second down and a drop-kick gained the extra point.

The next quarter was nearly all in the center of the field, neither team gaining. The second half was a series of line plunges, end runs, forward passes and punts, each team holdiryg its own without any great advantage on either side.

In the last quarter Hays went into the fra with the determination to score at any cost. With a series of punt formation end runs Hays tore through the Bison defense for considerable yardage. As the Bison team seemed to be weakening and sparring for time Hays started in to fight as they had never fought before in any game of the season. Hays attempted a drop kick and missed the uprights by inches. Bison was held and forced to punt. As soon as the ball was snapped to the Bison full-back for the punt some Hays lineman ploughed through the opposing line blocked the punt, which was instantly recovered by Stramel, Hays' right end, who carried the ball twenty yards for the only touchdown Hays made the whole season. Unfortunately, however, the try for the extra point failed.
Undaunted by this failure the Hays men lined out to receive the kick-off and were lugging the ball steadily toward the goal for another touchdown when the whistle blew and ended the game, and the season. The star men of the Hays team were Bahl and Stramel though the rest of the team did well.

This year we lose some good men from the squad by graduation, namely: Bahl, Stramel, Haas, Schueler, Bremenkamp, Joe Staab, and Fisher. We greatly regret to lose these men as they rank as our star players.

Next year, however, we expect to have a good team as the material on hand seems rather promising. In closing I wish to call attention to the whole-hearted endeavors of our coach Mr. Crawford, who labored unceasingly to improve the team and to teach us football. He succeeded in both. We had a rather hard schedule this year and very little reserve material, and it was all due to the efforts of Mr. Crawford that we did efforts of Mr. Crawford that we did
as well as we did.

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## COLLEGE HAPPENINGS

The students are finding quite a bit of reading material on the rack of late. Just the other day while paging through a magazine a student came across an "ad" which puzzled him. He showed it to one of his classmates and asked him whether the "Prohibition Law" was reer the "Prohibition Law" was re-
pealed. Well here's the solution: The ad was in a London magazine, where things of that sort are, to say the least still tolerated. It might be well to mention here that many of the magazines on the rack are there through the kindness of Mrs. Bird. The "American" magazine is also a welcome visitor for the boys and it hails from Mrs. Sarah Bissing. The students are very grateful to these kind donors.
On Sunday, Dec. 6, Oliver Franklin entertained friends from Ogallah.
On Tuesday evening the football players attended the banquet at the Civic Club Hall. The banquet was given by the Chamber of Commerce for all the football teams of Hays. The boys all reported a good time and "Bruno" feels tickled about his cup.

Rev. Fr. Eugene is on duty again as director. He returned from the west on Friday, Dec. 4, and resumed his duties on the following Monday.

## COLLEGE SOPHS STUFF

Father Eugene, who was out working for the College in Northwestern Kansas, has returned recently and resumed his place as director. We are glad to have Father Eugene back and especially to have him with us in the class room during the English period.

Every professor we have had this year in English started us out in something new. Father Camillus, our first English professor, started us in "Imitation," Father Herbert in "Public Speaking," and Father Eugene in "Debating." We elected our captain last week and our first debate will be on Monday, Dec. 21. The subject chosen for this debate is: "Is the Study of Greek and Latin a Needless Waste of Time?"
"Ted" and "Babe" the librarians had a busy day the Sunday before the opening of retreat giving out retreat books to the students.
During the last few days we have all figured out what we are going to do during the Christmas holidays.

Vince is going to feed the chickens. "Bollig" is going to spend the vacation with relatives at Collyer, Kansas. Babe said: "I have a good idea. At home in the parlor there stands a sofa with very soft cushions. There is where I am going to spend my vacation. Isn't that wonderful?"
"Babe" to Ted, (who was sitting in one corner snoozing) : "And what are you going to do during vacation?" Ted waking up, said: "I think I am going to continue this my occupation."
The "Big Four" wishes each and every one of the subscribers and readers of the H. C. C. Journal a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.
-I.R.

## ALUMNI NOTES

Mr. and Mrs. Albert J. Bahl are the happy parents of a baby daughter. Congratulations.
L. Brown and Miss Brungart were married the latter part of November. Best wishes.

Aquiline Dreiling has accepted the position of assistant cashier at the Farmers State Bank at Hays.

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## THE CHRISTMAS CRIB

Christ was born near Bethlehem in an old stable that was scarcely fit to shelter animals. There was straw in an old rickety manger that was his bed and only scanty clothing in which to wrap him.

This was seemingly a strange way for the Creator to come into His own world. To man's way of thinking Christ chose a poor means of establishing His Kingdom. But Christ came into this world to redeem mankind, and not to set an example of greater luxury. Christ had a great office to fill and to carry it out better He came as a hamble and poor man.

This day of His birth is called Christmas which means Christ's Mass. For on this day mass is celebrated in commemoration of the birth of the Divine Babe at Bethlehem.

In order to recall the great event of the Savior's birth in a striking way and to bring home the idea to Catholics the churches have a small representation of the birthplace of our Lord.

Devotion to the crib is undoubtedly of very ancient origin, but it remained for Saint Francis of Assisi to give it the form in which it is known at the present time.

In was in the year 1223 that St. Francis visited Rome. He made known to Pope Honorius III the plans he had conceived of making a scenic representation of the place of the Nativity. The Pope gave it his sanction.

After his interview with the Pope, St. Francis left for Grecchio and arrived there on Christmas eve. Through the aid of his friend Giovanni Velita, he constructed a crib and grouped figures of the Blessed Virgin, St. Joseph, ass, ox and shepherds around it. Solemn mass was celebrated at midnight at which St. Francis was deacon and preached.
This was the beginning of the custom as we have it today. Devotion to the crib has since spread throughout the Christian world. Yearly, from the eve of Christmas until the day of the octave of Epiphany, a crib, representing the birthplace of Christ, is shown in all Catholic churches. This is to remind the faithful of the mystery of the incarnation.

## SENIOR COMMERCIAL CLASS

Gerald Basgall was absent from classes on Monday morning as he was attending the funeral services of his grandmother.

Rev. Fr. Herbert who was substituted for Father Lewis, was welcomed by his big geometry class, which consists of three, one of whom was absent.

Skinny, Lulla and Stabbie have decided to put in their application for janitor. Why? Ask those freshmen and "Murphy" why they always throw the shells in the rear of the room.

Anyone trying to make first string on the basketball team, will have a great duel with some members of our class. We hape to have at least three members on the first string.

Some of the New Year's resolutions of this class are: Never, never to bring seeds to classes. Also two members will see to it that they get here on time, morning, noon and night. This is one of Skinny's special resolutions: to stop drinking cher-ry-coaks. Lulla's special resolution is to stop bumming. Maybe some of yev happen to know what Lulla likes to bum. Pike's resolution ought to be (and we believe it will be after we have a little talk with him), to
stop going south of college after classes.

We, the members of the Senior Commercial class, extend to all subscribers and readers of the JOURNAL the season's greetings.
-L. S.

## JUNIOR COMMERCIAL JOLTS

The short talk which had been assigned by our English teacher, Fr. Camillus for Nov. 16, was almost a total failure. We do fairly well in debates but lack a little courage on short talks. "Jeff" Schenk, our honorable class president, was the only one who made a short speech. But we sure improved by the second time. A short talk on Dec. 3, which was on "Good Roads" was a great success. Some valuable information was obtained from the following speakers: Frank Murphy, Felix Pelzl, Ben Brungardt and "Nicky" Leiker. Each one of these boys spoke for five minutes on the value of good roads and how our taxes help to improve them. Murphy, who seems to have had some experience on that subject, explained how good roads help to establish a successful community and aid the entire county and state, especially farmers and tourists. Our last short talk program was also pretty good. We are gradually gathering nerve to face an audience and will soon be able to give some very fine speeches.

Our class treasurer, Francis Staab, announced that Father Eugene wants to have the old spirit of 1924-25 kept up among the Junior class just as they had started in the Sophomore year. The boys are donating a small fund each month in honor of the "Little Flower" to raise a class burse for some particular purpose. The boys did well last year and we feel certain the same spirit is still among us as Juniors.

Shorthand Prof.: Always keep plenty of paper on hand, boys.
Shunk: They don't sell paper up there any more. I ran out of paper the day before yesterday.

Prof.: So much the better if they give it away.

Wiesner: (In a speech.) "Some fellows like to make money without expenses, as for instance: A certain chicken thief managed to march a nice fat hen off its roost one day and felt extremely proud of his treasure. When the thief rounded the hen-house corner, he told his gang the following: 'Where this hen came from there's more.'! Just then the old farmer and owner of the chicken stepped out asking: 'And where did this hen come from?' Thief: 'From an egg'."

The Junior Commercials heartily wish a merry, merry Christmas and a successful, happy New Year to their fellow students, the College faculty, the H. C. C. Journal and its subscribers.
-F.F.S.

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is will assist at Ellis, Father George will be at his regular mission, Hyacinth, Father Florence will be at Park, Father Herbert will assist at Munjor and Father Jordan at Yocemento. Fathers Alfred and Camillus had no appointments as we went to press.

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## AMONG THE FACULTY

Father Justin, director of the Colege during the absence of Father Eugene, made his second trip to St. Anthony's Hospital. Father Justin used the Thanksgiving vacation as a rest period and so avoided missing classes. The return of Father Eugene is welcomed by him and he hopes soon to be well again.
Father Lewis is still acting in the capacity of assistant at St. Mary's Church, Ellis, during the absence of Father Julius. Father Camillus and Father Lewis both assisted at Ellis tion.
Father Alfred made a trip to Emmeram for Sunday, November 22, and preached during the forty hours devotion at the Sacred Heart Church.
Father Camillus went to McCracken on Sunday November 22 to witness a K . of C. initiation. A good sized class took the three degrees. Father Camillus was able to report for classes on Monday, November 23.
Father Matthew is still in St. Anthony's Hospital. He is improving slowly from an operation performed early in October. On December 8, Father Matthew was able again to ay mass for the first time in two months.
Since the return of Father Michael, Father Florence has no longer charge of Antonino, but he is kept busy nevertheless. On Sunday, November 29 he was at Park. From December 5 to 8 he assisted at Munjor during the forty hours devotion and preached the sermon at the opening mass. On Sunday December 13, he was celebrant at the solemn mass of the closing of forty hours at Antonino.
Christmas will find the various professors at many points. Father Lew-

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Many thanks and best wishes to all for a happy Christmas and a prosperous New Year.

## SENIOR CLASSICAL NOTES

All the members of our class have returned from Thanksgiving vacation, and are now busy with their beloved Latin and Greek.
Most of the members of our class attended the football banquet, given by the Chamber of Commerce at the Civic Club House.
Fr. Lewis thinks we will get the stomach ache, because 'we are swallowing too many Latin endings.
Fr. Alfred admires Rich Gottschalk because he always hands in his pennance in time.
Benjamin Werth's resolution for the new year is to get up in time every morning.
Gus Werth thinks he is manager of the Prince Albert Tobacco Co., because he has a Prince Albert overcoat.
Henry Fisher was selling tickets for "The End of the World."

Prof: Where did the old Egyptians get their revenue from?
Oberle (sleepy): Mainly from the oil wells.

Ben: We have a Ford, what car have you?

Red: A Packard.
Ben: Well, that's a good car, too!
Haas said he might sign up with Sousa, to play leading cornet, if he would get a good salary.

We wish you all a Merry .Christmas and a Happy New Year.

WHAT ARE THE
STUDENTS READING?
Since the winter days have set in most of the students are turning for their gratifications to reading. Every little spare time is used for reading popular magazines, papers, story books and the like. Now, reading we encourage and it is necessary for a well-rounded education. "Reading maketh a full man," is what our literary friend, Bacon said. Yes, reading broadens the mind, it presents new thought to the mind. It enlarges the vocabulary and gives us a good command of words to express our thoughts. On this account
reading should be carefully selected Reading depends on the quality therefore, and not on the quantity. But what are the students read ing? From the librarians we hear that they are reading too much light fiction, and are neglecting the classics and the literary works. Besides this they are reading too much of that popular magazine trash, such as detective stories and up-to-date love affairs of movie stars. They are wasting their reading hours and spare time on the "latest sellers" and stories with "catchy" titles. Is this the kind of reading a student should take to who seeks an education? Will he derive any benefit from such reading? Do you think that such reading will make a "full man," as Bacon expresses it? No, never. Students that do not cultivate a taste for classics or literature, who believe them to be out of date and remote from present times, can never speak of acquiring a true and solid education. This taste for literature must be cultivated at school. Yes, the high school and the college are the ideal places. But it seems that the students do not realize this fact. They are under the error of supposing that reading is done for

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pleasure's sake alone. They never think of deriving any other benefit from reading than pleasure. But if you have once cultivated a taste for literature you will also derive pleasure from it, besides the many other benefits. Start now while your chance is big, feed your mind the seen. In justice the portion of highright kind of fuel, and note the re sults. F. M. B

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THE FIRST CHRISTMAS TREE
It is difficult to trace the origin of the Christmas tree. Almost every mythologist has a little different manner of explaining why the evergreen was chosen for this great festival.

A Scandinavian legend tells of the "Service-tree", which sprung from the blood-soaked earth where two lovers were killed by violence, and that mysterious lights, which the wind could not extinguish, were seen at Christmas in the tops of these trees.

In old Egypt there was a common custom of decorating the houses at the time of the winter solstice with branches of the date palm. The date palm was the emblem of immortality and also of the star-lit firmament. This tree puts forth a shoot every month and a branch of it containing twelve shoots was a symbol of the year completed.
It has also been suggested that the custom of the Christmas tree may be the survival of the pine trees of the Roman Saturnalia, a December feast, during which pines were decorated with images of Bacchus.
The most plausible explanation, however, seems to be that the earlier significance of the pine tree arose from the pagan worship of trees, and that later Christian ideals gave a loftier meaning to their use. When the Apostles preached the Gospel in pagan lands, instead of interdicting the idolatrous feasts, they permitted such festivities as were not intrinsically sinful, but sought to change their idolatrous nature by giving a Christian interpretation to th ese various rights and ceremonies.
Thus when Pope Gregory I. sent St. Augustine to convert Saxon England in 596, he directed him to make the change of religion, so far as ceremonies were concerned, as gradual as possible, so that the people might not be startled. The Saxons called the feast of the mid-winter solstice Yule, on which occasion the Druids went in solemn procession to cut the mistletoe from the sacred oak tree. This ceremony, an old chronicle tells us, took place "on the sixth day of the moon nearest the new year." The evergreen, which they called all-heal, was afterward sold at a high price to their credulous followers The people signified joy at the cutting of the magic mistletoe by feasting on roast oxen and by dancing. In the Decem ber following St. Augustine's arrival he permitted his converts to join in the feasting, but forbade their mingling with pagans in the dance
Judging from his success in planting the Faith, it was probably but a short time ere St. Augustine had weaned the Saxons from their orgies to a saner celebration of the great Chrisian festival occuring in the same month.

An old German legend makes St. Winfred the inventor of the custnm of the IChristmas tree. In the midst of a crowd of converts he was hew. ing down a mighty oak which had formerly been the object of Druidic veneration. As he chopped a whirlwind passed over the forest and tore the tree from its foundations. Behind it stood a young fir unharmed, pointing its spire toward the stars. The priest, dropping his axe, turned to the people and said:
"This little tree, a young child of the forest, shall be the Holy Tree tonight. It is the wood of peace, for your houses are built of fir. It is the sign of an endless life, for its leaves are ever green. See how its points
upward toward heaven.. Let this be called the tree of the Christ-Child; gather about it, not in the wood, but in our own homes; there it will shelter no deeds of blood, but loving gifts and rites of kindness."
Some writers tell us that among the earl pagan superstitions of the Germans was the belief that the world was a great tree, whose top flourished in Paradise and furnished food to a goat upon whose milk fallen heroes restored themselves. This tale was well known in Germany long after the introduction of Christianity and much of its symbolic character was transferred to the celebration of the Birth of Christ, "the resurrection and the life." The evergreen is a fitting emblem of eternal spring; the burning lights with which the tree is decorated suggest Him who is the light of the world; and the gifts remind us of the priceless gift of God to humanity-the Savior.

The Christmas tree, in its present style of usage, can be traced back only as far as the Sixteenth century. During the middle ages it made its appearance along the Rhine. At the beginning of the Nineteenth century it spread over Europe and through immigration came to this country.
It is à widespread custom, so much so that the trees are becoming scarce and recourse is had to imitation. It is not a rare thing to pack up the tree as also its trimmings and put it into the attic to be used again next year. —J. M. V.

## PERSONALS

The student body of H. C. C. extend their sincere sympathy to our Rt. Rev. Bishop Tief because of the death of his beloved brother. May God grant an eternal rest to the soul of his brother.
"Eich" Ryan from Salina was a welcome visitor at the College on Tuesday, December 1
Nick Wasinger and his brother, Fidelis '24, were visitors at the colege Sunday evening, Dec. 6
Rev. Fr. Michael, O. M., Cap.. pas tor of the Antonino church was a velcome visitor on Tuesday, Dec. 8.
Rev. Fr. Gilbert, O. M. Cap., from Ellis, was also a visitor at the College on December 8.
Dan Pfeifer, '25, called at the College on Tuesday, Dec. 8, to see some of his chums. Dan has accepted a position as manager of the Farmers Co-operative Elevator Co. at Toulon.
"Kelly" Staab, '25, being a resident of Hays now, visits the students frequently.

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