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BASKETBALL OUTLOOK FAIR

H. C. A. Quintet Composed of Small Men

"We are just going to have a mediocre team, not by any means as good as the last year's," said Coach Lane when asked in regard to the basketball prospects. "We will be strong enough on the defense but our scoring power is not what it should be," he says.

The team will have to be made up of last year's almost entirely. The loss of our two star players, namely, Clem and Izzy Werth, is going to be a big obstacle that will have to be overcome. We doubt if there is any one who can fill either one of the boy's shoes.

But then there are four letter men back who are out fighting for their old positions and the four are showing up fairly well. Captain Wiesner is back with his sure-sight eye for the basket and Giebler, the little forward, who in spite of his size is one of the scrappiest forwards that the writer has ever seen in high school basketball, is back fighting as usual and his eye for the basket seems to have improved a lot. Stanton, who has been slowed up a bit by the injury he received in his ankle during the latter part of the football season, will soon be able to go as well as ever.

The writer thinks that the H. C. A. men of '29 will have a very good year despite the dope. In fact as the reader will remember some time ago when Coach Lane was asked in regard to his football prospects, he replied that they were not what they should be. The writer remarked that Lane was too pessimistic concerning his charges. Now we believe the same will be true in basketball as it was with the football team.

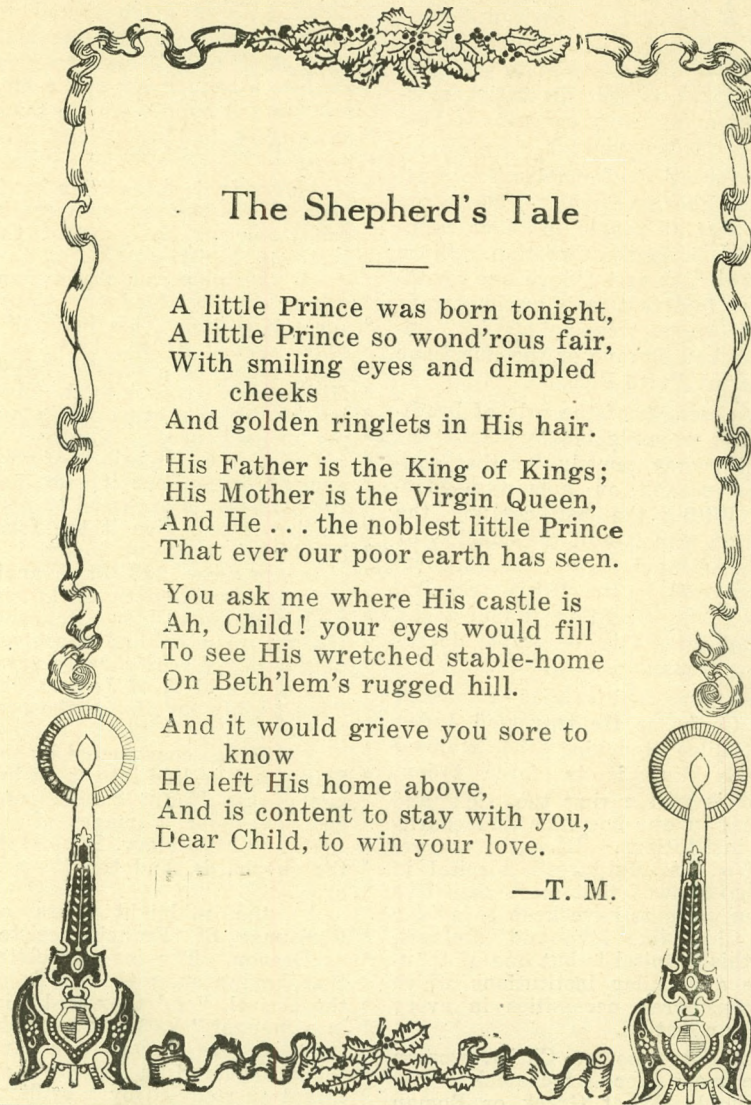
H. C. A. WINS FIRST GAME

The H. C. A., winners of the 1928 District Tournament, defeated the Schoenchen high school basketball team in a rather one-sided game Tuesday, December 18. The Hays team showed a superior brand of basketball in every phase of the game. The Hays team showed lots of improvement over their appearance of the night of the first scrimmage. Captain Weisner was high score man with 8 points to his credit. Giebler, Mackey, Weisner, Stanton and Keberlein started the game for Hays, and all five of these boys made a very creditable showing.

22 REPORT TO COACH LANE

Held First Practice Tuesday Dec. 4, in High School Gymnasium

The four letter men wearing the blue and white are Capt. Weisner, Giebler, Keberlein, and Stanton. Among the others who are out to make the honored "H" this year are Mackey, Basgall, Spies, Peay, Walters, Jacobs, Leiker, R. Rupp, Schaeffer, Beilmann, C. Rupp, Gerstner, F. Wiesner, Wasinger, Wolf, Meis, Hermann, and Bedard.



The Shepherd's Tale

A little Prince was born tonight,
A little Prince so wond'rous fair,
With smiling eyes and dimpled cheeks
And golden ringlets in His hair.

His Father is the King of Kings;
His Mother is the Virgin Queen,
And He . . . the noblest little Prince
That ever our poor earth has seen.

You ask me where His castle is
Ah, Child! your eyes would fill
To see His wretched stable-home
On Beth'lem's rugged hill.

And it would grieve you sore to know
He left His home above,
And is content to stay with you,
Dear Child, to win your love.

—T. M.

LANE ANNOUNCES LETTERMEN

Fifteen Receive Letters

Lewman A. Lane, director of athletics at H. C. A., at a meeting of the football squad of 1928, announced the names of the lettermen. Two of these will receive their third letter, and four are receiving their second letter, while nine are receiving their first H in football. The following is a list of the lettermen according to the years on the squad. Capt. Drees, Capt. Walters, Stanton, Boucher, Schlyer, Peay, A. Wasinger, Giebler, Ross, Mackey, Rupp, Tasset, Schreiber, Spies, and H. Leiker.

WALTERS MOST VALUABLE

At a meeting called by Coach Lane to determine, by a vote of the squad, the most valuable man, Captain Walters was elected to have been the most valuable player to the team this season. Walters is in the Junior class.

THESING RECOVERING

Thesing, who after a long illness which was caused by an infected knee, has left the hospital on crutches and has gone home for the remaining part of the semester. He is getting along nicely.

PROMISED ALUMNI PLAY

"The Rosary," to be Staged Dec. 28 At The Strand.

On Thursday, December 28, the Alumni Association will stage a four act play at the Strand Theater. There will be a matinee on Thursday, at 3:00 and an evening performance at 7:45.

"The Rosary," is an intensely interesting drama with plenty of comedy. The cast of characters is composed of experienced and able dramatic talent. The play is not only a good drama but it also drives home a strong moral and lesson.

The cast of characters will be found on another page of this paper.

FACULTY DINES AT COLLEGE

Owing to the illness of Brother Sebastian, who has charge of the culinary department at the Monastery, and also of his substitute, Brother Roger, the priests of the Monastery and the Faculty took their meals at the College for several days.

Father Gregory and the other Fathers appreciate the willingness of the cooks at the College to take on the extra work and also enjoyed the change of "venue." A hearty "thank you" to the cooks.

Mr. Peay of Windhorst, and Mr. Vogel of Wright, called at the College.

DONATION TO MUSEUM

101 Rattles Presented

The other day we saw Joe Palen coming to school carrying a case about 6x12x8 inches. At first we wondered what the object could be for we knew it wasn't a book. Upon closer observation we found that the case had a glass front and that it contained a large number of rattles from rattlesnakes. By actual count there were one hundred one rattles in that particular treasure box. Judging from the size, shape and variety of the rattles we deduced that there were many kinds of snakes represented. We were surprised to find a rattler from the Mexican Black Diamond, one of the most poisonous snakes. All the rattles in this collection are from snakes found on the Hackberry Ranch in Scott and Logan counties. The faculty and student body herewith extend their sincere thanks to the generous donor.

FLU HITS COLLEGE

The flu epidemic that has stricken the city of Hays also made its appearance at the school. There were a number of students down with the ailment, but all are well now. The epidemic has been felt more in Kansas than in any other state in the Union.

The reports of last week show Kansas had 13,596 cases, while this is by no means complete tabulation of the actual cases it shows how terrible the epidemic is. While very few fatalities have been reported it is showing up at a season when such an event is not generally looked for. Several of the state schools have closed their doors until after the holidays. Such a procedure was not necessary, however, at the Hays Catholic College.

VACATION BEGINS DEC. 21

All Students Must Report at College on Jan. 2.

The Christmas vacation begins Friday, December 21, at 4 p. m., and will resume on Wednesday morning January 3.

All the students will spend the holidays with their parents or relatives. Not a single boy will remain here. The College will be a rather quiet for about 11 days. Most of the faculty members will be out assisting for the feast of Christmas.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

The faculty and student body express their sincere thanks and appreciation to the following friends for donations to the College:

Carl Holmquist for a valuable collection of Business Magazines; Mrs. Sarah Bissing, for a generous supply of current literature; a friend of the College for a beautiful antependium for the altar in our chapel; to the Rev. Father Gerard for a collection of rare coins.

Eddie Seidle of Creghton was a welcome visitor at the College.

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SEASON'S GREETINGS

The Journal Staff and the Faculty
wish all the friends and patrons of
the Journal the season's choicest
blessings.

THE COMING OF CHRIST AND
ITS MEANING

Christ stood on the great divide
between two long slopes of time:
the pre-Christian, and the Christian
eras. The great land-marks of the
pre-Christian era are familiar to us
—Alexander, Demosthenes, Milti-
ades, Caesar, Cicero, and a host of
other great minds and guides of the
public weal. What influence do they
wield today? Their pictures, their
statues grace our museums; coins
bearing their images find their way
into the coin collections; their mold-
ering monuments are still objects of
interest for the many. But what
about their words, their ideals, their
actions? Do they still linger with us
as a motivating influence of our
daily actions? Do they direct the
destinies of nations today? Indeed,
they were powers in their day, but
Marc Antony pronounced their fate,
when he gazed upon Caesar's dead
body and exclaimed:

"The evil that men do lives
after them;

The good is oft interred with
their bones."

Yes, their influence is as cold as
the coins and the monuments which
bear their title to greatness.

When Christ, the God-Man ap-
peared, He came to guide the des-
tinies of peoples, nations, and in-
dividuals. The leaven of His Gospel
has changed the face of the earth.
Christ did not inscribe His parables,
His laws, on costly vellum; He posed
for no sculptor or painter; in fact
we don't know what Christ looked
like; but we do know that He has
traced His image on the heart of
humanity for two thousand years.

Today we have international rela-
tions. What Greek or Roman ever
thought of "extending the hand of
friendship across the sea" to a con-
temporary power? The Christian
policy of war is a decided contrast to
that of the pre-Christian era. With
what pride did not the haughty con-
queror wheel his triumphal car
through the streets of Rome, drag-
ging his fettered kings and princes
after him in disgrace! Today, the
scapegoat of the World War, the

German Kaiser, is living quietly and
comfortably in Holland. The spirit
of Christianity is to forgive and to
forget. This was well demonstrated
recently upon the erection of the Li-
brary at Louvain University. The
architect wished to place an inscrip-
tion on the Library building bearing
this title: "Destroyed by German
Fury; Restored by American Gener-
osity." The spirit of Christ cried
out against this attempt to perpetu-
ate national hatred; the tablet bear-
ing this monstrosity against brother-
ly love was not placed.

The practice of conducting great
national charity drives to relieve the
sufferings of people in other coun-
tries is distinctly Christian. Since
Christ taught us to "love one another"
we feel that it is an important
duty to support campaigns for fam-
ine-stricken Europe or the hurricane
victims of Porto Rico.

The strength of the rule of brother-
ly love promulgated by Christ has
been the only remedy for that can-
cerous growth on humanity—slavery.
Within the last century the
Christian principle of the equality of
men eradicated slavery in our own
country and in the British Empire.
There is no Christian nation today
that tolerates this detestable degra-
dation of man.

The same spirit that emanated
from Christ as He traversed Judea
and Galilee, touching the maimed
and the blind, is in force today.
Christ is still curing the sick and
helpless in our hospitals and charit-
able institutions. Recently the re-
ports of St. Margaret's hospital in
Chicago showed that more than five
million patients have been cared for
with Christ-like love and kindness.
And this hospital is but one of thou-
sands of similar institutions which
are considered necessities in every
Christian nation.

In the era before Christ, woman
was a mere piece of chattel of the
household. What Greek or Roman
could have fancied his life or daugh-
ter casting a ballot for the ruler of
his land? What age more than the
Middle Ages of Christianity has
raised womanhood to the pinnacle of
respect and honor?—the age when
the chivalry of knighthood drew its
courage and power from the ideal
woman, because in every woman the
knight saw the replica of the Mother
of Christ.

Spartan history tells us a sad story
of the child's fate in this world.
When the child came into existence
the state examined it. If the infant
showed signs of future service to the
state it was permitted to live; if it
appeared to be a weakling, it was re-
legated to the ash-heap to die. In
Rome the father held absolute do-
minion over the life and death of his
child. Christianity takes a different
viewpoint. It protects the child's in-
terests by fighting birth-control,
child-labor, in fact anything that is
detrimental to the welfare of the
child. It demands an education for
every child, rich or poor; it is anx-
ious for the child's health and its
recreation. For those children who
have been deprived of the love of
parents, orphanages, foundling hos-
pitals, and other institutions have
been found. All of this we trace
back to the value placed on life by
Our Lord, and to His Law of Love.

Certainly when we view the world
today and contrast the benefits
which Christianity has bestowed upon
humanity with that of pagan
times, we must say that the world is
a better place in which to live be-
cause of Christianity.—S. Z.

THE CHRISTMAS CRIB
AND ITS ORIGIN

There was no room for Mary
and Joseph in the inn at Beth-
lehem; so they took shelter in a
cave nearby, which was one of
those hollows often found in
Palestine half way up the side
of a chalk hill. This cave was
used as a shelter for cattle and
was located outside of the town
at a point looking toward He-
bron.

A very ancient tradition has it
that an ass and an ox were in
the stable at the time of the
birth of Christ.

In the stable was also a man-
ger into which food was placed
for the cattle. This being the
only place that could be used
for a means of rest, the Virgin
Mother laid Jesus into it. Rel-
ics of this manger or crib are
yet in existence.

Devotion to the crib is of very
ancient origin, but it remained
for St. Francis of Assisi to pop-
ularize it and give it the form
in which it is known today.

In the year 1223, St. Francis
visited Rome and made known
to His Holiness, Pope Honorius
III, the plan he had conceived
of making a scenic representa-
tion of the birth of Jesus. The
Pope readily sanctioned the pro-
ject.

A crib was constructed by the
Saint, and he laid into it an im-
age of the Infant Saviour and
grouped about it images of the
Blessed Virgin Mary, St. Joseph,
the shepherds, and the ass and
ox.

At the midnight Mass on
Christmas, St. Francis assisted
as Deacon. The legend relates
that having sung the words of
the Gospel, "and they laid Him
in a manger," he knelt to medi-
tate on the Incarnation and
there appeared in his arms an
infant surrounded by a brilliant
light.

Since that time devotion to
the crib has spread throughout
the Christian world, so that in
all our churches cribs are set
up at Christmastide to remind
us of the birth of the Infant
Saviour.—L.S.

MY FIRST RETREAT

We had retreat from the evening
of the twenty-first of November. It
was the first retreat I ever made in
my whole life. Though I scarcely
welcomed the thought of the coming
retreat, it really was not so hard at
all, in fact, I liked it.

Fr. Julius, O. M. Cap., was our
retreat master, and a good one he
proved to be. Each day he gave us
a forty-five minute lecture in the
morning and afternoon and again in
the evening.

In the first lecture Father told
us about retreats, why we should
make them, and how we should
make them in order to get the full
benefit out of them. He told us
about the first retreat he made as
a boy. He said: "It is very hard
for the first day; but the second day
it gets better; and the third day it
is alright." And it was just the way
he said it would be.

Father also gave us a good con-
ference on our duties toward our
parents. Another conference that

made a deep impression on me was
the meditation on death in the
course of which he advised us that
when we are tempted to do anything
wrong we should just think of the
hour of our death and ask ourselves
whether we would do the same thing
on our deathbed.

The best way to be recollected
during the time of retreat is to keep
silence. It seemed hard in the be-
ginning to keep quiet; but it was
easier at the end. When we would
congregate, the Prefect told us to
scatter, because there was too much
chance of talking.

Another help to concentrate our
mind on our Lord was the reading
of a spiritual book. I read a book
about many heroes who died for
their Faith. From the cruel death
which they had to undergo, and
which they could have avoided just
by saying one word, we can see how
much they did for the love of God.
We grumble at the little sacrifice
we have to make sometimes, but it
is nothing to compare to the sacri-
fices which they made.

The retreat was held to give us
a clearer idea of our religion and
direct attention again to our spiri-
tual life. More definitely, the pur-
pose of a retreat is to examine your
conscience about your past life, get
all sins off your soul, make reso-
lutions to do better in the future
and start life anew.

At least I derived some good from
the lectures, I hope. If only we put
them into practice, it will work fine.
One evident benefit from the retreat
I immediately noticed is that we
feel fresh again in our minds and
that we are all rested up.

At the close of retreat on Thurs-
day morning Fr. Julius gave us the
Papal Blessing, which is just like
the blessing the Pope gives. We
did not have school the rest of the
day, as the Fathers' retreat lasted
till Thursday evening.—A Freshman

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VICTORIOUS SEASON

With the defeat of La Crosse High School the Hays Catholic Academy closed its 1928 football season which was one of the most successful seasons we have had for several years. If the Lane machine had been able to function at the beginning as they did toward the end of the season the chances are that the boys would have had a clean slate. In the first game of the season with Stockton, on September 28, on the home field a good game was played but the breaks were against Hays and Stockton won a 6 to 0 victory. The first victory of the H. C. A. eleven came when they defeated the Otis eleven on October 5, on the home field. The game was erratic and marked by the many fumbles by the Hays team.

When H. C. A. invaded the Russell camp to bring a victory home, it was again the breaks that beat Hays. A blocked punt resulted in the first touchdown and the second, a few minutes later the Hays kicker got off a bad punt that gave Russell the ball deep in Hays territory. A few plays were sufficient for Russell to score again. The final score was 13 to 0 in favor of Russell.

The rest of the games were all won by H. C. A. On October 26, the Bison Buffaloes came to Hays with one determination, and that was to beat Hays, but Hays was on the long end of a 20 to 0 score when the final whistle blew.

When the Ellis Railroaders invaded Hays, they also were sent home with a beating of 19 to 6. On Homecoming Day the Hays team did not function so well but they finally emerged from the fray victorious, due to Wasinger's sprint of 32 yards for the only score of the day. The game that was to have been played with Wakekeny November 16, at Wakekeny was cancelled because of

rain. Thanksgiving Day came, and with it a slight snow and rain, this was enough in the opinion of the two coaches to cancel the game until Monday, December 3. This was the best game the Hays gridsters played and they defeated the La-Crosse gold and black wave by a score of 28 to 0.

FOOTBALL EXPENSES

Looking over this year's football expenses the following was summed up:

Total attendance for seven games	509
Total receipts	\$254.50
Amount spent on Arnica, etc.	86.73
Amount spent on bandage....	47.25
Salary of coach	61.49
Cost of four footballs.....	36.00
Two pairs crutches (slightly used)	8.00
Two artificial legs	67.96
Three new ears	3.67
Four sets new teeth	99.81
One red sock (for quarter-back Schlyer)36
Three bottles heart stimulant for coach	1.80
One bottle of same for mother	

of Peay (Armistice Day) .60
Funeral for halfback Wasinger who fumbled winning score 25.00

THE NEW LEAF

The Recording Angel is about to turn over another page of our life's story. Being a faithful chronicler, he does not only pick out the good for our biography, but also records the bad. Of course, if he had his way about it, he would write every page in letters of gold.

The page about to be turned over may not all redound to our credit. Perhaps it would not do for the general public. It may be that we ourselves would not care to read it again.

Still it is comforting to know that we have it in our power to make our lives sublime. We all like to think that the world should be better for our presence in it. And we do this, when we give to God the service we owe Him. And we seldom realize the power we have of making those about us happier. In a sense, we are all our brother's

keepers. Did you never observe how a cheerful face radiates cheerfulness? Did you ever observe how a kindly deed dispels sadness from another's heart? It does not cost so much to wear the smile, and to bestow a kindness. But it makes wonderful reading in the book of life. Besides it returns us rich dividends. Every ray of sunshine thrown into the lives of others, is reflected upon our own lives, and makes them richer and happier.—L. Y.

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SENIOR NOTES

Say, have you noticed that wave in Fritz's hair? It is the cat's pajamas and the cow's meow. But still that doesn't explain the wave.

Tuff Spies calls his fountain pen "Hoover" because it's always dry.

Alfred Giebler, Clarence Drees, Clarence Tasset, and Tuff Spies have played their last football game for H. C. A. Farewell, warriors.

Coach Lane told Fritz to get a new center of gravity. This happened one day in football practice. Ask Fritz for further information concerning this matter.

Sure funny how Johnny Grabbe kept his hair slicked down while Miss Ruth Bushey was visiting Coach Lane and his wife.

Tony Wiesner had the misfortune of breaking his nose the first night out for basketball. Too bad, Tony.

The flu sure knocked down the senior class for a week or so. Every one had the disease but Joe, Gieby and Johnny.

How shall Tuff the habit break,
Of having every night a date,
Coming to school every morn feeling blue;
The same old alibi: "Yes, I have the flu."

We now have the honor of introducing to the school and readers of the H. C. C. Journal, our two newly found "dashing Romeoes," as Coach

Lane would call them—Tuff Spies and Fritz Wasinger.

"Notes Receivable," and "Notes Payable" in our bookkeeping class is bad enough to cause night mares.

We are afraid something terrible is going to happen because Prof. Weigel praised his shorthand class this morning.

Two seniors were taken out of the first basketball scrimmage of the season, Gieby and Dick. Each suffered an injured ankle.

Father Denis is getting kinda tough on us boys. Just the other day he gave us three pages to write in our Literature as a penance.

We wonder why Fritz and Tuff are always the first ones gone after basketball practice. Someone follow them and see where they go. Then report to me. Willya, huh? Thanks.

Some way or other I got wise to what some of the seniors want for Christmas

Fritz—New windows in his Ford.

Tony—A new nose.
Tuff—A new girl.
Dick—New pair of basketball shoes.
Joe—Good ice skating.
Drees—Lots of cigarettes.

Fred Wiesner, Tony Wiesner, Dick Brull, Fritz Wasinger, Tuff Spies and Alfred Giebler have reported for basketball.

Pet expressions of the seniors:
Geiby—Say, look at that babe.

Fritz—Come on.
Tuff—You big brute.
Tony—Say, who is she?
Johnny—Go 'way.
Vogel—Let me see.
Joe—Cut it out.
Leo—I don't know.
Dick—Let me tell you.
Drees—Got a cigarette?
Tasset—No sir!
Fred—Oh, heck!

Father Klupny, of Timken, paid a visit to Father Director's office.

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Coach—(in Constitution class) Say, Ott, have you ever read the Declaration of Independence?

Ott—No.

Coach—Have you ever read the Constitution of the United States?

Ott—No.

Coach—Ever read of your own state?

Ott—No.

Coach—Well, what have you read?

Ott—Oh, I have "red" hair.

Adlore Boucher has been on the sick list for the last two weeks. He also received a bad cut on his lip in the LaCrosse game.

Ott Kreutzer composed a music book for beginners. It is known as 'Ott's Instructions for Beginners.'

We are proud of our classmate, Walter, who was voted to be the most valuable football player on the team.

Hilary Weigal claims to be the best looking fellow in the junior class. We'll excuse him because he never looked into the mirror very carefully.

Joe Schmidt, the sheik of the junior class, is sporting a new diamond ring.

Arthur Froelich, Ed Schmidt and Boucher are on the sick list.

Chances are that Boucher has begun his Christmas vacation.

"Heavy" Bedard and Hilary Weigal romped a senior and sophomore in pinochle.

Bedard, Weigel, Beilman and Basgall are some of the juniors that were at LaCrosse, Dec. 3, to help cheer the team to victory.

Boucher received a deep gash on his lip during the LaCrosse game. It took several stitches to fix it up.

There are quite a number of juniors out for basketball, and some have a good chance to make the first team. Those that are out are Stanton, Basgall, Walters, Rupp and Beilman. We hope Boucher will be in shape when he comes back to school for we should like to see him get a try out, too.

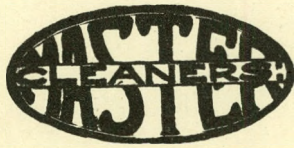
Lucius Schmidt, the musician of the junior class, may always be found in the music room but it is funny he always plays the same piece.

Fathers Gerard and Cletus were patients at St. Anthony's hospital.

Father Cletus called on the manager of the Friary Press.

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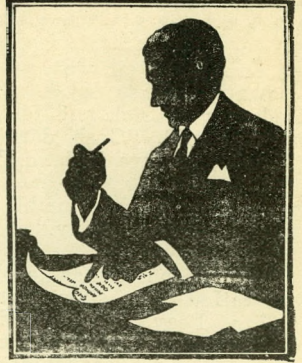
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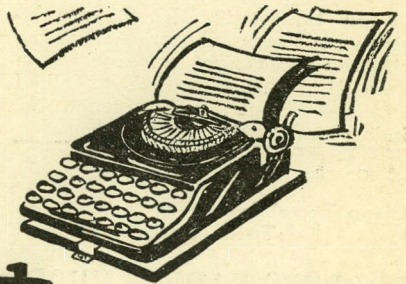
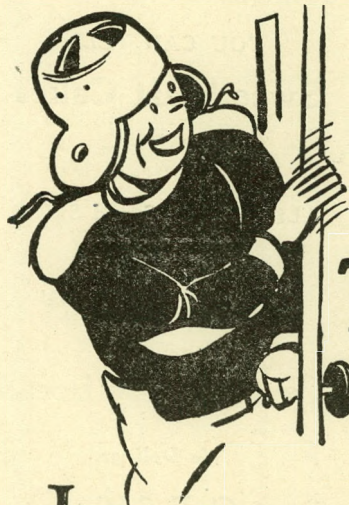
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SOPHOMORE NOTES

Koch and Wasinger were walking down town the other day and Koch stumbled over a brick and fell. He got up and said, "Gosh darn that brick, I wish it were in h.....!" "Koch, I wouldn't say that," said Wasinger, "you might stumble over that brick again some day."

In the final football game of the season with LaCrosse, six sophomores saw action, Peay, Ross, Wasinger, R. Leiker, H. Leiker, and Mackey. This proves that the sophomores are well represented in athletics.

Mackey—"Say, Peay, if they call an Indian woman a squaw what do they call an Indian baby?" Peay—"Why, a papoose." Mackey—"No, a squaker."

Peay, Wasinger, Rupp, Schaeffer, Keberlein and Mackey are out for basketball.

The other day some of the fellows were kidding "Tiny" about his weight. Rich Leiker said, "If Tiny would be thrown into the Pacific Ocean it would rise six feet."

Koch (absent mindedly)—"And New York would be flooded."

Eaton, Wasinger, Rupp, Leiker, Schaeffer, Koch and Keberlein were on the sick list for a few days.

While talking to Rich Rupp relative to his illness, Huser said, "How come you fellows get sick and I never do?" Rupp answered, "Well, I don't know, but I just opened the window and 'influenza'."

Eaton and Leiker were on the sick list but some of the Sophies don't believe it was the flu.

Many of the sophs can scarcely wait for the holidays to arrive.

The sophomore class presented a spiritual bouquet to the Huser family. Mrs. Huser, the mother of Fred, died early Tuesday morning, Dec. 4. She was buried at Vincent on Friday, Dec. 8. The sophomore class attended the funeral Mass.

We had our six weeks tests the fourth and fifth of December and the majority of the class received good grades.

Koch is getting so stingy lately that he has grown a wart on the back of his collar for a collar button.

In looking over our local paper I found that a woman was attacked by a large chicken hawk and another by an eagle. Well, the other day Richard Keberlein was walking down the street bare headed and was attacked by a woodpecker.

Alphonse Schmidt spent the past week end with his parents at medicine Lodge.

Leiker—"Say, Ross, I'll bet you a quarter I can throw a football farther than you can."

Ross—"No, I don't want to bet."

I just wanted to find out if you had a quarter, now loan it to me until Sunday."

Eaton and Huser are Peck's bad boys in geometry class.

Peay—"I wish I was an elephant, because they can live three whole weeks on one drink of water."

Schmidt—"Say, Mac, if I was on a ten story building and fell off and lit on the pavement and didn't get hurt what would that be?"

Mackey—"Why, that would be a miracle."

Schmidt—"Suppose I did it

again?" Mackey—"That would be another miracle."

Schmidt—"And if I did it again and didn't get hurt what would that be?"

Mackey—"That would a habit."

History Prof—"The next great war will be in the air."

Koch—"That will increase the umbrella trade."

Prof—"How so?"

Koch—"Just think of the blood that will be spilled."

Henry Leiker can hardly wait for the twenty-first of December to



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come. He is so anxious to go home and we wonder why.
Peay—"Why don't you know Santa Claus is coming the twenty-fifth?"

One of our profs was explaining to his class what was meant by "bigamy." "It means," he said, having two wives at one time. Now can anyone tell me what word means having only one wife?"

"I can, prof," said Rupp, "monotony."

She—"I shall never dine with you again if you are going to be so vulgar."

He—"Why, what did I do?"
She—"Why, you ate as if you were actually enjoying it."

Ross—Say, Huser, do you know what kind of a watch you have?"

Huser—"Why sure."

Ross—"What kind is it?"

Huser—"It is an Elgin."

Ross—"No it isn't; it is a wonder watch."

Huser—"How's that?"

Ross—"Why every time you look at it you wonder what time it is."

* **FRESHY FROLICS** *

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Prof: You mean seventeen minutes to ten.
Student: Yes, I guess so.

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Schubie: Dutch, how often do you eat?

Beilman: Oh, I eat three meals a day, but if an airplane is in town I postpone my meals.

Schubie: Then you'll make a real pilot.

Prof: What is a nomad?
Stecklein: One of them things that eats people up.

Brock: You ought to land a government job.

Leutters: Why?

Brock: You have dandy feet. You could stamp out a forest fire.

Linenberger: You better get a hair cut or they will charge you dog tax.

Aich: Oh; I know, but when do you pay dog tax?

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Class: Oh! Wolfie!
Wolf: Well, do I look like an animal?

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FACULTY NOTES

Father Justin was very busy the past few weeks nursing the boys back to health. None of the boys was seriously ill which fact relieved the good Father considerably.

Father Florence substituted for Father Alban at Catherine on December 2, 8, and 9. Father Alban conducted a mission at Sharon, Kansas, at the time. Father Florence will go to Park for Christmas.

Father Alfred is at present in Wheeling, W. Va. He went there to participate in the First Mass celebration of his cousin, Rev. Father Harold, O. M. Cap., in St. Michael's church, Wheeling.

Father Camillus has been assisting Father George at Victoria, during the illness of Father Callistus. Father Camillus and Father Casimir canvassed the Victoria district in the interest of the New College. Father Camillus went to Ellis for Forty-Hours devotion.

Father Mathew was down with an attack of flu during the early part of December. He was in Emmeram for the close of Forty-Hours devotion.

Father Denis is directing "The Rosary," a play which the Alumni will stage at the Strand, on December 28. He made a business trip to Victoria Friday.

Father Mathias assisted at Ellis during Forty-Hours devotion. He also attended the first basketball game of the season at Schoenchen.

Father Virgil went to Victoria last week. He takes a deep interest in the book bindery, and has assumed the responsibilities of "manager."

Coach Lane enjoyed a visit from

his mother, Mrs. D. J. Lane of St. Marys.

Ruth Bushey of St. Marys visited with Mrs. Lane and the Coach for a week.

Prof. Weigel spent several hours with his father, at Emmeram, who is ill with the flu.

Fathers Denis and Mathias trimmed Profs. Weigel and Lane at pin-ochle. Still champions!

THE MAGI AND WISDOM

From the earliest times the coming of the Magi has been a cherished feast of Christendom. These wise men, members of the priestly caste, "seeing the star in the East, followed it."

The Magi studied the movements of the stars, as was the practice of many oriental people. But they were not mere astrologists. They looked beyond the stars to the Maker of the stars.

Good scientists never found their science to interfere with religion; in fact it led from Nature to Nature's God. Science comes from God and must necessarily lead to

Him. It is true that the telescope and the microscope do not give us a glimpse of God Himself. But they reveal enough data which, correctly understood, point the way to God.

Nature is the handiwork of the Creator and betrays its origin at every step. Burbank and Edison have manifested a keen intelligence in dealing with the natural universe; but when they assert that there is

no God, they do but show that they have never been able to extricate themselves from matter. The Book of Nature must be studied with an open mind and then it yields us glimpses of the Unseen.

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